

# Annual Report 2016-17

## Participatory Village Development Programme

Save Trees Save Environment



*PVDP Sindh  
Friends of Trees*



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**Participatory Village Development Programme (PVDP)** started its development journey from District Tharparkar in 1997. Mr. Dominic Stephen, founder of PVDP, realized the gravity of the situation and the complex socio-psycho and economic problems of Thari communities and established PVDP in 1997. PVDP was registered on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1998 under the Societies Registration Act 1860 in Hyderabad. The organization was formed with a mission to support the poor and disadvantaged communities in improving the qualities of their lives, through encouraging people to organize and mobilize themselves for holistic social change.

PVDP is working in the most challenging, poverty and disaster stricken districts of Sindh Province to support most vulnerable people. From 1997, PVDP is engaged in drought mitigation programme in District Tharparkar and supported thousands of families to make them drought resilient. In year 2010, PVDP started work outside of District Tharparkar for the flood affected communities in severely affected districts of Sindh Province; Khairpur, Thatta, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Badin and Sanghar.

PVDP focuses on poverty reduction, drought mitigation, primary healthcare, primary education, community empowerment, disaster risk reduction and disaster emergency response.

### THE VISION:

“Holistic socio-economic empowerment of marginalized communities for peaceful co-existence”.

### THE MISSION:

To support most poor communities for sustainable socio-economic development”.



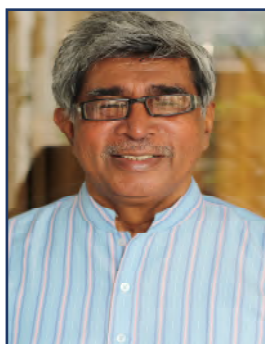
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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Javed Sadique**  
President

PVDP has made a long struggle to serve the community in need in Sindh Province of Pakistan. PVDP served the poor communities with love, dedication and most concern for the marginalized without any discrimination of creed, caste and belief for 20 long years. Despite reduction in donor support over the year, PVDP struggled to carry on its community development work in several districts of Sindh. The community need of water, livelihood, education and particular support to drought affected people in Tharparkar was provided in the previous as well as during the reporting year. The capacity of the community was built to become self-reliance so as to depend less on the external support. Staff capacity was enhanced to provide quality support to the community in dire need. I appreciate the support of district government in granting needed NOCs for our new projects during the year. I am also grateful to partners and supporters for their generous support to PVDP during the year.



**Dominic Stephen**  
Executive  
Director

It gives me great thrill and pleasure that PVDP has completed almost twenty years of its dedicated support to community in Sindh after its establishment in 1997. Pretty long journey with no smooth beginning but built on hopes, hard work and generous support of the donors, community and well-wishers all these years. I am proud to say that all people including our staff, friends and donors, government officials and community people made their best efforts to make this journey a success. At this juncture of our journey we realize along with other NGOs in Pakistan that future funding will be restricted due to multiple reasons and NGOs including PVDP will have to find other options to continue their valuable community development work under present circumstances.

PVDP has developed new ways of working for the future work with community based on shared resources. PVDP strongly believes that community is the major beneficiary in its own development and therefore a major stakeholder. The community must therefore contribute its share in cash and kind to make the projects really community owned and sustainable in the long run.

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## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### A. Drought Mitigation

Participatory Village Development Program (PVDP) responding to the drought since 1997 in District Tharparkar and has been working with the support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) since 2004. The prevailing drought condition has weakened community's abilities of effective response to drought. Thus, forcing most households to adopt negative coping strategies to deal with the prolonged drought. The 2014 and 2015 monsoon seasons failed to deliver significant rain for livestock dependent families who are also engaged in rain fed agriculture that irrigate rain fed crops. PVDP implemented a project on drought mitigation in Tharparkar funded by OFDA (USAID) from March 2015. Initially, the project was started in 6 union councils and later on four new union councils were further covered. PVDP distributed feed and fodder in two phases for small livestock in emergency response of 2015 and 2016 to improve resilience of drought affected families and to secure them from greater loss of their animals. Project focused on building resilience of drought affected communities through behavior change approach on livestock and rangeland management. Project also supported vulnerable HHs by conditional cash grants through rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure (Water ponds and Dug wells). Plantation of various types of trees in the rangelands and villages helped to sensitize local people about environment protection.



**123,400**  
people are engage in cash  
for work, capacity building  
events and awareness  
raising activities



Training of PVDP Staff on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS)



The Cash for Work Scheme of Repair well



Vaccination of  
Livestock



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## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### B. Health

District Tharparkar was the main focus of PVDP for improving the health of the community in the remotest areas where basic health facilities are out of reach of local people. PVDP trained Community Health Workers (CHWs) through support of Action Medeor to advise mothers about maintaining their health and their infants. PVDP improved knowledge of the Skilled Birth Attendants (SBAs) to refer serious cases of pregnant women to the Hospital or professional Doctors without taking any risk to the life of mothers and their unborn babies. Awareness raising events were organized with involvement of different health professionals and practitioners to provide information to community about reproductive health, communicable and preventable diseases and its prevention through immunization. Support to District Health Department was continued to reach every child of the project villages to administer polio vaccination and ensured complete coverage through mobilization meetings with community against anti-polio drives.



