



Quarterly Progress Report

Name of the Project	Tahafuz: "Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan"
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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	/	61	60	60		
			UDMC	/	9	9	9		
1.2	No. of men & women became members (total) and taking lead role in VDMCs		Members (Total)	Men	/	427	446	446	
				Women	/	427	446	446	
			Presidents	Men	/	/	50	50	
				Women	/	/	10	10	
			Managers	Men	/	/	45	45	
				Women	/	/	15	15	
1.3	No. of men & women became members (total) and taking lead role in UDMCs		Members(Total)	Men	/	61	60	60	
				Women	/	61	60	60	
			Presidents	Men	/	/	8	8	
				Women	/	/	1	1	
			Managers	Men	/	/	6	6	
				Women	/	/	3	3	
Result 02: Capacity of local community developed enabling them to resist/withstand hazardous situations									
2.1	No. of men & women from V-UDMCs trained under the regular courses for New V-UDMCs		Regular	New VDMCs	Men	280	427	422	422
				Women	280	427	419	419	
			New UDMCs	Men	61	122	60	60	
				Women	61	122	60	60	
2.2	Training of elected Union Council members		Chairmen	/	9	3	6		
			V. Chairmen	/	9	3	6		
			Councilors	/	63	43	71		
2.3	Capacity building of School Teachers on DRR		Men	/	100	101	153		
			Women	/	100	26	48		
2.4	Capacity building of media personnel on DRR		No. of Pax	75	100	52	97		
2.5	No. of Village level DRMP prepared by VDMCs		DRMPs	29	61	60	60		
2.6	No. of CRPs selected from New VDMCs		Men	/	61	60	60		
			Women	/	61	60	60		
2.7	No. of awareness sessions taken by CRPs combining Old & New VDMCs		Sessions	750	1,200	1190	1190		
2.8	No. of settlements where CRP's sessions have been completed		Settlements	/	/	238	238		
2.9	No. of people participated in awareness sessions conducted by CRPs		Men	/	3,000	3,604	3,604		
			Women	/	3,000	3,542	3,542		
2.10	No. of government officials and LSO representatives trained on CBDRM		Govt.	12	50	32	45		
			LSO	13	50	22	57		
Result 03: Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken									
3.1	No. of Emergency Tool kits procured & distributed		Procured	/	225	59	59		
			Distributed	/	225	59	59		

Result 04: Linkages of institutions developed with official bodies while taking along different stakeholders						
4.1	No. of meetings held & types of stakeholders participated in DRRF meetings held at the district level	Meetings	4	8	6	7
		UDMC rep.			186	217
		CSOs			126	147
		Govt rep.			42	49
		Media			6	7
4.2	No. of UDMCs linked with LSOs		9	4	04	

During reporting period, April-June, 2017 RSPN, through its implementing partners, managed to achieve the targets set for current modification-III phase. RSPN laid off all field staff at DIU and PSU level by 30th June, however PMU staff is still in place (till September, 30 2017) to develop final program report and ensure program close out. One major activity, procurement of emergency tool kits, is still pending due to approval of GST exemption from EAD Government of Pakistan. We had requested for waiver from AO but this request is still pending with OFDA. In case we do not receive exemption from EAD Government of Pakistan from payment of GST or waiver from AO OFDA, we will have to drop this planned activity unachieved.

Details of the activities carried out during the reporting period are as under:

1) Capacity Building

Under the capacity-building component of the program, RSPN involved various stakeholders to build their capacities on disaster risk reduction. Through different training sessions, the participants learnt about Participatory Disaster Risk Management, Disaster Risk Management & Planning, and role/responsibilities during, pre or post disastrous situations and understanding techniques that will help in reduction of losses during untoward situations. During the reporting quarter, RSPN arranged training events for communities and other segments of society including government officials in all target districts.

1.1) Training for members of Village/Union Disaster Management Committees

RSPN through its partners arranged various training events for V/UDMC members during this quarter. The events consisted of comprehensive four days training course for newly fostered VDMCs on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRMP). The training on PDRA provided knowledge and information about risk assessment through historical and seasonal calendars, identification of potential hazards at local level, vulnerability assessment, and capacity of communities to address any disaster-related situation. RSPN managed to cover the lag from previous months by training 841 VDMC members on PDRA & DRM&P during the reporting quarter.

Similarly, events were arranged to capacitate UDMC members on Organizational Management & Development (OM&D) and Advocacy & Networking (A&N). A total of 60 men and 60 women were provided an opportunity to learn about leadership skills, management of financial matters, planning of different events, policy advocacy and networking with stakeholders.

1.2) Disaster Risk Management Plans-DRMPs

After receiving training in participatory disaster risk assessment and disaster risk management and planning, the VDMC members developed Disaster Risk Management Plan (DRMP) for their respective villages. All planned 60 DRMPs were successfully developed showing all potential risks, hazards, resources and possible mitigation measures. These plans increased communities' resilience by having better understanding and coping strategies in response to alarming situations.

