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Highlights for the 29th quarter (Oct-Dec, 2017)

This is the 29th quarterly progress report of Small Grants Program (SGP) component of the USAID Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program (SGAFP) for the period Oct-Dec 2017. Key accomplishments of the reporting quarter are presented below:

1. As per USAID's instruction, SGAFP ceased the receiving of new applications under Small Grants Program. The programmatic needs have been met and the announcement of no longer accepting applications was placed on the SGAFP's website.
2. SGAFP had cumulatively received 1,684 applications, of which 618 were received since resumption of the Small Grants Program on November 18, 2014 while SGAFP had received and processed 1,066 concept papers before suspension of Small Grants Program in June 2013. All these received applications have completed desk review processes and are now out of SGAFP's systems.
3. SGAFP had prepared and submitted **185** fully processed grant summaries to USAID. These included **131** for-award recommended grant summaries.
4. USAID has reviewed all the submitted grant summaries and there is no grant summary in process at SGAFP or USAID. USAID has approved **108** grants/projects.
5. **SGAFP has completed and closed the pre-award processing of Small Grants Program component.**
6. The total number of approved grants/projects stands at **108** against the target of approximately **100** Small Grants. Of these **108** grants, **89** grants have been closed upon completion of their stipulated outputs and milestones, **18** grant projects are at various stages of implementation, and SGAFP is awaiting clearance of Pakistan Vetting Support Unit (VSU) for signing of grant agreement and awarding remaining one grant¹.
7. Cumulatively the total amount of approved funds as of December 31, 2017 is **US\$ 19.35 million**. SGAFP disbursed **US\$ 390,648** during Oct-Dec, 2017; cumulatively **US\$ 18.52 million** have been disbursed among 103 grantees.
8. SGAFP staff made **38** monitoring visits to 18 ongoing grants to monitor quality of work and to ensure transparency especially in terms of fund utilization, and technical support to the grantees in executing the grants as planned.
9. Event calendar already shared with USAID as part of the monthly progress report for the month of December 2017 indicates closing ceremony of three grants during January/February 2018 and is being attached with this report as **Annexure-III**.
10. On October 11, 2017, American Ambassador to Pakistan David Hale commemorated the International Day of the Girl Child at an event organized by NRSP-SGAFP in Islamabad. The event reaffirmed United States Government's commitment to girls' education, opportunities, equality, and advancement in Pakistan. The event also highlighted the work of SGAFP's grantee organizations towards improving the status of girls in their respective area. In addition to officials of U.S. embassy and USAID, about 200 representatives from grantee organizations, USAID projects, donor agencies, civil society organizations and media attended the event. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chairman Rural Support programmes Network; Dr. Rashid Bajwa, CEO, NRSP; and Ms. Shandana Khan, CEO, RSPN also attended the event.



¹ The last Small Grant agreement has been signed on January 17, 2018.

Appreciating the work being done for ensuring fulfillment of girls' rights, Ambassador Hale emphasized that, "When girls are educated, they can make better futures for themselves, their families, their communities, and their countries".



Mr. Saeed Ashraf Siddiqi, COP, SGAFP, apprised the audience that USAID grants under SGAFP have helped address almost all key factors impeding girls' empowerment in Pakistan. He highlighted that "SGAFP's 73 grants have focused exclusively on promoting girls' education and are benefitting over 100,000 girls across Pakistan."



The event featured the screening of "Second Chance at Hope", a documentary on an outstanding achievement in education sector in Baluchistan made possible through US funding. The event also featured an inspiring performance of the Pakistani national anthem in sign language by the students of Anjuman Nawjawanan Charsadda – an initiative supported by USAID. The girls from CEENA Health and Welfare Services – an orphanage supported by USAID presented a fetching tableau performance on Allama Iqbal's inspiring poem "Lab Pai Ati Hai Dua" that touched the hearts of the audience.



At the end, the U.S. Ambassador and USAID Mission Director also received a briefing on the construction of Saba School in Rawalpindi and met the orphan girls of Saba Homes orphanage.



11. Inauguration of laboratory unit and solar energy system at the Bali Memorial School

On October 14, 2017, U.S. Consul General Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau inaugurated a new laboratory unit and solar energy system at the Bali Memorial School in Ladheke Bhullar village in Lahore. USAID Provincial Director for Punjab Lea Swanson and COP SGAFP accompanied the Consul General. Members from the school's teaching faculty, students' parents, and representatives from the government, were also present at the occasion.

Established through a grant awarded by USAID, the new unit has three science laboratories and a computer laboratory. All are powered by a renewable energy system. This initiative stands to benefit over 500 students by improving the school infrastructure through installation of solar

panels, provision of furniture, and upgradation of computer laboratory, science laboratories & technical training workshops.



12. Arts & craft event

On December 7, 2017, the USAID Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program organized an Arts and Crafts Mela at the US Embassy, Islamabad. The event was organized as part of USAID's commitment to the ongoing 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. In the first half of the event, an exhibition was organized to present the work of women artisans trained through the program under the thematic areas of women's issues, social entrepreneurship and vulnerable populations. Displaying various exquisite products made by our female grant beneficiaries from across Pakistan, seven stalls were organized at the event held in NOX Atrium, US Embassy.

In the second half of the event, a musical gala was organized to celebrate the spirit of women's empowerment through a beautiful bouquet of musical performances. The seminal work by awarding grants under the Ambassador's Fund priority area of "promoting the Arts and Culture" were presented at the event. Ustad Sattar Jogi, charismatic Mai Nimani, Balochi Saroz instrument players and Sufi-folk musician, Arieab Azhar participated in the musical gala.

Staff at US Embassy and USAID not only actively participated in either event, but they applauded the women artisans and artists wholeheartedly. U.S. Ambassador David Hale and USAID Mission Director Jerry Bisson also attended the event.

13. Staff Quarterly Review meeting

SGAFP organized a two-day staff quarterly review meeting on December 21-22, 2017 attended by the entire SGAFP team including the field teams. In the meeting, the Chief of Party shared with the team the evolving dynamics with regard to the future direction of the program. On the first day, SGAFP organized a field trip to Jhelum where, in addition to an opening session on the purpose of the review meeting and key responsibilities in the remainder of the Program's life, the staff also participated in team building exercises aimed at fostering focus, planning and effective team coordination. On the second day, the SGAFP team held detailed sessions at its central office to discuss the potential implementation challenges of on-going and the late stage grants, documentation of Program accomplishments and impacts, and overview of various publicity events organized by SGAFP and their major takeaways for organizing such events in future. The overarching objective of the review meeting was to discuss the implementation challenges for the late stage grants, documentation of Program's overall accomplishments, and media/publicity events in the last year of the Program. On the whole, the meeting turned out to be an immensely rewarding experience for the entire team and has resulted in increased professional coordination and harmony among the staff of various units.

Statistical Abstract

While reflecting the sequential order of SGAFP's grant cycle management, below table presents achievements during the reporting quarter as well as cumulative status as of December 31, 2017.

S. #	Indicators	During the Qtr (Oct-Dec, 2017).	Cumulative as of Dec 31, 2017
A	Pre-award process since resumption in Nov 2014		
1	Applications received after resumption from Nov-2014	-	1,684
2	Applications assigned for checklist preparation	-	1,684
3	Applications completed desk review process	-	1,684
4	Institutional Assessment of the applicants undertaken	-	211
5	Applications assigned for Grant Summary Preparation	-	219
6	Grant summaries reviewed by SGAFP's TEC	-	185
7	Fully Processed Grant Summaries Submitted to USAID	-	185
7.1	Recommended for award	-	131
7.2	Recommended for non-award	-	54
8	Grant Summaries reviewed & decision taken by USAID/GRC	-	185
8.1	Awarded	-	108
8.2	Non-awarded	-	77
9	Applications in process at USAID	-	-
9.1	For award	-	-
9.2	Not for award	-	-
B	Post-award Grant Implementation Program Inception		
1	Number of approved grants	-	108
2	Grant agreements signed between SGAFP & Grantees	1	107
3	Grants closed as per USAID instructions	-	3
4	Grant agreements in process	1	1
5	Funds approved by USAID in US \$	-	19,356,946*
6	Funds obligated/committed in US \$	-	19,300,973*
7	Funds disbursed to grantee organizations in US\$	390,648	18,524,540
8	Grants/Projects completed/closed	5	89
9	Grants/Projects at various stages of implementation	18	18

*Funds approved and funds obligated are reported after deducting unspent funds of completed grants projects

Apart from the above cumulative statistical description of SGAFP's progress, the below statistics give a brisk view of the progress on a recent initiative "Let Girls Learn". A brief description of 17 LGL grants is presented at **Annexure II**.

