



# Marvi Rural Development Organization

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



Since Marvi Rural Development Organization's (MRDO) establishment in 1994, has aimed at innovative ways and methods of bringing rural women in main stream of development. This document attempts to trace two decades of MRDO's contribution to create awareness and educate rural women and children at the grass-roots level. This profile enumerates MRDO's expense of programs and related achievements. It covers all its core activities and provides detailed qualitative and quantitative information along with case studies from the field.

I am humbled at effectively changing perceptions about the traditional role of rural women in the social development sector by engendering their due recognition beyond their routine practices through appreciation of teamwork, dedication and strong leadership as the new face of rural women.

By the end of 2016, MRDO has been able to render support to rural women in fields of Legal Empowerment of the Poor, Housing Units for homeless families, literacy, water, agriculture, health and capacity building a significant achievement indeed.

GhulamSughra Solangi  
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Marvi Rural Development Organization (MRDO)

## MRDO BRIEF PROFILE

In 1992, a non-formal group of women of rural area of district Khairpur Mir's realized a dire need for the empowerment of women in their area and came into action by taking self-initiative for the rural women by providing them alternate sustainable livelihood opportunities through arranging a little financial amount generated by women themselves by collection of Rs. 10 per month. It was a first small step taken towards the empowerment of women that created a vision and resultantly, a group was founded and headed by Ms. GhulamSughra Solangi. With the untiring efforts & dedication, Ms. Solangi continued her services and was awarded from First lady Michelle Obama and US Secretary of State Ms. Hillary Clinton with "Woman of Courage Award" in 2011 in Washington DC for her contribution to underprivileged communities particularly women. Later on the group was officially registered with the title of Marvi Rural Development Organization (MRDO) in year 1994.



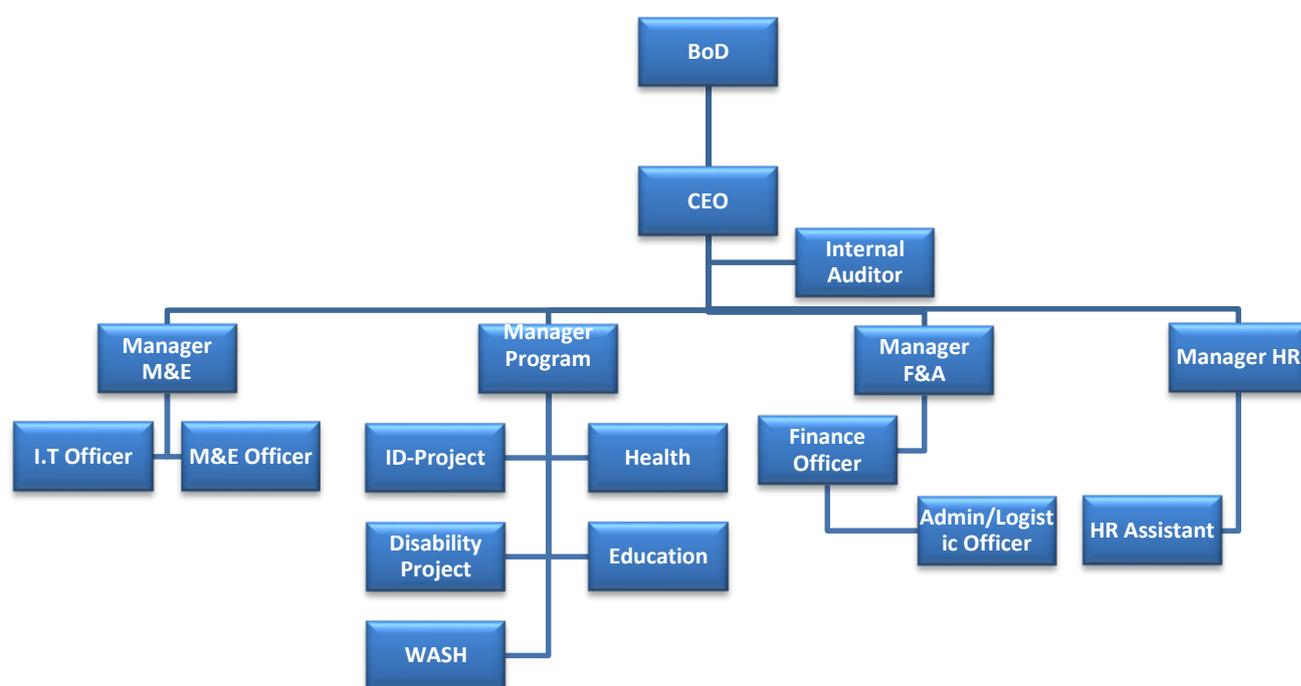
1. **Vision:** Social and economic empowerment of the underprivileged women and communities at the grassroots level.
2. **Mission:** To enhance the role and socio-economic status of people especially women of deprived communities by providing them assistance & sustainable prospects.
3. **Objectives:**
  1. To improve the health status of the under-privileged with special focus on rural women and children.
  2. To increase literacy with special focus on functional literacy and primary girls education.
  3. To improve the living standard of women and children by sustainable participatory integrated development.
  4. To motivate and facilitate rural communities through formation of Community Based Organizations.
  5. To strengthen the organizational capacities and sector skills of rural communities through organizing trainings.
  6. To improve the socioeconomic status of vulnerable groups through savings and credit for viable income generation activities.
  7. To eliminate violence against women, honour killing, tradition of dowry and early marriages through social mobilization of rural communities and advocacy lobbying and networking with like-minded organizations.

#### 4. Governance Structure

MRDO Board of Directors has gender balance in terms of Sex and consists of 7 members and one honorary Secretary Member with having multi-sectorial experience with National and International Exposure.

