

**BUILDING RESILIENCE OF
COMMUNITIES & IMPROVING
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS**

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What We Work



Key Features of Our Work

- ❑ Proactive Community Participation
- ❑ Capacity Building & Mentoring
- ❑ Continuous monitoring & hands on support
- ❑ Transparency & Delegation
- ❑ Dignity
- ❑ Respect to environment & Cultural norms
- ❑ Transforming learning
- ❑ Protection to the rights of vulnerable people
- ❑ Factual Reporting
- ❑ Resource Efficiency

RDF in 2014

The development work of RDF in Sindh goes back to the year 2010, when it fielded development activities to improve livelihoods, food security and resilience of the vulnerable communities to withstand disasters.

During the year 2014, RDF continued working on program themes with more focus on strengthening and diversifying livelihoods in rural areas of Sindh. Sustainable agriculture techniques were demonstrated and promoted in various villages of district Dadu, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Tharparkar. TVET has been integrated into livelihood programs to make youth employable and contribute in the economy of their households. Around 3,000 young men and women were provided with market driven technical education and vocational trainings. Water Conservation with focus on promotion of micro drip irrigation and spate irrigation is being piloted and promoted in Jamshoro district. The learning of the Sustainable WASH interventions is being scaled up in Naushehro Feroz district where around 15000 families are getting access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. Safe drinking water facilities were also installed in around 30 villages of Tando Allahyar district.

Climate Change and DRR work has been continued in Dadu, Mirpurkhas and Tharparkar district, where community members are trained in DRR, early warning, search and rescue, first aid, drought mitigation, natural resource management and networking. Around 500 youth were trained in these subjects. Various indigenous species of trees and shrubs of Tharparkar were propagated through the nurseries established in two villages of Chachro Taluka.

Quality Primary Education is being assured in 50 Government run primary schools of Jam Nawaz Ali Taluka, Sanghar. Professional development courses, content based training are provided to the teachers and supervisors to ensure that teachers learn child centered teaching skills and complete the curricula in a timely fashion. Child friendly furniture and teaching aid material is provided to all 50 schools.

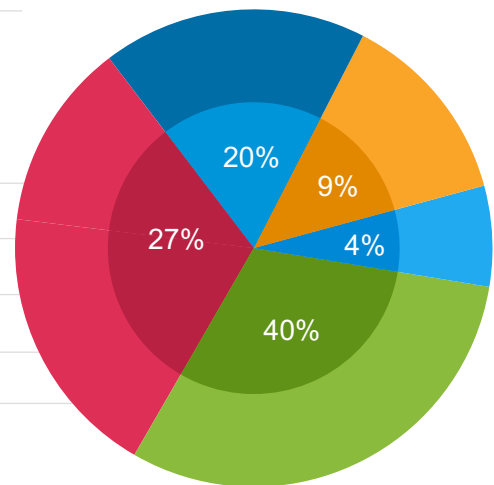
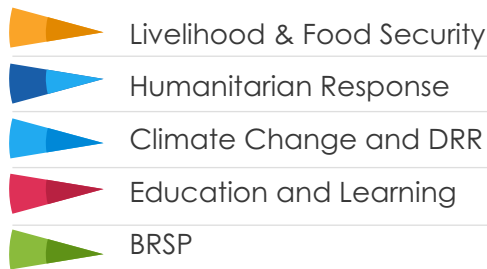
BRSP project through the social obligation funds of the eni and its JV partners, has continued health, education and drinking water support to the communities of Bhit and Badhra. Health services were provided to approximately 10,000 patients of the area. quality primary education is continued to around 1,100 students, who are studying in community based schools. Besides safe drinking water is provided to remote communities through tanker service and by installation of hand pumps. VTC and CTC are being run to provide technical and vocational training to the men and women of the area.

