



# Thardeep Rural Development Programme

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## 2 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CHW	Community Health Workers
CIF	Community Investment Fund
CLEW	Community Livestock Extension Worker
CO	Community Organization
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPI	Community Physical Infrastructure
CRP	Community Resource Person
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
EPI	Expanded Programme of Immunization
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FCBS	Farmer Climate Business Schools
FFS	Farmer Field School
FFS	Farmer Field Schools
FM	Frequency Modulation (Radio)
FRDP	Fast Rural Development Program
GALS	Gender Action Learning System
GLSEP	Girls' Lower Secondary Education Programme
GRASP	Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress
IBA	Institute of Business Administration
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFL	Interest Free Loan
IGG	Income Generating Grant
ITC	International Trade Centre
JSMU	Jinnah Sindh Medical University
KCCI	Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry
LAPA	Local Adaptation Plan of Action
LHW	Lady Health Worker
LIP	Livelihood Investment Plan
LSO	Local Support Organization
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MIS	Management Information System
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MoUs	Memorandum of Understandings
NFE	Non-Formal Education

NOC	NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE
NPGP	National Poverty Graduation Programme
OOSC	Out of School Children
OPD	Out - Patient Department
PINS	Programme for Improve Nutrition in Sindh
PKR	Pakistani Rupee
PPAF	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
PSC	Poverty Score Card
PWR	Participatory Wealth Ranking
RSPN	Rural Support Programmes Network
RSU	Reform Support Unit
SAU	Sindh Agriculture University
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SELD	School Education and Literacy Department
SLNFEA	Sindh Literacy & Non-Formal Education Authority
SM	Social Mobilization
SMC	School Management Committee
SMEDA	Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority
SMEs	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
SPHF	Sindh Peoples Housing for Flood Affectees
SRSO	Sindh Rural Support Organization
STEVTA	Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority
SUCCESS	Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support
SZABIST	Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology
TLC	Temporary Learning Center
ToT	Training of Trainers
TRDP	Thardeep Rural Development Programme
TVST	Technical and Vocational Skills Training
UC	Union Council
UCDP	Union Council Development Plans
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
VO	Village Organization
WASH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
WHH	Welthungerhilfe
WHO	World Health Organization

### 3 CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

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As we journey through the years, each passing period presents us with a unique set of challenges, opportunities, and lessons that shape our collective future. The country continues to grapple with the legacies of the pandemic, while simultaneously navigating the complexities of climate change, technological innovation, and socio-political transformations.

As we look back on the year 2023-24, we are reminded of the profound impact that sustainable development can have on the lives of individuals and communities, especially in the rural areas we serve. The Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) continues to stand as a beacon of hope, innovation, and resilience, guiding rural communities toward brighter, more prosperous futures.

The year 2023-24 also highlighted the need for adaptive solutions in response to evolving challenges. Whether it's addressing the impact of climate change on rural livelihoods, expanding digital literacy, or promoting gender equality, TRDP has remained responsive and agile, ensuring that our programs are relevant and impactful.

As we move forward, the road ahead is filled with both challenges and opportunities. But with the dedication of TRDP CEO and management, the trust of the communities we serve, and the continued support of our partners, we are confident that TRDP will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of rural populations. Together, we will continue to transform communities, create lasting change, and build a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Given the varied backgrounds, skills, and experiences represented on TRDP's Board, I am confident that it possesses the ideal composition to effectively guide the organization. With such a rich blend, I am certain that the Board will continue to guide TRDP successfully in the years to come, ensuring its growth and impact in an ever-evolving landscape.

On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to express my sincere admiration and appreciation for the TRDP management team, under the leadership of our CEO, for demonstrating exceptional resilience in the face of evolving challenges. Their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts have played a pivotal role in advancing TRDP's mission.

Dr. Naseer Muhammad Nizamani  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors

## 4 FOREWORD

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In 2023-24, TRDP has remained steadfast in its mission to empower marginalized communities through a multifaceted approach — combining economic development, climate resilience, education, vocational training, and civic engagement. Our initiatives have aimed to create opportunities where none existed, foster sustainable practices, and bridge the gaps that often separate rural communities from growth and development.

Throughout this period, we have seen remarkable progress in various sectors, from agriculture and livelihoods to health and women's empowerment. Our community-driven approach has proven successful in ensuring that rural populations not only survive but thrive. With an emphasis on enhancing local capacities, fostering entrepreneurship, and improving access to essential services, TRDP has helped build self-sufficient communities that are better equipped to face challenges and seize opportunities.

This year has also underscored the importance of collaboration. Our partnerships with local stakeholders, government bodies, and development partners have been key to scaling our programs and creating a lasting impact. The collective commitment to creating systemic change has been evident in every initiative, from empowering farmers with modern agricultural practices to providing vocational skills that enable individuals to earn a sustainable livelihood.

This report highlights the accomplishments and milestones during the year 2023-24 and serves as a reminder of the power of community-led development.

Let me extend my gratitude to the Chairperson and entire Board for their strategic guidance which has been instrumental in shaping the direction of the organization. I also commend my management team and all those who have been part of this journey and look forward to the continued success and growth of the Thardeep Rural Development Programme in the years to come.

Allahnawaz Samoo  
Chief Executive Officer



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## 5 TRDP AT A GLANCE

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Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) is a not-for-profit integrated rural development programme. TRDP works with poor and vulnerable segments of society particularly women in the most deprived and remote areas of Sindh Province.

**Mission:**

Enlarging the choices of marginalized people with priority to women and poor communities.

**Goal:**

To help marginalized people to get benefit from the development process through participatory approaches.

**Registration:**

Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860(Registration No.3835) in July 1998 at Hyderabad.