#	Name of BoD	Designation	Qualification	Expertise
1	Mr. Qurban Ali Shah	Chairman	Master in Geography	Development Professional
2	Ms. FirdousManzani	Vice Chairperson	Master in Sustainable International Development	Free Launce Consultant
3	Mr. ZafarJunejo	Treasurer	MSc Rural Development/MCs Information Technology	Development Professional
4	Mr. SulemanG.Abro	General Secretary	MSc. Rural Development	Development Professional
5	Mr. Solomon Khuram	Member	ICMAP & Master in Computer Science	Development Professional
6	Ms. ShamshadAkhtar	Member	Master in Sociology	Community Leader
7	Ms. NazeeranShaikh	Member	Master in Education	Community Leader
8	Ms. GhulamSughra	Honorary General Secretary	Master in Sociology & Education	Development Professional

## 5. Organogram



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the support of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), MRDO initiated the ID project Phase-I in July, 2012. *The project targets* two UCs (Ruk& M Khan Ghoto) of district Ghotki with over all aimed to mobilize the people at grass root level and enable them so that they can play active roles and responsibilities in the society and lead happy and prosperous life to their satisfaction. The activities designed for the ID project based on inclusive approach focused on mobilization, to organize communities in a way as they can collectively and systematically think for their social, economic and other prevailing tribulations and to come up with their indigenous and sustainable solutions the project with PPAF partnership with MRDO provide them a systematic platform to build & strengthen their local capacities to cope with the day to day and even their massive social, economic, administrative and other nature problems.

Moreover this project was implemented in a way that can organize the people in a sustainable way as can benefit from the PPAF-MRDO support even after their presence (Funding). Teams formed Cos at communal/caste level, next tier was to democratically and in highly accountable way to develop and strengthen their capacities at village level and last tier was to build them as institute to plan and resolve the issues on UC level thereby two Local Support Organization (LSOs) were formed and registered at social welfare department this project was pretty much focusing on the poorest class, youth, disables and particularly women can be included in the process of development in their villages through VDPs and linkages with relevant departments for the solution of their issues.

As for as project specific results is concerned ID project achieved are teams organized dwellers in form of community organizations and 316 Cos were formed to expand and strengthen the fold of development 28 village organizations were formed and this process helped to form a institute at UC level namely LSO and Two LSO at respective UC level were formed people from each tier were trained with administrative 25 Community Management skill trainings were conducted in which 507 participants were trained; moreover additionally 75 awareness sessions were also conducted on Voter Registration, Nikkah Registration and importance of CNIC in those sessions 75 in each were trained. In the end 25 Activists workshops on annual planning were held and 507 participants were trained. Village organizations were also trained through different trainings, in 16 trainings events 308 participants were trained in Book Keeping and Annual Planning, linkages Development and Resource Mobilization and Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction. 16 members from Local Support Organization LSOs were also trained by conducting 4 events on basic book keeping and petty cash/ledger, institutions strength, Proposal writing/Report Writing and case studies and Resource mobilization and linkages development moreover program participants were mobilized for saving, approaching the government line department for resolving their issues, disaster risk reduction and preparedness were also at heart of this project as the poorest and underserved communities collectively and systematically work to resolve the issue at local level.

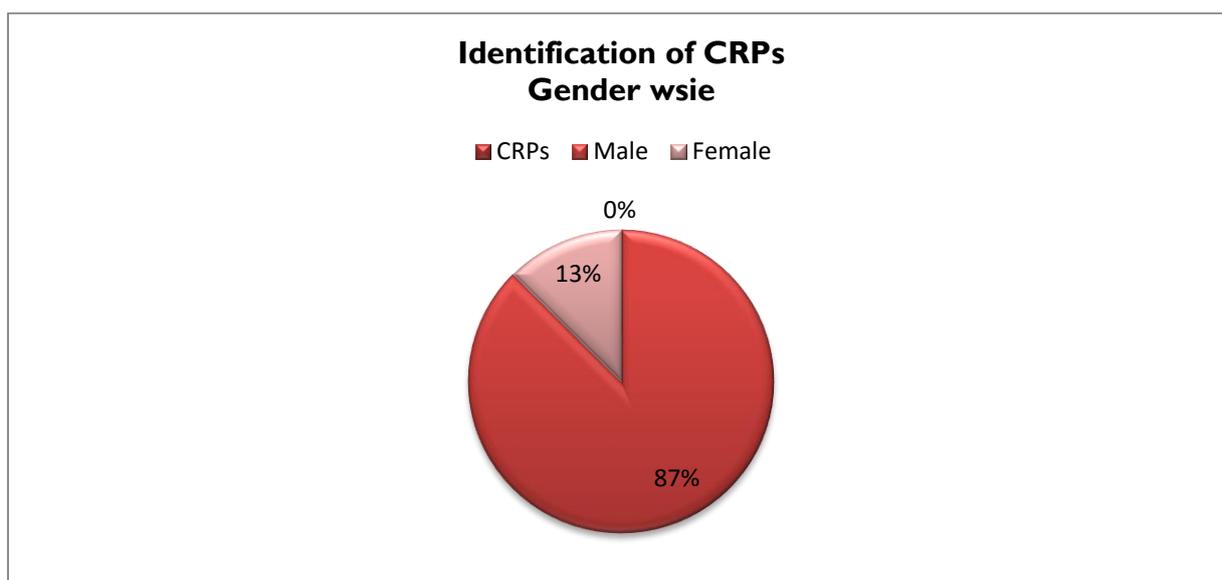
Again in second phase of the project started in same UCs from April 2016 to September 2016 under the name to strengthening the Community Institutions which were already formed, in this phase following activities were proposed to strengthen the capacity of the VOs and LSOs.

## IDENTIFICATION & DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS (CRPs)

In this Phase a unique activity planned to identify the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) from the existing Community Organizations' and built their capacity in different training components. Identification and development of community Resource persons for supervising local development initiatives, synergizing and leveraging the existing institutional base, 32 CRPs were identified and trained in various trainings like CBDRM, Financial Literacy, Gender Mainstreaming and leadership, Environmental Social Management, Financial Management, Operations and maintains facilitators and Youth champions.