S. #	Indicators	During the Qtr (Oct-Dec, 2017).	Cumulative as of Dec 31, 2017
Let Girls learn			
1	Applications received	-	222
2	Fully Processed Grant Summaries submitted to USAID	-	21
2.1	Recommended for award	-	21
2.2	Recommended for non-award	-	-
3	Grant Summaries reviewed & decision taken by USAID/GRC	-	21
3.1	Awarded	-	17
3.2	Non-awarded	-	4
4	Applications in process at USAID	-	-
4.1	For award	-	-
4.2	Not for award	-	-
5	Grant Agreements Signed	1	17
6	Funds Approved by USAID	-	2,921,887*
7	Funds obligated/committed in US\$	-	2,921,887*
8	Funds disbursed to grantee organizations in US\$	245,413	2,306,939
9	Grants/Projects completed/closed	1	5
10	Grants / Projects at various stages of implementation	12	12

*Funds approved and funds obligated are reported after deducting unspent funds of completed grants projects.

Performance against Approved Work-Plan

Below table presents SGAFP's performance against the USAID approved work-plan indicating the status of targets and achievements under both Programs.

S #	Activities	Total Program Targets	Target		Achievements	
			For Qtr	Cum-ulative	For Qtr	Cum-ulative
1	Preparation and updating of resource documents					
1.01	Preparation and approval of annual work plans	X		X		X
1.02	Updating of Grant Procedures Manual	X		X		X
1.03	Development of Environmental Management plan	X		X		X
1.04	Preparation and submission of a M&E plan	X		X		X
2	Grants Processing and Award - Small Grants Program					
2.01	Publicizing grant opportunities under Small Grants	X		X		X
2.02	Application Receiving, logging, and desk review	X		X		X
2.03	Conduct of Institutional Assessments of applicants	100		100		210
2.04	Submission of For-award Grant Summaries to USAID	100		100		131
2.05	Grants approval requested from USAID	100	-	110	-	108
3	Post Award Grant Implementation - Small Grants Program					
3.01	Preparation and signing of grant agreements with grantees	100	-	110	1	107
3.02	Grant Funds awarded/committed (Million US \$)	19.553	-	19.35	-	19.35
3.03	Number of On-going grants for implementation support	X	26	26	18	18
3.04	Release of grant funds to grantees in tranches (Million US \$)	19.553	0.46	18.5	.39	18.52
3.05	Number of field monitoring visits to grantees	X	26	26	38	38
3.06	Number of MPRs/MERs received and reviewed	100	26	26	72	72
3.07	Grantee procurement exercises reviewed and approved	X	X	X	X	X
3.08	Number of Grantees' External Audits finalized and accepted	100	6	102	5	89
3.09	Number of Grant Completion Reports reviewed/accepted	100	6	102	5	89
3.1	Grants completed and Issued Completion Certificates	100	6	102	5	89
4	Grants Processing and Award - Ambassador's Fund					
4.01	Publicizing grant opportunities under Small Grants	X	X	X	X	X
4.02	Application Receiving, logging, and desk review	X	X	X	X	X
4.03	Conduct of Institutional Assessments of applicants	250	X	X	X	X
4.04	Submission of For-award Grant Summaries to USAID	250	-	250	3	361
4.05	Grants approval requested from USAID	250	-	250	3	238
5	Post Award Grant Implementation - Ambassador's Fund					
5.01	Preparation and signing of grant agreements with grantees	250	-	250	10	224
5.02	Grant Funds awarded/committed (Million US \$)	18.106		18.106	-	16.16
5.03	Number of on-going grants for implementation support	X	72	X	49	X
5.04	Release of grant funds to grantees in tranches (Million US \$)	18.106	.945	17.80	.51	14.71
5.05	Number of field monitoring visits to grantees	X	72	72	53	53
5.06	Number of MPRs/MERs received and reviewed	100	159	159	117	117
5.07	Grantee procurement exercises reviewed and approved	X	X	X	X	X
5.08	Number of Grantees' External Audits finalized and accepted	250	18	233	6	181
5.09	Number of Grant Completion Reports reviewed/accepted	250	18	233	6	181
5.1	Grants completed and Issued Completion Certificates	250	18	233	6	181
6	Media and Communication					
6.01	Regular updating of SGAFP Website	X	X	X	X	X
6.02	Compliance of USAID's Branding & Marking requirements	X	X	X	X	X
6.03	Event Calendar developed and shared with USAID	X	3	3	3	3
6.04	Case Studies	350	12	233	4	198
6.05	Success Stories	X	1	28	3	75
6.06	# of grant write ups published in newspapers	X	X	X	X	X
6.07	Social Media updates (USAID)	X	X	X	X	X
6.08	Good quality pictures selected for media and websites	X	X	X	X	X
7	Program Monitoring, reporting, documentation, evaluation and Close out plan					
7.01	Updating of Grant-MIS and submission to USAID	X	X	X	X	X
7.02	Fortnightly Weekly Reports	X	6	X	6	X
7.03	Monthly Progress Reports	93	3	86	3	86
7.04	Quarterly Progress Reports	31	1	28	1	28
7.05	Documentation and Data Quality Audit	X	X	X	X	X

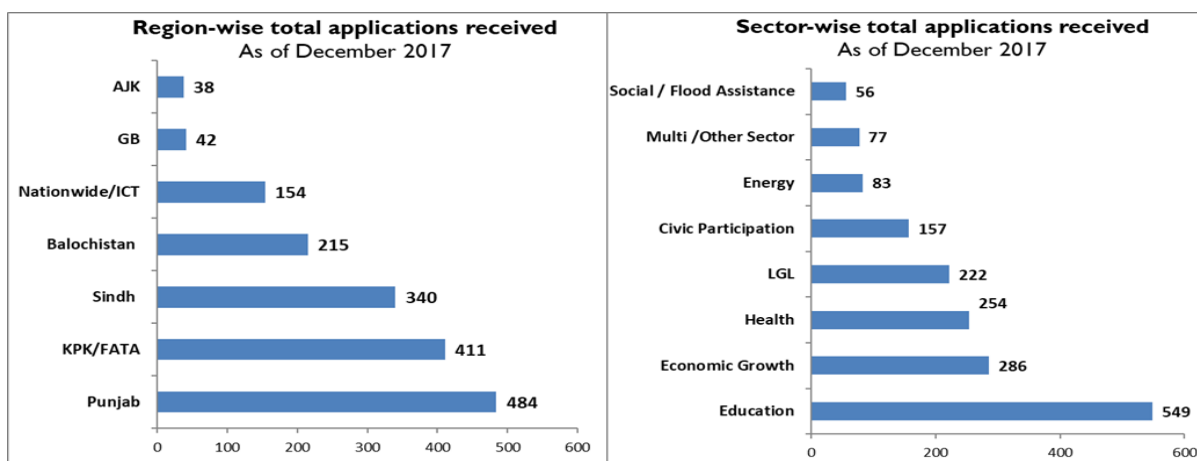
S #	Activities	Total Program Targets	Target		Achievements	
			For Qtr	Cum-ulative	For Qtr	Cum-ulative
7.06	Case studies on best practices prepared and disseminated	X	6	6	0	0
7.07	Holding experience sharing and lessons learnt workshops	X	1	4	0	0
7.08	Number of baseline survey reports reviewed and finalized	X	8	8	6	182
7.09	Number of End-line survey reports reviewed and finalized	X	6	6	6	178
7.1	End of Project Evaluations	350	30	237	10	250
7.11	Preparation and submission of close out plan	X	0	0	0	0
7.12	Preparation and submission of Program Completion Report	X	0	0	0	0
8	Finance and Accounts					
8.01	Preparation and submission of monthly advance fund requests	93	3	86	3	86
8.02	Quarterly financial reports (liquidation, accrual and financial)	31	1	28	1	28
8.03	Submission of annual property& equipment inventory report	8	0	7	0	7
8.04	Submission of annual host government taxes report	8	0	7	0	7
8.05	Facilitation for conduct of annual RCA-FAS audit	8	0	7	0	7