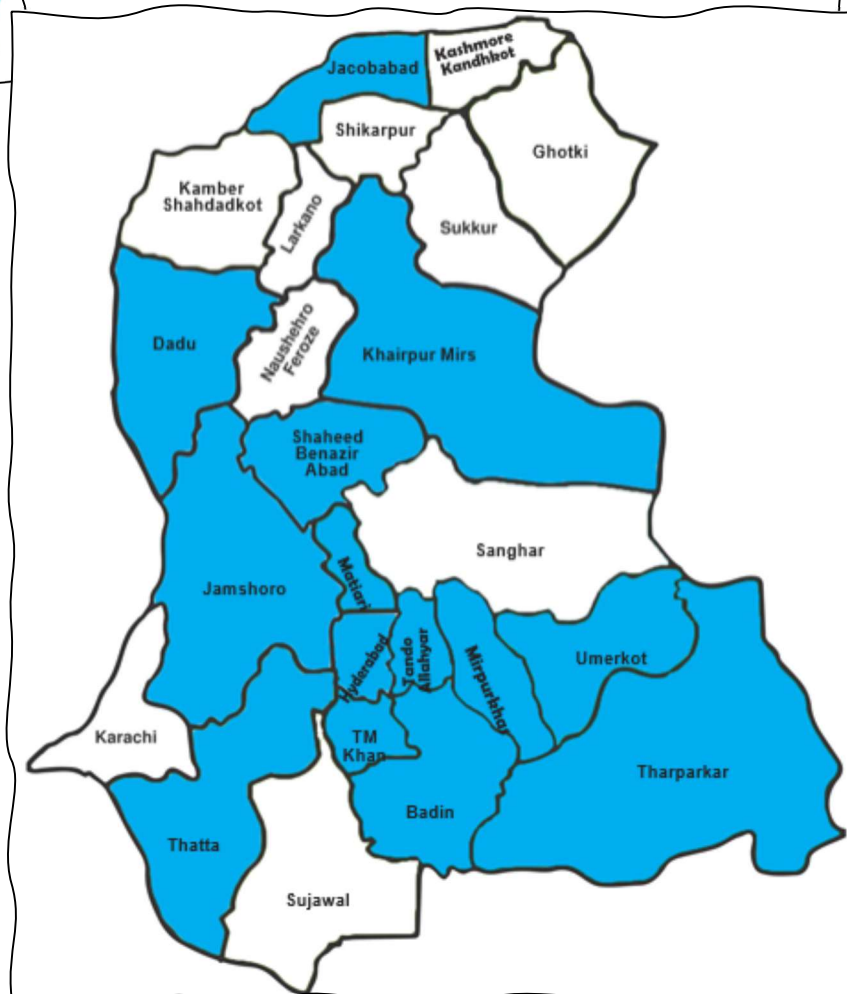
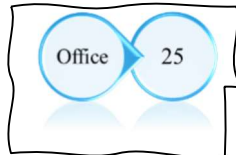
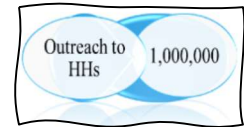
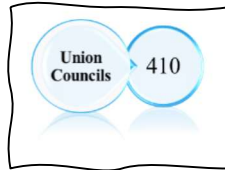
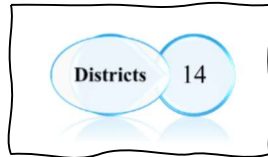
**Registered under “Sindh Charities Registration and regulations Act 2019**

Registered and has signed MoU with Economic Affairs Division Government of Pakistan.

**PCP Certification:**

Certificate No. PCP-R5/2022/0042

## 6 OUR OUTREACH



## 7 CLIMATE RESILIENT HOUSING AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

### 7.1 HOUSING SECTOR AND RENEWABLE ENERGY.

The objective of Sindh Peoples Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) (Sindh Flood Emergency Housing Reconstruction Project, SFEHRP) is “to deliver beneficiary-driven, multi-hazard resilient reconstruction of core housing units affected by 2022 floods in selected districts of Sindh”. Since the housing construction is beneficiary-driven, hence the grants would be released directly to the beneficiary’s bank account in tranches, linked to verified stages of construction and adoption of prescribed multi-hazard resilient standards.



TRDP facilitates eligible beneficiaries to open bank accounts, conduct mason training for meeting the construction standards set by the World Bank, conduct awareness sessions on environmental and social safeguards and facilitates the formation of Village reconstruction Committees (VRCs).

One of the key roles assigned to TRDP is to monitor the process of house construction and ensure that intended outputs have been achieved before the release of funds by the Government of Sindh directly in the beneficiaries’ accounts. For the purpose, TRDP has following mechanism in place:



1. TRDP maintains an updated list of villages where construction work is ongoing. Based on this list, the

villages are assigned to teams/engineers. The engineers/teams develop a weekly plan for visiting villages to monitor the ongoing construction.

2. TRDP's MIS specialist has developed a tracking system on the MIS portal to track the engineers'/teams' visits according to the given plan on a daily basis. It is mandatory for the engineers to open the app in each village they visit, so the location of that village is recorded in the system's auto-generated report. The TRDP team at the regional office in Hyderabad and the team located at each TRDP taluka office receive this auto-generated report.
3. In addition to this auto-generated mobility report, the engineers submit their progress reports of the day's visits physically to the head of each taluka daily as they return from their assigned villages.
4. The taluka team from each taluka, and the "Risk Management, Internal Audit, and Compliance (RMIAC)" team from the regional office, then visits the villages again based on the auto-generated mobility report to:
  - a. Physically monitor the actions taken by engineers/teams.
  - b. Verify the visits of engineers and the progress against the given plan.
  - c. Gather feedback and suggestions from the Village Reconstruction Committee (VRC) and villagers.
5. In the case, RMIAC Unit reports that an engineer has not visited the village as per the given plan, the daily wage is deducted from their remuneration. And if someone is found not performing for more than 3 instances, or on verification, VRC or village community gave negative feedback, the person is removed. So far, some 7 engineers including some SOs are terminated.



All the financial releases are made to TRDP by SPHF - Government of Sindh, which were set to be made by the end of fiscal year 2023-2024. A total of PKR 14.34 billion has been transferred from SPHF - Government of Sindh to some 62,937 beneficiaries accounts under the following categories:

#### FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO HOUSING BENEFICIARIES

- Against plinth construction PKR 5.6 billion
- Against lintel construction PKR 4.95 billion
- Roof construction PKR 3.46 billion
- Completion of houses PKR 33 million
- **Total funds transferred to beneficiaries PKR 14.34 billion**

- Construction of 15,539 houses has been completed.
- Construction of 34,919 has been reached up to the lintel and is about to be completed.
- Construction of 49,043 houses has started and reached up to plinth level.

## 7.2 HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

- Installation of **250** disaster resilient communal hand pumps (the number includes hand pumps installed in community and health facilities)
- 250 Mosquito nets and Hygiene Kits were distributed.
- Formation and Orientation of some 123 Community-led WASH Committees (CWCs)
- Some 121 sessions were delivered, and 4,300 hygiene kits were distributed.
- Some 77 Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) sessions for adolescent girls and women at UC/Village level were given and which were attended by 1,870 participants.
- 18 Hygiene promotion sessions in schools were given and total participants were 690.
- Some 89 hand pumps were installed in communities, schools & health facilities.
- Construction/Rehabilitation of some 596 climate-resilient communal latrines in communities.



## 8 ENHANCING INCOME GENERATION, FOOD SECURITY AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

This theme aims to build a solid foundation for enhancing the income generation and food and nutritional aspects so that the livelihood of the targeted households becomes sustainable, and the targeted beneficiaries witness a sustainable increase in their income and improved nutrition. Also, interest free loans are given to provide financial assistance to the beneficiaries so that they are able to initiate their income generating activities.