S#	NAME OF CRP	GENDER	AGE	CONTACT #	UC NAME	VILLAGE NAME	LINK WITH CO OR VO? NAME
1	Abdul Wahid	Male	32	03053056491	Ruk	Muhammad BachalKalhoro	Bhittai
2	QamarDeen	Male	35		Ruk	Khadwari	Khadwarilthad
3	Mansoor Ali	Male	34	03009314877	Ruk	SiyanoShaikh	QalanderLal
4	Shamshad Ahmed	Male	30	03012357046	Ruk	Balaj Khan Bullo	Bulla
5	Imran Ali	Male	25		Ruk	Khadwari	Brohi
6	Bhoral	Male	45	03082679903	Ruk	AdhoMirbahar	Peace LSO
7	Kaneez Fatima	Female	45	0	Ruk	Muhammad Ali Hakro	Kaneez
8	Khanzadi	Female	50	0	Ruk	Mehsiro Stop	Khanzadi
9	Badshah	Male	30	03016234865	MK Ghoto	Haji Moulodi	Islamia
10	Zahida	Female	35	0	Ruk	Abbul Rahim Mirbahar	Zahida
11	Samda	Female	30	0	Ruk	Taj Muhammad Ruk	Samda
12	Muhammad Ramzan	Male	28	03043627886	MK Ghoto	SobdarArbani	ArbaniIthad
13	Abdul Fateh	Male	29	03062264307	MK Ghoto	Muhammad Hassan Bheri	Muhammad Hasan
14	Ghulam Abbas	Male	22	0	MK Ghoto	MK Ghoto	
15	Sawan	Male	42	03053774177	Ruk	KhananTanwari	TanwariIthad
16	Deen Muhammad	Male	32	03063266238	MK Ghoto	Deen Muhammad Bheri	Muhammad Shah
17	GhulamSarwar	Male	31	03075446488	MK Ghoto	GahnoMirbahar	Mirani
18	MorArbani	Male	45	03053249957	MK Ghoto	SobdarArbani	Sakhwat
19	Shahzado	Male	30	03053249957	MK Ghoto	ShahbanArbani	Sakhwat
20	Muhammad Murad	Male	32	03072391264	MK Ghoto	ShahdadArbani	Murshad
21	UstadSuhrah	Male	38	03013254334	MK	SuhnoArbani	Waseem

					Ghoto		
22	Raza Muhammad	Male	32	03046016582	MK Ghoto	PalhwanGhoto	Shah Latif
23	Mir Muhammad	Male	29	03002442062	MK Ghoto	SuhnoBheri	Sain
24	Idress Ahmed	Male	36	03003267930	Ruk	AndalBheri	Bhittai
25	Farman Ali	Male	25	03063683184	Ruk	KoralSoomro	Soomra
26	Ali Hyder	Male	42	03013824272	Ruk	Allah dinoShaikh	Ali Hyder
27	Abdul Aziz	Male	35	03056526621	MK Ghoto	Muhammad Khan Ghoto	Humdard
28	Yar Muhammad	Male	48	0	MK Ghoto	DrighPur	Sakhwat
29	Abdul Shakoor	Male	32		Ruk	Sadiq Malik	Data Sain
30	DaimLolai	Male	38	03023190210	MK Ghoto	UsmanLolai	Lolailthad
31	Abdul Ghani	Male	48	03023268556	Ruk	Allah Dad Khan Arbani	Hydirani
32	MehwalBheri	Male	45	03063266238	MK Ghoto	Kamal Bheri	Jea Sindh



## Section-B.INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

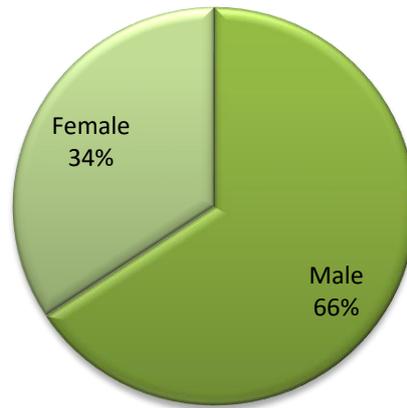
Under this component MRDO team revisited both Union Councils where 316 Community Organizations, 28 Village Organizations and 2 Local Support organizations were formed in initial phase. Project team identified community members from existing formed Community Institutions for organizing different trainings to strengthen their capacity regarding the proper record keeping, linkages development, savings, Community based rehabilitation and disaster risk management, MDGs knowledge, Operation and maintenance of small scale projects at community level, rural connectivity, Proposal writing and also developed systems and procedures for proper operational of community organizations. MRDO hired services of professional trainers for organizing various trainings.



In this extension Phase MRDO organized following trainings of Community members for

S No.	Training /Activity Title	Date	Pax		
			M	F	T
1	CBDRM (Simulations)	16-17 Sep, 2016	16	0	16
2	Operations and Maintenance Facilitators	21-22 Sep, 2016	16	0	16
3	Millennium Development Goals Framework	24-26 Aug, 2016	30	0	30
4	Rural Connectivity and current Best Practices	18-20 Sep, 2016	30	0	30
5	Open Defecation Free Villages	11-13 Sep, 2016	15	15	30
6	Youth Centers (vertical and horizontal growth)	11-13 Sep, 2016	8	0	8
7	Values, Governance and Management	11-13 Sep, 2016	8	0	8
8	Refresher training on PSC and its Management	21-23 Sep, 2016	8	0	8
9	Development of Proposals	1-3 Sep, 2016	8	0	8
10	Peace, Pluralism and Inter Provincial Harmony	7-9 Sep, 2016	20	10	30
11	Peace, Pluralism and Inter Provincial Harmony and Peace	27-30 Aug, 2016	5	3	8
12	Knowledge Management, Publication and Data Consolidation	18-20 Sep, 2016	5	3	8

## Gender Wise Participants



## ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS/AWARENESS

Campaigns/Awareness (dengue, polio vaccination, Immunization, children enrollment and WASH) were held as its advocacy components and 28 advocacy sessions were conducted.

State Citizen Relationship Sessions were also held and 28 sessions were conducted where more than 850 community members participated.