I. Pre-award Application Processing

I.1. Applications Processed

As per USAID instructions, SGAFP discontinued receiving new applications under Small Grants Program on December 02, 2016 upon fulfillment of the programmatic needs. This announcement was also placed on SGAFP website. Following this announcement, SGAFP has not received any new application. Cumulatively, SGAFP had received 1,684 applications/concept papers; all received applications/concept papers have completed desk review processes and are out of SGAFP's systems.

Region wise analysis of cumulative applications indicates that maximum applications were received from Punjab (484), followed by KPK/FATA and Sindh (411 and 340 respectively). **Sector wise analysis** of cumulative applications received indicates that maximum applications were received for education (549), followed by economic growth (286) and health (254). Below graphs are indicative of the region and sector wise breakup of the applications/concept papers received since inception.

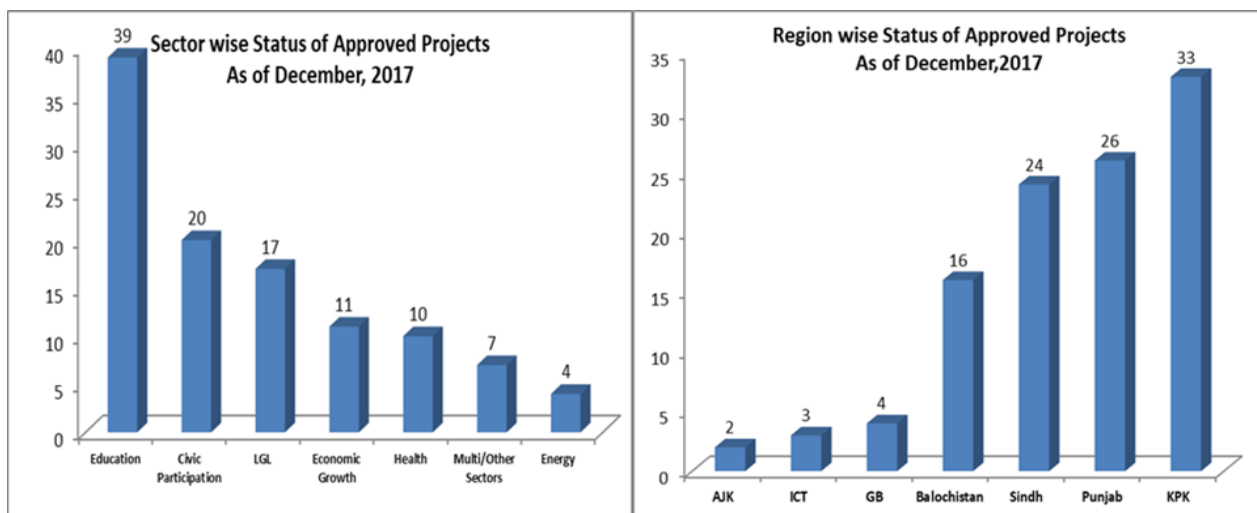


I.2. Full Applications/Grant Summaries Processed

Cumulatively SGAFP has submitted 185 fully processed grant summaries to USAID. All submitted summaries have been reviewed by USAID and there is no grant summary pending at USAID end.

2. Applications Approved by USAID

The total number of approved grants/projects stands at 108 against the target of approximately 100 Small Grants. The graphs below depict region and sector wise approved projects as of December 31, 2017. **Region-wise** analysis for approval reveals that maximum grants were approved for KPK (33), followed by Punjab (26), and Sindh (24). **Sector-wise** analysis for approval reveals that maximum grants were approved for education (39), followed by civic participation (21), and LGL (16). Below graphs depict region and sector wise approved projects as of December, 2017.

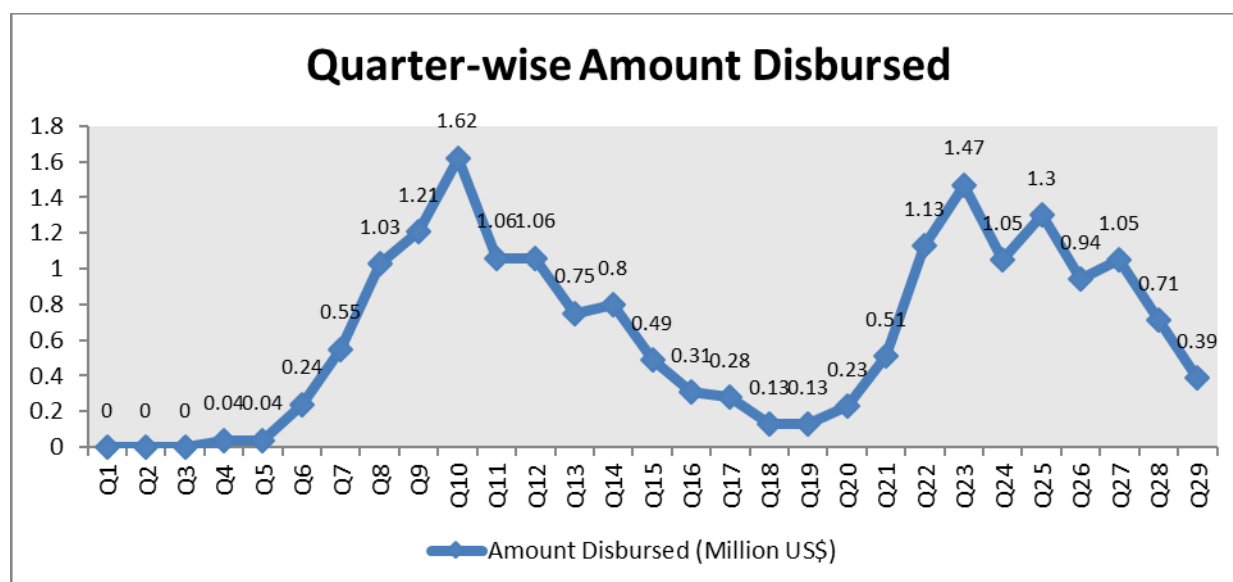


3. Grant Agreements

During this quarter, SGAFP signed one new grant agreement, whereas 1 grant agreement is in process and will be signed after clearance from Vetting Support Unit (VSU). Cumulatively, SGAFP has signed grant agreements with 104 grantees and 3 grantees namely CFCT, TFP and CSC declined to execute the grant and their cases were accordingly closed.

4. Funds Approved and Disbursed

Cumulatively the total amount of approved funds as of December 31, 2017 is **US\$ 21.67 million**. The net grant fund approved for 108 grants after adjustment of unspent approved fund of completed grants is US\$ 19.35 million. SGAFP disbursed **US\$ 394,068** during Oct-Dec, 2017; cumulatively **US\$ 18.52 million** have been disbursed among 103 grantees as of December 31, 2017. Graph below highlights quarter-wise progress against funds disbursed.



Annex II further describe region and sector wise details of funds approved and disbursement as of December 31, 2017.

