SPO
Strengthening Participatory Organization
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Putting People First!

30 *years and counting...*



ABOUT SPO

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 their access to those rights. SPO's journey over the past three decades has encompassed it's transformation from a Bilateral Development Project between the government of Pakistan and Canada to a leading Pakistani rights based civil society organization registered in 1994 under the Section 42 of the Companies Act 2017.



SPO operates with dynamic teams across 27 Regional and Field offices, spanning all four provinces of Pakistan, along with a National Center in Islamabad. Out of 166 Districts, we have our footprints in 124 Districts. Our workforce currently comprises of 641 employees, engaging with diverse groups, from grassroots communities to various tiers of Governance, at Local, District, Provincial, and National levels. We have been engaged with 1204 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and have 276 Partner Organizations.

SPO is supported by a 13-member volunteer-led Board and a 36-member General Body.

VISION

A democratic, socially just and ecologically sustainable society

MISSION

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

Over the last three decades, SPO has contributed towards Social and Economic Development, Climate Change, Sustainable Livelihoods and Good Governance with Human and Women's Rights and Digital Knowledge Transformation as cross-cutting themes. SPO promotes citizens' active participation in decision-making and advocates for basic rights like Education, Healthcare, and WASH, prioritizing marginalized communities while ensuring gender equality.















KEY INITIATIVES

- SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
- DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMATION
- CULTURAL AND TOURISM HERITAGE DOMAINS

Since SPO's inception **423** projects have been executed with the financial portfolio of **11** billion, under the key thematic areas Socio-Economic Development, Climate Change Adaptation, Digital Knowledge Transformation, and Cultural and Tourism Heritage domains, impacting a total of **15 million** individuals' lives.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Health

301,049 individuals benefited from various health-related services, including diagnosis and treatment in TB and Medical Screening Camps, establishment of Diarrhea Centers for women and children, and admissions to the COVID-19 ICU-HDU ward at Nishtar Hospital. **447,194** received Psycho-social support.

Good Governance

448,711 individuals including women, men and other marginalized groups registered their CNICs. **301,742** individuals were educated on Voter's Rights.

SPO played a key role in passing two resolutions allocating 21 billion from the Government of Punjab to address Hygiene and Clean Drinking Water issues.

Education

213,262 children have benefitted from both formal and non-formal Education.

Livelihood

Over **636,015** citizens in Pakistan benefited from various Livelihood initiatives aimed at improving their Socio-Economic conditions. These initiatives included Cash Assistance, Business and Agricultural Grants, Cash-for-Work Programs, Livestock assistance and distribution of Kitchen Gardening Kits.

Social Justice and Women Empowerment

Through policy advocacy and research efforts for Pro-Women Legislation, a number of women both directly and indirectly, have benefited from these initiatives including Water Management Ordinance, Youth Policy and Climate Change Policy.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Pakistan faces severe environmental challenges including water scarcity, shrinking Indus Delta, and frequent natural disasters. Despite a low per capita carbon footprint, the country must address climate change impacts 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 responses to these challenges.

425,376 indiviuals have benefited from various WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives, including the provision of Latrines, Handpumps, Bio-Nadi Filters, Handwashing Stations, Bathing Spaces, and Laundry Pads.

Our Media Campaign reached out to **1.5 million** people, advocating for universal access to WASH rights. Over **11 million** Pakistanis in Punjab were provided with clean and safe drinking water, alongside receiving education on improved hygiene practices.

Disaster Risk Reduction-DRR

235,911 individuals have benefitted from various Disaster Risk Reduction interventions in areas affected by Drought, Earthquake, Flood and other Natural Calamities.

DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMATION

Digital Literacy

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.

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM

Social and Cultural Heritage

40,564 individuals from Minority Groups, Students, Youth, Parliamentarians, Policymakers, Police, CBOs/CSOs, and other members of society, including the general public, were engaged to raise awareness about Social and Cultural Heritage among citizens.

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.

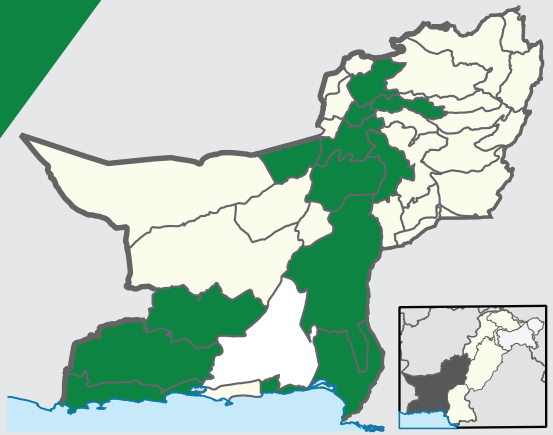
SPO IN BALOCHISTAN

SPO's impact in Balochistan since 1994 has been profound, supporting Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Women's Groups across the province. Many CBOs initially facilitated by SPO have evolved into NGOs now. Through Advocacy, Lobbying, and the establishment of Steering Committees, SPO has achieved strategic outcomes, including its contribution to the establishment of Turbat University.

During crises like Floods and Earthquakes, SPO has provided early Recovery and Rehabilitation Response encompassing Healthcare, Education, Protection measures, Livelihood support, and improved Water and Sanitation access.

SPO's establishment of Women and Girls-Friendly spaces has been pivotal, offering Medical Care, Dignity Kits, and Psycho-Social assistance, empowering those in need and helping them become more independent.

SPO'S PRESENCE IN BALOCHISTAN



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12. Gawadar
13. Quetta
14. Sibi
15. Bolan
16. Naseerabad
17. Jaffarabad
18. Sohbat Pur
19. Killa Saidullah
20. Loralai
21. Zhob
22. Barkan
23. Musa Khail
24. Kohli
25. Chagai

CLIMATE CHANGE

Various initiatives such as Capacity Building and Campaigns have been designed and implemented to advocate Women's inclusion in Climate Change and understanding Climatic Risks, Potential Vulnerabilities, and Developing Resilience Strategies. Religious festivals were held to promote a collective response to climate change and foster social harmony. Action plans were developed to advocate for women's inclusion in climatic policy-making and address vulnerabilities to potential risks.



HEALTH

75,767 individuals benefited from Health Services, including Diagnosis and Treatment of TB and Diarrhea Centers for Women and Children were established.

EDUCATION

A total of **40,341** children benefited from various initiatives, including formal and non-formal Education.

WASH

A total of **67,353** individuals benefited from a number of WASH interventions, including the provision of Latrines, Handpumps, Bio-Nadi Filters, Handwashing Stations, Bathing Spaces, and Laundry Pads.

PROTECTIO

105,655 individuals benefitted from diverse protection initiatives such Women and Children's Safe Spaces, CNIC registration and Awareness Raising on Health and Hygiene including the provision of Dignity Kits.

LIVELIHOOD

A total of **121,723** beneficiaries benefited from various Livelihood measures, including Cash Assistance, Business Grants (worth 124.5 million), Agricultural Grants, Cash-for-Work programs, Livestock assistance and distribution of Kitchen Gardening Kits aimed to improve Socio-Economic conditions.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

30,000 voters were registered to exercise their Right to Vote

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

45,000 beneficiaries were supported in Drought-Affected Areas.

DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMATION

SPO promoted Computer and Information Technology (IT) Education and digitalized TB data to support the scale-up of private sector/provider engagement for TB through Apps and Portals.

PARTNERS IN BALOCHISTAN

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