Portfolio in 2014

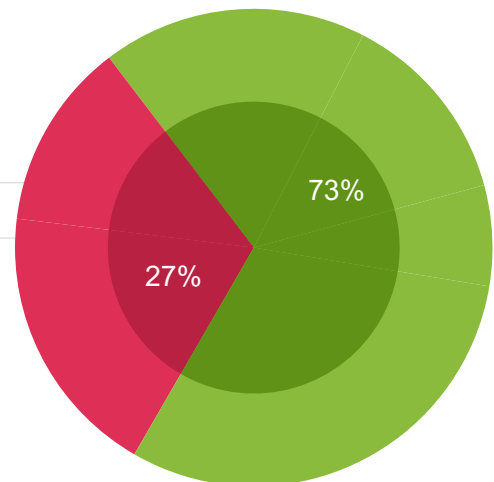
Direct Program Cost	Amount in PKR
Livelihood & Food Security	24,287,742
Humanitarian Response	52,403,909
Climate Change and DRR	11,810,081
Education and Learning	70,864,135
BRSP Project	103,991,736

Indirect Program Cost	Amount in PKR
Field Operations	75,647,768
Overhead Cost	20,327,384

Program Spending During 2014



Program Cost V/S Indirect Cost During the year 2014



1. Sustainable Livelihoods & Food Security



1.1 Promotion of Ecological Agriculture in Rural Areas

To improve ecological sustainable agricultural practices, through the Farmer Field Schools approximately 600 farmers of Dadu and Tando Allahyar districts were trained in land management, quality seed identification and sowing methods, crop water requirements, natural fertilizer applications, pest management and marketing of crops.

Right process of making compost manure and application was demonstrated in district Dadu. Multi cropping methods, laser leveling is being promoted through the FFS in these districts. Multi-cropping and laser leveling is demonstrated on 37 acres of land in 35 villages of target communities. Furrow and Raised Bed Agriculture is also being promoted in these villages.

Micro Irrigation Technology in District Jamshoro

During the year 2014 RDF team has demonstrated the micro drip irrigation at 10 acres, facilitating ten small farmers of UC Manjhand and Lakha, with the aim of promoting efficient use of water. As a result farmers cultivated various vegetables and fruits on the designed drip system and took maximum advantage and also conserved water. 30 kitchen garden plots were also developed on drip system, which are now operated and maintained by the women.



Promotion of Spate Irrigation

RDF has facilitated around 263 farmers in 3 villages of Union Council Manjhand and Lakha for vital use of the spate water that gushes down from Kheerthar hills in the district. Some 14 embankments of around 5,515 feet were raised/developed at the farm lands of the poor farmers, enabling them to cultivate their lands on the spate. Through this improved practice of land embankments the spate water is efficiently being used for agriculture purposes.



Alignment of the Water Courses

To reduce water conveyance losses, RDF team constructed five earthen water courses with 12,000 feet length aligned in union council Manjhand and Lakha in district Jamshoro and in UC Ghirore of Mirpurkhas district. In total 17 water courses were rehabilitated through engaging local farmers.

Saline Water Treatment for Agriculture

Livelihood project being implemented in Dadu with the support from Trocaire promoted the usage of saline water after treatment for agricultural lands. It was successfully demonstrated on three acres in village in UC Muradabad that application of gypsum in saline water reduces water salinity and improves soil fertility.

Improving Nutritious Food Intake through Kitchen Gardening

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Food Processing Trainings for Women

During the year 2014 approximately 75 women from rural areas of Mirpurkhas were trained in making and marketing of various food products such as pickle, nectar of Guava and Falsa, Tomato ketchup and paste, orange and Mango Juices. The women were given tool kits and all necessary equipment enabling them to continue practice and sell out products in the market.



Exposure Visits to Layyah and Bukkar Districts Punjab

to learn drought resilient agriculture trends and disaster risk management, 32 small farmers from District Dadu and Tharparkar were taken for exposure visits to various areas in Layyah and Bakkhar Districts of Punjab. These exposure visits were facilitated by Doaba Foundation, an NGO working in Punjab and provided opportunity to learn risk management practices in their areas of operation.

1.2 Improving Livestock Management

Certification Course for the Community Livestock Extension Workers

28 youth from district Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Tharparkar were given a one month community livestock extension workers certificate course with the aim to ensure basic livestock services are available in these remote rural areas. Various subject specialists of the S.A.U Tando Jam and animal husbandry department were the facilitators, who delivered training through interactive lectures, practical work and assignments. Weekly learning assessments were conducted of the learners through written tests. Trainees were also given tool kits and the certificates to start extension services in their communities.