5. Physical Progress of approved projects

Of the 108 approved grants; 89 grants (82% of the total) stands completed/closed; 18 grants are ongoing. The region-wise trend of project status indicates that maximum projects are completed in KPK/FATA (28), followed by Punjab (21) & Sindh (16). However, total number of ongoing grants stands at 18 with maximum grants ongoing in Sindh (6). Table below further explains region-wise implementation status.

Region-wise progress status of approved projects

Region	No of Approved Grants	No of closed/ Completed Grants	No of Grants at various stages of implementation	No of grant agreement in process
AJK	2	2	-	-
Balochistan	18	15	2	1
Gilgit-Baltistan	4	4	-	-
ICT	3	3	-	-
KPK	33	28	5	-
Punjab	26	21	5	-
Sindh	22	16	6	-
Total	108	89	18	1

6. Supervision and Oversight of Grant Implementation

A dedicated team at SGAFP under the implementation section not only tracks and updates the implementation status of the ongoing grants, but also supports and assists the grantees for effective and efficient utilization of funds in line with the set objectives and stipulated milestones for release of tranches. Overall, the major tasks undertaken by the implementation section include: exercise for budget realignment (11) and facilitation to (8) organizations for resolving grant specific issues. Summary of SGAFP's efforts for resolving important implementation constraints faced by the grantees during the reporting period is reflected in below table:

List of grantees who received significant support from SGAFP during reporting quarter

Grantee Organization	Appropriate/Relevant Cell is highlighted					
	Work-plan Realignment	Budget Realignment	Compliance Review Meetings with Grantees	Organizations facilitated for resolving issues	Project Period Extended	Other
Ali Institute of Education (AIE)						
Sanjh Preet Organization (SPO)						
Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)						
Laar Humanitarian and Development Programme (LHDP)						
Bali Memorial Trust (BMT)						
Family Education Services Foundation (FESF)						
Aman Institute for Vocational Training (AIVT)						
National Initiative for Marginalized Segments (NIMS) Foundation						
Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP)						
Saba Aslam Education and Welfare Trust (SAEWT)						
International Union for Conservation of Nature						

6.1. Grants Facing Implementation Challenges:

SGAFP makes all possible efforts to assist grantees in implementation of grants as per SOPs and timely overcome emerging challenges/issues. Currently, there is no such grant facing challenges that are worth mentioning in the report.

6.2. Field Monitoring Visits and Institutional Assessments

Provincial teams and central office staff regularly visit grants under implementation in order to monitor quality of work, ensure transparency especially in terms of funds utilization, and technical support to the grantees in executing the grant as planned. During the reporting period, SGAFP team conducted **38** visits to ongoing grants. The matrix below reflects Province wise details of number of visits conducted by the field teams and Central office staff during the reporting period.

Province-wise number of visits conducted:

S.no	Province	Number of visits conducted
1	Punjab	9
2	Sindh	11

3	Baluchistan	6
4	KPK	12
5	Total	38

8. Media Communication and Outreach

8.1. Activities of the Media and Communication Cell at SGAFP

Besides routinely support to grantees pertaining to branding and marking requirements, important activities carried out by the Media & Communication Cell during the reporting period were:

1. Worked on 6 documentaries of grants awarded to Aman Institute for Vocational Training, FACE, Baltistan Culture and Development Foundation, Family Educational Services Foundation, Bali Memorial Trust (BMT), Special Talent Exchange Program and FOCUS.
2. Event calendar attached as **Annex-II** indicates closing ceremony of three grants.

8.2. SGAFP's Outreach

SGAFP's outreach in terms of geographical coverage with regards to number of applications received and projects approved in various regions of the country indicates that applications have been received from 118 districts across Pakistan which makes 79% of the total districts of the country. Furthermore, grant approved reveals that 108 grants were approved for 76 districts of Pakistan. Table below reflects region wise number of districts from where SGAFP has received applications and where the approved funded activities are located.

Geographical spread (No. of Districts) of the SGAFP – as of December 2017

		Baloch-istan	Sindh	Punjab	KPK	FATA	AJK	GB	ICT	Total
Total Districts in Region		32	28	36	25	7	10	10	1	149
Districts for which grants approved		13	15	22	20	-	2	3	1	76
No of approved projects/grants	Numbers	16	24	26	33	0	2	4	3	108
	% of total	15%	22%	24%	31%	-	2%	4%	3%	

9. Environmental Impacts

SGAFP experiences suggest that majority of grant projects aim to fulfill community needs at grassroots level and are mostly environment friendly. However, SGAFP through its grant cycle management systems does due diligences at the pre and post grant award stages of the project, to ensure compliance with USAID's environmental guidelines by identifying the potential effects —positive or negative— that a project or activity may have on the environment. All of SGAFP's funded projects are screened and reviewed at various levels while identifying environmental consequences of activities proposed/undertaken and accommodating the financial and programmatic provisions at the design stage and their execution during implementation phase.

Under the SGAFP environmental review process introduced as per its final IEE Amendment No. 2, new applicants are required to complete & submit an Environmental Documentation Form (EDF) at the time of submission of application. These EDF forms are verified and cross checked by SGAFP: a) while conducting Institutional Assessment for new applicants; and b) prior to release of 1st tranche to the new grantees. Based on the review of EDF, grantees are required to prepare and submit the EMMP. SGAFP makes sure that items associated with all environmental concerns are taken into account and mitigation measures are identified for compliance.

The environmental screening of the SGAFP funded grants based on the nature of activities being undertaken in these grants indicates that:

- ✓ 83% (90 out of 108 new approved grants) of the grants/projects fall under the category of **“categorical exclusion”** as they involve capacity building, training, research, non-formal education, policy advocacy, and provision of health services to the marginalized segments of the society. Therefore, in view of nature and scope of the projects, such projects are excluded for detailed environmental checklist; and
- ✓ 17% (18 out of 108) of the funded grants/project have been identified with **"Negative Determination with Conditions"** on environment. The projects identified with possible negative impacts on the environment have gone through detailed screenings that involved preparation of checklists, mitigation plans, and monthly monitoring of these plans.

Key lessons learnt through compliance with environmental requirements:

- ✓ Rigorous analysis at the project design stage is of paramount importance to pre-empt any negative environmental impact.
- ✓ Majority of the projects at the grassroots level meet community needs and do not present negative environmental impacts.
- ✓ Grant processing and implementation staff must be vigilant to assess the environmental impacts if any and ensure mitigation measures.
- ✓ Constructed facilities should be comfortable visually, acoustically, and thermally; they should have excellent indoor air quality; and they should be safe, secure and accessible to PWDs.
- ✓ In order to avoid complications during implementation, the cost to be incurred on compliance with the environmental requirements needs to be identified and budgeted at the design and grant approval stage.

10. Safety and Security Works

During the reporting period, “Diligence Management Consultants (DMC)” undertook the following key activities:

- SRA of 3 districts were done for different projects of applicants in Oct, 2017.
- CCTV camera repair/ reconfiguration done by the vendor, IMS.
- Attended UNDSS Security meeting on 12 Oct, 2017 at Serena Business Complex.
- SGAFP-DMC meeting was held in SGAFP on 16 Oct 2017, CoP, Country Director DMC & SSM participated.
- Attended OSAC members meeting at US embassy on 31 Oct, 2017.
- Special SMOG alert was issued to all staff members.
- Renewed Marine Security Services contract till completion of program.
- SRA of 2 districts were done for different projects of applicants in Nov, 2017.
- SGAFP-DMC meeting was held in SGAFP on 14 Nov 2017, CoP, Country Director DMC & SSM participated.
- Daily security updates sharing with staff on Faizabad sit-in from 6 Nov to 27 Nov.
- Renewed Marine Security Services contract till completion of program.
- Attended UNDSS security meeting, held on 7 Dec, 2017.
- Reconnaissance/ coordination of SGAFP Staff field visit to Army Marksmen Unit Jehlum was done 18 Dec, 2017.
- Conduct of SGAFP Staff field visit to Army Marksmen Unit Jehlum 21 Dec, 2017.