### 8.1 CASH FOR WORK - GRANT FOR LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO FLOOD AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Cash for Work is essentially a social protection programme, whereby the most disaster affected communities are able to quickly earn cash under 'decent work' conditions to enable them to get back on their feet, in return for participating in disaster clean up and restoration activities. During the period, TRDP completed some 392 cash for work schemes and disbursed PKR 343 million to 19,600 beneficiaries. Further, some 459 households were provided cash grants for Agriculture and livestock, and Some 550 households were provided with kitchen gardening seeds and tool kits.



### 8.2 INTEREST FREE LOANS

During the period, TRDP disbursed PKR 109 million IFL to 3,633 active beneficiaries. The current recovery rate stood at 100%.

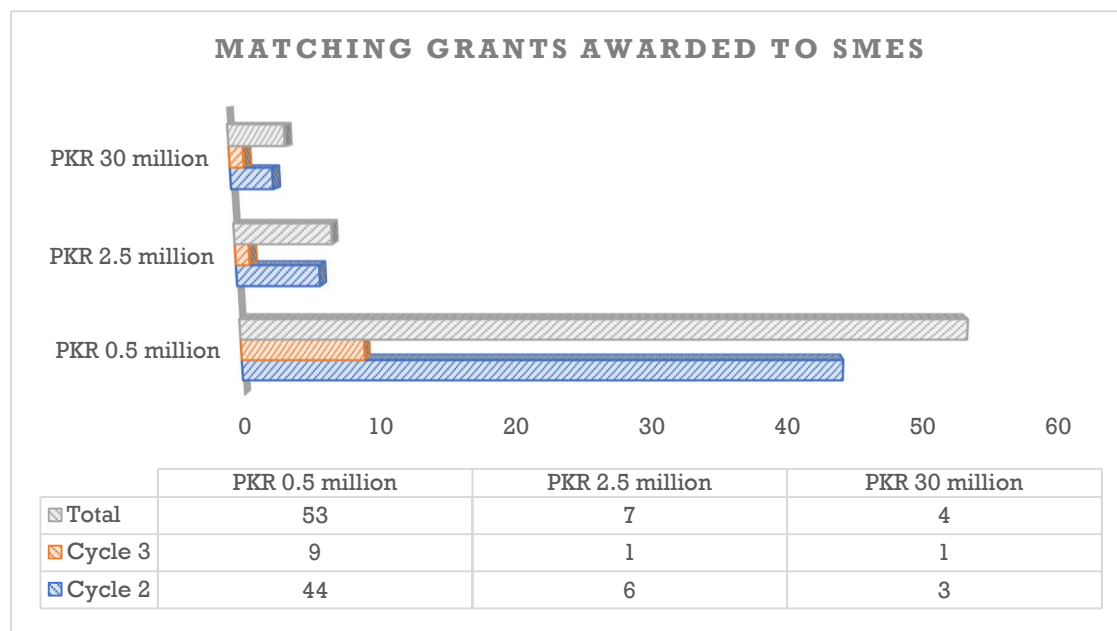


### 8.3 MATCHING GRANTS – UNDER EU FUNDED GRASP PROJECT

The matching grants aim to enhance the productivity and profitability of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) involved in primary production, service provision, and value addition in and around selected clusters of production. Under GRASP project, matching grants are provided to the SMEs, ultimately seeking to support poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood. GRASP will strengthen SMEs in livestock and horticulture so that they become more competitive by making improvements at all levels of the value chain.



During the year some 53 grants of 0.5 million, 7 grants of 2.5 million and 4 grants of 30 million were given in Mango, Goat, cattle, Banana Cold Storage and Onion commodities:



## 8.4 TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS TRANSFER

The tangible assets include assets such as livestock, shops, chingchi rikshaws and other income generating assets. The intangible assets consist of providing technical and vocational trainings, especially to women, so that they could attain requisite skills and knowledge for becoming self-sufficient to increase their household income by applying the skills obtained from the programme. These assets are being transferred, aiming to poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood.



Under NPGP project, TRDP provided some 17,538 tangible assets, which include buffaloes, goats, and material for setting grocery shops. These assets are the grant in kind, worth of PKR 1.5 billion procured by joint procurement committee which includes community members, TRDP representatives and representative from livestock department.



In addition, some 409 intangible assets, which includes training to community resource persons on improving nutrition, awareness on environment and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and providing short courses to youth for employment are also conducted. TRDP has signed an agreement with STEVTA for technical and vocational courses to be provided to 456 youth. Young interns from Umerkot and Tharparkar districts are enrolled for three-month technical and vocational courses in various trades at the Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) Academy.



A monthly stipend of 15,000 rupees is given to each intern, in addition to tuition fees which are paid to the training institute where they are enrolled. Providing skills to youth from poor households contributes to the poverty graduation which is one of the core themes of TRDP. With transfer of capital both in cash and kind forms along with imparting technical skills, the youth are enabled to start and establish small and medium enterprises. Thousands of women and young men across Sindh, who are provided with grants and skills, have scaled up their small enterprises, creating employment opportunities and helping families to cope with inflation and frequent disasters. The case studies of some young men and women from poor households reflecting a change in their life with support provided by TRDP are available on TRDP social media pages. In these case studies, the young men and women share their experiences of how they are earning a good livelihood after acquiring skills, by setting up motorbike repair shops, maintaining solar panels, repairing mobile phones, and working as mechanics in auto and electronics markets.



On regular intervals, the audit and monitoring teams from Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PASS) Government of Pakistan have conducted audits and assessment of the procurement process and project implementation. Based on highly satisfactory results, all the releases are made to TRDP by Ministry of PASS – Government of Pakistan timely.

## 9 PROMOTING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & ADULT LITERACY / NUMERACY

### 9.1 TEMPORARY LEARNING CENTERS

Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) are demarcated spaces for teachers and students to conduct teaching and learning when they cannot do so in their school because of displacement or damage/destruction of the school. TRDP has been establishing the TLCs and supporting children and teachers with education supplies to support children's mental and physical health. TLCs established by TRDP are to provide uninterrupted education for



every child affected by monsoon floods 2022 – especially girls, children with disabilities, internally displaced children, and migrants. It helps children develop skills to cope with the

trauma of crisis, and provides them with learning spaces that are safe, child-friendly and equipped with water and sanitation facilities. TRDP has also established child-friendly spaces for recreation and learning activities along with the continuity of education through TLCs.

TRDP established 237 climate-resilient child friendly Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) and minor repairs of some 60 TLCs using local low-cost materials, validated 236 school data & partially /fully damaged schools, along with solarization of schools to resume the formal educations from Elementary to Secondary schools. In addition, TRDP conducted some 756 Health and Hygiene Sessions of some 4000 children on, Gender Based Violence, Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Menstrual Health Management.



