

Distribution of Emergency Toolkits

Tahafuz-II Cost Modification Phase

Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan



Thardeep Rural Development Programme

Mithi-Naukot Road, Mithi, Tharparkar

Abbreviations

- CBDRM Community Based Disaster Risk Management
- CO Community Organization
- DRMP Disaster Risk Management Plan
- DRR Disaster Risk Reduction
- DRM&P Disaster Risk Management & Planning
- ETK Emergency Toolkit
- LSO Local Support Organization
- NRSP National Rural Support Programme
- OFDA Office of U.S Foreign Disaster Assistance
- PDMA Provincial Disaster Management Authority
- PDRA Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment
- RSPN Rural Support Programmes Network
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- TRDP Thardeep Rural Development Programme
- UDMC Union Disaster Management Committees
- USAID United States Agency For International Development
- VDMC Village Disaster Management Committees
- VO Village Organization

1. About the project

Every year, natural disasters claim lives of thousands of people and force millions to leave their homes and livelihoods. For many, these losses mean a complete catastrophe; they are made to live without basic resources. On a global scale, disasters are significantly increasing in both frequency and impact. With an aim to empower resource deficient rural communities to withstand disasters, as well as, to create a timely response mechanism for hydro-meteorological hazards like floods, cyclones and drought, the project "Tahafuz" aims at enhancing capacities of the communities in the four most vulnerable districts of Sindh including Thatta/Sujawal, Badin, Tharparkar and Umerkot. The project is funded by USAID/OFDA and is being implemented by the Rural Support Programmes Network in partnership with National Rural Support Programme in district Thatta and Badin, and Thardeep Rural Development Programme in Tharparkar and Umerkot.

2. About Emergency Toolkit

Before Tahafuz project interventions, the rural communities of target districts used to respond to disasters in conventional unorganized manner. Lack of knowledge about emergency preparedness, low literacy rate, and absence of community level structures were the main causes that contributed to their vulnerabilities.

Tahafuz project not only trained the communities to respond effectively during disasters and plan for pre and post disastrous situations but also provided them with essential tools to cope with disastrous situation. The emergency toolkits were provided to the VDMCs through their respective UDMCs. Communities will utilize these toolkits to respond well during emergency situations.

VRSPN and RSPs have provided a total of 40 ETKs in 40 target union councils since 2012. During current modification phase another ETK distribution ceremony was organized by the implementing partner TRDP at district Tharparkar on February 22, 2017.

3. Event proceedings

The event was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran. After recitation, Mr. Ali Muhammad Kallar, Tahafuz Project Coordinator TRDP, welcomed the guests and briefed them about project activities carried out in district Tharparkar since 2012.

3.1 Audience

Mr. Natho Khan Rahimoon, Deputy Director Social Welfare, was the chief guest. District government officials and representatives from community and civil society organizations including Dr. Nobat Khoso, Deputy Director Livestock, Mr. Malji Rathore, Deputy Director Volunteer Agencies, Mr. Tikam Jugtani, Assistant Director Agriculture, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Mr. Dhanesh Kumar, OIC MET Department, Mr. Akbar Raza, Project Manager RSPN, Mr. Ajaz Ali Forest Department, Mr. Shahbaz Ali, Project Manager Sami Foundation, Mr. Javed Iqbal, Project Manager SIF, Senior Engineer Abdul Ghani from SIF, Mr. Dileep Sukhani, Documentation and Communication Specialist, Dr. Hotchand, Trainer CRS, Mr. Suresh Kumar from HANDS, Mr. Roshan Rahi from Jhpiego, Mr. Narsingh Sodho from Pakistan Red Crescent, and Mr. Nizam Samoon, journalist, attended the event.

3.2 Briefing by Project Coordinator

Project Coordinator Mr. Ali Muhammad Kallar briefed the audience about process of mobilizing people into their own institutions at village and union council level. He highlighted the role and responsibilities of fostered VDMCs and UDMCs. He said that once these community level organizations are formed, the members are engaged for various capacity building initiatives and small scale mitigation measures to enhance their capacities in addressing the disastrous situations.



