



## Quarterly Performance Report

<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Tahafuz: "Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan"</b>
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Result 01: Local community institutions formed and mechanisms developed to withstand disasters in future									
Sr. No.	Indicators		Unit	Targets		Achievements			
				Qtr.	Cum.	Qtr.	Cum.		
1.1	No. of VDMCs and UDMCs formed		VDMC	59	59	59	59		
			UDMC	8	8	4	4		
1.2	No. of men & women became members (total) and taking lead role in <b>VDMCs</b>		Members (Total)	Men	/	295	417	417	
				Women	/	295	417	417	
			Presidents	Men	/	/	52	52	
				Women	/	/	7	7	
			Managers	Men	/	/	34	34	
				Women	/	/	25	25	
1.3	No. of men & women became members (total) and taking lead role in <b>UDMCs</b>		Members(Total)	Men	/	/	60	60	
				Women	/	/	58	58	
			Presidents	Men	/	/	7	7	
				Women	/	/	1	1	
			Managers	Men	/	/	5	5	
				Women	/	/	3	3	
Result 02: Capacity of local community developed that enabling them to resist/withstand hazardous situations									
2.1	No. of men & women from V-UDMCs trained under the short refresher courses conducted for old V-UDMCs and regular courses for New V-UDMCs		Regular	New VDMCs	Men	385	394	343	343
					Women	385	394	338	338
			New UDMCs	Men	32	59	0	0	
				Women	32	59	0	0	
2.2	Training of elected Union Council members		Chairmen	/	68	14	14		
			V. Chairmen	/	68	12	12		
			Councilors	/	476	99	99		
2.3	Capacity building of School Teachers on DRR		No. of Pax	25	200	54	54		
2.4	Capacity building of media personnel on DRR		No. of Pax	15	30	0	0		
2.5	No. of Village level DRMP prepared by VDMCs		DRMPs	55	59	48	48		
2.6	No. of CRPs selected from New VDMCs		Men	/	59	54	54		
			Women	/	59	53	53		
2.7	No. of awareness sessions taken by CRPs combining Old & New VDMCs		Sessions	1,650	5,780	2,436	2,436		
2.8	No. of settlements where CRP's sessions have been completed		Settlements	/	/	520	520		
2.9	No. of people participated in awareness sessions conducted by CRPs		Men	/	5,780	6,493	6,493		
			Women	/	5,780	5,795	5,795		
2.10	No. of government officials and LSO representatives trained on CBDRM		CSOs	/	/	/	/		
			Govt.	/	/	/	/		
			LSOs	/	/	/	/		
			Others	/	/	/	/		
Result 03: Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken									
3.1	No. of CCI schemes identified			48	59	36	36		
3.2	Types of CCI	Culverts		/	/	2	2		

	schemes identified	Raised Platforms /Shelters	/	/	1	1
		Earthen roads	/	/	25	25
		Public buildings (schools etc.)	/	/	0	0
		Dug wells	/	/	8	8
		Water tanks	/	/	0	0
		Reservoirs	/	/	0	0
		Others	/	/	0	0
3.3	No. of CCI Proposals developed		46	59	22	22
3.4	No. of CCI schemes initiated		28	59	0	0
3.5	No. of CCI schemes completed		/	59	0	0
3.6	No. of households/ people directly benefiting from CCI schemes	Households	/	/	1,800	1,800
		Men	/	/	3,991	3,991
		Women	/	/	4,336	4,336
3.7	No. of Emergency Tool kits procured & distributed	Procured	/	8	0	0
		Distributed	/	8	0	0
<b>Result 04: Linkages of institutions developed with official bodies while taking along different stakeholders</b>						
4.1	No. of meetings held & types of stakeholders participated in DRRF meetings held at the district level	Meetings	4	8	1	1
		UDMC rep.	/	/	9	9
		CSOs	/	/	7	7
		Govt rep.	/	/	1	1
		Other rep	/	/	17	17
4.2	No. of International DRR day events held		/	4	/	/
4.3	No. of UDMCs linked with LSOs		/	8	/	/

## 1. Social Mobilization: Formation of Village and Union Disaster Management Committees

RSPN organized communities into community institutions at two different administrative units. These are termed as village disaster management committees at revenue village level and union disaster management committees at union council level. These committees provide a platform for firsthand interaction with rural communities of the target districts.