TRDP Installed some 125 - disaster resilient communal hand pumps (the number includes hand pumps installed in community, schools/ health facilities). Further, some 4,479 Children received health and hygiene kits along with sessions and some 139-learning materials were distributed in TLCs. TRDP is an implementing partner of Care International and has been implementing a flood response project in Badin and Dadu districts. The focus of the project is on WASH, education, protection, and providing financial support to the flood-affected population. Under the project, TRDP conducted health and hygiene sessions of some 1,398 children across 23 schools and conducted back to school activities including school safety plans.

## 9.2 CHILD PROTECTION

TRDP also established some 10 Safe Spaces (5 Static and 5 Mobile safe spaces) in communities/villages with registration of some 10,455 children, women and men who enrolled and are getting education in these safe spaces. These safe spaces were provided recreational kits and supplies including toys, women sewing items – needles, threads and frames. TRDP also facilitated / supported in getting birth registration certificates of 900 children. Some 4,047 children, men and women were sensitized through awareness campaigns on protection risks, Gender Based Violence and Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. In



addition, some 7,007 girls, boys and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support.

### 9.3 PSEA POLICY

TRDP with support of UNICEF has designed and is implementing the PSEA policy. Board approved this policy in 86<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021. A series of activities and workshops were conducted with TRDP senior management and professionals under guidance and support of UNICEF. By implementing this policy, TRDP has qualified for collaboration and partnership with all UN organizations. UNICEF is an implementing entity of UN for this policy across various areas, including community outreach, field operations, and administrative procedures. The PSEA policy aims to ensure a safe environment for all, particularly women, children and vulnerable populations. The policy is intended to reach all individuals working for or with the TRDP and familiarize them with the UN "Standards of Conduct" and obligations to uphold these standards as enshrined in PSEA policy.



## 10 COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND FORMATION OF SMES / COMMON INTEREST GROUPS / COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

TRDP Identified some 789 SMEs in value chain of Onion, Banana, Mango, Tomato, and some 1,521 SMEs for Farmer Climate Business Schools. TRDP also established 51 farmer climate business schools at cluster level for technical assistance classes of SMEs in value chain of GRASP project commodities. Some 20 Capacity building/Coordination meetings with stakeholders including Government departments were also conducted.



Under the Building Disaster Resilience and Responding to Emergencies (BDRE) project, some 151 Community-led WASH Committees (CWCs) were formed and oriented. A total of 269 hygiene sessions were conducted, with 7,007 participants. Additionally, some 152 Menstrual Health Management sessions were held, involving 3,486 females.

Under CSO BRIDGE project, 20 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were supported in creating mass awareness regarding Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) on health, hygiene, coping with stress etc. TRDP also provided training to 387 members from CSOs on relevant government laws including SECP rules, registration and regulation laws for CSOs, project management,

participatory needs assessment, stakeholder engagement and trained 390 members from CSOs for stakeholder engagement & advocacy skills, monitoring and feedback techniques and some 80 CSO members received training on rumor management, mental health and psychological support and other relevant procedures. Of the CSOs, which have received training from TRDP, 12 CSOs have



been registered under “Sindh Charities Registration and Regulations Act 2019” and have completed the requirement of external audit of the annual accounts. A grant of almost 4 million will be given to each of the 12 CSOs. This initiative is supported by Welthungerhilfe and is funded by the European Union.

## 11 APPRECIATIONS

- TRDP team received appreciation certificate from Mr. Faisal Uquaili, Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division for participation in 56<sup>th</sup> Mango Festival at Mirpurkhas, Sindh.
- Appreciation certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazir Abad for valuable services towards strengthening flood affected communities of the area.
- Press release from the Office of the deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazir Abad, appreciating TRDP efforts in facilitating and resuming the education by repairing and construction of schools in district Shaheed Benazir Abad.



- Mr. Abdul Fatah Hulio, Deputy Commissioner Badin, awarded an appreciation certificate to TRDP. He shared his views about TRDP's work, giving positive remarks, and advised all officials to support TRDP for the implementation of all upcoming projects and programs in Badin district.

- Appreciation certificate issued by DHO Badin in recognition of the services towards strengthening flood affected health facilities in district Badin.
- Certificate of appreciation issued by District Education Officer (Primary Education), Badin for implementation of "Early Recovery Support to Flood Affected Communities" project in district Badin and for completing the civil works of schools.
- Certificate of appreciation issued by District Education Officer (Elementary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education), Badin for initiative, tireless efforts, thoughtful and outstanding work done for the students education and repairing of flood affected schools in Tando Bago, District Badin.

- *Appreciation shield presented by Sindh People's Housing For Flood Affecteds (SPHF) to TRDP for organizing "16 days of Activism Against Gender Based violence," with active participation and lead role of rural communities.*
- *Appreciation certificate issued by PPHI office, Badin in recognition of the services towards strengthening flood affected health facilities in district Badin.*
- *TRDP received certificate of appreciation for stall Setup and activities at Mangoes festival held on June 8-9, 2024, in Matiari.*
- *TRDP received appreciation certificate for participation in 1<sup>st</sup> Mango and Handicraft Expo 2024.*



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## 12 NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