Livestock Vaccination Campaigns in Tharparkar

In the month of February-March 2014, a 'Sheep Pox' viral disease spread in various parts of Tharparkar district, causing mortality of thousands of sheep and goats. RDF and District Livestock Department jointly carried out vaccination campaign in various villages of union council Chachhro, Rajoro, Mithrio Charan and Kheensar. More than 5,000 sheep were vaccinated during the campaign.



1.3 Skilling Youth of Rural Areas of Sindh

Under the EQUATE project batch of 295 young men and 157 women from district Dadu and Jamshoro got employable skills such as fashion designing, motor mechanic, electrician, embroidery and stitching, AC and Air Conditioner and Fridge mechanic. The youth was enrolled at professional and reputable training institutions of Pakistan such as NISTE¹ Islamabad, DTI² Lahore, SZABIST³ ZABTech, Hyderabad, and Paramedical Institutions Jamshoro. During the year 2014, the project had successfully trained 452 youth in various trades, while 336 are undergoing the training. The successful trainees are given the certificate of the Skills Development Council (SDC)/Trade Testing Board, STEVTA and a trade specific employability kit, enabling them to translate training into action and earn the income.

Refresher courses for the teaching staff of technical training institutions

To assure the delivery of quality training to the youth, RDF team customized a training course in welding, solar technology and pedagogy skills and imparted to 38 instructors of the public institutions at DTI Lahore, NISTE Islamabad and TUSDEC Lahore.

Co Designs of handicrafts for the Craft Women

Through the technical services of a Netherlands based design studio "Butterfly Works", 620 craft women from various villages of Dadu and Jamshoro were trained in creating market driven designs of their handicrafts which they prepare. The aim of these professional courses was to improve the handicrafts skills of the women in the targeted areas.

Self Help Group's Initiatives in Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali

RDF has mobilized women in rural areas of union council Nauaabad Jam Nawaz Ali for the self-help interventions to combat poverty and contribute to household income. SHG is a self-support model of the KNH, which is tested and replicated in various countries, which follows the philosophy of saving and internal lending. RDF is implementing SHG from January 2013 and so far has formed 32 women groups of that there are around 472 members, who are organized around saving mobilization. The members of the groups have saved money of around PKR. 2, 30,650 by the end of December 2014. These groups have further provided micro loans to members. Those who received loans are doing some micro businesses in their villages.

¹National Institute of Science and Technical Education, located at Islamabad.

²Descon Training Institution

³Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology

⁴Technology Upgradation & Skill Development Company

2. Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction



2.1 Building Adaptive capacities of youth and community members

Around 150 youth of district Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar and Sanghar were given trainings on climate change adaptation, disaster management and environment conservation. They were given opportunities to visit model agriculture forms in SAU Tandojam, Asim Agriculture Form Tando Allahyar and other learning sites.

Training of communities on Natural Resource Management

Five training events were organized on Natural Resource Management at RDF's field office in Chachro, wherein 50 females and 76 male community representatives from four union councils of Taluka Chachro were trained on the community based management of natural resources.

Promotion of the Climate Adaptive Plantation in Tharparkar

Climate Change Adaptation Project Tharparkar is stepping up efforts to conserve threatened species of indigenous species of trees and shrubs of Tharparkar. Phog is one of the species, being protected and propagated in Taluka Chachro, Tharparkar. More than 2000 saplings are planted. Nurseries are established which are supplying various tree saplings to the communities.

Additionally Soonanjhro is being promoted, which is adaptive to climatic conditions. More than 5000 Jujbe trees are grafted and youth is trained in tree grafting skills.



Fuel Efficient Stoves are widely replicated and used

Promotion of the Fuel Efficient Stoves is one of the indicator of the RDF's social mobilization strategy. Women are trained to make this stove, who later install it in their houses. It is learnt that the stoves are not only replicated widely but being used effectively in district Tando Allahyar, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Tharparker. During the year 2014 more than 5,000 stoves were installed in various communities of these areas which as an impact helped in reducing fuel wood consumption and reduced emission of the carbon in the environment. It also reduces exposure of the thatched material huts/houses to fire hazard and improved health of the women, who cook around the stove.



Promotion of Evidence Based Climate Change Adaptation

RDF has started a one year project in 30 villages of union councils Roonjho and Khai in district Sanghar and UC Girorh Sharif and in district Mirpurkhas to build capacities of the communities on climate change adaptation. Drought resilient crops are demonstrated in the water scarce areas with improved land management practices. More than 5000 fruit trees are planted in these villages.

