



SPO
Strengthening
Participatory
Organization

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in Sindh





ABOUT US

SPO is a rights and responsibilities-based organization serving to improve the well-being of the communities and citizens of Pakistan by creating awareness to basic rights and ensuring access to those.

SPO transitioned from a joint venture of Small Projects Office between the Government of Pakistan and Canadian High Commission in 1987. The initiative voluntarily led by Mr. Javed Jabbar, Dr. Tariq J. Banuri, and Ms. Ferida Sher; guided the transformation of a small entity to a leading Pakistani rights -based organization, registered in 1994 under the section 42 of the companies Act 2017.

SPO is supported by a volunteer-led 36-member General Body governed by a Fourteen-Member Board of Directors comprised of Thirteen elected members and the Chief Executive with gender balance of six men and six women and a female CEO.

VISION

A democratic, socially just and ecologically sustainable society.

MISSION

To support and strengthen disadvantaged communities and public interest institutions for sustainable development.





Our key strategy to address any issue is based on a participatory process that aims to:

- Organize and mobilize communities and relevant stakeholders
- Inculcate sensitivity and raise awareness amongst communities and relevant stakeholders to initiate discussions and find sustainable solutions
- Enhance capacities of communities & stakeholders that equip them with in-depth knowledge
- Liaison and network with legislators, government departments and decision makers from local to national level to advocate for the attainment of basic fundamental rights
- Promote civic responsibilities in rural and urban communities

The broad programmatic portfolio of the organization includes Social & Economic Development, Climate Change Adaptation, Digital Knowledge Transformation, and Cultural and Tourism Heritage, whereas, Human, Women and Digital Knowledge Transformation as cross-cutting themes.

Out of total 166 Districts SPO is currently serving in 101 across Pakistan. We are engaged with diverse groups, from grassroots communities to various tiers of Governance, at Local, District, Provincial, and National levels. SPO has strengthened the institutional capacity of 1204 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and is a member of over 20 Global and Regional Networks of leading rights based civil society institutions.

Since 1994 SPO has executed 423 projects with the financial portfolio of PKR 12 billion, which has impacted the lives of more than Fifteen Million people. SPO operates with dynamic teams across 29 Regional and Field offices, spanning all four provinces of Pakistan, along with a National Center in Islamabad.

HEALTH

780,861 individuals benefited from various health-related services out of which **478,911** are from Sindh only. These initiatives includes diagnosis and treatment in TB and Medical Screening Camps, Diarrhea Centers for women and children, and admissions to the COVID-19 ICU-HDU ward at Nishtar Hospital. Besides physical health initiatives, SPO has also extended Psycho-social support to **444,379** including women, men, children and other destitute and marginalized communities out of which **2815** were from Sindh.

LIVELIHOOD

Over **636,015** citizens in Pakistan benefited from various Livelihood initiatives aimed at improving their Social and Economic conditions out of which **423,439** people were from Sindh only. These initiatives included Cash Assistance, Business and Agricultural Grants, Cash-for-Work Programs, Livestock assistance and distribution of Kitchen Gardening Kits.

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Through policy advocacy and research efforts for Pro-Women Legislation, hundreds and thousands of women both directly and indirectly, have benefited from these initiatives including Water Management Ordinance, Youth Policy and Climate Change Policy, Domestic Violence Law, Women Protection Act, Early Child Marriages Act and Local Government Ordinance.



GOOD GOVERNANCE

448,711 individuals including women, men and other marginalized groups registered their CNICs. **301,742** individuals were made aware of Voter's Rights out of which **24,100** Voters were registered from Sindh only. SPO has remained one of the strategic partners that has played a key role for the passage of two resolutions by mobilizing parliamentarians on Hygiene and drinking water issues, which has resulted in the allocation of 21 billion PKR for the improvement of WASH facilities.

EDUCATION

213,262 children have benefitted from both Formal and Non-Formal Education out of which **95,180** children are from Sindh only.



CLIMATE CHANGE ADADPTATION

Pakistan faces severe environmental challenges including water scarcity, shrinking Indus Delta, and frequent natural disasters. Despite of a low per capita carbon footprint, the country must address Climate Change's negative implications on its 23 million people. SPO aims to enhance Sustainable Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Natural Resource Management through community-centric approaches to advance resilient and responsible behavior and taking Anticipatory Actions towards addressing these challenges. One of the key mitigating strategies in addressing these issues is A-forestation. Total of 11473 trees were planted in Sindh only through Tree Plantation Drives.

425,376 individuals have benefited from various WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives out of which 31,139 people were from Sindh. These included the provision of improved services in the form of Latrines, Handpumps, Bio-Nadi Filters, Handwashing Stations, Bathing Spaces, and Laundry Pads. Our Hand and Hygiene Media Campaign reached out to 1.5 million people, advocating for universal access to WASH rights. Over 11 million Pakistanis were provided with clean and safe drinking water, alongside receiving Education on improved Hygiene practices.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In the areas affected by Drought, Earthquake, Flood and other Natural Calamities 235,911 individuals have benefitted from various Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives out of which 21,344 individuals are from Sindh only.

DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMATION

An estimated **4.7 million** individuals were reached out through various channels, including Radio, Apps, Webinars, Television, Mainstream and Social Media. **289,240 people** were reached out through Social and Electronic Media to promote the social well-being and Sanitary conditions.

Audio/Visual rooms were established, providing modern pedagogical tools for enhanced learning experiences. Digital Knowledge Transformation projects focused on promoting computer and IT Education across Sindh. SPO has also conducted Digital Marketing Courses for the individuals in Sindh who started their small startups.



CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM

40,564 individuals from general public, including Students, Parliamentarians, Policymakers, Police, CBOs/CSOs, and other members of society, were being sensitized towards responsible tourism and promotion of Cultural Heritage.

SPO is one of the pioneers in initiating the Pakistan Mother Languages Literature Festivals, held annually to spotlight the rich linguistic and literary diversity of Pakistan besides celebration of religious festivals like Holi, Diwali, Raksha Bandan, Easter etc., in order to promote social harmony amongst different ethnic and religious faiths.



SPO's Partners in Sindh.



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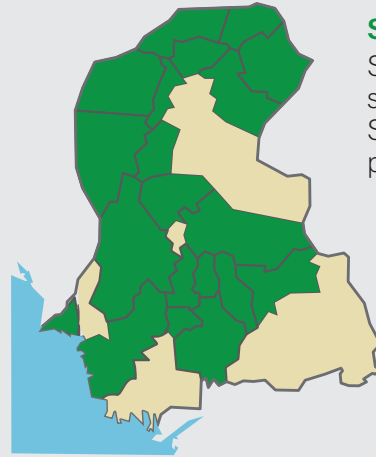
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SPO's Presence in Sindh

SPO in the past has served in all 30 districts of Sindh and is currently present in 20 districts.



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| 1. Kashmore | 6. Dadu | 11. Sanghar | 17. Badin |
| 2. Jacobabad | 7. Ghotki | 12. Jamshoro | 18. Thatta |
| 3. Shikarpur | 8. Sukkur | 13. Tando Allahyar | 19. Umerkot |
| 4. Larkana | 9. Naushahro Feroze | 14. Tando Muhammad Khan | 20. Karachi |
| 5. Qamar Shahadkot | 10. Shaheed Benazirabad | 15. Hyderabad | |
| | | 16. Mirpur Khas | |