

National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)

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NRSP's Outreach

NRSP Programme Districts

NRSP Hub Offices

NRSP District Offices

NRSP Project Offices

NRSP Field Units

UPAP Districts

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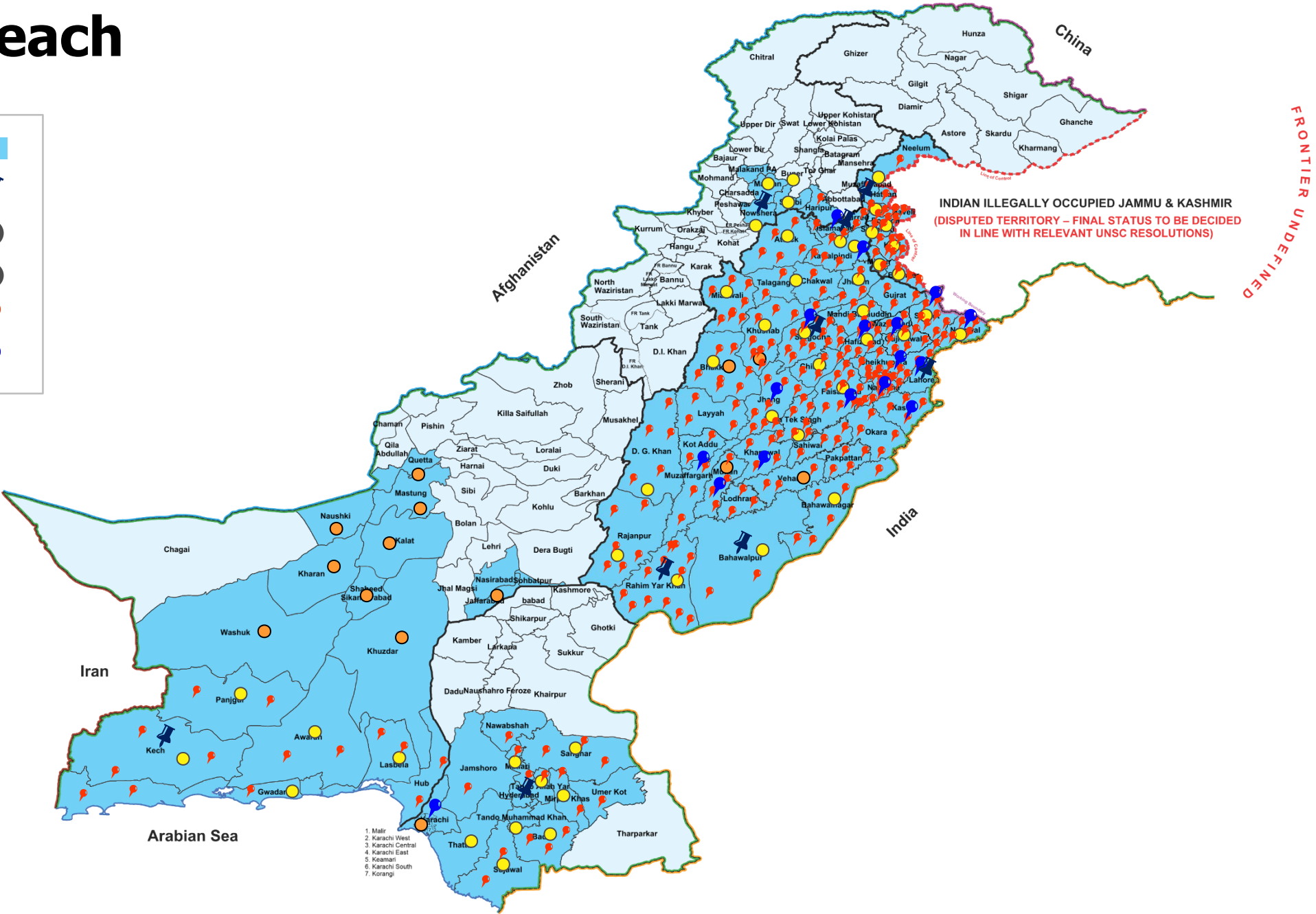
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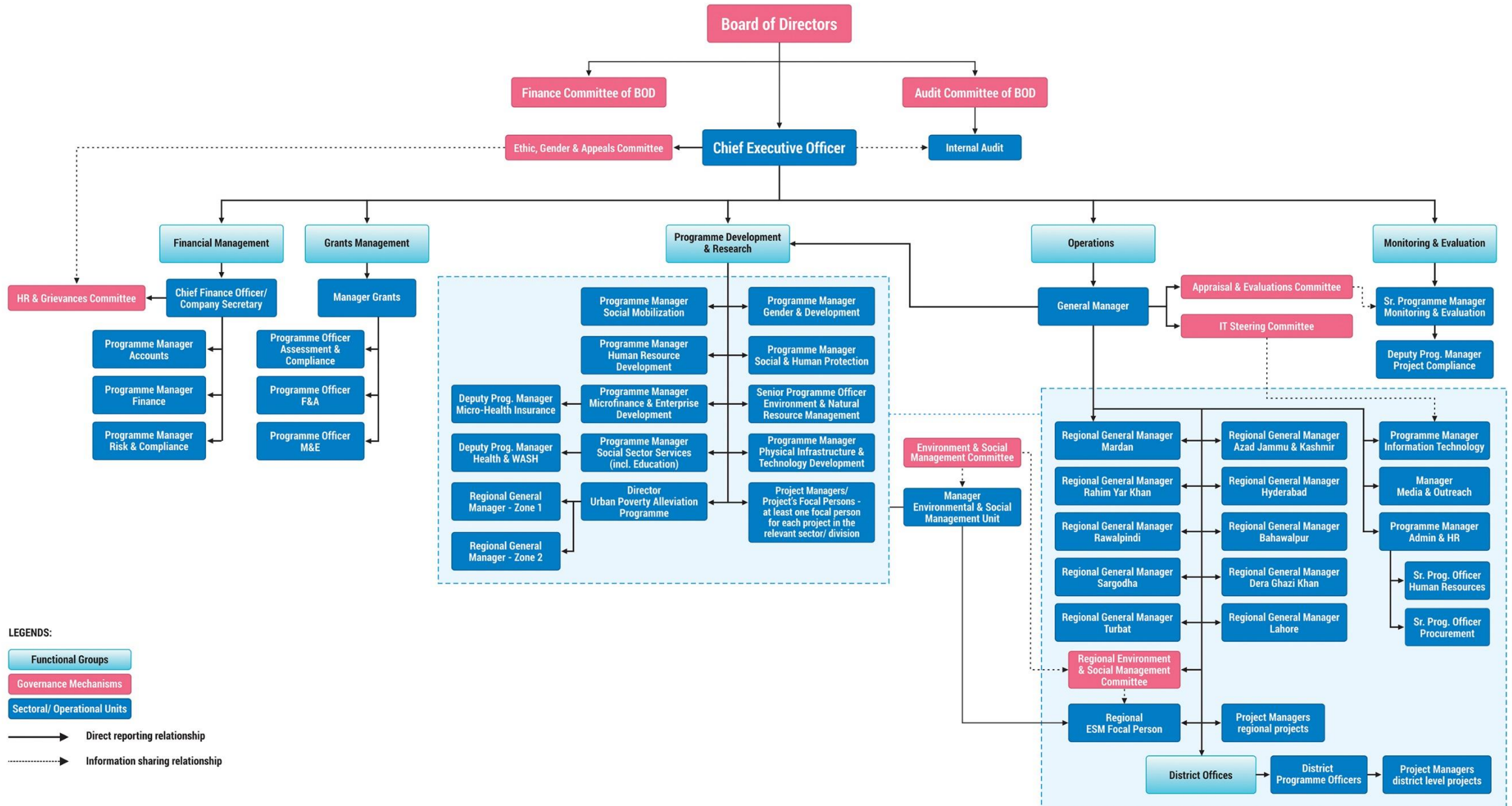
Programme Districts