11. Finance and Accounts

The key activities related to Finance and Accounts include:

- Prepared and submitted monthly operational advance request for November 2017.
- Prepared and submitted monthly grant advance request for November 2017.
- Prepared and submitted monthly operational advance request for December 2017.

- Prepared and submitted monthly grant advance request for December 2017.
- Prepared and submitted monthly operational advance request for January 2018.
- Prepared and submitted monthly grant advance request for January 2018.

12. Results and Impacts of SGAFP Grants

12.1. Contribution to USAID/Pakistan Mission Strategic Framework (MSF)

SGAFP is a large scale countrywide multi-sector grants program and has the potential to contribute to the Development Objectives and Results of any USAID/Pakistan's participating Program Sector such as Education, Democracy and Governance, Energy, Economic Growth and Health. Following table provides SGAFP's contribution during the quarter January-March 2017 for USAID/Pakistan Mission Strategic Framework (MSF) results and indicators relevant to SGAFP awarded grants. These indicators were discussed in various meetings with the COR held during the reporting quarter and assigned to SGAFP on January 19, 2016. Accordingly, SGAFP's achievements for the quarter are being reported. SGAFP will also compile the cumulative data on these indicators and report to USAID in the next QPR.

MSF Objective / Results	MSF Indicators		Achievements for the quarter
DO-1: Increased Sustainable Energy Supplied to the Economy			
IR 1.1: Increased Generation and Transmission Capacity	1.1 b	Number of beneficiaries with improved energy services due to USG assistance (EG 7.1-1)	722
DO-2: Economic Growth and Agriculture			
IR 2.1: Improved Economic Performance of Target Enterprises	2.1 d	Number of households benefiting directly from USG assistance	-
IR 2.1.2: Improved Capacity of Workforce	B	Number of persons receiving training on skill development	-
DO-3: Increased stability in focus areas			
Sub-IR 3.1.1: Civilian government’s ability to deliver services, including security, strengthened	c	Number of people trained in disaster preparedness as a result of USG assistance	-
Sub-IR 3.2.1: Sub-national governance improved	c	Number of government officials and staff receiving training with USG assistance.	-
Sub-IR 3.3.3: Capacity of civil society to promote good governance strengthened	3.3.3b	Number of NGOs receiving USG assistance engaged in service delivery for marginalized population	-
Sub-IR 3.3.4: Status of women, girls, and other marginalized groups improved through increased capacity of host government and local entities	3.3.4a	Number of people reached by a USG funded intervention providing GBV services (e.g., health, legal, psycho-social counseling, shelters, hotlines, other)	-
DO 4: Improved Opportunities for Learning and Work			
DO-4: Improved Opportunities for Learning and Work	4c	c) Number of learners enrolled in primary, elementary and secondary USG assisted schools or equivalent USG assisted non-school based settings	9454 Girls 13,026 Boys
IR 4.1: Improved Educational Access	4.1a	a) Number of out-of-school children newly enrolled or re-enrolled in education system with USG assistance	521 Girls
IR 4.1.1: Improved Educational Facilities	4.1.1a	a) Number of schools built or repaired with USG assistance	-
IR 4.2.2 : Improved Reading Instruction for Children in Primary Grades	4.2.2d	d) Number of primary or secondary textbooks and other teaching and learning materials (TLM) provided with USG assistance	-

MSF Objective / Results	MSF Indicators		Achievements for the quarter
IR 4.3.1: Improved Civil Society Engagement and Advocacy	4.3.1a	a) Number of parent teacher associations (PTAs) or community-based school governance structures engaged in primary or secondary education supported with USG assistance	-
	4.3.1c	c) Number of USG assisted CSOs working to improve education quality and access	-
Cross-Cutting Objectives			
XC3: Pakistan's development capacity improved²	XC3a	% of development capacity building activities which report improved abilities and that have applied new knowledge	-
	XC3b	% of participants of development capacity building activities that are satisfied with the activity/ event/ training.	-
	XC3c	# of development capacity building activities conducted/held	-
	XC3d	# of organizations that have attended at least one development capacity building activity in the fiscal year	-
Let Girls Learn			
LGL-DO: Empowering Adolescent Girls for Better Life Opportunities	a)	Number of adolescent girls enrolled in USG supported schools or non-formal learning environments (3.2.1-14 & 15)	521
LGL-IR2: Reduced Barriers to Education	c)	Number of out-of-school adolescent girls newly enrolled or re-enrolled with USG assistance (MSF 4.1a)	521
LGL-IR3: Increased Girls' Empowerment	b)	Number of USG assisted CSOs working to improve education quality and access for adolescent girls (4.3.1c)	-

12.2. Immediate Impacts

With a special focus on immediate outcomes of the grants approved under SGP, SGAFP systematically organizes data that encompasses outputs/outcomes. Despite the fact that all the 108 grants approved exhibits diversity with distinctive features designed to cater community needs, but all the projects aims to benefit the community within limited scale. In order to gauge the impact of the proposed project on the local community and especially on the direct beneficiaries of the project, SGAFP has focused on the immediate outputs/outcomes for the communities. Sector-wise key outputs and immediate outcomes of all 108 approved SGP grants are described below:

Indicator	Quantity	No. of Projects
# of adolescent girls enrolled	5,000	16
# of adolescent women/girls trained in vocational/technical skills	300	1
# of adult literacy centres established	50	1
# of agriculture clinics/farmers school established	50	2
# of BHUs/MNCH Centers/Health units strengthened	49	5
# of biogas/bio-fertilizer plants constructed	175	1
# of books provided for school libraries /literacy centers	86,000	1
# of bridges/causeways/check dams/link roads/culvert	10	1
# of capacity building events on RTI and RTPS	35	3
# of children trained in vocational skills	100	1
# of deaf children provided education	240	1

Indicator	Quantity	No. of Projects
# of drinking water reservoir/hand pumps / wells/water tanks /solar water pumping systems constructed	85	1
# of Farmers' Associations formed	313	1
# of farmers/fishermen trained and provided agri-inputs/toolkits	5,400	6
# of fellows provided in service and support and assessment in leadership skills	18	1
# of government officials trained	863	4
# of graduates for Training of Trainers on inclusive education	60	1
# of Guest Houses / Water mills / Gemstone centers established	113	3
# of health & hygiene awareness events/sessions	572	6
# of health camps arranged	87	2
# of information desks established at Tehsil Municipal Administration	4	1
# of men/women/children provided psycho-social/legal services	180	1
# of Micro-Hydels constructed	5	1
# of out of schools children enrolled	8,262	1
# of out of schools children enrolled through enrollment campaign	2,000	1
# of persons made aware on civic participation in village development plans	24,400	1
# of persons trained for improved local council services	1,435	1
# of PTSMCs reactivated/trained	1,445	5
# of rehabilitation/legal information centres/desks established for free legal advice	4	1
# of research based projects	3	3
# of school libraries established / strengthened	540	7
# of schools (public/pvt.) supported	994	32
# of sewing/embroidery machines/handlooms/computers/Kitchen gardening kits/poultry rearing kits distributed	1,200	1
# of solar systems/solar lights/solar dehydration plants installed	1,286	4
# of students with improved reading skills	13,269	4
# of TBAs/midwives/LHWs/health unit staff trained	2,772	6
# of teachers trained	2,466	27
# of toilets constructed	117	3
# of vocational training/adult literacy/non formal education centers established	137	12
# of women / children provided health care services	122,667	5
# of women councilors trained	900	1
# of women trained in vocational/technical skills	2,624	5

13. Notable Events

13.1 International Day of the Girl Child

On October 11, 2017, American Ambassador to Pakistan David Hale commemorated the International Day of the Girl Child at an event organized by NRSP-SGAFP in Islamabad. The event reaffirmed United States Government's commitment to girls' education, opportunities, equality, and advancement in Pakistan. The event also highlighted the work of SGAFP's grantee organizations towards improving the status of girls in their respective area. In addition to officials of U.S. embassy and USAID, about 200 representatives from grantee organizations, USAID projects, donor agencies, civil society organizations and media attended the event. Mr. Shoab Sultan Khan, Chairman Rural Support programmes Network; Dr. Rashid Bajwa, CEO, NRSP; and Ms. Shandana Khan, CEO, RSPN also attended the event.



