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## Highlights for the Quarter (October-December, 2017)

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> quarterly progress report of the Ambassador's Fund Program (AFP) component of USAID Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program (SGAFP) and covers the period October-December, 2017. Key accomplishments of this quarter are briefly presented below:

1. As per USAID's guidance, SGAFP is not accepting new applications under Ambassador's Fund component and announcement in this regard has been placed at SGAFP's website.
2. SGAFP has completely processed all received **2,340** applications. During the reporting period, SGAFP has transferred in-process **88** applications to the Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA) - new Ambassador's Fund Grants Program (AFGP) implementing partner of USAID. These include:
  - a) **44** fresh applications along with SGAFP's analyses that was not previously submitted to USAID/ GRC.
  - b) **24** fully processed for-award summaries prepared by NRSP-SGAFP but not submitted to USAID/GRC. The package includes: i) original application ii) institutional assessment report and iii) fully processed for-award summary.
  - c) **3** fresh applications cleared by USAID/GRC but NRSP-SGAFP has not conducted institutional assessment.
  - d) **17** applications cleared by USAID/ GRC and institutional assessment undertaken by NRSP-SGAFP indicates positive findings while SGAFP has not worked to prepare for-award summary. The package includes i) original application and ii) institutional assessment report.
3. As per USAID's instruction, SGAFP issued No Further Action letters to **38** applicant organizations that were not recommended by NRSP-SGAFP in the preliminary analyses.
4. Cumulatively, SGAFP has submitted **598** fully processed grant summaries to USAID. USAID has approved **238** grants under AFP and declined **360** applications.
5. **Overall, SGAFP has completed and closed the pre-award processing of Ambassador's Fund Program. No application or grant summary is in process at SGAFP or USAID.**
6. SGAFP signed grant agreements with **10** grants and disbursed US\$ **517,242** during the reporting period. Cumulatively, SGAFP has disbursed US\$ **14.71** million among **220** grantees as of December 31, 2017.
7. SGAFP staff made **53** monitoring visits to **49** grants to monitor work quality of the deliverables and ensure transparency in fund utilization, and provide technical support to grantees in executing the grants as planned.
8. Event calendar indicates opening ceremony of seven grants and closing ceremony of five grants. during the month of Jan/Feb 2018 and is being attached with this report as **Annexure-II**.
9. On October 11, 2017, American Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. 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.

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.



#### 10. 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.



## **11. 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.

## **12. 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 (as of December 31, 2017)

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

S. #	Indicators	During the Qtr. (Oct-Dec. 17)	Cumulative As of Dec. 31, 2017
<b>1</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,340</b>
1.1	Applications in current priority sectors	10	488
1.2	Applications in previous priority sectors	-	750
1.3	Applications in old-priority sectors	-	1,102
<b>2</b>	<b>Number of Applications shared with USAID</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1127</b>
2.1	Applications reviewed by USAID	-	1,073
2.2	Cleared for further processing	-	486
2.3	No further action	-	586
2.4	Applications taken back by the applicant	-	1
2.5	Referred to other USAID projects	54	54
2.6	Applications in Process at USAID	-	-
<b>3</b>	<b>Applications Assigned for Desk Review</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,340</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Applications Completed Desk Review</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,310</b>
4.1	No further action letter issued	110	1,617
4.2	Referred to other USAID projects	-	8
4.3	Applications taken back by applicants	-	88
4.4	Reviewed by SGAFP Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC)	3	635
<b>5</b>	<b>Institutional Assessments of the Applicants Undertaken</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Fully Processed Applications Submitted to USAID</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>598</b>
6.1	Recommended for award	3	361
6.2	Recommended for non- award	-	237
<b>7</b>	<b>Applications Reviewed &amp; Decision taken by USAID/GRC</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>584</b>
7.1	Approved/awarded	3	238
7.2	Non-awarded/Applications taken back/closed by USAID	17	346
<b>8</b>	<b>Fully Processed Applications in Process at USAID</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
9	Grant Agreements Signed with Applicant Organizations	10	230
10	Grant Agreements under Process	8	8
11	Grantee Organization Declined to Execute Approved Grant	-	6
<b>12</b>	<b>Funds Approved by USAID in US \$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,599,118*</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Funds Obligated in US \$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,167,934*</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Funds Disbursed to Grantee Organizations in US\$</b>	<b>517,242</b>	<b>14,711,332</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Grants /Projects Closed/Completed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>No. of Ongoing Grants</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>

\*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 Program.