Field Units

Settlement Offices



Organization Structure of NRSP



NRSP: Vision, Mission and Strategy

Vision

All rural households in the country are organized into vibrant and inclusive institutions for poverty reduction and sustainable development

Core Assumption

People have tremendous potential and willingness

Organizational Objective

To foster a countrywide network of grassroots level organizations to enable rural communities to plan, implement and manage developmental activities and programmes for the purpose of ensuring productive employment, alleviation of poverty and improvement in the quality of life

Organizational Strategy

To harness peoples potential to help themselves

Steps and Processes to undertake Development

- Situational Analysis and Poverty Assessment
- Offering partnership to community specially the poor through a series of Programme dialogues
- Organize willing communities at settlement/mohalla level as Community Organizations (COs) for pooling of resources, cutting down overheads, achieving economies of scale etc
- The COs federate at Village level into Village Organizations (VOs) and VOs federate at Union Council levels as Local Support Organizations (LSOs)
- Identify true and genuine Activists and Community Resource Persons (CRPs) from amongst the community. It is only they who can harness the potential of the people not outsiders

Steps and Processes to undertake Development (Conti...)

- Identify and prioritize what people are willing to undertake in terms of opportunities and needs but not demands (Micro Investment Plans, Village Development Plans)
- Undertake feasibility of identified opportunities and needs in terms of peoples capacity, willingness, equity, sustainability, availability and requirement of resources
- Facilitate the flow of required resources to the community; and
- Monitor, lobby and establish linkages between communities and other development agencies, such as government departments and donors

Situational Analysis and Poverty Assessment

- Village/Union Council level Socio Economic Survey
 - Local economic factors, professions, landholding, natural resources etc
 - Levels of education, health, Public infrastructure, imports and exports of the village; and the communities' perception on the problems of utmost importance confronting them and past efforts to overcome them
- Carpet survey/census of all households in a union council using the Poverty Score Card approved for the BISP. The results are analysed into different poverty bands to identify intervention for each band

Categories	Score Range
Ultra-poor/ Extremely poor	0-11
Vulnerable poor/ Chronically poor	12-18
Transitory Poor	19-23
Transitory Vulnerable	24-40
Non-Poor	41 and above

Formation of Community Organizations (COs)



Preparation of Micro Investment Plans (MIPs) and Village Development Plans (VDPs)

Levels	Plans and Needs Identified	Interventions
Household Level Plans (MIPs)	Income Generation	▪ Income generating grants, asset transfer for the destitute ▪ Access to loans capital (CIF, micro credit, savings) ▪ Skills enhancement trainings leading to employment generation
Village Level Plans (VDPs)/UC Plans	▪ Community infrastructure schemes for clean drinking water, irrigation, sanitation etc ▪ Health and family planning services ▪ Education ▪ WASH services ▪ Productivity enhancement of agriculture and livestock	▪ Access to technical (engineering) and financial services to accomplish the identified plans ▪ Support for project design, resource mobilization and development of linkages with local government and other development organizations

NRSP's Development Sectors

- Social Mobilization (SM)
- Human Resource Development (HRD)
- Microfinance & Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP)
- Gender And Development (*Cross cutting*)
- Physical Infrastructure and Technology Development (PITD)
- Environment and Natural Resource Management (E&NRM)
- Social Sector Services (Health, Education & WASH)
- Social & Human Protection

Social Mobilization: Federating the COs

Local Support Organization (LSO)