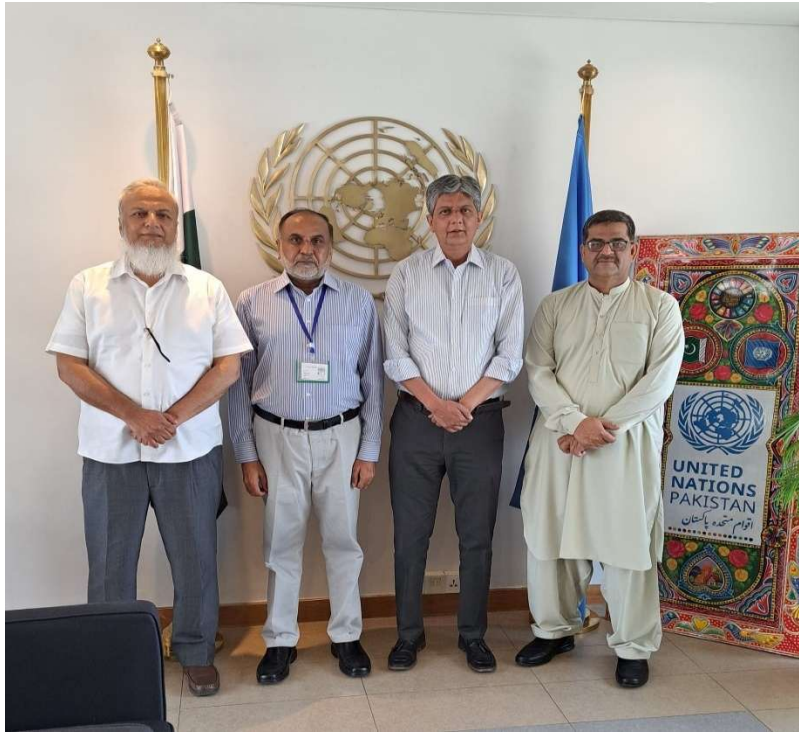
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- NOC number NO/DC/MPS/GB/279/2023 dated:04-06-2023 issued by Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas for implementation of project “Education Response In Flood Affected Areas in Sindh”.
- NOC number DC/JB/2613/2023 dated:30-08-2023 issued by Deputy Commissioner Thatta for implementation of project “Education Response In Flood Affected Areas in Sindh”.
- NOC number DC/UKT/NGO/2064/2023 dated:28-08-2023 issued by Deputy Commissioner Umerkot for implementation of project “Education Response In Flood Affected Areas in Sindh”.
- NOC number DCSBA/JB/NGO:(106)/489 of 2023 dated:21-06-2023 issued by Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazir Abad for implementation of project “Education Response In Flood Affected Areas in Sindh”.
- NOC number FATF/HD/15/206/NOC/23 dated: 04-09-2023 issued by Home Department, Government of Sindh, addressed to the Director General / registering authority of Social Welfare Department. The letter mentions that the Home Department has no objection if TRDP is registered under Charities Act.
- NOC number PDMA(S) NOC/TRDP/2022/3837 dated: 15-09-2023 issued by PDMA Rehabilitation Department for implementation of projects in districts Badin, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Shaheed Benazir Abad, and Jacobabad.
- NOC number DCSBA/JB/NGO: (106)/- 165 of 2024, dated: February 09, 2024 issued by Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazir Abad for implementation of project “ Education Response in flood affected areas in Sindh”.
- NOC number DC/MPS/GB/119/2024 dated: 26-01-2024 issued by Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas for implementation of project “ Education Response in flood affected areas in Sindh”.

## 13 NETWORKING AND VISIBILITY EVENTS

- Islamabad, June 23, 2024: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and TRDP signed partnership agreement:**

UNIDO and TRDP signed a partnership agreement to implement the "Poverty Alleviation and Inclusive Development Across Rural Sindh (PAIDAR)." This program is funded by European Union. Its purpose is to provide financial and technical support to small and



medium enterprises, aiding their development as a vehicle for employment creation, improvement of livelihoods, and sustainable poverty reduction.

- June 28, 2024: Sindh's SMEs in Uzbekistan:** Three Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Rashdi Agriculture Fruit Farms, Umair Bin Irshad Agro Enterprises, and S. Nizamani Enterprise, which are working with and recommended by TRDP under the EU-funded GRASP project, were part of the first "Made in Pakistan Exhibition (28-30 June 2024)" in Uzbekistan. The exhibition was organized by TDAP, with over 80 exhibitors from Pakistan showcasing their products. The first "Made in Pakistan Exhibition" in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, was inaugurated by Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry, and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Gulamov Shokhrukh Khasanovich, along with the Ambassador of Pakistan to Uzbekistan, Mr. Ahmed Farooq, Federal Secretary of Commerce of Pakistan, Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi,



and Chief Executive of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Zubair Motiwala, in an auspicious gathering at UzExpo Centre, Tashkent.

- TRDP research in World Publications:** Research paper on topic "Coverage and predictors of COVID-19 vaccination in five rural districts of Pakistan" by Jinnah Sindh Medical University and TRDP was published in the most credible and leading health journals and health research institutions of the world including The United States National Library of Medicine, The Lancet, Research GATE and World Health Organization (WHO) "Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal"

Research article

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### Coverage and predictors of COVID-19 vaccination in five rural districts of Pakistan

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#### Abstract

**Background:** One of the keys to preventing a re-emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic is the attainment and maintenance of high vaccination coverage in urban and rural areas.

**Aims:** To estimate the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination in a rural population and identify the determinants of vaccination.

**Methodology:** A cross-sectional survey was conducted in April 2023 in 5 rural districts of Sindh Province, Pakistan. From each district, 30 clusters (villages) were randomly selected, and 7 households were randomly sampled from each cluster using the 30/7 technique. Household members above 12 years of age were included. Vaccination status was categorized as non-vaccinated, partially vaccinated (either with 1 dose or without booster) and completely vaccinated (2 doses with 1 booster). Adjusted odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals using multinomial logistic regression were computed to determine the factors associated with partial and complete vaccination. Data was analysed using SPSS version 20.

**Results:** Among the 3545 individuals surveyed across 1050 households, 25.9% were not vaccinated, 55.0% were partially vaccinated, and 19.1% were fully vaccinated. Younger age, lack of formal education and residing in flood-affected districts were significantly negatively associated with being vaccinated, while living at <5 km from a vaccination facility was significantly positively associated with partial and complete vaccination. Residents of Dadu (OR=0.03, 95% CI=0.01-0.04), Jamshoro (OR=0.05, 95% CI=0.03-0.08), Hyderabad (OR=0.03, 95% CI=0.02-0.05), and Tando Allahyar (OR=0.09, 95% CI=0.05-0.15) districts were significantly less likely to be completely vaccinated than those in Tharparkar. The most common reasons for not being vaccinated were, the perception that COVID-19 is mild (54.2%), fear of side-effects (22.7%), unavailability of the vaccine (19.8%), and fear of acquiring COVID-19 infection through the vaccine (15.8%).

**Conclusion:** Vaccination coverage was low in some of the districts, particularly the flood-affected districts, mainly due to certain myths. There is a need for community outreaches to debunk myths about COVID-19 vaccination among these rural populations.

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- Karachi, May 03, 2023:** TRDP participation in Multi-Sectoral Convergence Strategy on Stunting & Malnutrition workshop, organized by the Planning and Development Department (P&DD), Government of Sindh and World Bank Pakistan

- CEO, TRDP attended the "Multi-Sectoral Convergence Strategy on Stunting & Malnutrition in Sindh" workshop, organized by the Planning and Development Department (P&DD), Government of Sindh and World Bank Pakistan. Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister, P&DD, delivered the welcome note. Mr. Najy Benhassine, World Bank Country Director for Pakistan, briefed attendees on the context and significance of the multi-sectoral convergence strategy for growth. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister, Sindh, shared the Government of Sindh's vision to address the issues of stunting and malnutrition in the Sindh. Azra Fazal Pecuh, Minister Health, Sindh, Syed Asif Hyder Shah, Chief Secretary, Sindh, Najam Ahmad Shah, Chairman, Planning and Development Board, Khair Muhammad Kalwar, Secretary P&DD, Rafique Mustafa Shaikh, Secretary Social Protection, Secretaries of relevant departments, Khalid Mahmood Sheikh, CEO, SPHF, Zulfqar Kalhor, CEO, SRSO, World Bank officials and senior officials from the nutritional task force and relevant departments, attended the workshop.