3.3 Achievements exhibition

District Implementation Unit Tharparkar team also organized a small exhibition to show Emergency Toolkits and informatory material including banners, pamphlets and standees presenting an overview of the project.

Visitors took keen interest in Emergency Tool kit and its expected benefits during alarming situations.



3.4 Closing remarks

The chief guest Mr. Natho Khan Rahimoon appreciated the project approach of capacitating deprived communities and equipping them with tools to effectively respond to disastrous situations. He focused on working in coordination with the government line departments and assured full support from his office. At the end he distributed Toolkits to 19 VDMCs through their respective UDMCs.

Detail of Emergency Toolkit

S.No	Item	Detailed Description of Toolkits	Quantity per kit
1	Flash Light	2 D size batteries, 2.4V Krypton Bulb, Water Resistant,	2
2	Climbing Rope 65 meter long	12.5-13 mm Local	1
3	Bucket	Galvanized Iron Weight 1.5Kg minimum, capacity 10-11 Liters with MS Iron Handle	5
4	Pick axes(with handles)	Handle length 35" to 36" , Min Weight 1.8 kg without handle, heavy duty 3 star or equivalent	2
5	Axes (With Handles)	Handle length 35" to 36" , heavy duty min weight 1.7 kg without handle local Pak Made	2
6	Shovels with Handle	No.5 Awg14, heavy duty with handle min weight 1.65kg local PAK Made	5
7	First Aid Bag color Red (Back Packing Bag) with medicines as per list given below separately	Imported thick Rexene, one Large, 2 Medium and 2 Small section, 2 x side pockets, Height 20" x depth 14" x Width 12", Handle at top, 2 x back shoulder strips and waist strap with buckle, All zippers with double runners	1
8	Folding Stretcher	single fold, L=80" to 84" W=24" , pipe dia 1-1/2" , bed made of Tarpaulin(Canvas Green) of 70" minimum	1
9	Working Gloves	Leather cotton mix 9.5" to 11" long	03 Pair
10	Screw drivers set	Set of 7 pieces, full rod, magnetic tips imported	1 Set
11	Pipe Wrench Set (Each set contains 2 x 14", 2 x 12" and 1 x 10" Wrench)	Imported heavy duty Maxpoer or equivalent	1
12	Adjustable Wrench Set	Imported Fluking/Pride or equivalent (Each set contains 2 x 12", 2 x 10" and 1 x 8" Wrench)	1
13	Hand Saw (Wood Saw)	Harden Flat Steel adjustable Frame, Min weight 0.5 kg without blade,	2
14	Hack Saw Blade double sided (cutting pipes and iron bars)	with double sided blades 24 teeth per 25mm Make Poland or equivalent	1
15	Pocket Radios (AM/FM)	4 Bands (FM, AM SW1 & SW2), 15 watt speaker, 2 D size batteries powered, with 2 D size batteries, good quality	05
16	Jerry Can	10 Liter capacity , food grade plastic, 450grms min weight	05
17	Electric tester good Quality	Electrical tester low voltage , flat tip 2.5mm x 52mm long , good quality Afco or equivalent	2
18	Plier	200mm size, anti-rust ,rubber quoted handles Pride or equivalent	2
19	Reflective Jacket	Large size sleeves less, front zipper yellow or orange color, fabric polyester and cotton mix (full cloth no net type), reflective tape in 2 vertical and 2 horizontal forms in front and back side of the jacket. The vest will be having front opening pattern in "V" shaped neck design.	05
20	Sickle with long Bamboo handle	Iron curved blade size of 25CM (10 inches), double edged blade (ready for use), and blade weight without handle approx... 1 kg. 12 feet long handle made of bamboo (dia 4CM)	2