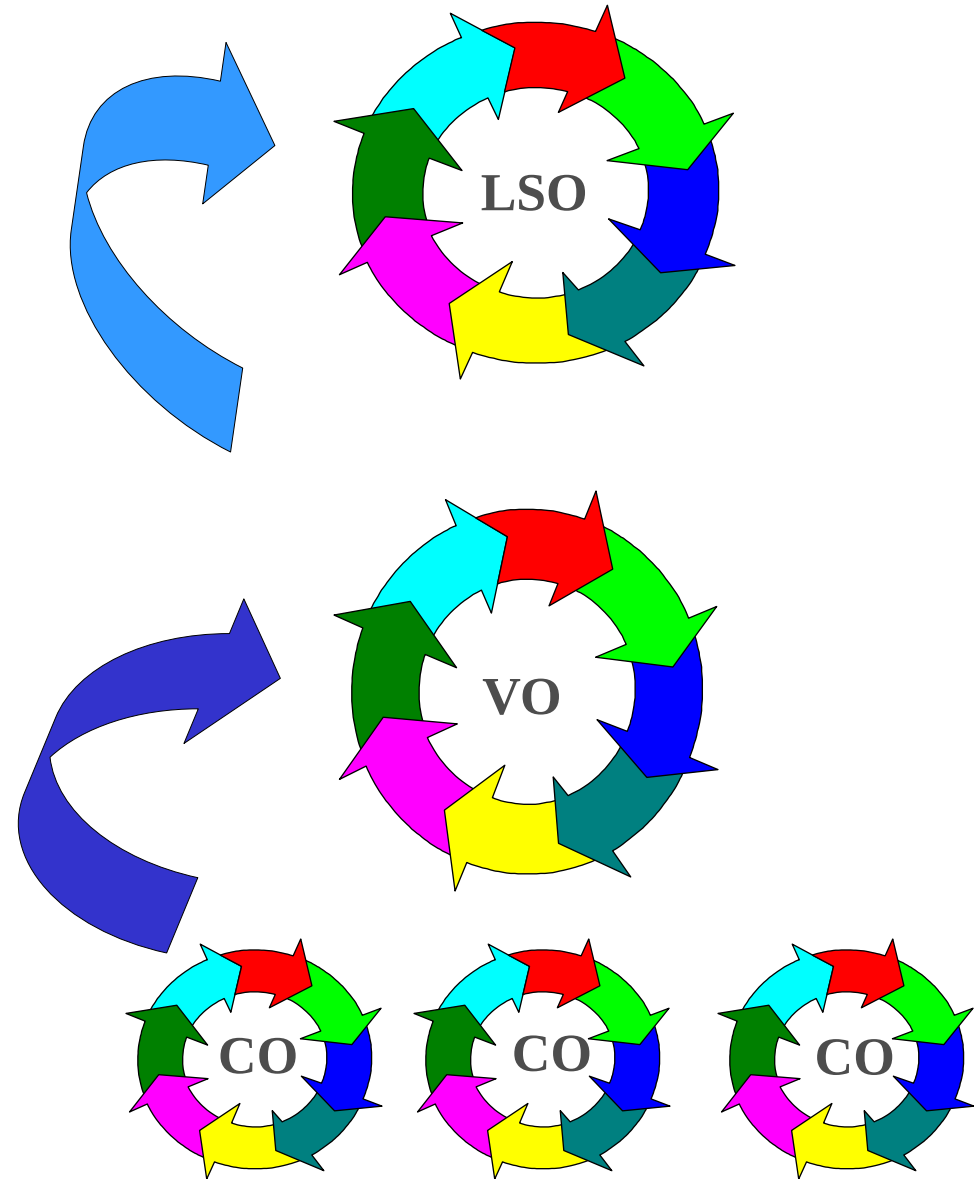
- > Federation of Village Organizations at UC level
- > LSO Leaders, Executive Committee and General Body
- > Exec Comtt.: all VO leaders; General Body: All CO leaders
- > All villages represented in LSO

Village Organization (VO)

- > Federation of Community Organizations
- > Leaders and General Body (all CO Presidents and Managers)
- > All mohallas/settlements represented in VO
- > 100% inclusion of poorest households through COs