### 1.1 Village Disaster Management Committees-VDMC

RSPN successfully achieved the set target of organizing communities into 59 village disaster management committees (VDMC) at target revenue village level from all four project districts. Considering the widely scattered population the activity of community mobilization had been the most challenging for RSPN and partner RSPs. Apart from this fact, the community mobilization is considered as key for ensuring successful implementation of the project activities. These newly formed 59 VDMCs are now expected to take pro-active measures at the local level to minimize losses of lives and valuables in any disastrous situations.

### 1.2 Union Disaster Management Committees-UDMC

By end of this quarter 4 union disaster management committees (UDMC) have also been formed in 4 newly added union councils under current phase of the project. Each UDMC has been formulated with the representation of two members from each VDMC in that union council. Here we are slightly behind planned target of 8 UDMCs for the reporting quarter. This happened because communities in Tharparkar were engaged in cultivating their fields after recent rains. The remaining target will be covered in coming month.

Special consideration has been given to gender balance in formation of both the committees. As shown in the table above, equal number of men and women became members of the Village/Union Disaster Management Committees. Moreover, during the selection of office bearers of these committees' women showed up great courage in taking up lead role and as a result they ended up sharing the lead positions in quite good number despite the low literacy rate and cultural barriers in the society.

## **2. Capacity Building**

Capacity building is the key component of the project which includes series of trainings for fostered community institutions. Apart from enhancing capacity of communities on DRR, RSPN also engaged various other concern stakeholders including local elected union council members, school teachers and media personnel to capacitate them for efficient dealing of disastrous situations.

### **2.1 Capacity building of VDMC members**

During the reporting quarter 05 days comprehensive training events were organized for members of newly formed VDMCs. VDMC members were engaged in conducting disaster risk assessment based on hazard assessment, vulnerability assessment and risk evaluation. Different assessment tools like hazard map, resource map, seasonal calendar and the historical maps were developed by each VDMC in order to conduct risk assessment of their revenue village. Based on these assessments they formulated village level disaster risk management plan. RSPN, during the quarter period trained a total of 681 VDMC members including 338 women on participatory disaster risk assessment and disaster risk management & planning in project districts.

### **2.2 Training of elected Union Council members on DRR**

Local bodies' representatives can play an active role in disaster risk reduction at union council as well as district level. The elected members may not only contribute in highlighting DRR related issues at district level but will also play vital role to further strengthen linkages of project fostered V/UDMCs with concerned departments . In order to make them aware and further enhance capacities of elected members on DRR, RSPN arranged two training events for newly elected UC members. The training enabled them to learn about national disaster management system, concepts of disaster risk management & planning, DRR advocacy, basics of first aid and role & responsibilities of elected representatives before, during and after any disaster. During the reporting quarter, RSPN trained a total of 125 elected members including 14 Chairmen, 12 Vice Chairmen and 99 general councilors.

### **2.3 Training of School Teachers on DRR**

Teachers can assist in disseminating DRR knowledge at the grass roots level. During current phase of the project, RSPN initiated to build capacity of school teachers on the concepts of disasters and disaster risk reduction. These trained teachers are supposed to deliver DRR session to students on monthly basis. During the reporting quarter, RSPN arranged two days training events for school teachers in target districts. These events provided an opportunity for teachers to learn about school based disaster preparedness, school evacuation & contingency plans, role & responsibilities of various stakeholders in SBDP, first aid, search & rescue, firefighting and role of school disaster management committee (SDMC) in effectively dealing with disastrous situation. During current quarter, RSPN trained a total of 54 teachers from various grades of schools on DRR.

## **3. Disaster Risk Management Plan-DRMPs and Identification of Community Critical Infrastructures-CCI**

Following the training conducted on the participatory disaster risk assessment (PDRA) for newly formed VDMCs, each VDMC was supposed to develop a disaster risk management plan (DRMP). The purpose of developing DRMPs was to identify possible list of interventions that could help communities in mitigation of effects of potential threats.