- Mirpurkhas, May 31, 2024:** 56<sup>th</sup> National Mango and summer Fruits Festival **Mirpurkhas**. Mr. Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, Minister Agriculture, Sindh, Mr. Rafique Ahmed Buriro, Secretary Agriculture, Sindh, and Mr. Faisal Ahmed Uqaili,

Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division along with many notables visited the Stall of TRDP at Mango & Summer Fruit Festival held at Mirpurkhas. Where TRDP briefed about TRDP activities for increasing productivity and profitability of mangoes and horticulture products in Sindh.

- **Sehwan, September 23, 2023: Chief Minister Sindh, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar sahib Sehwan Visit:** Chief Minister Sindh, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar visited village

Wali Muhammad Ghaincho, near Sehwan, and observed the construction process of Pacca houses which community has rebuilt replacing the Katcha mud structures with support of Govt of Sindh under SPHF which is being implemented by TRDP. Khalid Mahmood, CEO, SPHF and CEO TRDP briefed honorable chief minister. Chief



minister advised to provide health and education facilities to the villages. Addressing the ceremony to award land ownership titles of the houses to the flood affected communities, Chief Minister praised the participation of community in the construction process of the houses. The ceremony was attended by Chief Secretary, Sindh, Minister of irrigation, Commissioner Hyderabad, SPHF CEO and team, TRDP CEO and team and senior government officials.

- **Karachi, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Team TRDP and SPHF meeting with Mr. Younas Dagha – Minister for Finance, Planning & Development:** CEO TRDP shared update on the progress of Sindh People's Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) program in a meeting chaired by Younas Dagha, sahib, Minister for Finance, Planning and Development. The meeting was held at Sindh Secretariat, Karachi on August 29, 2023. The meeting discussed and formulated strategy, drawing from insights and best practices, to complete the construction of a maximum number of houses within the shortest feasible timeframe.
- **Matiari, June 08, 2024: TRDP participation in Mangoes Festival:** TRDP participated in and set up stalls with support of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Mangoes festival organized by district administration Matiari. TRDP briefed Makhdoom Mahboob Zaman, Minister for rehabilitation, Ahsan Ali Qureshi, Commissioner Hyderabad Division, Muhammad Yousuf Shaikh, Deputy Commissioner, Badin. They

appreciated the support that TRDP is providing to SMEs for promoting export quality horticultural products under GRASP project.

- **Dadu, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Land Titles distribution in district Dadu among the affected:**

Land titles were distributed among 500 flood affectees who have rebuilt their houses with support of Govt of Sindh under SPHF project. Mr. Rafique Ahmed Jamali MNA, Arfan laghari MNA, Aziz Ahmed Junejo MPA, Fayyaz Butt MPA & Adviser to CM Sindh, Dr. Khaleel Panhwar Chairman District Council Dadu distributed the land titles. Speaking on the occasion, speakers said that Govt of Sindh fulfilled the



promise of granting land title along with support to flood affectees for rebuilding their damaged houses. A large number of floods affected people who have been served under SPHF project from district Dadu attended the distribution ceremony.

- **Mirpurkhas, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024** –Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division Faisal Ahmed Uqaili, inaugurated the newly constructed building of the Government Girls Primary School Dital Leghari and rehabilitated Government Girls Primay School, Dolat Laghari, taluka Shujabad, district Mirpurkhas. This scheme was completed by TRDP with the support of UNICEF Pakistan. The Assistant Commissioner of Taluka Digri, the Deputy District Education Officer, the Taluka Education Officers and TRDP district Mirpurkhas team also attended.

- Karachi, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024–MoU between TRDP and IRD:** CEO, TRDP and Aneeta Pasha, Country Director, Interactive Research & Development IRD, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize partnership between IRD and TRDP. The partnership aims to mobilize and educate local communities by providing the necessary knowledge, tools, and training for self-empowered healthcare. The MoU specifically pertains to activities related to community engagement and mobilization for knowledge-sharing initiatives and health promotion. IRD will lead and coordinate social mobilization activities in collaboration with TRDP, ensuring alignment with field plans and objectives. TRDP will provide guidance, assistance, and coordination with the community wherever required and requested by IRD



- Hyderabad, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Expo 2024 by TRDP & TDAP:** The two-day Expo-24, second edition, organized jointly by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and TRDP was held at Dolmen Banquet, Hyderabad. Entrepreneurs, traders, and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) from Hyderabad city and rural areas set up stalls showcasing a variety of products, including horticulture, handicrafts, bangles, pottery, perfumes, food, and traditional and cultural outfits. A large number of families visited the expo. Brigadier Mr. Noman Arif, Station Commander Hyderabad Mr. Ahsan Ali Qureshi, Commissioner Hyderabad Division, Abdul Karim Memon, Director General TDAP, CEO, TRDP and Dr. Khadim Hussain Lakhiaar attended the event.



- Karachi, May 21, 2024– TRDP participation in the workshop organized by GIZ at a local hotel in Karachi:** TRDP presented memento and book on Tharparkar and TRDP to Excellency Jeroen WILLEMS, First Counsellor, Head of Cooperation,

Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan and Johanna Knoes, Head of Operations GIZ, in the workshop organized by GIZ at a local hotel in Karachi.

- **Tharparkar ,February 18, 2024: NPGP Steering Committee three days visit to**

**TRDP:** Yusuf Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PA&SS), Govt of Pakistan, Shahzad Nawaz Cheema, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PA&SS), Govt of Pakistan, Mr. Suhbat Ali Talpur, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Govt of Pakistan, Dr. Asim Ijaz, Director General,



Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Ahsan Riaz, Programme Director, National Poverty Graduation Programme(NPGP), Mr. Arshad Rashid, Chief Programs, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), conducted three days visit of TRDP.

- **Tharparkar, February 19, 2024,:** NPGP Steering Committee had meeting with TRDP management at TRDP office, Mithi and also met with young trainees who have completed four months digital skill course with support of NPGP.
- **Mirpurkhas, January 21, 2024: TRDP supports youth talent to shine:** TRDP supported young talent by sponsoring the "Mirpurkhas Football Team" for their participation in the "National Students Games 2024". This initiative, championed by Mr. Faisal Ahmed Uqailli Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division saw a team of 18 players and 2 coaches competing in the event at the Jinnah Sports Complex in Islamabad. TRDP's involvement is a continuation of its commitment to promoting youth engagement in constructive activities. By backing this initiatives led by Commissioner Faisal Ahmed Uquali, TRDP has helped young players from the Mirpurkhas division, with a platform to excel on national level.
- **Jamshoro, September 19<sup>th</sup> – CEO SPHF along with his team visited different constructed houses:** Mr. Khalid Mahmood, CEO, Sindh People's Housing for Flood Affectees, Kamran Akbar, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Pakistan and SPHF team visited houses constructed in villages Babar Shah, and Wali Muhammad, Gainchoo, Jamshoro District under SPHF program, and held meeting with village reconstruction committees. Ali Muhammad Kallar, manager, TRDP housing

program and team briefed SPHF and World Bank team. CEO TRDP was also present during the visit.