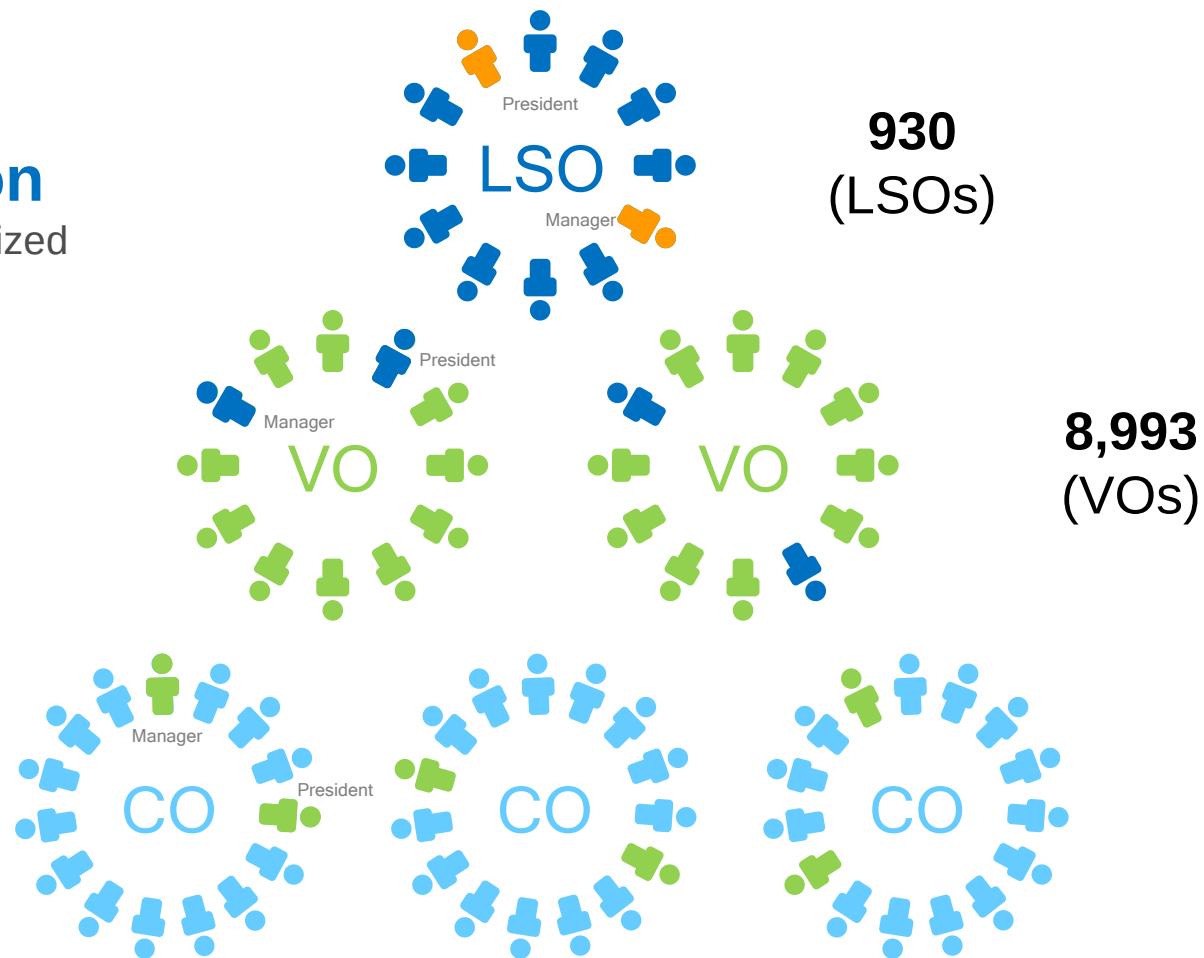
Community Organizations (COs)

- > Participatory body (Leaders and Members)
- > Separate COs for Men and Women (if required)
- > Each CO to have 15-25 members



Core Business of NRSP: Fostering a Three-Tiered Social Mobilization Network

3.88 Million
households organized



What is a Community Organization (CO)

- Group of people (about 10-25 households); one from each household , live in same geographical proximity and share common interests
- Select their own office bearers (President and Manager)
- Meet Regularly
- Member households save and pool their individual savings into a joint CO account
- Decision by absolute majority, in general body and in writing