## COMMUNITY RE-ENGAGEMENT

In Community Re-engagement through CRPs 316 Community Organizations meetings were conducted, Election process of already formed 28 VOs and 2 LSOs were also held. VDPs were modified of 28 Villages.



## SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell (for productive linkages) was also held at Circuit house Ghotki in this event all LSOs of the district got together for experience sharing regarding adaptation of innovative ideas. The main purpose of the event was developing linkages with government departments and other private organizations, involving prestigious and influential individuals to promote their LSOs efforts.



This event was a unique gathering of like-minded people and government organizations including other stakeholders and numerous local communities to create a culture of peace through a shared commitment to its importance and the positive impact it has on people's lives people from all walks of life. Moreover this Show and Tell activity will put peace at the heart of the community by bringing together civic, educational, artistic, cultural and social organizations, communities, and diverse groups and celebrating peace in all its forms.

Members from Government Department and other related government personate and civil society participated in this forum they supported and guide the Community organizations.



## PUBLICATION AND IEC MATERIAL

In Publications and IEC material 28 Sign Boards in 28 Villages were displayed for Project Visibility, Video Documentary was also prepared regarding the all processed activities which were carried during this phase. Kit for Key Messages and IEC material was also prepared which used in Awareness Sessions and other activities of the ID project.

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### Background

Access to Justice is a three year initiative being implemented by By MRDO in collaboration with The Asia Foundation to improve access to justice and human rights through the provision of efficient, cost effective legal assistance and protection for vulnerable populations. The project has been designed to target 10 districts, across all four provinces, where significant rights violations against women and minorities have been reported. Jacobabad in one of them which also represent urban, rural, and ethnically and religiously diverse populations.

The focus of the project is both on the demand and supply sides of the justice system and therefore is working towards the achievement of the following two objectives:

1. To develop and implement a multi-pronged public awareness campaign that increases citizens' knowledge of the laws, which protect their fundamental freedoms
2. To strengthen the capacity of existing legal aid centers that provide legal services to those whose rights have been violated

### The expected results of the project include:

- Improved (more frequent and better targeted) demand for efficient, cost-effective legal aid services among vulnerable groups in the target districts; target legal aid centers are able to provide a broad range of legal services that are appropriate and relevant to the needs of vulnerable populations; and
- Improved knowledge of and positive behaviors among members of the local community, police,



legal aid workers, and local government bodies towards the fundamental rights of vulnerable populations in the target districts.

## Program Activities

Under this contract, Marvi Rural Development Organization (MRDO) would be providing legal aid and victim assistance to vulnerable populations particularly religious and ethnic minorities, survivors of Gender based Violence (GBV) and the disabled in district Jacobabad. Services offered by MRDO's legal aid center would include, among others, face-to-face and telephonic counseling, referral services, and legal aid assistance to clients, facilitating clients to access law enforcement agencies and to make court appearances in relation to the cases filed. It is anticipated that out of those that access the legal aid center for support, MRDO will provide free-of-cost legal aid to at least 60 clients from low-income, vulnerable communities identified above over the life of the project.

In this regard, program activities include but are not limited to the following:

### Establish a 24/7 Toll-Free Helpline

With support from TAF, MRDO established a 24/7 toll-free helpline in their legal aid center for vulnerable populations. MRDO ensured effective utilization of the resources provided by TAF in this regard. Two operators/counsellors are responsible for managing the helpline. The legal aid center ensured that records are maintained of all calls as per the requirements of the project.

### Provide Legal Assistance and Victim Support to Vulnerable Populations

To provide legal aid assistance to religious and ethnic minorities, survivors of GBV and the disabled, MRDO jointly with LHRLA will sign a Memorandum and Understanding (MoU) with lawyers in their district. The lawyers will be identified by LHRLA in consultation with MRDO and subsequently their capacity to undertake and manage cases related to religious and ethnic minority rights, GBV and disability will be developed by LHRLA. Five lawyers trained in this district on legal issues and case management, who associated with MRDO's legal aid center in that district. The legal aid center consultation with designated project personnel at LHRLA, identify low-income, vulnerable clients in need of legal assistance and facilitate meetings between the clients and respective lawyer(s) at the center. The legal aid centers maintains records of all clients and share the requisite details of number of clients accessing the center, those requiring legal assistance and so forth with LHRLA and TAF, as and when required.



### Participation in Networking Meetings

MRDO participated in Joint Networking Meetings that will be facilitated by LHRLA. The purpose of these meetings is to promote and support developing partnerships and expanding networks among Legal Aid Centers, NGOs, and government line ministries to improve the environment in which legal aid centers operate. District-level local government representatives will also be invited to these meetings to further promote information-sharing, collaboration, and government buy-in.

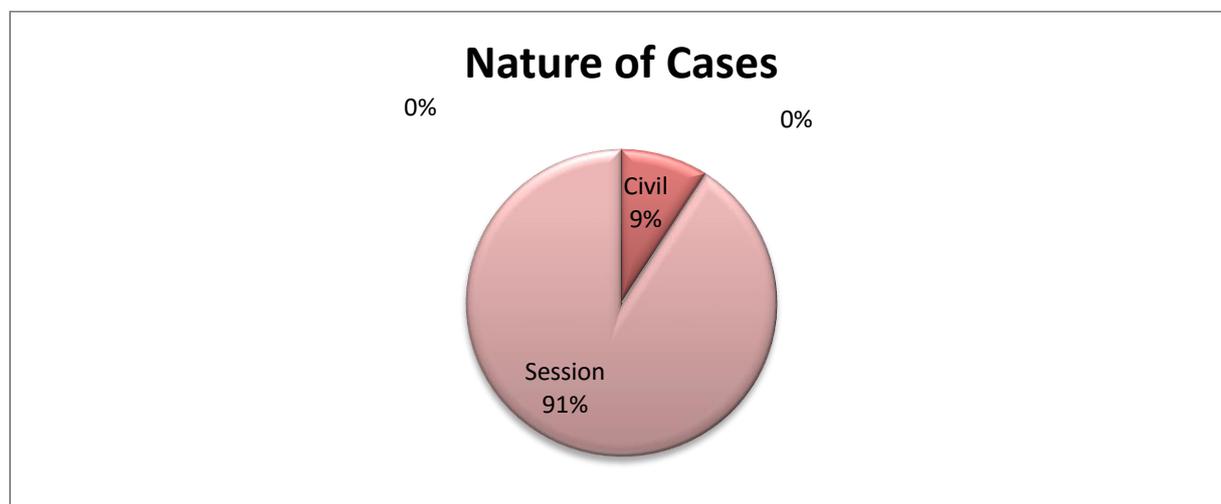
### Project Area:

MRDO strengthened its legal aid center in district Jacobabad, Sindh.

