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Pakistan Reading Project

The PRP (PakistanReading Project) is a USAID (United States Agency for International Development) funded intervention being implemented in Pakistan through a consortium of implementing partners (including Creative Associates International, World Learning, and Institute of Rural Management) led by IRC (International Rescue Committee). IRM is implementing this project in Newly Merged districts and Balochistan.

During the reporting period, PRP Balochistan Component-1 has conducted several activities following the WP matrix and tracking the targets carefully in view of the project close-out timeline. Routine activities of School Support Visits (SSVs), monthly TIG meetings and Quarterly Review meetings were on high priority for their respective teacher articulation targets. Along with the above activities also include TLM/RLM distribution, phase-2 teachers training for the local languages and exit planning meetings in winter zone districts that are closing prior to those of summer zone districts in Cohort-3. In total, 855 TLM/RLM were distributed in Cohort-3 during this quarter that includes 549 workbooks while the 306 includes sets of other material. Category wise details and accurate numbers updated from M&E IS are given in below section of TLM/RLM.

During reporting quarter, Pakistan Reading Project in collaboration with senior experts of BAEC, BoC&EC and Directorate of Schools along with lead consultant and RIS specialist organized a 3-day workshop at PRP provincial office Quetta from October 1st -3rd October, 2019. A total of five members (2M, 3F) participated in the workshop. Meanwhile Android tablets have been handed over to all proposed students University of Balochistan through merit based selection criteria. PRP held a CPD committee follow-up meeting with Dr. Gulab Khan (Deputy Focal person PPIU - Capacity Building) on December 23, 2019 and another follow up meeting held with the Director PITE at its office on December 24, 2019. The Director PITE shared the CPD committee proceedings and recommendations with the PRP staff.





Strengthening Civil Society Organizations' Project

IRM in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (Civic Initiative) is currently implementing a one year 'Strengthening Civil Society Organizations Project' funded by the U.S. State Department. The project aims to improve the organizational capacity of Pakistani Civil Society Organizations/NGO's while, at the same time improving ties between Pakistan and the United States through programming that highlights shared values and promotes bilateral cooperation. In the last quarter, one day workshop was conducted on social mobilization and two days training was conducted on gender and development.

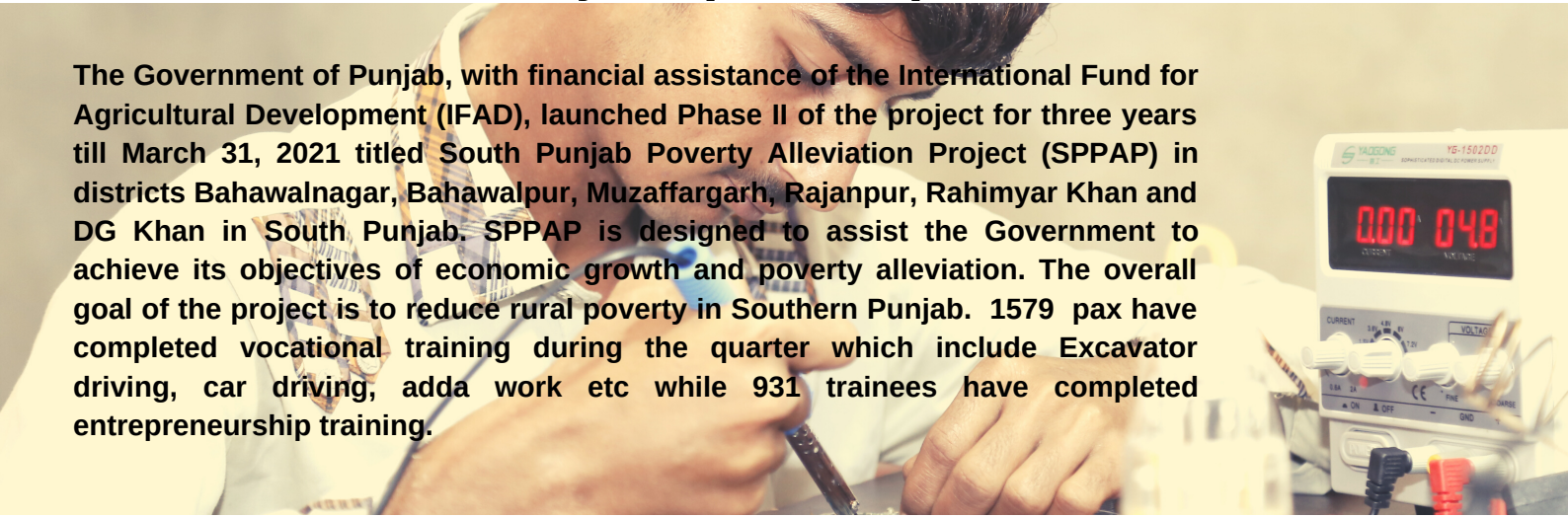
Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Project (SUCCESS)



IRM is implementing the three-year EU/NRSP funded SUCCESS project in four Districts of Sindh (Matiari, Tando Allah Yar, Tando Muhammad Khan, and Sujawal). During the quarter 149 Participants Graduated in Car Driving, Applique Work, Machine Embroidery, Hijab Making, Tailoring & Dress Designing, Building Painting, Baby Dress Designing, Crochet Work and Hand Embroidery Training, Beautician Advance, Electrician Advance, Solar Fitting, Air Conditioner & Refrigerator Repair.

Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project (SPPAP)

The Government of Punjab, with financial assistance of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), launched Phase II of the project for three years till March 31, 2021 titled South Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project (SPPAP) in districts Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Rahimyar Khan and DG Khan in South Punjab. SPPAP is designed to assist the Government to achieve its objectives of economic growth and poverty alleviation. The overall goal of the project is to reduce rural poverty in Southern Punjab. 1579 pax have completed vocational training during the quarter which include Excavator driving, car driving, adda work etc while 931 trainees have completed entrepreneurship training.



Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment



Under BRACE project a total of 100 Men have successfully completed residential skills training in various vocational and technical trades at IRM-VTEC-Rawalpindi, training trades were Mobile repairing, Solar Energy, Wood Work, Civil Surveyor, Excavator Operator & Car Driving, Computer software & Hardware, Tailoring & Dress Designing, Building Electrician & Motor Cycle Mechanic. Trainees were provided with excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience at the facility Three months Vocational Training Programme served the twin objectives of imparting technical skills and equipping trainees with Business Management and life skills. entrepreneurship training.

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