Social Mobilization: Summary of Achievements

Description of activities	Female	Male	Mix	Total
Community Organizations (COs) formed	137,364	96,169	24,750	258,283
CO Membership (million)	2.32	1.56	-	3.88
CO Savings (PKR million)	236.51	1,307.91	-	1,544.42
Village Organizations (VOs) formed	-	-	8,993	8,993
Local Support Organizations (LSOs) formed	-	-	930	930

Grant support to the poorest/destitute

- **440,819 poorest rural household have benefited from micro grants for productive assets/IGG:**
 - Small and large livestock, assets and tool kits for the establishment of enterprises/ businesses, income generating grants, grants for rehabilitation/recovery after emergencies etc
 - 50% women beneficiaries
- **Major donors/funding agencies:**
 - PPAF, Government of Pakistan, IFAD, UNDP, EU, World Bank, Kfw, ADB, Google, Government of Italy etc

Microfinance and Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP)



Microfinance Products

MEDP Products	Description
Community Investment Fund (CIF): Community Managed Financial Services	CIF grant provided to women COs, VOs and LSOs who use it as revolving credit fund to extend loans to the poor who are not served by NRSP
Interest Free Loans	Government's schemes to provide interest free loans to clients identified through Poverty Scorecard (0-23)
Core microcredit	Small loans as working capital provided to urban and rural clients for agriculture, livestock and small businesses
Micro Health and accidental death Insurance	Micro credit client and spouse are provided insurance cover to meet expenses on hospitalization, disability and accidental death

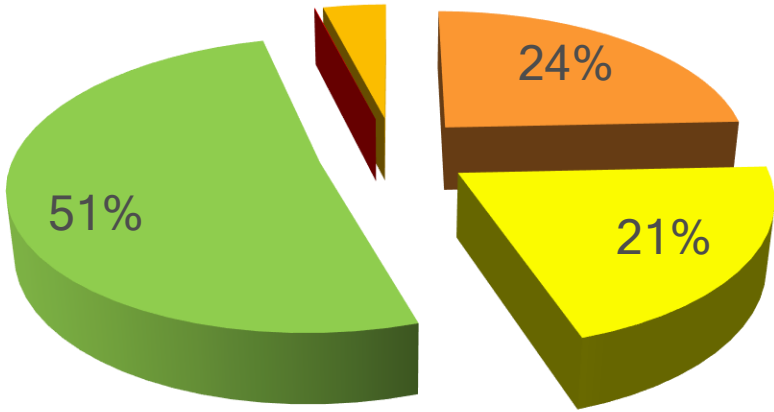
MEDP: Summary of Achievements

Description	Female	Male	Total
Credit disbursement (PKR billion)	349.59	194.67	544.26
# of Loans (million)	9.24	4.65	13.89
Portfolio (PKR billion)	74.38	45.62	120.00
Active Loans	552,745	164,596	717,341
CIF Disbursements (PKR million)	4,550.59	796.26	5,346.85
# of CIF Loans	211,333	28,539	239,872
CIF Portfolio (PKR million)	-	-	526.20
CIF Active Loans	26,330	1,767	28,097

Micro Credit Disbursement by Gender

Credit Line	Male Beneficiaries	Female Beneficiaries
Agriculture Inputs	92%	8%
Livestock Development	18%	82%
Enterprise Development	30%	70%
Small Infrastructure as Individual Enterprise (SIIE)	85%	15%
Tijarat	3%	97%

Credit Disbursement by Type



- Agri-Inputs
- Livestock
- Enterprise
- SIIE
- Tijarat

Micro Health Insurance: Summary of Achievements

Description	Total
Total # of Person Insured	6,899,889
Total # of Insurance Cases	9,117,730
Total # of Beneficiaries	15,237,487
Premium Collected (PKR)	1,260,432,319
Total # of Claims Received at HO	73,077
Claims Approved	58,247
Claims in Process	9,655
Claims Rejected	5,175
# of Claims Reimbursed to the Clients	58,247
Amount Reimbursed (PKR)	805,888,169

Human Resource Development Programme



- Mandatory training for community leaders and managers in leadership and managerial skills
- Mandatory NRSP Orientation Training Workshop (OTW) for all staff
- Demand/market based vocational and technical skills training programme