Promotion of the Hurri Plantation

Hurri is a traditional agroforestry practice in Sindh, which has dual benefits on the environment and household income. RDF has been promoting this indigenous practice in district Dadu, Mirpurkhas and Sanghar. During the year 2014 Fifteen acres of Hurri plots in district Mirpurkhas and other five acres in district Dadu were demonstrated. Farmers are also given exposure visits to some of the sites of Hurri plantation in district Matiari and Sanghar where this practice is continued since years.



2.2 Sustainable WASH Assistance in rural areas of District Naushahro Feroz

WASH assistance to 15,000 flood affected households in union council Dalipota, Laliya, Bhorti, Phul and Noorpur in district Naushahro Feroz is in progress through safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene support. As of December 2014, total 120 WASH Committees were successfully formed and trained in target villages. 14 new hand pumps were installed through which beneficiaries are getting safe water



for daily use. Total 176 pour flush latrine were constructed at the raised platforms. Additionally two washing pads were also constructed for women. Water testing is conducted before installation of the hand pumps to ensure that communities get safe water to be protected against water borne diseases.

WASH Rehabilitation Project is successfully concluded in Taluka Johi, district Dadu

RDF has recently concluded a twenty months WASH rehabilitation project which has significantly improved hygiene conditions, water and sanitation for around 12,000 families in 150 villages of the four union councils in Taluka Johi, district Dadu with the financial support from NCA and HEKS. The project has provided safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and hygiene improvement support to the communities. It has rehabilitated WASH facilities in 50 schools and health units of the target area. Community level WASH Operation and Maintenance Fund has been established at the village level through community contribution.

DRR and Climate Change Awareness Sessions and Evacuation Drills in the Schools

DRR and Climate Change Awareness sessions were organized in 56 schools in Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Tharparker where around 3500 students participated and took an active part in quiz, drawing and speech competitions on DRR, climate change, environment and performed various Tableaus. Evacuation Drills were also organized in 62 schools of UC Chinni and Khudaabad in Dadu.

Trainings organized on First Aid, Search and Rescue and Early Warning

A two year CBDRM project is in progress in 30 villages of UC Chinni and Khudaabad in district Dadu, under which around 1,000 representatives of the COs were trained in first aid, search and rescue and early warning. Thirty village level DRM Plans were prepared through extensive HVCA exercises. Search and Rescue kits were also distributed to 30 villages.

Teachers Trainings on DRR

Two days trainings on DRR was organized for the teachers of UC Chinni and Khudabad to educate them on disaster management and role of teachers in DRR. 50 teachers learnt DRR concepts and hazard mapping skills.

3. Promoting Quality Primary Education





Professional Development Course for the Head Teachers

In 2014 five events of three days 'Professional Development Course' was imparted to 96 teachers of the Government Primary Schools of Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali, district Sanghar during last six months. Participants learnt skills of preparing lessons plans, pacing guides, interaction and dialogue with students, assessment methods, physical exercises in the schools and ways of stimulating thinking process of the children. Mr. Saleem Ahmed, RDF's Program Advisor for Education was the facilitator, who facilitated participants that how to design learning outcomes of the students.

Contents Based Training on Mathematics for the Teachers

To improve subject based teachings skills of the Primary teachers of Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali, RDF through its Child Friendly Education project has imparted A two days training of trainers on Mathematics to 08 trainers on 22 and 23 November 2014. Further these trainers imparted 50 school based trainings to 101 Teachers during last six months. In these trainings the teachers of Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali learnt through demonstrations on diagrams, fractions v/s ratio, fractions v/s percentage, right putting methods in division, mixed fraction, visual models, multiplication v/s division and sign in mixed fraction.

Child Friendly Infrastructure and Provision of Missing Facilities in Schools

In collaboration with district Education department and KNH, RDF is working to improve quality of education while creating child friendly learning environment in 50 government primary schools of Jam Nawaz Ali Taluka, district Sanghar. In 2014, the project has provided missing facilities including furniture, WASH facilities and repair work and playground accessories in 17 schools. Which has improved the infrastructure of these schools and has also promoted increase in enrollments.