## Achievements

During the year 2016, following cases were resolved

#	Name of Beneficiary	Type of Case	Nature of Problem	Date of Decision
1	Asia Tareen	Session	Parental child kidnapping	19-03-2016
2	RukhsanaBibi	Session	Physical abuse	18-05-2016
3	Deepak	Session	Physical abuse	29-12-2016
4	LalKahtoon	Session	Inheritance/ property right	15-01-2016
5	JahanBano	Session	Inheritance/ property right	09-04-2016
6	Aqsa	Session	Parental child kidnapping	26-01-2016
7	Saba	Session	Physical Abuse	02-09-2016
8	Nida	Session	Forced marriage	17-02-2016
9	Fahmidan	Session	Parental child kidnapping	03-02-2016
10	Nida	Session	Physical abuse	11-09-2016
11	MandamKhatoon	Civil	Forced marriage	24-04-2016
12	RehmatKhatoon	Session	Inheritance/ property right	05-05-2016
13	Fatima	Session	Physical abuse	20-05-2016
14	Muhammad Panah	Session	Discrimination or non-cooperation by law enforcement agencies	08-12-2016
15	Sana	Session	Discrimination or non-cooperation by law enforcement agencies	01-08-2016
16	Saeeda	Session	Parental child kidnapping	05-08-2016
17	Noor Jahan	Civil	Inheritance/ property right	07-12-2016
18	Shabana	Session	Inheritance/ property right	08-09-2016
19	ArjunLal	Session	Discrimination or non-cooperation by law enforcement agencies	10-09-2016
20	Sidra	Session	Rap/Gang Rape	07-10-2016
21	Sughra	Session	Discrimination or non-cooperation by law enforcement agencies	29-10-2016
22	Rukhsana	Session	Sexual abuse	30-12-2016



## AIM TO WORK FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF RIGHTS & EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

Aim to Work for achievements of rights and empowerment project is an initiative of DAI (Development Alternate Initiative) under this project MRDO aimed to bring interfaith harmony across religion, society, take youth away from anti-social & anti-state activities and aware women, youth and general public about their fundamental basic human rights in two districts of Northern Sindh Sukkur & Ghotki. MRDO implemented the project with highly participative and bilateral cooperative manner with all direct and indirect stakeholders. MRDO carried out the activities in 2016 to achieve project goal such as 867 women group awareness meetings, 124 one day awareness seminars, 190 initial dialogue with religious leaders, 15 sessions with high school students, 3 TV talk shows, 30 UC level seminars, 9 session with college students, 21 public gatherings/khullikatchehries, 6 peace walks at tehsil level, 6 media consultations and 6 festivals at tehsil level.

As a result of activities plenty of impacts extracted can be proudly reported with smooth but challenging implementation of the AWARE project like massive rights awareness campaign started at household, village and most rural areas of two districts, where this project directly reached 34,214 numbers of people in both targeted districts.

### **112 RAISING AWARENESS ON WOMEN ISSUES I.E. BASIC FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PERTAINING TO WOMEN / GIRLS, UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN & CHILDREN.**

06 repeated awareness meetings were conducted with each women group, to make them aware on their rights, now these groups are expanding their memberships and outreach and wanted to reflect this group formation exercise by these already formed women groups in other 300 nearby villages. These 1800 meetings were conducted on different topics:

- **150 Seminars - Human Rights** “UDHR United Nations Declaration of Human Rights”
- **150 Seminars - CEDAW** – Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
- **150 Seminars - Constitution of Pakistan** Provisions of Human Rights
- **150 Seminars - Early child Marriages** in context of new legislations
- **150 Seminars - Referral Mechanism& networking** for reporting GBV/DGBV and other cases/incidents related to women issues in context of new legislations and available complain centers/services i.e. Women Complaint Cell, LAO Legal Aid support, Legal advice Help Line, Shelter/DUAs and psychosocial/counseling services.
- **117- Role of gender/women in peace building**

The 28611 women participated in all these 867 awareness meetings which were conducted in 300 targeted villages, these meetings were hosted by women groups and each group has received 06 awareness sessions on above mentioned topics.



**113 ONE DAY AWARENESS SEMINAR ON BASIC FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**

124 one day seminars were organized on fundamental rights in focused 124 population packets/villages, where we dedicated these seminars for the awareness of different rights i.e. 70 seminars were conducted on fundamental rights of citizens, covering UDHR and constitution of Pakistan and 54 seminars on fundamental rights of women and girls. In all these 300 activities 6512 women and 3622 male total 6244 community members participated and got knowledge about their basic fundamental rights.



**114 INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS (MOLVIES) TO HIGHLIGHT ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE REGARDING WOMEN RIGHTS ESPECIALLY INHERITANCE LAWS AND IMPORTANCE, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBOURS RIGHTS.**

Considering the importance of religious leaders and their influence in society, we engaged religious leaders to talk on basic fundamental rights in religions' perspectives. Total 190 dialogues were conducted in project areas where 1244 women and 5622 men total 6866 participated in these dialogues, more we bifurcated these 260 activities on different topics i.e. Women Rights in Religions (Islam, Christianity & Hinduism), Interfaith Harmony, Neighbors Rights in Religions (Islam, Christianity & Hinduism), and Inheritance Law & Rights.