Appreciating the work being done for ensuring fulfillment of girls' rights, Ambassador Hale emphasized that, "When girls are educated, they can make better futures for themselves, their families, their communities, and their countries".



Mr. Saeed Ashraf Siddiqi, COP, SGAFP, apprised the audience that USAID grants under SGAFP have helped address almost all key factors impeding girls' empowerment in Pakistan. He highlighted that "SGAFP's 73 grants have focused exclusively on promoting girls' education and are benefitting over 100,000 girls across Pakistan."



The event featured the screening of "Second Chance at Hope", a documentary on an outstanding achievement in education sector in Baluchistan made possible through US funding. The event also featured an inspiring performance of the Pakistani national anthem in sign language by the students of Anjuman Nawjawan Charsadda – an initiative supported by USAID. The girls from CEENA Health and Welfare Services – an orphanage supported by USAID presented a fetching tableau performance on Allama Iqbal's inspiring poem "Lab Pai Ati Hai Dua" that touched the hearts of the audience.



At the end, the U.S. Ambassador and USAID Mission Director also received a briefing on the construction of Saba School in Rawalpindi and met the orphan girls of Saba Homes orphanage.



13.2 Inauguration of laboratory unit and solar energy system at the Bali Memorial School

On October 14, 2017, U.S. Consul General Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau inaugurated a new laboratory unit and solar energy system at the Bali Memorial School in Ladheke Bhullar village in Lahore. USAID Provincial Director for Punjab Lea Swanson and COP SGAFP accompanied the Consul General. Members from the school's teaching faculty, students' parents, and representatives from the government, were also present at the occasion.

Established through a grant awarded by USAID, the new unit has three science laboratories and a computer laboratory. All are powered by a renewable energy system. This initiative stands to benefit over 500 students by improving the school infrastructure through installation of solar panels, provision of furniture, and upgradation of computer laboratory, science laboratories & technical training workshops.



13.3 Arts & craft event

On December 7, 2017, the USAID Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program organized an Arts and Crafts Mela at the US Embassy, Islamabad. The event was organized as part of USAID's commitment to the ongoing 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.

In the first half of the event, an exhibition was organized to present the work of women artisans trained through the program under the thematic areas of women's issues, social entrepreneurship and vulnerable populations. Displaying various exquisite products made by our female grant beneficiaries from across Pakistan, seven stalls were organized at the event held in NOX Atrium, US Embassy.

In the second half of the event, a musical gala was organized to celebrate the spirit of women's empowerment through a beautiful bouquet of musical performances. The seminal work by awarding grants under the Ambassador's Fund priority area of "promoting the Arts and Culture" were presented at the event. Ustad Sattar Jogi, charismatic Mai Nimani, Balochi Saroz instrument players and Sufi-folk musician, Arieab Azhar participated in the musical gala.

Staff at US Embassy and USAID not only actively participated in either event, but they applauded the women artisans and artists wholeheartedly. U.S. Ambassador David Hale and USAID Mission Director Jerry Bisson also attended the event.

13.4 Staff Quarterly Review meeting

SGAFP organized a two-day staff quarterly review meeting on December 21-22, 2017 attended by the entire SGAFP team including the field teams. In the meeting, the Chief of Party shared with the team the evolving dynamics with regard to the future direction of the program. On the first day, SGAFP organized a field trip to Jhelum where, in addition to an opening session on the purpose of the review meeting and key responsibilities in the remainder of the Program's life, the staff also participated in team building exercises aimed at fostering focus, planning and effective team coordination. On the second day, the SGAFP team held detailed sessions at its central office to discuss the potential implementation challenges of on-going and the late stage grants, documentation of Program accomplishments and impacts, and overview of various publicity events organized by SGAFP and their major takeaways for organizing such events in future. The overarching objective of the review meeting was to discuss the implementation challenges for the late stage grants, documentation of Program's overall accomplishments, and media/publicity events in the last year of the Program. On the whole,

the meeting turned out to be an immensely rewarding experience for the entire team and has resulted in increased professional coordination and harmony among the staff of various units.

14. Issues

Small Grants are being implemented smoothly and most of the grants have been closed or near closing. Program is moving toward closing stage and there is no such challenge/issue that is worth mentioning to report. However, the litigation process of some grants is on-going and described below:

14.1. SGAFP/NRSP in Litigation

SGAFP/NRSP is currently involved in four litigations; three cases initiated by the disgruntled grantees whose grants were terminated on the basis of established misappropriation of funds (MRDS under SGP and LSO SDO under AFP) or quoting inflated prices with a dubious intention of misappropriation (AMWS under AFP). One case has been filed against NRSP-SGAFP by a disgruntled employee who was found involved in kickback/commission and was terminated by NRSP after an in-house investigation. Detail of these four lawsuits is given below:

1. Case registered against SGAFP/NRSP and USAID by an ex-employee of SGAFP

- In 2011, SGAFP/NRSP disclosed through its own monitoring processes that a grantee Khushhal Welfare Organization (KWO), located in FATA, offered a kickback of Rs.700,000 (PAK Rupees Seven Hundred Thousand Only) to SGAFP's employee (Mr. Maqsood Alam) in KPK for allowing grantee to misrepresent grantee cost share in terms of skilled and unskilled labour. The said employee in turn falsified to SGAFP's central office by confirming the successful completion of the project and also verified grantee cost share.
- After initial investigations, SGAFP/NRSP informed OIG which, after thorough investigations and interviewing all concerned, confirmed SGAFP's findings. OIG finally debarred both KWO and Mr. Maqsood and advised NRSP/SGAFP to take appropriate actions against the employee Mr. Maqsood. After internal additional investigations and hearings, the investigation committee (formed by NRSP/SGAFP) recommended the termination of the contract of Mr. Maqsood who then sued NRSP/SGAFP and COR USAID in Islamabad High Court. NRSP/SGAFP has hired the services of its legal advisers to defend the case which is ongoing since 2012.

2. Lawsuit registered by NRSP/SGAFP against a grantee Masoom Rights Development Society (MRDS)

- MRDS, a Quetta based grantee, was awarded a grant under Small Grants Program in April 2012. SGAFP's field team noticed certain irregularities which necessitated a detailed financial review of the grantee. SGAFP sent a team from Islamabad which uncovered misappropriation of grant funds worth Rs.2.1 million. SGAFP informed OIG and after an investigation of almost 10 months, OIG confirmed the findings of SGAFP. Upon the instructions of USAID, SGAFP terminated the grant agreement of MRDS.
- SGAFP sent a Bill for Collection to MRDS for the recovery of misappropriated grant funds, reacting to which MRDS served a legal notice on SGAFP/NRSP whereby grantee denied the charges and instead demanded resumption of project interventions. After seeking legal opinion from its legal advisers, SGAFP/NRSP sued MRDS in Islamabad High Court.
- Counsel for MRDS entered an appearance and submitted his Memorandum of Appearance. The case is now set for **27th October 2017** for his *Vakalatnama* and statement on the execution proceedings.
- The case was adjourned to 17th January 2018. Due to confusion caused owing to change of Court.