1.3) Training for Local Elected Representatives

Keeping in mind the important role of elected union council members in highlighting DRR related issues, RSPN arranged training events for members of union councils. These two days events focused on enabling the participants to understand their role in DRR Advocacy, budget allocation, district contingency planning & linkages with stakeholders and project fostered V/UDMCs at district level. Besides this, sessions were also conducted on participatory disaster risk assessment, risk assessment & planning, basic life support, search & rescue and first aid techniques. During the reporting period, 3 UC Chairmen, 3 Vice Chairmen and 43 councilors were trained on DRR.

1.4) Training for Media Personnel on DRR

Journalists can play a crucial role in pre, during and post disastrous situations. They can create mass level awareness besides keeping relevant stakeholders and the government updated on disaster risk reduction (DRR). During the reporting period, RSPN achieved quarter target by training a total of 45 individuals from media (print or electronic) from all target districts. At the end of this quarter total number of media representatives receiving training in DRR is 97.

1.5) Training for School Teachers on DRR

School children are among most vulnerable groups during disastrous situations. To minimize their vulnerability, RSPN capacitated school teachers on DRR. After receiving two days training, they are required to deliver one session per month at their schools for the students. These sessions will enable children to learn about disaster risk reduction and techniques to remain safe during disastrous situations.

During the reporting quarter, 101 male and 26 female school teachers from target districts were capacitated on School Based Disaster Preparedness (SBDP), school evacuation, first aid, role and responsibilities of school based disaster committees and other stakeholders working in field of disaster risk reduction.

1.6) Capacity Building of Government Officials and LSO Representatives on DRR

In order to enable government officials and LSO representatives on DRR, RSPN organized two days training events in all target districts. The events provided learning opportunity on basic concept and terminologies of DRR, DRM system, importance of CBDRM approach, DRR advocacy and role/ responsibilities of government departments and communities in pre-during and post disastrous situations. The events also provided platform for interaction with

government officers and members of community institutions. During the reporting period, RSPN capacitated 54 such individuals including 32 government officials.

1.7) Community Resource Persons and DRR Awareness Sessions

In order to transfer DRR awareness knowledge at the settlement level, RSPN selected two members i.e. one man and one woman as Community Resource Persons from newly formed 60 VDMCs. These CRPs were selected during regular training on their pre and post training assessment criteria. These CRPs delivered awareness sessions 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 quarter, RSPN/RSPs achieved the planned target of delivering DRR sessions at household level. In all 120 CRPs delivered 1,190 sessions at settlement level and sensitized 7,146 individuals including 3,542 women. Local communities took keen interest in these sessions and participated in large numbers to enhance their awareness about DRR.

2) Linkage development with stakeholders

Under linkages development component of the project RSPN conducted the following activities during the reporting quarter:

2.1) Coordination Meeting of District Disaster Risk Reduction Forum-DDRRF

During the reporting period, RSPN through its partners organized 06 coordination meetings for District Disaster Risk Reduction Forum. These meetings provided common grounds to local communities and concerned stakeholders to share experiences and devised planning to cater for hazards. Representatives from district government department, NGOs/INGOs, LSOs and UDMCs participated in these coordination meetings.

2.2) Sustainability-UDMCs linked with Local Support Organizations (LSO)

For the sustainability of DRR process, efforts are made for integrating the fostered Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMC) in to Local Support Organization (LSO). The LSOs are Union Council level federation of Community Organizations (CO) and Village Organizations (VO). After integration, the UDMC are now working under the umbrella of LSO as subcommittee on DRR. So far, 04 UDMCs from the current phase have been integrated while remaining 05 UDMCs will also be linked once the LSO are formed in those Union Councils.

3) General

- RSPN has not received approval of GST exemption for the procurement of Emergency Toolkits. We have repeatedly taken up this issue with Pakistan mission and intimated to AOR. If we do not receive exemption from GoP, we will drop this activity.

- A brief video documentary has been prepared for highlighting success of the project. The link of this video documentary will soon be shared with USAID OFDA.
- The contract of PMU staff will expire on September 30, 2017. The project team is currently working on developing programme completion report and project close out.
- Please visit the following link for project success stories and publications developed during the project phases
<http://www.rspn.org/index.php/projects/current/tahafuz-ii-cbdrm/>
- **Pictures Gallery:**



VDMC members presenting group work during training on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRM&P)



UDMC members participating in training on Organizational Management & Development and Advocacy & Networking



Local elected union council members (chairmen, Vice Chairmen and General Councilors) participating in two days training event on DRR



A Community Resource Person delivering DRR awareness session at settlement level.



Government Officers and LSO representative are participating in two days training events on disaster risk reduction