**115 CONDUCT SESSIONS WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDENT'S I.E. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, BLASPHEME LAW AND ITS IMPLICATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, MINORITIES RIGHTS AND ENHANCE (INTERFAITH) HARMONY.**

These sessions were envisioned to raise awareness at school level students on said topics to sensitize and make people responsive citizen in the ages when they have more picking abilities and receptive to the cause and are mobilized to preach and disseminate the information to generate a change around them these sessions were conducted with the methodology to get departmental permissions, intimations to schools prior to session about timing and information to school heads, dissemination of information in form of session and collection of means of verification (MoVs) Total sessions with High School students were planned in project and conducted 15 with total participation of 756 students to enhance their knowledge on said topic and tribulations.



**122 ACTIVITY 1.2.2 UC LEVEL SEMINAR**

UC Level Seminars were envisioned to raise the awareness on UC level through inviting the inhabiting communities of the UC on basic fundamental human rights, close coordination and liaison with district government to bridge the gap between public and government at district level total 30 UC level seminars were planned in the project (Total 15 UCs x 2 Seminars in each) total 30 UC level Seminars were conducted with the methodology of selecting the venue, intimating the communities prior to seminar about session timings, dates and venue, inviting the guest speaker, completing the arrangements of seminars, dissemination of information and collecting the means of verification (MoVs) Total 30 UC level Seminars were conducted with total participation of 1844 male and 720 female, total 2564 community members participated in these UC level seminars.



**215 ORGANIZING PUBLIC GATHERINGS (KHULLI KACHRIES) AT UC LEVEL ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF POLICE, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MEDIA, ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND TEHSIL AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.**

Through conducting targeted 21 open courts we bridged the state institutions and local communities and initiated the scene of citizens' accountability of state institutions, this exercise built the trust of local communities on state institutions and vice versa state institutions received right feedback and sense of citizens' accountability. In these open courts representatives of state institutions responded and resolved the grievances of citizens, i.e. in PanoAqil tehsil closed school was opened, Taluka Municipal Officer provided street lights in Rohri, Police department has regularized police patrolling in Bagirji Taluka, and Benazir Income Support has resolved beneficiary issues in Mirzapur Sukkur. In these 21 Open Court/KhuliKachahri activities total 3222 citizens participated, in which female participation was 266 total 3488.



**216 ORGANIZING PEACE WALKS AT TEHSIL LEVEL PROMOTING INTERFAITH HARMONY, WOMEN RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ERADICATION ALL KIND OF VICTIMS AGAINST WOMEN AND MINORITIES.**

06 Tehsil level Peace Walks were planned in the project envisioned to promote the interfaith harmony across religion and society by engaging minorities, civil society, women and general public to voice their human rights violation and collectively work to face the tribulations occurs at gross root level all 06 peace walks Rallies were organized in all 06 Tehsils with the overall participation of 1570 male and 213 female total 1783.



## 222 MEDIA CONSULTATIONS AT TEHSIL LEVEL REGARDING PROJECT GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES.

Media consultations were planned in the project to inform the key stakeholders, project beneficiaries and general public about the project and the status of the agreed & expected outcomes extracted with the implementation of the project 06 Tehsil wise Media Consultations were planned in the project and 06 MCs were carried out at respective press clubs in 06 tehsils.

## 322 ORGANIZING YOUTH FESTIVALS AT TEHSIL LEVEL INCLUDING GAMES, DEBATES AND SINGING.

Organizing youth festivals at tehsil level is an project activity envisioned to promote the games, debates and freedom of expression culture at tehsil level to take the youth away from anti-social and anti-state activities and make them active citizen and civic participation 06 Festivals were planned in the project actually 06 festivals were organized with the methodology of inviting the communities, completing the arrangements of organizing tournament of different games including cricket, badminton, woolly ball and others, singing competitions, invitation to bands and local vocals, different stalls of organizations were placed to make festivals more attractive and enjoyable for youth. In these youth festivals total 5887 youth participated in these festivals.



## Sustainability

*MRDO always incorporate serious inputs to make systems self-sustained, and here we tried at level best to capacitate the project interventions to sustain, grow more and replicate their best practices by their own. Though It's always hard to measure, the results of softer interventions centered on changing knowledge, perceptions, attitudes and actions leave behind sustainable change. The knowledge and positive attitudinal change amongst the direct beneficiaries may sustain beyond project. Similarly, many of the community activist groups created and involved in peace building and bridging resources would remain intact, however this may require continuous engagement with them by the organization. MRDO has a core program of volunteer management and that unit will adopt all these groups with limited outreach and interactions. The learning acquired during implementation and increased capacities (in terms of trained human resource, training and dissemination products and others) amongst the community groups may sustain. Furthermore for key interventions we have taken focused measures as mentioned below:*

- Village Peace Committees' ADR mechanism is adopted by target communities and is in practice.
- 30 youth resource centers are established and handed over to youth groups, we are in consultation with Engro Chemicals for CSR support to improve more the youth resource centers.
- Out of 300 population packets 30 merged groups (Women, Youth and VPCs) are ready to be registered with government as CBOs, and MRDO has initiated the profiling of these groups for registration.
- District Peace Forum – We are engaged with District Government to adopt these 02 DPFs as District Government Committees for Peace & harmony, with mandate.
- MRDO has core program for community volunteering where designated staff for volunteering would be engaged with these community groups, and organization will engage these groups for its other interventions in the area.

### Background

Construction of 370 Low Cost Housing Units at District Larkana under the Benazir Housing Cell-BHC Project is a countless initiative in collaboration with Govt. of Sindh. Under this Project Marvi Rural Development Organization will construct 370 370 Low Cost Housing Units at District Larkana as per approved design, training of Masons, Quality Control of the Construction material, management record keeping/ supervision over Government grant to the beneficiary families and other services as per RFP.