S #	Activities	Total Program Targets	Target		Achievements	
			For Qtr	Cum-ulative	For Qtr	Cum-ulative
<b>1</b>	<b>Preparation and updating of resource documents</b>					
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
<b>2</b>	<b>Grants Processing and Award - Small Grants Program</b>					
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
<b>3</b>	<b>Post Award Grant Implementation - Small Grants Program</b>					
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
<b>4</b>	<b>Grants Processing and Award - Ambassador's Fund</b>					
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
<b>5</b>	<b>Post Award Grant Implementation - Ambassador's Fund</b>					
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
<b>6</b>	<b>Media and Communication</b>					
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
<b>7</b>	<b>Program Monitoring, reporting, documentation, evaluation and Close out plan</b>					
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

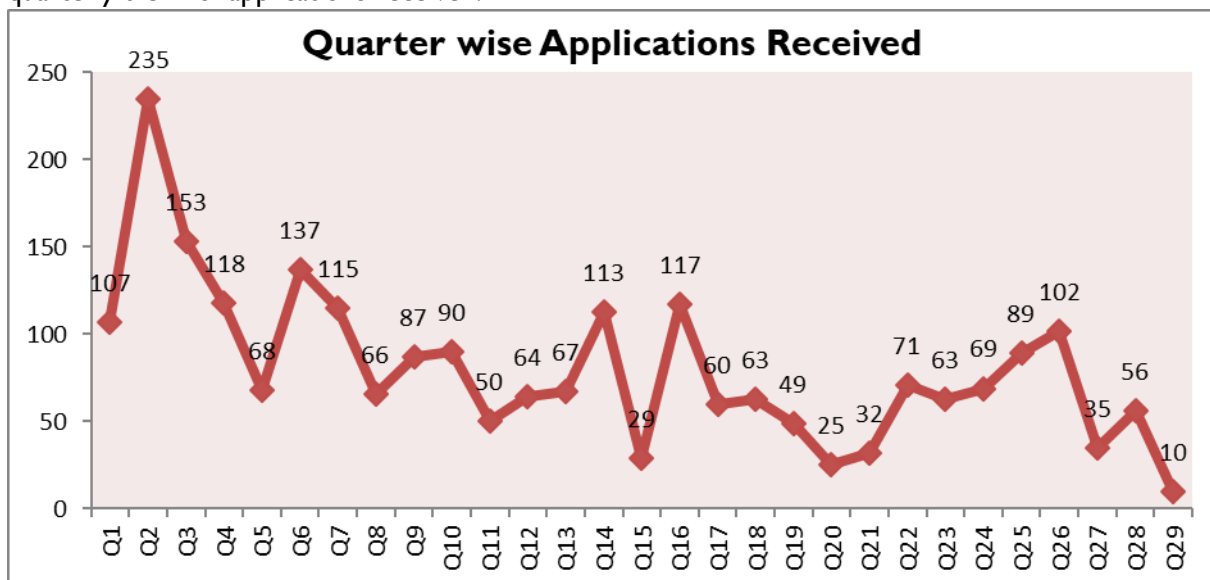
S #	Activities	Total Program Targets	Target		Achievements	
			For Qtr	Cum- ulative	For Qtr	Cum- ulative
7.06	Case studies on best practices prepared and disseminated	X	6	6	0	0
7.07	Holding experience sharing and lessons learnt workshops	X	1	4	0	0
7.08	Number of baseline survey reports reviewed and finalized	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
<b>8</b>	<b>Finance and Accounts</b>					
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. Applications Received & Processed

### I.1. Flow of Applications

As per USAID's guidance, SGAFP is not accepting new applications under Ambassador's Fund component and announcement in this regard has been placed at SGAFP's website. During the reporting period, SGAFP received 10 applications, cumulatively, SGAFP has received 2,340 applications on the prescribed format; all of them have been logged in the database. The graph below highlights quarterly trend of applications received.



#### **Region wise breakup:**

Region wise breakup of these 2,340 applications is reflected in the below table indicates that maximum applications (26% of the total) were received from KPK/FATA, followed by Punjab and Sindh with a share of 22% and 17% respectively. Province wise breakup of the applications received is given below:

#### **Region wise breakup of applications received under US AFP – as of December 2017**

	Baluchistan	Sindh	Punjab	KPK	AJK	GB	ICT	Total
Cumulative	355	391	517	614	194	186	83	2,340
%	15%	17%	22%	26%	8%	8%	4%	

In terms of geographical outreach, these 2,340 applications were received from 136 districts out of total 149 districts of all over Pakistan. Province wise status of outreach of districts as of December 31, 2017 is as follows:

	Baloch-istan	Sindh	Punjab	KPK	FATA	AJK	GB	ICT	Total
Total Districts in Region	32	28	36	25	7	10	10	1	149
Districts with approved grants	15	16	20	22	1	5	7	1	87
No of approved projects/grants	Numbers	44	33	44	61	1	13	39	238
	% of total	17	15	20	23	1	5	17	100

#### **Sector wise breakup:**

Since start of program in September 2010, there have been two time changes in the priority sectors: first in January 02, 2013 and now recently on January 11, 2016. Details of applications received are summed up below:

#### **New priority areas (Since January 11, 2016 to date)**

During the reporting period, SGAFP received 10 applications in new priority areas. Cumulatively SGAFP has received 488 applications in the new priority areas introduced on January 11, 2016. Sector wise breakup of these 488 applications is reflected in the below table and indicates that maximum applications (194) were received for Vulnerable Populations, followed by Social Entrepreneurship. Details are provided below:

	Vulnerable Populations	Social Entrepreneurship	Small-Scale Energy Solutions	Culture and the Arts	Disaster Preparedness	Total
Cumulative	194	89	78	50	72	<b>478</b>
%	40%	19%	16%	10%	14%	

### **Previous Priority Areas (January 2013 – January 2016):**

Due to announcement of change in priority areas under AFP, the inflow of applications in previous priority areas remained static during the reporting period. Cumulatively, SGAFP had received 750 applications during the period January 02, 2013 to January 11, 2016. Table below indicates sector wise applications received in the previous priority areas.

#### **From January 2, 2013 to January 11, 2016**

	Wildlife Conservation	Women's Issues	Cultural Preservation	Entrepreneurship	Water Sanitation & Hygiene	Total
Cumulative	84	303	58	155	150	750
%	11%	40%	8%	21%	20%	100%

### **Old Priority Areas (September 2010 - January 02, 2013):**

Due to announcement of shift in priority areas under AFP, the inflow of applications in old-priority areas remained static during the reporting period. Nonetheless, the cumulative picture of applications received in these areas is being reported to capture the overall response of the applicant organizations. Table below describes overall picture of the applications received in old -priority areas:

Quarter	Economic Growth <sup>1</sup>	Education	Energy	Health	Social / Flood Assistance	Multi/ Other Sector <sup>2</sup>	Total
Cumulative till Jan 2013	296	235	106	260	164	41	1,102
%	27%	21%	10%	24%	15%	3%	

## **1.2. Applications Processed**

1. SGAFP has completely processed all received 2,340 applications. During the reporting period, SGAFP has transferred in-process 88 applications to the TDEA as new Ambassador's Fund Grants Program (AFGP) implementing partner of USAID. These include:
  - a) 44 fresh applications along with SGAFP's analyses that was not previously submitted to USAID/ GRC.
  - b) 24 fully processed for-award summaries prepared by NRSP-SGAFP but not submitted to USAID/GRC. The package includes: i) original application ii) institutional assessment report and iii) fully processed for-award summary.
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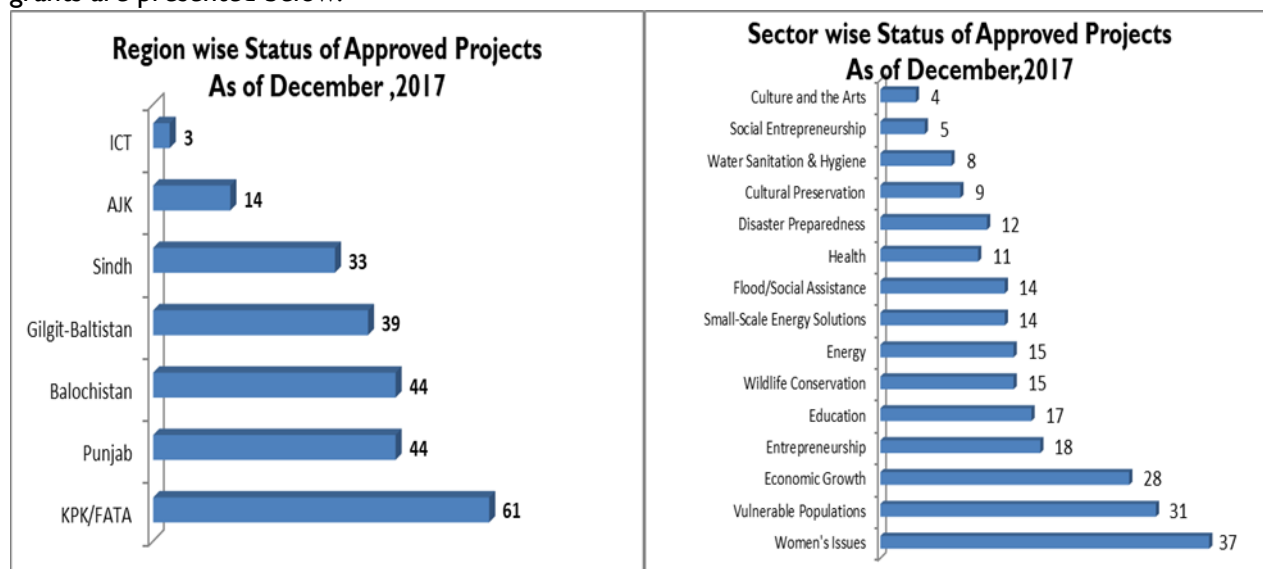
<sup>1</sup> Applications received for agriculture have been reported under economic growth.