General Medical and Eye Checkup of the Primary Students in Jam Nawaz Ali

An extensive campaign of the medical checkup of all students of 50 Government Primary Schools of UC Nauabad and Jam Nawaz Ali was organized from 17 to 22 November 2014 through engaging medical experts and eye specialists of the LUMHS Jamshoro. Total 4080 students were assessed during the campaign. Approximately 10% students were found with some health problems such as eye infections, visioning, ENT, skin and anemia.

Education Seminar with Mothers

RDF teams successfully mobilized mothers by arranging 13 seminars in various villages wherein 833 mothers participated. That as an impact resulted in reduced drop and increased enrollments in the local community schools in 2014.



Inter-school Competitions and Theater Performance Skills

To enhance confidence and creativity amongst the children, various events are regularly organized by the project team. Preparing students for theater performance is one of them. The project team selects various themes and provide training to the students. Students of GPS Deen Mohammad have been given training, in which students were trained on eye contact, gestures, dialogue delivery.

To create an environment of the competition in the target schools and enhance confidence level of the students, project team organized debate, song, speech, Quiz Competition programs on a local FM Radio channel from March to April 2014. Besides, the schools also got connected with each other. The listeners of the Radio also participated in this program by voting for the best student on all above categories. During the period cluster based quiz competitions were held in 15 schools where more than 150 students participated in games, speech and drawing competitions on the occasions of various International Days such as Independence Day on 14 August and Children day and the World Environment Day.

4. Private Sector Engagement





4.1 Engagement with Oil Exploration and Production Companies

RDF and its engagement with ENI and its JV partners' funded BRSP project has continued providing quality health education and services, safe drinking water, physical infrastructure development support to the communities of Bhit and Badhra. From July to December 2014. The project has provided health services to approximately 10,000 patients of the area. Patients were also provided with ambulance services and Mobile clinics through which around 3000 patients got treated. Family planning consultation was also provided to 374 females. Additionally 1328 patients were provided lab investigation and ultrasound facilities at MCHC. Following are some of the developments that were made during the year 2014:

Education and Technical Training Service

During the year 2014, 1300 students were enrolled in the primary schools getting. These schools were facilitated with furniture and fixtures, school bags and uniforms to 903 poor students. 89 boys and girls were enrolled in the Computer Training Center Jhangara and provided with various certification courses. Eight sessions were also held with communities to aware them on the benefits of the information technology and motivate them to enroll their children in the CTC as well. Whereas the Vocational training centers enrolled 71 new trainees and successfully completed their one year training course, and were awarded certificates on the completion of their trainings.

Quality Primary Education Through Community Schools

The BRSP project continued providing quality primary education to around 1,100 students in community operations schools. School Development Plans were prepared and practiced by the SMCs of these schools to increase enrollment, reduce drop out and manage day to day affairs of the schools. As a result around 100 new school aged children are enrolled in these schools in the 2014 session. Teachers were given a Professional Development course at Hyderabad, wherein they learnt various concepts of the quality schooling. 40 SMC meetings were also convened to look at the matters of the schools.

Natural Resource Management, Water and Community Physical Infrastructure.

Provision of safe water to the communities is one of the key priorities of the company as well as of the BRSP project. During the period 2014, 20 hand pumps were installed in the target villages. Additionally in remote communities safe drinking water was supplied through 958 trips of water tankers. Eight dug wells and 12 small culverts and one water pond at Baga Shair was constructed. Four Biogas plants were also developed and trees plantation was initiated in twelve villages. Which will have a huge impact on the communities' physical infrastructure in the near future

Inauguration of the VTC Jhangara, Naing Model Hospital, TCF Schools at Kai and Naig

Under the ENI Pakistan's funded BRSP (Bhit Rural Sustainability Project), a well-equipped Computer Center and Vocational and Training Center has been established at Jhangara Town to provide quality technical education and vocational training to the youth of the area. A model hospital has also been constructed at Naing Sharif, where full time medical and para medical staff is providing services to the local population. The VTC, CTC and the Naing Model Hospital were inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Mr. Sohail Adeeb Bachani and Mr. Alberto Marcato, CSR Manager at ENI Pakistan. Additionally two TCF schools, constructed under the project were also inaugurated on the same date.