### Objective

The overall objective of the proposed project is provide the comprehensive accommodation facilities with skill development opportunities to the deprived people of district Larkana by constructing and providing low cost houses to selected beneficiaries with the consultation of elected representatives of targeted district.'

### Specific Objective

1. Initiating and finalize consultation dialogue with respected elected representatives of district Larkana
2. Selecting of 370 vulnerable beneficiaries for constructing of low cost housing units on their plots with the consent of respected elected representatives of district Larkana
3. Construct of 370 low cost housing units in district Larkana Sindh within 6 months
4. Initiating of Social Mobilization process within the targeted UCs of district Larkana
5. Capacity building of 200 local people as Masson and labor
6. 5760 skilled and un-skilled



### Background

MRDO launched the Legal Empowerment of the Poor Project in collaboration with Insaf Network Pakistan (INP) in four districts (Sukkur, Ghotki, Jacobabad and Kashmore @Kandhkot) this project will have following components:

**Component A; Awareness Raising on Legal Rights:** Working in tandem with EDACE district level partners and other CSOs (where EDACE does not have partners) a targeted legal awareness campaign will be conducted in district Sukkur and Ghotki. This done through mobile legal awareness clinics and legal katcheries (Community gatherings) and other tools of awareness. MRDO used this content in their awareness raising months.

**Component B; Provision of Legal Aid** through District and Tehsil Bar Association Legal Aid Committees (Jacobabad & Kashmore): MRDOP established a legal aid centre in District and Tehsil court premises. Signed a MoU with District Bar and provide legal aid through District Bar Legal Aid Committees. A proxy means testing (PMT) Performa used to determine the eligibility of legal aid (this will not be applicable to victims of domestic violence or women victims of violence). This legal aid centre would cater to referrals from EDACE partners as a priority case.

**Component C; Community Paralegals:** INP in coordination with EDACE and other stakeholders (OSI, EU, UNDP) developed a uniform paralegal module. This module included paralegal performance tracking and case referral tracking system (a Performa). MRDO used this module to train their community paralegals in district Sukkur and Ghotki.

**Component D; Integration:** MRDO's work will be integrated with other EDACE's partners as follows: With LAS: Developing a menu of legal rights for EDACE's other partners legal awareness campaigns and cross referrals with CSSP.

**Project Goal:** Improved access to justice for poor, disempowered and marginalized segments in southern Punjab and Sindh

**Outcome 1:** Citizens are better aware of their rights; voice their grievances, facilitated access to redressal options.

**Output 1.1:** Enhanced awareness of local communities and CSOs on legal rights and complaint redressal mechanisms

### Project Performance

**112 Awareness Package:** Raising awareness among citizens regarding their legal rights guaranteed by the constitution and laws, as well as improved legal literacy regarding procedures for availing justice services through mass and targeted awareness campaigns in District Sukkur and Ghotki. *Results:* 160,000 poor and vulnerable citizens gained awareness of legal rights and procedures through mass and targeted awareness campaigns. *Indicative Activities:* Conduct mass-awareness raising activities using print, broadcast and/or social media and Targeted awareness-raising activities including distribution of brochures/pamphlets, legal chopals, hoardings, door to door and street theaters

**Under this Awareness Packages five action months' activities carried out**

Ombudsman	RTI	Legal Rights	Minority Rights	Women Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Launch Seminar</li> <li>•Radio Programs</li> <li>•SMS Campaign</li> <li>•Hoarding</li> <li>•IEC Material</li> <li>•Theater Performance</li> <li>•Corner Meetings</li> <li>•Door to Door Campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Launch Seminar</li> <li>•Radio Programs</li> <li>•SMS Campaign</li> <li>•Hoarding</li> <li>•IEC Material</li> <li>•Street Theaters</li> <li>•Corner Meetings</li> <li>•TVCs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Launch Seminar</li> <li>•Radio Programs</li> <li>•SMS Campaign</li> <li>•Hoarding</li> <li>•IEC Material</li> <li>•Street Theaters</li> <li>•Corner Meetings</li> <li>•TVCs</li> <li>•Seminars with local representatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Launch Seminar</li> <li>•Radio Programs</li> <li>•SMS Campaign</li> <li>•Hoarding</li> <li>•IEC Material</li> <li>•Street Theaters</li> <li>•Corner Meetings</li> <li>•Inter-School debating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Setting up of 10 stalls</li> <li>•Refresher of 60Parelegals</li> <li>•Training to Police Officials,</li> <li>•4 public events</li> <li>4 seminars organized</li> <li>•2 press conferences</li> </ul>

**Action Month-1 -Ombudsman**

**Context and Rationale:**

Since Ombudsman is a not a common institution, community lacks proper information regarding the institutions and its implications. It is an institution that provides speedy justice, non-formal proceedings and informal investigation etc. Our society on the whole and particularly in rural Sindh poverty, lack of information has serious implications towards access to justice. Proper awareness on ombudsman will enhance the knowhow of the targeted groups and will help theme in addressing grievances and its redressal mechanism.

Activities like project seminar, radio live programs, SMS campaign, Theater Performances and door to door visits highlight the role and functionality of ombudsman and also will enhance the capacity of community as well as local community based organizations.

**Performance**

1. 16000 persons sensitized on the roles and responsibilities of ombudspersons
2. 8000 broacher produced (both districts)
3. 1000 posters produced and disseminated (both districts)
4. 8000 Messages produced (both districts)
5. 02 Radio program produced and aired (both districts)

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## Action Month-2–Right to Information-RTI

The right to information is not just a fundamental right of every citizen but also a vital instrument for sustaining a civilized and democratic society. It enables citizens to know the true facts and thus objectively evaluate and monitor the performance of their government. The right to information is critical to the process of strengthening good governance, accountability and transparency.

Ghotki District is one of the two districts for awareness raising activities of different legal rights of the public for the project of Legal Empowerment of the Poor (LEP) Project. This program divides the campaign in five action months which includes Ombudsman, Right to Information, Women Rights, Legal Rights and Minority Rights. The Second action month of the campaign is awareness rising of the public for Right to Information (RTI) and Freedom of Information (FOI) Bill Sindh 2006. It stretched from September 21 to October 20, 2016.