HRD: Summary of Achievements

Training Types	Male	Female	Total
Community Management Training Programme	142,921	346,276	489,197
Natural Resource Management Training Programme	30,546	38,063	68,609
Social Sector Training Programme (SSTP)	218,426	213,964	432,390
Physical Infrastructure and Technology Development	21,577	6,677	28,254
Enterprise Development Training Programme (EDTP)	21,338	111,536	132,874
Vocational Training Programme (VTP)	44,903	68,204	113,107
Occupational Training Programme (OTP)	7,400	72,592	79,992
Refresher Courses	25,801	20,299	46,100
Activist Workshops	1,310,831	2,380,874	3,691,705
Subject Specialist Workshops	221,395	176,254	397,649
Exposure Visits	10,104	9,512	19,616
World Bank - JSDF Project	52,491	30,933	83,424
Sub-total Community Trainings	2,107,733	3,475,184	5,582,917
Sub-total Staff Trainings	77,841	40,088	117,929
Grand Total	2,185,574	3,515,272	5,700,846

Physical Infrastructure and Technology Development Programme (PITD)



- The COs/VOs identify the scheme
- The COs/VOs participate in the implementation of the scheme
- The COs/VOs take responsibility for Operation and Maintenance

PITD: Summary of Achievements

Type of Community Infrastructure Schemes	# of Schemes	Beneficiary Households	Approved contribution (PKR M)	CO contribution (PKR M)	Total (PKR M)
Drinking Water Supply	8,672	385,325	2,703.37	341.74	3,045.10
Agriculture	13,219	182,329	2,803.84	865.51	3,669.35
Communication	4,266	287,975	2,320.58	203.69	2,524.26
Sewerage and Drainage	5,797	397,091	4,340.61	450.54	4,791.15
Others	13,561	951,722	5,842.71	652.24	6,494.95
Total	45,515	2,204,442	18,011.10	2,513.72	20,524.82

Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM)



- Forges linkages with government line agencies and private service providers
- Imparts training to farmers
- Fosters Community Resource Persons/Workers
- Provides knowledge and information about methods of managing agriculture and livestock
- Implements special projects e.g Sugarcane Productivity Enhancement Project
- Prime Minister's Initiative for Livestock
- Ongoing Vaccination Programme
- Agriculture Innovation Programme

ENRM: Summary of Achievements

Description of Activities	Quantity	Beneficiary Households
Construction of Mini-Dams	397	2,004
Construction of Dug-Wells	1,902	3,367
Drip-Irrigation Schemes	63	378
Livestock Vaccinated	5,169,035	1,265,792
Livestock Treated	51,223,58	25,611,80
Livestock De-wormed	2083,917	231,730
Livestock Inseminated	14,620	14,620
CLEWs Trained	1,293	1,293
Ponds Construction	590	2,717
Biogas Plants Installed	470	437
Solar Lighting Units Installed	3,120	3,583
Fruit and Forest Tree Planted	11,808,804	501,381
Orchards and Nurseries Established	31,084	10,155
Productivity Enhancement Field Days	39,533	277,873
Access to Microfinance Loans for Farmers	86,665(million)	3,984,358

Social Sector Services

■ Education

- Increasing access to education by supplementing the government efforts and participating in donor programmes
- Collaboration with Provincial Education Sector Strengthening Programme, Provincial Education Foundations
- Capacity building of Schools Management Committees, Teachers Training, Schools Improvement Plans, Missing facilities
- Early childhood education
- Adult Literacy and education for girls
- Establishment and support for community Schools

■ Health

- Increasing access to health services by supplementing the government efforts;
- Immunization and Polio Initiatives
- Participation in projects for Mother and child health care, Reproductive health and family planning, Nutrition
- Malaria prevention and control
- Support to people with functional disabilities
- Medical camps, Eye care initiatives etc