Based on these DRMPs, during this quarter, 55 VDMCs were expected to identify one critical infrastructure each to be rehabilitated. Communities were able to develop 49 DRMPs and prioritized 36 schemes to be rehabilitated. The CBDRM and field engineers completed feasibility study of total 22 out of prioritized 36 schemes.

Since the CCI schemes involved an exercise of carrying out feasibility studies, conducting market surveys for material purchase and developing proposals with complete specifications have been one of the reasons why the

achievements have been slightly behind targets. During current quarter not a single CCI has been physically initiated, however RSPN/RSPs are committed to overcome the lag in coming quarter.

#### **4. DRR Awareness Sessions through Community Resource Persons-CRP**

In order to transfer DRR knowledge at the settlement level, RSPN introduced the concept of Community Resource Person (CRPs). The CRPs are actually trained VDMC members who are selected during five days training programs. As per program strategy, there are two CRPs per VDMC who have been assigned task to deliver 05 sessions covering four settlements in newly formed VDMCs and 02 settlements in VDMCs for CRPs of phase I and II of the project.

The CRP uses a training aid termed as Community Resource Person's manual which comprises of chapters on concepts of Disasters Risk Management, DRR measures for multi hazards (Floods, Drought, Cyclones, Fires, Tsunami Earthquake etc.), Basic life support skills, Search & Rescue, firefighting and cross cutting themes (Child Immunization, Livestock Immunization, climatic change, kitchen gardening etc).

During the reporting period, the CRPs delivered total of 2,436 sessions against planned target of 1,650 sessions. Through these sessions, the CRPs sensitized 12,288 individuals at the household level, half of them being women.

#### **5. Meetings of District Disaster Risk Reduction Forum-DDRRF**

RSPN established/revived district disaster risk reduction fora in all four districts during the earlier phase. The forum comprised of members from different civil society organizations, line agencies and activists working in field of disaster risk reduction. In order to engage them, RSPN planned to conduct quarterly meetings of the member organizations and agencies for providing them a platform to share experiences and devise strategies to cope with the disastrous situations. During the reporting quarter, only one meeting was arranged against planned four meetings. The backlog will be covered during next quarter. These meeting helped the UDMCs to interact and coordinate with local government departments and formulated tehsil level contingency plans in project target districts.

#### **6. Review and Planning meeting for partner RSPs**

During the reporting quarter RSPN organized a "Planning and Review meeting" with the partner RSPs. The focus of meeting was to share project updates, challenges and suggestions for better implementation in future. Partner RSPs presented detailed progress and highlighted field related issues. RSPN's Manager Special Project Wing also participated in the meeting and emphasized on effective implementation of disaster risk management plans at community level and further compilation and consolidation at union council, tehsil or district level.

During the meeting Project Manager, Capacity Building Specialist, Documentation and Reporting Officer and Project Monitoring Officer from PMU, discussed work plan for next phase and guided field staff about efficient implementation of project activities

#### **7. GST Exemption Issue**

This long pending issue could not be resolved even during this quarter. This has badly affected printing of U/VDMC Registers and procurement of Emergency Tool Kits to be provided to UDMCs. Approved packages for printing of registers, procurement of tool kits and hiring of vehicles are still pending at different GoP offices. We have requested AO for waiver of the condition but so far no decision has been taken at OFDA as yet.

- **Pictures Gallery:**



Community members are participating during the formation of Village Disaster Management Committee-VDMC at district Tharparkar.



The VDMC members participating in five days training on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRM&P) at district Umerkot. During the training the participants exercised on formulation of disaster risk management plan for their villages.



The facilitator is delivering session on DRR to recently elected union council members. The participants exercising on formulation of hazard map for revenue village.





Training Officer are delivering sessions on School Based Disaster Preparedness (SBDP) during two days training event organized for School Teachers at district Tharparkar.



PMU and RSPs staff are participating during review and planning meeting. Staff members shared challenges and issues at field level and also devised way forward for effective implementation of project activities in the future.



A Community Resource Person (CRP) delivering session to communities at target settlement at district Umerkot.