**170,955**  
people are engaged in  
vaccination, capacity  
building events and  
awareness raising  
activities



Outreach visit of Health Team



Health check-up of under 5 children



Health and Hygiene session for women

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### C. Food Security

Frequent occurrence of drought has affected massive population of the District Tharparkar during last 2 decades due to insufficient rainfall. Particularly small farmers were effected badly of this situation. PVDP supported small farmers to improve their agriculture practices by involving agriculture experts. More than half of the population of the district largely depends on livestock for the livelihood therefore, efficient livestock management practices are shared through regular sessions with community and District livestock department was coordinated and support provided for livestock vaccination to control livestock mortality caused by diseases. Radio programme was appreciated by the community that helped to improve livestock vaccination. Women were particularly engaged in kitchen gardening activities to grow vegetables for their family. Moringa and other fodder and fruit trees plantation was started in monsoon season to tackle the issue of malnutrition. Although, very little number of trees could survive but those trees will be beneficial for the community for many years.



**653,457**  
people were engaged in  
livestock vaccination,  
capacity building events,  
awareness raising, tree  
plantation activities



Kitchen Gardening



Community meeting



Capacity building on Livestock  
Management



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### D. WASH

Quality of water in Sindh Province has gone from bad to worse as according to the report submitted by the water commission to Supreme Court of Pakistan in July 2017. For many years, PVDP is advocating very economical and efficient water filtration system at the household level through Nadi filter and currently it is supported by our partners Action Medeor and Rotary Club Karachi (East) in the district Tharparkar and District Mirpurkhas respectively. These Nadi filters are protecting many families from waterborne diseases. In the villages where sanitation practices are not properly followed, communities are engaged with PVDP to construct latrines with their contribution and support of Arche Nova. Women who are using those latrines are feeling more protected and safe. Drought affected communities collect rainwater in the rain water harvesting tanks during monsoon rainfall and that water is used by families for drinking. Unfortunately, if there are no good rains then people take water from sweet water well and fill those tanks with water which help women to save their time and effort is normally used to fetch water. Regular meetings with communities and sessions with students in schools about hygiene practices are bringing change in the behaviors.



543,923

People were engaged for improving quality of drinking water and sanitation facilities and awareness raising on Hygiene practices through theatre performances.



Improved access to water



Improved hand washing practices



Rain water harvesting pond

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## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### E. Primary Education

Out of 12 million, more than 6 million children are out of school in Sindh Province and about 50 percent of children leave schools before completing primary education. Concrete efforts are required to bring positive change in this situation. PVDP with little efforts are contributing to the larger objectives to educate children and striving for increasing girls enrolment in schools. Thus, PVDP is focusing on the children belonging to most poor and marginalized communities living in the remote areas of District Tharparkar. PVDP with handful resources is continuing primary education of 600 children with support of Alam-ul-Khayal. A Dutch donor and other partner Action Medeor is supporting hygiene improvements of the children studying in the Govt. schools. School Management Committees (SMCs) are supervising the schools to ensure regular attendance of teachers and students. Girls students feel more protection to come regularly because schools are situated in their village. Teachers are engaging children with extracurricular activities to encourage these children.



**30,015**  
People are engaged in  
primary education  
including students,  
teachers and community.



Increased Girls' enrolment in schools.



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### F. Disaster Preparedness and Response

It is proved that at the time of disaster local communities became first respondent and for immediate and effective response local organizations require significant capacity. Realizing this fact, Tearfund supported PVDP to improve preparedness level of the organization by updating policies and procedures with special focus on the disasters. PVDP enhanced memberships in the humanitarian and disaster risk reduction networks and become part of the advocacy of humanitarian issues which are affecting the efficient response. PVDP staff got trained on LEGS, Sphere and Core Standards and other humanitarian capacity related trainings which helped PVDP to form Emergency Response Team. Drought Emergency was responded by PVDP with the support of Concern Worldwide - Rapid Fund and provided feed and fodder to 12,800 small and 450 large animals. PVDP organized stalls of cold drinking water with the support of District Govt. Tharparkar during hot summer days and lifesaving information was displayed on markets for general awareness on heat stroke in order to protect local people. Philanthropists also supported with in-kind donations of warm clothes for the children studying in primary schools of PVDP and feed for peacocks.



**17,863**  
people were engaged in  
livestock vaccination, staff  
capacity building,  
awareness raising, tree  
plantation activities



Livestock emergency relief of feed and fodder



Feed and fodder support of drought affected families



Enhancing capacity of staff on disaster preparedness

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## NETWORKING & COORDINATION

PVDP has increased its membership in the networks to be part of the advocacy on various type of issues related to natural disasters, environment and health. Hence, PVDP joined advocacy campaigns with local organisations and District Govt Departments on various social, environmental and humanitarian issues.

PVDP took part in the collective response of emergencies to support fire victims and protected people from heat stroke in District Tharparkar. Joint planning sessions were supporting partners to develop contingency plans of those districts where PVDP exist and at the risk of disasters. Support provided by PVDP to Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) and to District Livestock Department which made possible to increase vaccination coverage of children and livestock in the remote areas of District Tharparkar.



Pakistan CSOs Coalition for Health & Immunization  
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## National DRR Forum, Pakistan



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are thankful to,

- Our kind Partners and gratefully acknowledge their support for social and economic development of marginalized communities.
- Our partners who quickly responded to our appeals for immediate emergency response.
- Sindh and District Government for their coordination for smooth implementation of various programmes.
- Our Philanthropists who are supporting in-kind donations for the most vulnerable communities.
- Local organisations who are supporting PVDP in advocacy to resolve local issues.

### Our Partners

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