<sup>2</sup> Applications received for gender and governance related activities have been reported under Multi/other sector.

**4. Overall, SGAFP has completed and closed the pre-award processing of Ambassador's Fund Program. No application or grant summary in process at SGAFP or USAID.**

**1.3. Applications Approved by USAID**

During the reporting quarter, USAID approved three new grants. Cumulatively, the total number of approved projects as of December 31, 2017 stands at 238. Province wise and sector wise approved grants are presented below:



**2. Grant Agreements**

During the reporting quarter, SGAFP entered into grant agreement with 10 grantee organizations. Cumulatively, SGAFP has signed grant agreements with 230 grantees and 6 approved grants have been closed as per USAID's instruction.

**3. Funds Approved and Disbursed**

During the reporting quarter, USAID approved 3 new grants. Cumulatively, amount of funds approved stands at **US\$ 16,599,118**.

SGAFP has signed grant agreements with 10 grants and has disbursed **US\$ 517,242** during the reporting period. Cumulatively **US\$ 14.71 million** has been disbursed among 220 grantees as of December 31, 2017. The graph below highlights quarterly trend of grant funds disbursed:

**Annex I** provides region and sector wise details of funds approved and disbursed.

**4. Physical Progress of Approved Projects**

The reporting quarter marked completion of 3 on-going project under AFP, taking the total number of completed projects to 181 (76% of the total approved projects) as of December 31, 2017. However, 49 projects are ongoing at various stages of implementation. Furthermore, 5 ongoing projects are near completion and hopefully will be closed in the next quarter. Region-wise status presented in table below indicates that the highest number of projects have been completed in KPK (45), followed by Punjab and Baluchistan (37 & 33 respectively).

Region	No. of approved Grants	No. of closed/ Completed Grants	No. of Grants at various stages of implementation	No of grant agreement in process
AJ&K	14	9	4	1
Baluchistan	44	33	8	3
FATA	1	1	0	-

<b>GB</b>	39	27	10	2
<b>ICT</b>	3	3	0	-
<b>KPK</b>	60	45	14	1
<b>Punjab</b>	44	37	6	1
<b>Sindh</b>	33	26	7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>

## 5. Support, Supervision and Compliance of Implementation Processes

The implementation section at SGAFP fully dedicates its efforts to track the implementation status of all the ongoing grants and provides assistance to the grantees for effective and efficient delivery of the set milestones. The major tasks performed by the implementation section during the reporting period include: Budget Realignment for 2 grantee organizations and project period extended to 1 grantee. Nonetheless, important implementation constraints faced by the grantees during the reporting period is reflected in the table below:

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
Research and Development Solutions (RADS)						
Laar Environmental Awareness Forum (LEAF)						

## 6. Field Monitoring Visits and Institutional Assessment

Field monitoring by the provincial/regional teams based at Provincial level occupies greater importance to ensure transparency and handholding of the small scale NGOs/CBOs especially in terms of financial management. SGAFP team based at central office also visited the grantees across Pakistan for the sake of facilitation to the grantees, feedback to the management and on spot check of the physical progress as well compliance to the defined systems and procedures in implementation phase. During the reporting quarter, SGAFP team made **53** field monitoring visits to **49** 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	5
2	Sindh	9
3	Baluchistan	11
4	KPK	20
5	AJK	2
6	GB	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>53</b>

## 7. Media Communication and Outreach

### 7.1. 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 opening ceremony of seven grants and closing ceremony of five grants.

## 7.2. SGAFP's Outreach

SGAFP's outreach in terms of geographical coverage indicates that applications have been received from 118 districts (79% of the total districts of the country) while grants have been approved for 87 districts from across 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 with approved grants		15	16	20	22	1	5	7	1	87
No of approved projects/grants	Numbers	44	33	44	61	1	13	39	3	238
	% of total	17	15	20	23	1	5	17	2	100

## 8. Environmental Screening of Applications

SGAFP experiences suggest that majority of grant projects aim to address grassroots level community needs and do not have any adverse negative environmental impacts. However, SGAFP through its grant cycle management systems does due diligences at the pre and post grant award stages 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.