Health Services to the Communities

The BRSP project provides quality primary health services to the communities through a Mother and Child Health Center at Jhangara, Model Hospital at Naing and two Community Health Centers. During the 2014, approximately 20,000 patients were provided general consultation services, 761 women were given antenatal care service, 86 women were given postnatal services, 1400 lab investigations were conducted at MCH, and 239 patients were given ultra sound facility. Approximately 2000 patients were treated in the mobile camps in remote communities, whereas Peads and Gynae camps were arranged at MCH where around 533 patients got benefits. Ambulance service to the communities is also offered by the project in case of emergencies. Family planning support is also provided in these health centers.

Community Physical Infrastructure Development

During the year 2014 physical infrastructure development schemes were completed including VTC, CTC building in Jhangara, Model Hospital at Naing, Construction of 10 Dug wells in Kai, Nighawal and Naing areas, 30 small culverts, water lining works, three water tanks and Tube well at Kai village. Construction of two primary schools at Mengal Gaincho and Sehtani villages has been completed along with the furniture and fixture. Thirty three hand pumps were also installed in the villages to provide safe drinking water to the communities.

5. Networking and Advocacy



Every Drop Counts; Lecture Series on Water Governance

During the year 2014, RDF initiated a lecture series on water governance to provide information on critical water issues to the students, faculty members and civil society activists.

First Lecture was organized on water management frameworks and institutional arrangements in Sindh, which was delivered by Dr Fateh Mohammad Marri, Program Coordinator WSIP Government of Sindh, on 25 January 2014 at RDF Office Hyderabad. Around 100 students, growers, civil society representatives and University teachers participated. The speaker described history of the irrigation system and various government bodies, programs are being run in the province for irrigation and drainage management and informed of the issues in the system. Participants asked questions and the speaker responded individually.



Community Conference on Climate Change

To provide a platform to the communities to share their progress and common issues with authorities and media, a one day Community Conference was organized on 30 September 2014, wherein 11 COs of UC Mithrio Charan participated and shared their progress. A.Z.R.I PARC Umerkot, Revenue, agriculture, livestock and Social Welfare Department officials, representatives of NGOs and media participated.

Call to revamp Irrigation and drainage infrastructure in Sindh

Second lecture was organized on 'Irrigation and Drainage Infrastructure: Issues and Challenges' on 25 February 2014 at RDF Office in Hyderabad. The lecture was delivered by former Secretary Irrigation Department Mr. Muhammad Idrees Rajput, who precisely informed of the types of the irrigation and drainage infrastructure in Sindh. He described the efficiency and the issues, problems of the infrastructure systems and suggested the solutions. , attended by around 70 students, growers and civil society professionals.

Lecture on Water Distribution and Inter-Provincial Conflicts

Third lecture on 'Water Distribution and Inter-Provincial Conflicts' was organized on . was organized on 4 September 2014 at TRC Hyderabad. The lecture was delivered by eminent water expert Mr. A.N.G Abbasi delivered lecture. Mr. Abbasi explained the nature of water conflicts and history of conflicts over the water distribution. He also highlighted different aspects of the water treaties between provinces and the India. He suggested measures to overcome conflicts and how to manage water in the days of shortage. Around 75 persons from various walks of life attended the lecture.

National Seminar on Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture and Livestock