- **Islamabad , September 05<sup>th</sup> – E.U Head of Cooperation Mr. Jeroen Willems meeting with CEOs of Rural Support Programs (RSPs):** E.U Head of Cooperation, Mr Jeroen Willems had meeting with CEOs of Rural Support Programs (RSPs) at RSPN office, Islamabad. Ms. Shandana Khan, CEO, RSPN, Rashid Bajwa, CEO, NRSP, Tahir Rasheed, CEO, BRSP, Masood-ul-Mulik, CEO, SRSP, Romi S.Hayat, CEO IRM, CEO TRDP, and Malik Fateh Khan, CEO, GBTI were present in the meeting. EU Head of Cooperation ensured support to continue humanitarian-development initiatives in Pakistan and strengthen climate change adaptation and resilience.
- **Karachi, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Ombudsman Sindh emphasized integrated approach:** On invitation of Provincial Ombudsman (MOHTASiB) Sindh, CEO TRDP gave feedback and advice to the program coordination meeting held at the office of Provincial Ombudsman (MOHTASiB) office, Karachi. Honourable Aijaz Ali Khan, Ombudsman Sindh, chaired the meeting.
- **Shaheed Benazir Abad, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Commissioner Muhammad Abbas and Deputy Commissioner Shehryar Gul Memon joined TLCs in villages:** Muhammad Abbas Balouch, Commissioner, Shaheed Benazirabad Division and Shehryar Gul Memon, Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad joined students, teachers, parents and Thardeep Rural Development Programme team at Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) set up in villages Gul Muhammad Mari and Lal Bux Chandio near Daur town, Shaheed Benazirabad District
- **Hyderabad , January 23, 2024, Programme Manager/Country representative UN-HABITAT visited TRDP Office.**  
Jawed Ali Khan, Programme Manager/Country representative, UN-Habitat Pakistan along with UN-Habitat team visited TRDP regional office, Hyderabad. Allah Nawaz Samoo, CEO, TRDP briefed UN-HABITAT team about TRDP program. Jawad Ali Khan sahib shared the innovative approaches that UN-Habitat is implementing in Pakistan in community rebuilding of housing and infrastructure delivery
- **Shaheed Benazir Abad, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Deputy Commissioner Mr. Zahid Hussain Rind inaugurated TLC at village Kareem Bux Brohi:** Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad/Nawabshah Mr. Zahid Hussain Rind inaugurated Temporary Learning Center (TLC) at village Kareem bux brohi UC Abdullah lund taluka daur and distributed Bags, sport kit & hygiene kits among students.
- **Karachi, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 'adaptive social protection workshop organized by GIZ in collaboration with European Union at a local hotel in Karachi:** TRDP presented on

'adaptive social protection in Sindh' in a workshop organized by GIZ in collaboration with European Union at a local hotel in Karachi. Senior officials from Planning & Development Department, Social Protection Department, Govt. of Sindh, official from BISP, Govt of Pakistan, Head of Operations of GIZ in Pakistan, Head of Cooperation of EU in Pakistan and representatives from civil society participated in the workshop.





- **Shaheed Benazirabad, July 19<sup>th</sup> – TRDP team meeting with Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad:** Mr. Shehryar Gul Memon, Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad had meeting with TRDP district SBA team at DC office, SBA. TRDP briefed Deputy Commissioner about school rehabilitation programme which TRDP implemented in four districts including Shaheed Benazirabad with support of UNICEF.
- **Umerkot, August 17<sup>th</sup> – TRDP meeting with Deputy Commissioner Umarkot:** TRDP had meeting with Mr. Naveed Rehman Larik sahib, deputy commissioner, Umerkot at DC, office Umerkot. A detailed briefing was given about TRDP, particularly development initiatives in Umerkot district. Deputy commissioner ensured full cooperation in services rendered for supporting the poor communities.
- **Shaheed Benazirabad, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Deputy Commissioner SBA joined TRDP awareness campaign:** Shehryar Gul Memon, Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad joined students, teachers, villagers and TRDP team in awareness campaign for enrollment at 'Temporary Learning Centers TLC' village Sher Muhammad Magsi, taluka Sakrand district.
- **Shaheed Benazirabad, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Deputy Commissioner inaugurated 5KV solar systems installed by TRDP in the schools of Sakrand & Qazi Ahmed towns:** Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Shehryar Gul Memon inaugurated the 5 KV solar systems installed by TRDP in schools of Sakrand and Qazi Ahmed towns. Speaking to students and teachers, deputy commissioner sahib said that all possible steps are being taken to promote education and provide facilities in schools.
- **April 18, 2024, Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP) delegation visited TRDP office Hyderabad.** Delegation visited "Banana Tissue Culture Lab" and a "Banana Cold Storage facility" in Tando Allahyar, set up with the support of TRDP. They also observed ongoing projects in Sindh's agriculture sector, including a visit to the cold storage and the composed manure Banana nurseries, among other small projects on the farm.
- **Thatta, May 30, 2024: Training on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy.** An orientation on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy was organized for TRDP team at TRDP district office Thatta. TRDP senior management and professionals participated in the orientation training. TRDP has developed PSEA policy with support of UNICEF and is implementing it across the


various areas, including community outreach, field operations, and administrative procedures. The PSEA policy aims to ensure a safe environment for all, particularly women, children and vulnerable populations. The orientation is intended to reach all individuals working for or with the TRDP, and familiarize them with the UN "Standards of Conduct" and obligations to uphold these standards as enshrined in PSEA policy.