3. Lawsuit registered by a grantee Al-Mahboob Welfare Society (AMWS) against SGAFP/NRSP

- USAID awarded a grant to AMWS in District Barkhan, Balochistan. As per its SOPs and due diligence process when SGAFP was verifying the cost of material quoted by the grantee before making first disbursement, it was observed that applicant submitted inflated quotations. SGAFP further probed the matter and it transpired that AMWS quoted inflated prices willfully with an intension of making money out of the grant funds. In consultation with OIG and USAID, SGAFP terminated the grant agreement of AMWS without making any disbursement.
- Retaliating to the same, AMWS filed a lawsuit against SGAFP/NRSP in District Barkhan, Balochistan, and demanded resumption of the grant. SGAFP/NRSP has hired a local advocate in Barkhan and with the technical assistance of its Islamabad legal advisers; SGAFP/NRSP is defending the case in Civil Court Barkhan. SGAFP/NRSP is facing enormous challenges in pursuing this case due to distant location of court/hearing, communication constraints and security prone area. SGAFP has changed its legal counsel and shared the names of SGAFP's witnesses with court and recorded their statements.
- After reviewing the evidences, witnesses and listening arguments, unfortunately the judge has taken his judgement in plaintiff favor. Consequently, SGAFP has filed an appeal against the judgement in the District Court Rakni.
- The first hearing proceeded on 31st March'17. The court has demanded all records of the Case from lower court before or on 31st March'17. A legal notice was also issued to AMWS regarding the case.
- The Second hearing proceeded on 26th May, 2017 in the Court of Honourable Judge, Mr. Jan Muhammad Gohar sb at Rakni. Major highlights of the hearing are as follows:
 - AMWS has not yet engaged any counsellor to pursue his case.
 - Judge ordered his reader to send him a legal notice again on his home address.
- Court hearing took place on 29th September 2017. During the hearing, Mr. Shafi Khetran has submitted his wakalat Nama as Mr. Mir Khan, (AMWS)'s Lawyer/ councillor and also got the copies of review petitions. The case has been set for final arguments on 6th October 2017.
- Court hearing took place on 20th October 2017. However, the defence counsellor was not present during the hearing; therefore, the case was adjourned to 03rd November, 2017 for argument.

4. Lawsuit registered by the Ex-President of a grantee LSO Sangam Development Organization (LSO SDO) against NRSP/SGAFP

- SGAFP awarded a grant to LSO SDO in District Rawalpindi for the construction of 100 house-based biogas plants. Grantee benefitted from extremely difficult terrain and misappropriated USAID grant funds by reporting the construction of 21 ghost bio-gas plants. It actually constructed 79 plants which were later verified by SGAFP after a detailed survey of the project area. SGAFP terminated its concerned two staff members for criminal negligence.
- SGAFP issued Bill of Collection to LSO's Ex-President Mr. Zafar Pervez, the main accused, for the refund of Rs.1.4 Million which were determined by SGAFP to have been misappropriated. Reacting to SGAFP's efforts for the refund of questioned cost, Mr. Zaffar sued SGAFP-NRSP in reporting quarter in a civil court in Rawalpindi. SGAFP is pursuing it through a legal counsel.
- Mr. Zafar Pervaiz, President of SDO, filed a suit for permanent restraining the defendants from harassing, humiliating, blackmailing, pressurizing, victimizing, and threatening to involve the plaintiff in any false and frivolous criminal case in any manner. The suit was filed in the name of NRSP, two ex-employees and one SDO employee to get stay from FIR arrestment. The case was disposed-off by civil judge on April 21, 2015.
- In pursuance at court, SGAFP's legal advisor submitted another petition on 22nd April 2016 for the arrestment of LSO's Ex-president Mr. Zafar Pervez.
- Police arrested Mr. Zafar Pervaiz on 03rd March, 2017. Mr. Zafar filed an appeal for Bail in the court of Judicial Magistrate- Islamabad. NRSP-SGAFP's representative and lawyer attended the court hearing on 06th March 2017. Court's decision is awaited.

While submitting application to USAID in 2010 against RFP for the implementation of Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program, NRSP didn't anticipate such unforeseen situation and hence neither separate budget nor the position of legal adviser(s) was suggested to USAID. Since SGAFP/NRSP does not have in-house capacity to manage such litigations, these litigations have turned out to be quite taxing for the senior management in terms of engaging with the legal counsel and preparing and providing all relevant information to the counsel. Therefore, SGAFP is, therefore, contemplating to engage a dedicated legal counsel under an IQC arrangement to provide legal support to SGAFP on need basis. Given the uncertainties and dynamics of local court system, the litigation cases are expected to outlive the life of SGAFP. Therefore, SGAFP had to realign budget to accommodate cost-extension and budgeted dedicated cost to cater for SGAFP's such legal requirements.

15. Planning for Next Quarter (January-March 2018)

SGAFP, in the forthcoming quarter, plans for Small Grants Program:

- In view of physical progress of the ongoing projects, SGAFP shall expedite disbursement to all those grantees that mark successful completion of the milestones set for this purpose including grants currently having the status of near completion.
- Field monitoring visits to all on-going grants shall be made by provincial teams and central office staff.
- SGAFP plans to conduct End of Project Reviews of about 20 completed Small Grants during the next quarter.

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Annexes

1. Status of Projects Approved and Funds Disbursed-As of December 31, 2017
2. Status of the approved Grants under Let Girls Learn-As of December 31, 2017
3. Detail of Events to be held by the Grantee Organizations during the Months of January/February, 2018.

Annex I: Region & sector wise approved projects & funds (US\$)

Regions & Funding (US\$)			Sectors					LGL	Total
			Economic Growth	Education	Energy	Health	Civic Participation	Multi/Other Sectors	
AJK	No. of Approved Projects		1	-	-	1	-	-	2
	Funding Status	Approved	224205.524	-	-	155054.8716	-	-	379,260
		Disbursed	224,206	-	-	155,055	-	-	379,260
Balochistan	No. of Approved Projects		1	7	2	4	2.00	-	18
	Funding Status	Approved	235,690	1,227,512	443,659	674,079	209,821.62	-	3,148,288
		Disbursed	235,690	1,227,512	443,659	674,079	127,649.76	-	3,044,076
GB	No. of Approved Projects		3	1	-	-	-	-	4
	Funding Status	Approved	695,024	231,670	-	-	-	-	926,694
		Disbursed	695,024	231,670	-	-	-	-	926,694
ICT	No. of Approved Projects		-	1	-	-	-	2	3
	Funding Status	Approved	-	232,218	-	-	-	422,121	654,339
		Disbursed	-	232,218	-	-	-	422,121	654,339
KP	No. of Approved Projects		2	12	2	1	10	2	33
	Funding Status	Approved	479,048	2,409,721	445,557	168,384	1,535,581	359,624	5,917,429
		Disbursed	479,048	2,409,721	445,557	168,384	1,501,517	359,624	5,644,845
Punjab	No. of Approved Projects		2	9	-	-	5	2	26
	Funding Status	Approved	446,792	1,227,530	-	-	647,048	359,315	4,176,770
		Disbursed	446,792	1,227,530	-	-	636,991.29	359,315	3,911,756
Sindh	No. of Approved Projects		2	9	-	4	3.00	1	22
	Funding Status	Approved	493,412	1,551,429	-	878,620	446,858.45	235,087	4,154,166
		Disbursed	493,412	1,513,036	-	878,620	394,086.54	235,087	3,963,570
Total	No. of Approved Projects		11	39	4	10	20	7	108
	Funding Status	Approved	2,574,171	6,880,080	889,216	1,876,137	2,839,309	1,376,146	19,356,946
		Disbursed	2,574,171	6,841,687	889,216	1,876,137	2,660,245	1,376,146	18,524,540

Annex II: Status of the approved Grants under Let Girls Learn-As of December 31, 2017