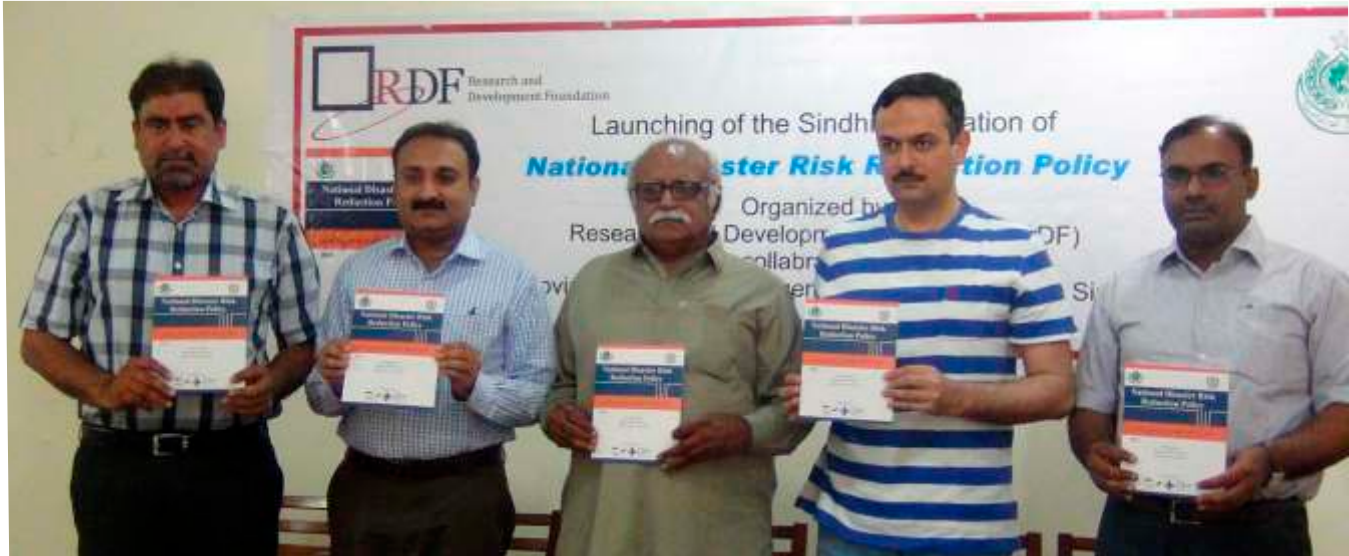
RDF and Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC) jointly organized a national seminar on 'Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture and Livestock' at Umerkot on 8 March 2014, wherein agriculture experts, politicians and civil society representatives discussed challenges and opportunities in the agriculture sector in the wake of climate change. Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Chairman Standing Committee of the Senate on National Food Security and Research was the chief guest on the occasion. Member National Assembly Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur, Chairman PARC, Prof Dr Bakhshal Lashari, Chairman ZTBL and PARC officials participated and spoken on the occasion.

RDF and S.A.U organized Seminar on Water & Energy To mark the World Water Day 2014

RDF and Sindh Agriculture University Tando Jam jointly celebrated the World Water Day 2014 on 21 March at the Senate Hall of the University, attended by around 150 students, faculty members, civil society organizations. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saffar Mirjat Vice Chancellor SAU was the chief guest. Ashfaque Soomro, Programme Head, RDF, Mr. Nasir Panhwer, Prof. Ismail Kumbhar, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Ms. Shabnam Baloch Program Manager Oxfam GB and Mr. Niaz Hussain Sial also spoke on the occasion.

Translation of the National DRR Policy in Sindhi Language

National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2013 has been translated in Sindhi language, with the consent of the NDMA. The translation of the policy was launched by the representatives of PDMA Sindh and RDF, on 22 April 2014 at Hyderabad. The translation of the policy is edited by the Sindhi Language Authority and recognized by the PDMA and the NDMA.



Briefing Session on Monsoon Outlook 2014

RDF and Pakistan Meteorological Department, jointly organized a briefing session on 'Monsoon Outlook 2014' for the administration of district Tharparker. It was held on 24 June 2014 at the office of the Deputy Commissioner at Mithi, wherein around 30 senior government officials participated. Chief Meteorologist Mr. Touseef Alam, Mr. Abdul Qayoom Bhutto, Director Met Department briefed the participants on possible scenarios of monsoon 2014.

World Environment Day 2014

'World Environment Day' was celebrated on 5 June 2014 in collaboration with Education Department Tharparker and the EPA, Government of Sindh. RDF and EPA jointly organized a seminar at Hyderabad to refresh and reinforce the message of environmental conservation. EPA Regional Head Mr. Munir Abbasi, Ashfaq Soomro, Nasir Ali Panhwer and other civil society and media representatives talked on various aspects of environment conservation and sea intrusion.

Global Hand washing Day

'Global Hand washing Day' was celebrated on 15 October 2014 at village Darya Khan Khoso and Murad Wagan.

International Children Day

International Children Day was celebrated on 20 November, 2014 at RDF Field Office Chachro where students and Children of 16 schools of Taluka Chachro participated. UC level school competitions were also organized to promote extracurricular activities such as Tableaus, speeches, quiz competitions and sport Activities. Winner students were given awards and appreciation certificates.



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