- **Karachi, October 5<sup>th</sup> –World Bank Mission visit to TRDP Dadu:** The World Bank mission including Mr. Kamran Akbar, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Ms. Yunziyi Lang, Climate Change Specialist, South Asia Region and Ms. Kundan Noor along with SPHF team visited two villages, Photo Machhi and Mudd Machhi of Taluka KN of district Dadu, Sindh.
- **Hyderabad, August 28<sup>th</sup> –Vocational and technical course completion and certification ceremony:** Young trainees who completed six months vocational and technical course received course completion certificates and skill kits at a ceremony held in Hyderabad. TRDP supported these 240 unemployed youth including transgender and 'persons with special needs' in acquiring vocational and technical skills in partnership with WHH and funding of EU. Each of the trainees received a monthly stipend of PKR 6,000 for six-month course along with assistance in finding job placements through technical institutions.
- **Hyderabad, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Celebration and Grants to SMEs:** TRDP celebrated Independence Day by distributing grant cheques to small and medium enterprises under EU funded app program. GRASP is implemented by ITC and its core partner Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), and partners including TRDP to support poverty reduction and sustainable, inclusive growth in rural areas. The initiative aims to bolster agricultural productivity, climate resilience, and agribusiness services. Capacity building of SMEs will also be undertaken to enhance integration of small producers into supply chains and applying technology for innovation.
- **Shaheed Benazirabad, October 03<sup>rd</sup> – Team UNICEF & AL-JAZEERA TV visited village Nadar Wasarn:** UNICEF and Aljazeera TV team visited village Nadar Wasan Taluka Daour district Shaheed Benazir Abad and prepared video documentary on Temporary Learning Centres established by TRDP.

## 14 SYNERGIES & COLLABORATIONS

### 14.1 RESEARCH AND CAPACITY BUILDING - MOUs WITH ACADEMIC & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

	<p>Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU), Govt: of Sindh</p>
 <p>Pakistan Agricultural Research Council PARC</p>	<p>Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC), Govt: of Pakistan</p>
	<p>Sindh Integrated Emergency and Health Services (Rescue 1122), Govt: of Sindh</p>
	<p>Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi</p>
	<p>Sindh Social Protection Authority, Govt: of Sindh</p>
	<p>Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pvt: Ltd.</p>
	<p>Interactive Research &amp; Development (IRD) Pvt: Ltd.</p>

	<p>Sindh Technical Education &amp; Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA), Govt: of Sindh</p>
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## 14.2 TRADE AND MARKETING - MoUs with Chambers of Trade, Commerce & Industries

	<p>Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders &amp; Small Industries</p>
	<p>Karachi Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (KCCI)</p>
	<p>Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industries</p>
	<p>Dadu Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</p>




Jamshoro Chamber of Commerce & Industry

## 15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 16 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THARDEEP RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

##### Opinion

We have audited the annexed financial statements of THARDEEP RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (the Society), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2024, the statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in fund, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at June 30, 2024 and of its financial performance, and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan.

##### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Director's report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, Directors are responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Tariq Feroz Khan.

KARACHI

DATED: December 09, 2024

UDIN: AR202410166w21EjM9vU

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

THARDEEP RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT JUNE 30, 2024

	Note	2024 Rupees	2023 Rupees
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property and equipment	5	105,199,834	52,908,233
Capital work in progress	6	1,499,555	-
Intangible assets	7	-	-
Long term deposits	8	14,141,457	963,320
Long term loan	9	-	400,000,000
		<u>120,840,846</u>	<u>453,871,553</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Inventory	10	578,593	578,593
Advances - net of provisions	11	62,979,873	63,234,517
Short term loan	12	400,000,000	-
Short term investment	13	272,017,825	-
Interest receivable	14	67,830,579	12,465,753
Grant receivable	15	59,898,059	24,248,889
Advances, prepayments and other receivables	16	10,719,976	16,738,229
Cash and bank balances	17	423,941,520	919,144,975
		<u>1,297,966,425</u>	<u>1,036,410,956</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,418,807,271</u>	<u>1,490,282,509</u>
<b>FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Funds		1,197,653,105	882,355,080
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Deferred income	18	97,652,734	488,113,434
Long term loan	19	-	111,349,442
		<u>97,652,734</u>	<u>599,462,876</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued and other liabilities	20	12,151,990	8,464,553
Short term loan	21	111,349,442	-
		<u>123,501,432</u>	<u>8,464,553</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,418,807,271</u>	<u>1,490,282,509</u>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>	22		

The annexed notes from 1 to 37 form an integral part of these financial statements.

  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

  
TREASURER



THARDEEP RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Note	2024 Rupees	2023 Rupees
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grant and donations	23	1,283,343,183	1,516,571,970
Other income	24	219,245,679	148,800,620
Total income		<u>1,502,588,862</u>	<u>1,665,372,590</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Programme expenses	25	(1,147,321,733)	(1,360,518,101)
Operating expenses	26	(36,591,886)	(33,250,977)
Other expenses	27	(2,080,172)	(2,502,018)
Total expenses		<u>(1,185,993,791)</u>	<u>(1,396,271,096)</u>
Surplus before income tax and levy		316,595,071	269,101,494
Levy	28	(1,297,046)	(17,101,787)
Surplus before income tax		<u>315,298,025</u>	<u>251,999,707</u>
Income tax		-	-
Current	29	-	-
Surplus for the year		<u>315,298,025</u>	<u>251,999,707</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year		<u>315,298,025</u>	<u>251,999,707</u>

The annexed notes from 1 to 37 form an integral part of these financial statements.

  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

  
TREASURER

**THARDEEP RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Note	2024 Rupees	2023 Rupees
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Surplus before taxation		315,298,025	251,999,707
Adjustments for non-cash items:			
Depreciation	5	8,480,656	7,842,137
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		(15,613,684)	(21,571,759)
Reversal of provision against advances	11	(814,132)	(2,110,930)
Amortisation of deferred income	18	(951,116,016)	(1,493,521,288)
Interest income	24	(87,523,468)	(69,483,938)
Financial charges	27	2,074,094	2,502,018
		<u>(729,214,525)</u>	<u>(1,324,344,053)</u>
(Increase) in current assets			
Inventory		-	174,795
Long term deposit		(13,178,137)	(150,000)
Donations receivable		(35,649,170)	(4,380,294)
Advances, prepayments and other receivables		6,018,253	(9,488,267)
		<u>(42,809,054)</u>	<u>(13,843,766)</u>
Increase in current liabilities			
Accrued and other liabilities		3,687,436	1,515,569
Net cash used in operations		<u>(768,336,143)</u>	<u>(1,336,672,251)</u>
Advances against loans - disbursed	11	(105,456,000)	(101,540,000)
Advances against loans - recovered	11	106,524,776	137,678,938
Grant received - net of refunds		560,655,316	1,727,184,205
Financial charges paid		(2,074,093)	(2,502,017)
Interest received		32,158,642	72,611,163
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities		<u>(176,527,502)</u>	<u>496,760,038</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Additions to property and equipment		(63,974,519)	(15,061,207)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		17,316,391	21,571,777
Short term investments matured		(272,017,825)	78,400,000
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities		<u>(318,675,953)</u>	<u>84,910,570</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(495,203,455)</u>	<u>581,670,608</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		919,144,975	337,474,367
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	17	<u>423,941,520</u>	<u>919,144,975</u>

The annexed notes from 1 to 37 form an integral part of these financial statements.

  
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