COVID-19 Training Report

Corona virus disease created a very panic in all over the world including beloved country. Almost all world countries affected such pandemic. In Pakistan corona virus affected a large number of community and many people reported were death and in Isolation centers. **Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)** with collaboration of district administration and health department of the district signed a MOU. The aim of the MOU to identification of community activist, training of community activists and LSO representatives, CRP representatives and awareness activities at community level and identification of suspected areas under the Trace, Test and Quarantine strategy. For spreading the awareness, Sindh Rural support organization (SRSO) have a strong community network in the district Mirpurkhas, which operates in five **55** union councils, having built up a strong network of 46 community-based Local Support Organizations (LSOs) in district Mirpurkhas. At grass root level, SRSO has a strong network of community institutions in the forms below described structure. The LSO is a federated structure at union council level, with village and community organizations. In district Mirpurkhas’s **55** Union councils, while **46** LSO level community institutions in **46** Union councils, **6,064** community organizations (COs), **767** Village Organizations (VOs) and **95323** organized households in targeted area and union councils of the district Mirpurkhas.

At grass root level SRSO has linked these community institutions and their activists and signing the MoU with district administration primarily to build the linkages community with government institutions to protect the community from pandemic along with spread awareness about COVID-19 including community awareness session on hand wash, social distancing who to protect and spreading knowledge about the relevant precautionary measures to adopt in order to prevent its rapid spread.

**SRSO Being Supportive:**

The Sindh Rural Support Organization is working with the local governments to help rural Communities of the Sindh Province, deploying resources to community-based organizations that are supporting local workers and families most facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. SRSO has undertaken numerous activities in order to raise awareness against COVID19, in a bid to reduce the spread of the virus in the rural communities.

**District Administration Mirpurkhas:** SRSO and District Administration signed MOU and worthy District Commissioner Mirpurkhas signed this memorandum and from SRSO District Manager have signed to performing responsibilities through team.

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** titled ‘Rural Communities in the Fight against COVID-19’ is entered into between the Deputy Commissioner and as well with District Health Officer District Mirpurkhas (hereinafter referred to as District Administration).
The Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), a Company limited by guarantee under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017, represented by its District Manager with District office located at Mirpurkhas collectively referred to as the Parties.

That MOU and activities after signing activities based on that, This is with reference to the letter of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), Government of Pakistan. This MOU has been reached as a result of various meetings held between RSPs and the National Command and Control Centre management whereby SRSO and NCOC have agreed to collaborate with each other to fight against COVID-19. This collaboration will materialize through MOUs between SRSO and the district administration.

**SRSO Responsibilities Performed**

a) Identification of community Activists: The SRSO will identify the community organizations and their office bearers, activists to coordinate with district administration in their training.

b) Scheduling of work with Activists:

SRSO district office will assist the district administration in planning for the engagement of community organizations and their office bearers / activists.

**District Administration Performed Responsibilities**

a) Training of Activists at Union Council level

The district administration will arrange training of the Activists identified by SRSO on awareness raising among people on COVID-19, government SOPs related to preventive measures, tracing suspected COVID cases. During the training the Activists will be oriented on the criteria for tracing suspects and modus operandi to report such cases and how to test and quarantine.
About the Training:

On June 23, 2020, a training of LSOs were held in village Tando Kolachi U/C Ahori Taluka Jhuddo, District Mirpurkhas. Where Dr Abdul Raheem from Government health department participated as trainer to deliver the sessions on COVID-19. The participants were 11 from 05 community institutions. More details of the community institutions are following who were participated, 1-LSO Shah latif UC Mir Allah Bachio (1 Participants) 2. LSO Mehran UU Ghenaro (2 Participants) 3. LSO Roshanabad UC Roshanabad (02 Participants) 4. LSO Urat Sujag UC Bakhar (02 Participants) and 5. LSO Awari 11 UC Awari (04 Participants) and remaining 06 from SRSO staff who were trained to be enhanced the capacity as leader of curbing the spread of COVID-19 and spread awareness at community level. In this training session included awareness about COVID-19 and its prevention measures and the identification and contact tracing of suspected cases, with method of referral of these cases to Basic Health Units. Therefore After a continuity of session within the communities pertaining to aware the community members about the prevention from COVID-19 a pandemic disease through proper awareness about the Social Distances, Wearing Masks, Proper Hand wash that will be very useful for organized communities by SRSO under Peoples Poverty Reduction Program. Now District Mirpurkhas taken a step towards spread a message of proper awareness as MOU signed with District Administration hence as per Responsibilities of SRSO. In addition, SMT identify the community organizations and their office bearers, activists to coordinate with district administration in their training through Village Organization and Local Support Organization office bearers they took
responsibilities to approach the village community members by follow the SOPs hence the proper training was done by District Administration The Trainer was Dr. Abdul Raheem from Government Health department, 11 Participant from Five LSOs and 06 SRSO staff were trained in this training and during training SOPs were properly being followed and that Training was based on mentioned Agendas;

- Conducting awareness session on social distancing
- Orientation and Community Engagement about implementation of SOPs at community level.
- COVID-19 Prevention by follow SOPs during Field.
- Guidelines for Tracing suspects and modus operandi to report such cases and how to test and quarantine
- Conducting awareness sessions and Orientation on Proper Hand Wash activities.

At grass root level, SRSO has a strong network of community institutions. Such community institutions structure play a very important role in the form of LSO is a federated structure at union council level, with village and community organizations. In district Mirpurkhas’s 55 Union councils, while 46 LSO level community institutions in 46 Union councils, 6,039 community organizations (COs), 766 Village Organizations (VOs) and 95081 organized households.

SRSO takes social mobilization as an approach through it could be able to educate, create awareness and train community institutions on social distancing, hand wash activities. These community institutions and their activists play very significant role and work with government to spread awareness about Covid-19 including community awareness session on hand wash, social distancing about current pandemic. These community institution also help full to district administrations for identifying the suspected areas and covid-19 cases at village and Union council level.
**Training Participants:**

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**Venue:** Training conducted at village Tando Kolachi U/C Ahori Taluka Jhuddo, District Mirpurkhas

**Participants:** Government Health depart and Community pillars (SRSO Management & District Project Staff)

**Dated:** 23rd - June-2020

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