

Advocacy Initiative

SPO has successfully established Provincial Forums for Climate Change Resilience in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The provincial forums are serving as a platform where SPO engages women faith leaders, community notables and representatives of government departments such as Ministry of Climate Change, National, Provincial and District Disaster Management Authorities, Social Welfare Department, WATSON Cell and Department of Forestry, Environment and Wildlife. The provincial forum will conduct meetings on quarterly bases to discuss the issues identified by communities through community scorecard activity; devise and implement advocacy campaigns; initiate debates on current climate change policies, and recommend suggestions for further improvement in service delivery.

Moreover, we are striving to engage local and national civil society actors to build a momentum around climate change



resilience and mitigation related policy-making in Pakistan. Furthermore, close collaboration with faith actors, women leaders, youth and community notables has also helped to reach the most vulnerable population within the community through awareness-raising on climate change resilience and disaster risk reduction.



Through this intervention, we are aiming to ensure that communities are well-informed, empowered and resilient enough to mitigate the impacts of climate change within their regions. SPO's long term target is that communities are aware about their rights and are engaging in transformative initiatives through social accountability processes and advocacy initiatives for a safe and prosperous future because there is no Planet-B!



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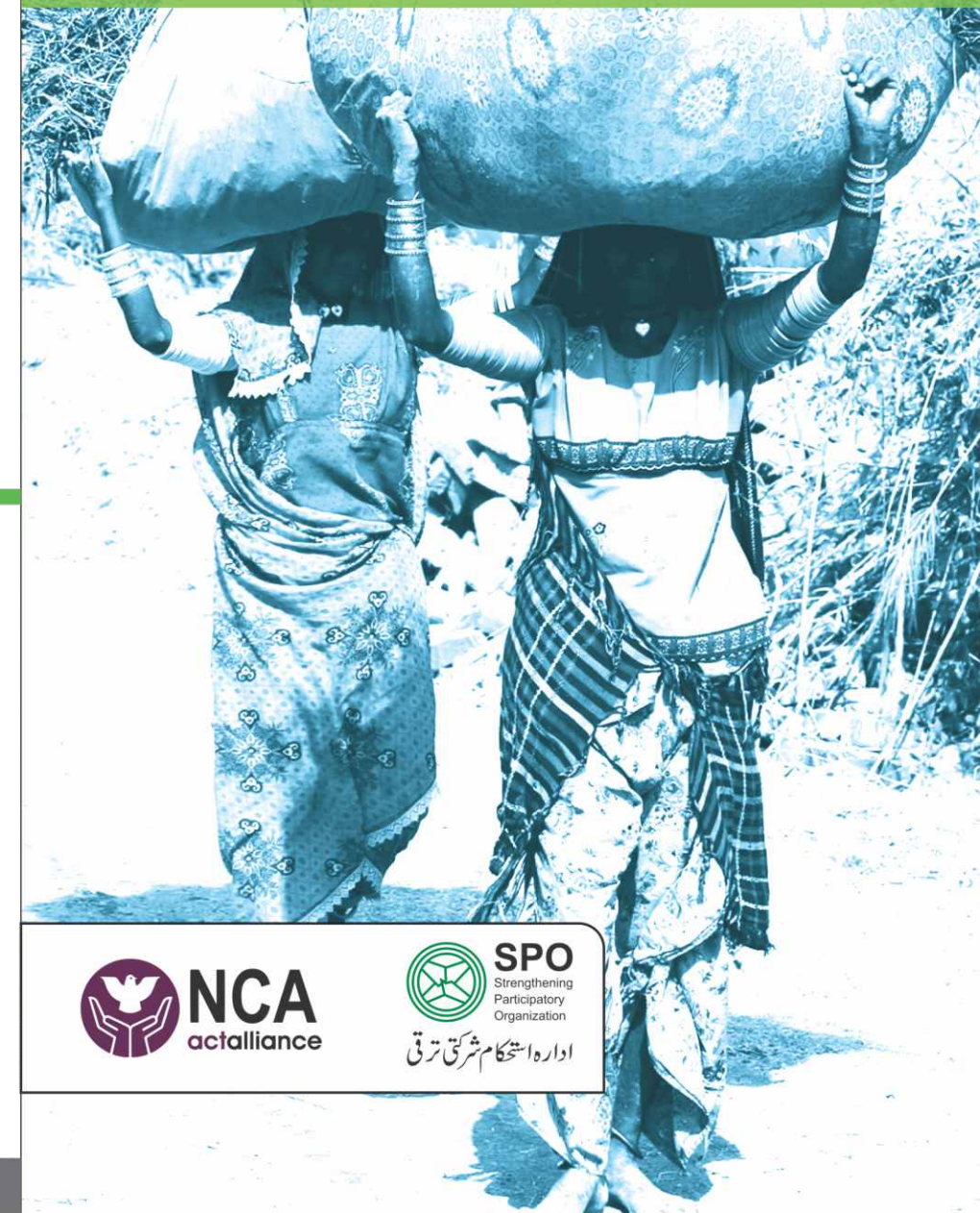
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About Us

Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) is a rights and responsibilities-based organization serving to improve the well-being of communities and citizens of Pakistan by creating their awareness to basic rights and ensuring their access to those rights. We envision “a democratic, socially just and ecologically sustainable society” with a mission to support and strengthen disadvantaged communities and public interest institutions for sustainable development.

Our broad programmatic portfolio and extensive countrywide presence is truly embodied in our past outreach in over 75 districts and through our current presence is more than 25 districts. We have dynamic teams based in 9 offices in all four provinces of Pakistan who work with a diverse spectrum of groups from grassroots communities to various tiers of governance at local, district, provincial and national levels. We strongly believe in the values of mutual trust, dynamism, volunteerism, transparency, equality, inclusivity, adaptability, innovation and ecological consciousness.

SPO also believes in the continuity of efforts that guarantee participation, innovation and ownership of the local communities, thus finding a sustainable solution at all levels. SPO's journey over the last 26 years has encompassed its transformation from a bilateral development project of the governments of Pakistan and Canada to a leading Pakistani rights and responsibilities based civil society organization registered in 1994 under the Companies Ordinance of 1984.

SPO is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors comprised of 13 elected members and the Chief Executive with an exemplary geographical and gender balance of 6 women and 6 men members and a woman CE.

Situational Analysis

According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2020 published by Germanwatch, Pakistan was the 5th most affected country in terms of long-term climate risk, from 1999 to 2018. In recent years, Pakistan has witnessed catastrophic climate-change-induced natural disasters and remains one of the least prepared countries to address climate change. Additionally, already weak water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services and infrastructure in selected areas are faltering for not being climate and health resilient and sustainable. Impacts of climate change-related to water security are most notable, including variability of rains and melting of glaciers, increased demand of water for irrigation purposes because of higher evaporation rates (while per capita availability of water is decreasing), increased sedimentation of water reservoirs leading decreased storage capacity, snow avalanches and glacier lake outburst floods, and the degradation of surface water quality due to floods and droughts.

Project Introduction

The 'Faith in Action for Sustainable Climate Resilience' project, a collaboration between the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), aims to address the impacts of climate change on communities from two districts in the province of Sindh (namely Umerkot and Sanghar) and one district in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (namely Peshawar).



Project Goal

“Civil society actors and spaces are strengthened to foster human rights and dignity and empower people to participate in the development and implementation of public policies, development plans and humanitarian response.”



Main objective

“Diverse, resilient and empowered communities to lead climate action for a discernible improvement in the quality of their lives.”



Outcome 1

Duty bearers and right holders are influenced to promote joint climate change social action;



Outcome 2

Empowered women and adolescent girls to lead, exercise self-esteem and have equal access to their human rights.

Implementation Strategy

The project cycle has three major phases. In the first phase, our team conducted mapping exercises and identified stakeholders, including women faith leaders, community notables, representatives of relevant government departments and social activists in district Peshawar, Umerkot and Sanghar. In the second phase, we developed extensive training programs to raise awareness about climate change, disaster risk reduction, social accountability processes and climate change advocacy, gender equality and social protection among community members and women self-help groups through capacity building training. Moreover, these trainings also provided information on laws concerning public accountability and the right to information for the common good of the communities. In the third phase, the members of communities prepared action plans and will initiate advocacy campaign to resolve their communal issues concerning climate change, disaster risk reduction, WASH, gender-inequality, respect and protection.



Mapping of Stakeholders through consultative meetings and community outreach activities.



Building Capacity through extensive training sessions.



Implementation of Action Plans through advocacy and lobbying initiatives.