Activities under the second action month are:

1. Awareness Launch Seminar
2. Seminar with Potential Candidates of Local Government on Importance of RTI.
3. Corner Meetings
4. Radio Live Program
5. Performance Theater
6. SMS Campaign
7. Placing Hoardings
8. Dissemination of IEC Material.



rights and in this action month Insaf network performed scheduled activities to aware masses through engaging relevant stakeholders, state institutions, partner organizations, civil society groups and

media for action oriented awareness raising on legal rights. Considering the local experiences and strengths Insaf network would also engage likeminded local CBOs and NGOs community groups to make larger impact of awareness raised in the areas.

MRDO conducted activities with larger impact like, this campaign initiated with theme focused awareness launch seminar, radio awareness live programs, SMS campaign, Theater Performances, corner awareness meetings and college youth awareness sessions on Legal rights. MRDO also engaged local government election candidates focusing youth and women members in its awareness activities to make them informed on existing legal rights and more on improvements required in existing laws.

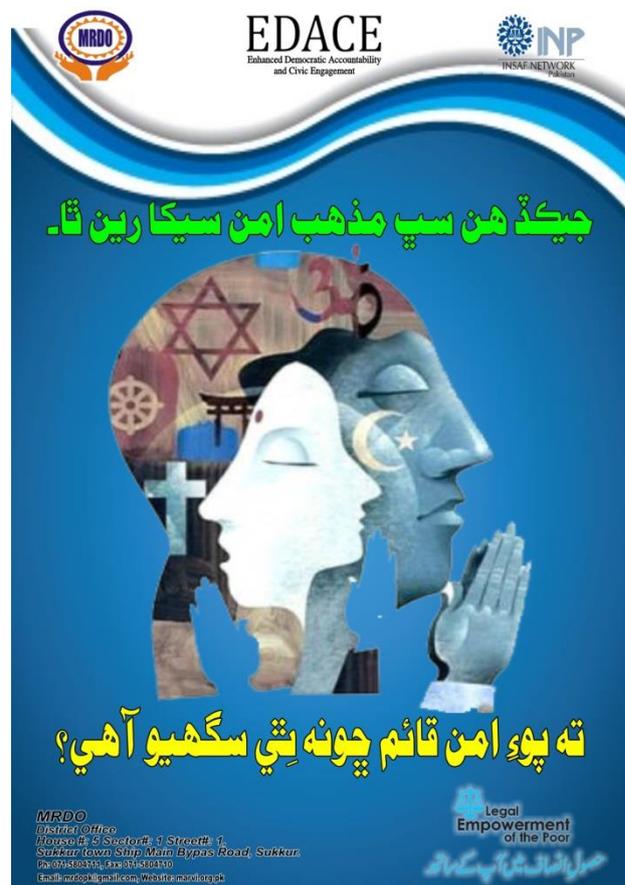
## Results

1. 16000 persons sensitized on focused existing legal rights
2. 02 of brochures produced and disseminated
3. 02 of posters/pamphlets produced and disseminated
4. 02 of TVCs produced one on FIR Registration & one on Illegal detention
5. 02 of radio awareness programs produced and aired
6. 2 Theater performance designed for awareness on Child marriages, illegal detention & registration of FIRs
7. Proposed candidates of Local Government elections engaged through 02 seminars one in each district to sensitize this potential group on legal rights.

## Action Month-4-Minority Rights

The action month launched on December 10 the World Human Rights Day. MRDO targeted youth and focus their messages on minorities.

The launch ceremonies set the tone for the activities planned for the rest of the month. MRDO ensured that the communication material prepared for the action month is appropriately displayed on the venue of the launch and distributed among the participants and visitors. They invited local parliamentarians as well as some local political leaders and a sizeable number of minority community members attend the events as participants. The event served as a bridge between the elected representatives and their non-Muslim constituents and provide them opportunity to interact and discuss their common issues.



## Component B-Provision of Legal Aid

**Resourcing Legal Aid Desk:** To ensure the provision of better free legal services to the disadvantaged, Legal Aid Desks established in 2 targeted districts (Jacobabad and Kashmore) inside court premises. These Legal Aid Desks provided friendly, accessible and free of cost assistance to the poor and vulnerable community groups to claim their legal rights. The Legal Aid Centers established in collaboration with the respective bar association of lawyers, which will provide venue to establish this center. The Legal Aid Centers (LAD) provided basic operating material/ equipment to set the center functional.

**Operating Desk with lawyer:** The Legal Aid Centers hired services of a practicing lawyer and paralegal staff. The practicing lawyer coordinator of the Legal Aid Center who will a) pursue cases, strengthen the panel of pro-bono lawyers, c) establish working relationship with District Legal Aid Committee of the Bar Association. Centre provided counseling to telephone callers and walk-in victim-clients with free legal advice, mediation services, and court representation to target 400 clients in two districts. Through legal experts mediation services will also be provided to phone callers.

**Providing Legal Aid (Court Cases):** Legal Representation provided by bar legal aid lawyers to prepare their case and represent them in court. The targeting mechanism should be narrowed to: Poor and Vulnerable litigants (Community & Prison Population). Total Legal aid provided to 42 clients in district Jacobabad and Kashmore till December, 2016. Selection based on Poverty Assessment Questionnaire. Litigant provided all the detail regarding case, deceleration that will be examined by a committee.

**124 Conducting Legal Aid Clinics:** The Legal Aid Centers organized legal aid clinics at union council level. The legal aid centers will resource a lawyers' panel to conduct these clinics at union councils on propionate basis. 30 Clinics per district conducted in Jacobabad and Kashmore which benefited over 3000 community members. These clinics will extend the access of legal services to the most indigent communities. These Community Legal Aids Clinics served as a referral link to other support institutions i.e Justice and Peace center, Public Safety Commission MusalhatiAnjuman, women crisis center and Dar-ul- Aman to provide free and speedy legal services to poor communities





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