SSS: Summary of Achievements

Description of Activities	Quantity
Education	
Community Schools Established and Supported	542
Government Schools Supported	31,151
Students Enrolled (Managed Schools and Awareness Raising)	1,685,735 (49% Girls)
Non-Formal Education/Literacy/EC Centers Established	2,001
Government and Community Teachers Trained	84,626 (57% Females)
Schools Management Committees (SMCs) Formed	50,847
Health	
Awareness Raising on Mother & Child Health (Beneficiaries)	6.6million
Child Vaccination	827,929
Vaccination for Pregnant Women	509,002
Beneficiaries of Artificial Limbs Services	46,075
LLINs Distributed (Beneficiaries)	2,044,627
Traditional Birth Attendance (TBAs) Trained	696
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
Beneficiaries of Health and Hygiene Awareness Raising	10.7 million
Construction of Toilets / Self help Latrines	488,957
Villages Certified for ODF status	5,949

Major Contracts/Projects

- A major Partner Organization (PO) of the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) (funding GoP, World Bank, IFAD, KFW, Italian Fund) since year 2000
- USAID Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund (SGAFP)
- Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme in Sindh (EU)
- Balochistan Rural Development Community Empowerment Programme (BRACE)
- UCBPRP in Sindh
- IFAD/Provincial Governments projects Gwadar/Lasbella Livelihood Support Project (GLLSP), Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Programme (SPPAP) funded projects, Barani Village Development mobilization expertise in the specific issues of the rain-fed areas of Punjab
- Asian Development Bank/Provincial Government funded Dera Ghazi Khan Rural Development Project, Agriculture Component of Swabi Scarp Project building NRSP's capacity for working in poor and remote districts of southern Punjab, Sustainable Livelihoods in Barani Areas Project (SLBAP), Sindh Coastal Community Development Project (SCCDP)
- National Poverty Scorecard Survey for BISP
- National Poverty Graduation Programme in Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan
- Prime Minister's Special Initiative for Livestock Project
- Education/Health Projects with provincial departments, USAID, UNICEF, World Bank, DFID etc
- Disaster Management and Response projects with various donors
- Punjab Human Capital Investment Project-Economic Inclusion Package 1, 2 & 3.
- E - Agricultural financing to the small landholders

NRSP as Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Organization

- Preparing communities for disaster risks assessment and management
- Participation in rescue efforts with government agencies
- Participation in relief efforts in collaboration with local communities, donors and governments
- Special projects for recovery and rehabilitation
- Reconstruction of houses and local infrastructure (over 40,000 houses)

Existing Oversight Mechanism

- NRSP has a 11 members BoD, including 3 Federal Secretaries as ex-officio Directors. Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis
- External statutory Annual Audit:
 - A.F.FERGUSON & Co.
- Internal Audit
 - Internal Audit Department set up under the direct supervision of the Chairman Internal Audit Committee of the Board;
 - Secretary Finance member of the Audit Committee
- Separate audit by donors for every project

Institutional assessments by donors

- Pre-award institutional assessments carried out by USAID and EU
- Micro assessments done by UNDP, UNICEF, OXFAM and many other institutions

Systems in place and Financial Capacity

- Manuals for Financial Management, Internal Audit, HR, Procurement, Social Mobilization, IT, Physical Infrastructure and Technology Development, Microfinance and Enterprise Development , MER and HRD
- Strong IT section to design and maintain MIS
- Policy guidelines and major approvals by Finance Committee and oversight by the Internal Audit Committee of the Board of Directors
- Ability to access commercial credit lines
- Over 500 Bank Accounts
- Strong HRM and HRD system in place
- Strong Procurement system in place
- Projects Tracking Systems
- Weekly, monthly, six monthly Programme Planning Meetings at all levels

NRSP as a Support Organization

- **Played its role for establishing and strengthening the following organizations/RSPs**
 - Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara (GBTI)
 - Punjab Rural Support Programme (PRSP)
 - Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)
 - Khushhali Bank
 - Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO)
- **Support RSPs and other development organizations for the following**
 - Project design, operational management and M&E
 - Selects sponsors
 - Registration
 - Recruitment and training of staff
 - Corporate matters for initial period
 - Financial management systems
 - Support to establish IT systems



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