Sr. #	Organization Name	Title	Region	Duration Start date – End Date	Budget Approved (USD)	Status	No. of Girls Benefitted	Scope
1	MGPO-Mountain and Glacier Protection Organization	Improving Educational Quality and Access for Girls	Punjab	16-Oct-15 to 15-Jul-17	115,859	Closed	371	The project improved access and quality education to girls through providing conducive & child friendly education environment to students at primary level and advocacy campaigns for increased enrollment and improved access to education.
2	AF-Alpha Foundation	Education for Working Children	Punjab	16-Dec-15 to 15-Jun-17	178,652	Closed	800	The grant focused on the issue of child labor in the tanning & shoe industry based in Union Council Kasur 6, 7, 8 and 9 by providing functional literacy to 800 working girls with ages ranging from 09-16 years, through establishment of 04 Literacy Centers.
3	Women Development Community Organization	Girl Second Chance of Education Initiative	Baluchistan	16-Nov-15 to 15-May-17	157,097	Closed	600	WDCO established Four (4) Middle Schools for Girls who could not continue education due to non-availability of middle schools in two Union Councils of District Sohbatpur. These schools have been hand over to Education Department, Government of Balochistan for continued operations.
4	Aga Khan University- Human Development Program(AKU-HDP)	Mainstreaming Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Girl Child in Government and Private Schools	Sindh	16-Aug-16 to 15-Oct-16	230,182	On-Going	80	The grant focuses on promoting inclusion of adolescent girls, with and without special education needs, in mainstream schools in two districts of Sindh province.
5	SPO - Sanjh Preet Organization	Empowering Girls from Marginalized Rural Families for Continuing Education in District Nankana Sahib	Punjab	16-Jul-16 to 15-Jul-17	247,245	Closed	1,200	The project plans to enroll out of school adolescent girls in 20 non-formal schools in 04 UCs of Tehsil/District Nankana Sahib, Punjab Province, with access to middle level education.
6	NIMSF-National Initiative for Marginalized Segments Foundation	My School My Friend: Impart Quality Education through Child Friendly Schools in Rural Areas of District Multan	Punjab	01-Oct-16 to 30-Sep-17	113,151	On-Going	2,961	The project aims to make learning environment conducive in 06 Government Middle Schools (02 for boys & 04 for girls) and 04 Government High Schools (all for girls) in 03 UCs of District Multan.
7	SAEWT-Saba Aslam Education and Welfare Trust	Building Saba School	Punjab	16-Oct-16 to 15-Dec-17	316,854	On-Going	400	The project plans to construct a school for imparting education to out-of-school poor girls of District Rawalpindi.

Sr. #	Organization Name	Title	Region	Duration Start date – End Date	Budget Approved (USD)	Status	No. of Girls Benefitted	Scope
8	BMT-Bali Memorial Trust	Strengthening of Bali Memorial Technical & Secondary School for Increased Access to Quality Education	Punjab	16-Nov-16 to 15-Nov-17	112,682	On-Going	203	The project focuses on strengthening the capacity of Bali Memorial Technical & Secondary School by improving infrastructure through installation of Solar Panels, provision of Furniture, and up gradation of Computer Laboratory, Science Laboratory & Technical Training Workshops.
9	AIVT-Aman Institute for Vocational Training	Training and Reading for Adolescents in Need (TRAIN)	Sindh	16-Oct-16 to 15-Oct-17	156,952	On-Going	300	The Project focuses on opening multiple avenues of employment for 300 adolescent girls in the local market by providing them technical training in Stitching Machinist course, and Primary Education up to Grade V proficiency.
10	SPO-Strengthening Participatory Organization	Equitable Access to Education for Adolescent Girls in Sindh and Balochistan	Sindh	01-Nov-16 to 31--Oct-17	200,429	On-Going	7,925	The grant aims at providing adolescent girls in 07 UCs of Districts Turbat, Gawadar (Baluchistan) and Jacobabad (Sindh) with access to education by strengthening 40 government girls primary, middle and high schools through provision of necessary furniture items and teacher training, and setting up 21 Alternate Learning Paths (ALPs).
11	SCE-Sindh Community Foundation	Improving Girls Education Status in 20 Government Schools	Sindh	01-Jan-17 to 31-Dec-17	161,626	On-Going	1,046	The organization seeks to improve girls' education by enhancing enrollment and retention in 08 schools by providing necessary furniture and sports kit to all 20 schools; providing student's kit to all students in the selected schools; arranging a comprehensive training for teachers; and promoting the concept of entrepreneurship by training teachers, orienting students and involving them in entrepreneurship competitions.
12	Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP)	Promotion of Inclusive Education through the Participation of Girls with Disabilities in Mainstream Schools	KPK	16-Jan-17 to 15-Jan-18	111,929	On-Going	220	Under the proposed intervention Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP) aims to promote inclusive education in 22 Government Girls Schools in Districts Charsadda and Nowshera.
13	The Media Foundation	Strengthening Democracy through the Protection of Civic and Human Rights	Punjab	15-Jan-16 to 30-Jun-17	248,805	Closed	800	TMF aims to help make madrassah students in 05 districts of Punjab positive contributors in the society and reduce chances of their exploitation by militant institutions/organizations/groups by arranging a training program aimed at creating awareness on Civic Rights and Responsibilities and Human Rights, and providing skill development training for increasing employability beyond the religious sector.
14	Initiative for Development and	Ensuring Access for Girls Literacy & Empowerment	KPK	01-Jun-17 to 31-Jan-18	178,325	On-Going	360	The project aims to provide adolescent girls in 07 UCs of District Torgar with access to education by: 1) Conducting community sessions for enrolling 360 adolescent girls in regular government schools; 2) Facilitating government in upgrading 12 girls primary

Sr. #	Organization Name	Title	Region	Duration Start date – End Date	Budget Approved (USD)	Status	No. of Girls Benefitted	Scope
	Empowerment Axis (IDEA)							schools to middle level by providing missing items, rejuvenating Parent Teacher Councils (PTCs), and running an Accelerated Learning Program for 180 adolescent girls.
15	Sudhaar Society	Improve Quality of Education by Promoting Reading among Girls through Innovative Quality Reading Approaches	Punjab		157,629	Not initiated	1500	The project aims to promote English reading skills among adolescent girls enrolled in Grades VI-VIII in 25 Government Girls Middle/Elementary Schools by: 1) Setting up Reading Corners; 2) Building Capacity of relevant members of Teaching Faculty; 3) Arranging Intra & Inter School Competitions; 4) Organizing Kitab Mela; 5) Sensitizing Parents; and 6) Engaging Community by holding Bethaks (Sittings)
16	Peace Education And Development (PEAD) Foundation	Let Girls Learn Peshawar	KPK	16-May-17 to 15-Mar-18	114,161	On-going	600	To help create enabling environment for improving Urdu reading skills of adolescent girls in 10 Government Girls Schools of Peshawar by: 1) Setting up a Reading Corner in each school; 2) Building capacity of 20 Urdu language teachers; 3) Conducting reading classes for girls enrolled in Class 6-8 in each school; 4) Sensitizing parents, PTC members and community at large about the importance of reading; 5) Building capacity of text book writers in developing Urdu lessons for said classes; and 6) Lobbying with relevant government departments for inclusion of developed lessons in Urdu textbooks of said classes.
17	Baacha Khan Trust Educational Foundation	Baacha Khan Reading Skills Development Program	KPK		158,874	Not initiated	2100	Under the proposed intervention, the organization aims to improve reading skills among students enrolled at 14 BKTEF's schools and 70 neighboring schools located in 11 districts of KP. The organization seeks to do this by setting up libraries in Foundation's schools; hiring and training 84 language teachers; conducting reading classes in three languages – English, Urdu and Pashto; and arranging community events for sensitizing public about the importance of reading.
Gran Total					2,771,422		20,666	

Annex-III: Detail of Events to be held by the Grantee Organizations during the Months of January/February 2017

S. No.	Grantee	Project Title	Description of Proposed Activity	Location of Proposed Activity	Province	Activity Date
1	SCBE Karachi	SCBE Karachi	Closing Ceremony	Karachi	Sindh	3rd week of Jan 2018
2	Special Talent Exchange Programme (STEP)	Promotion of inclusive Education through the participation of Girls with disabilities in Mainstream Schools	Project Closing Ceremony	Islamabad	KPK	Jan 12, 2018
3	Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan	Building Leadership and Political Capacity of women Elected to local Bodies	Project Closing Ceremony	Chitral	KPK	2 Jan 2018

Note: Tentative dates and venues are mentioned for each event and necessary changes in dates may occur. However, the grantee will inform us accordingly.