During December 2013, SGAFP received the final IEE Amendment No. 2 and accordingly SGAFP revised the process of its environmental review mechanism under which the applicant/grantee are required to complete & submit the 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 the release of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche to the new grantees. Based on the review of EDF, grantee is required to prepare and submit EMMP if categorized with negative determination. SGAFP makes sure that items associated with all environmental concerns are taken into account and mitigation measures are developed.

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

- 66% (159 out of 238 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;
- 6% (15 out of 235 approved grants) of the grants/projects got **"Exempted"** because these were designed for provision of emergency services to the flood affected areas during 2010-11; and
- 28% (64 out of 235 approved grants) of the funded grants/project have been identified with **"Negative Determination with Conditions"** on environment. The projects identified with possible negative impact on the environment went through detailed screening that involved



preparation of checklists, mitigation plans, and monthly monitoring of these plans. Detailed environmental monitoring checklists have been prepared and compliance is ensured.

These 64 grants categorized as “**Negative Determination with Conditions**” involve small scale construction and irrigation and agricultural activities that generally do not have potential to cause adverse environmental impacts. These include construction/renovation of class-rooms, toilets, lining of water courses, extension/rehabilitation of Karez etc. These are managed through good construction management practices such as minimizing the disruption time, noise and dust for normal activities in the area, and provision of safety measures and temporary sanitation for workers/laborers. Moreover, negative impacts are mitigated through proper design meant to improve water use efficiency and reduce water losses, good practices of construction work management and setting up community based operation and maintenance mechanism.

Key lessons learnt through compliance with environmental requirements:

- Majority of the projects at the grassroots level community needs do not create negative environmental impacts;
- Rigorous analysis at the project design stage is of paramount importance to preempt any negative environmental impact; and
- Grant processing and implementation staff must be vigilant to assess the environmental impacts if any and ensure mitigation measures.
- 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.

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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.

## II. Results and Impacts of SGAFP Grants

### II.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	-
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	-

MSF Objective / Results	MSF Indicators		Achievements for the quarter
	4.3.1c	c) Number of USG assisted CSOs working to improve education quality and access	-
<b>Cross-Cutting Objectives</b>			
<b>XC3: Pakistan's development capacity improved<sup>3</sup></b>	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	-
<b>Let Girls Learn</b>			
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)	-

## 11.2. Immediate Impacts

With a special focus on immediate outcomes of the grants, SGAFP systematically organizes data that encompasses outputs/outcomes. Despite the fact that all the 235 grants approved exhibits diversity with distinctive features designed to cater community needs, but all the projects aim to benefit the community within its limited scale. In order to gauge the impacts 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. Key outputs and immediate outcomes of all 235 approved AF grants are described below:

Indicator	Quantity	No. of Projects
# of Disaster Management Committees formed and trained	69	3
# of acres with irrigation and drainage services	9,563	10
# of awareness campaign launched	1	1
# of awareness sessions/capacity building events on wildlife conservation/peafowl protection/marine turtle/dolphins	124	5
# of BHUs/MNCH Centers/Health units strengthened	15	3
# of bio sand/slow sand/ceramic water filters provided	1,275	3
# of biogas/bio-fertilizer plants constructed	206	3
# of books provided for school libraries /literacy centers	23,042	6
# of bridges/causeways/check dams/link roads/culvert constructed /check dam/link road/culvert constructed	25	7
# of bridges/causeways/link roads/culvert constructed	13	1
# of child care units upgraded	3	1
# of communal hand pumps installed	50	1
# of community awareness raising meetings held on 'Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act, 2013'	320	1

Indicator	Quantity	No. of Projects
# of counseling and referral centres established for legal support to women	4	1
# of cultural heritage sites digitally preserved	9	2
# of drinking water reservoir/hand pumps / wells/water tanks /solar water pumping systems constructed	276	9
# of farmers/fishermen trained and provided agri-inputs/toolkits	3,804	19
# of filtration plants checked to ensure safe water supply	88	1
# of flood affected households provided relief items	5,483	3
# of flood affected houses constructed	363	1
# of health & hygiene awareness events/sessions	1,868	10
# of houses/orphanage homes/hostels constructed	65	6
# of irrigation channels/water courses /karez/constructed/rehabilitated	380	8
# of languages preserved	5	3
# of men/women/children provided psycho-social/legal services	5,965	5
# of Micro-Hydels constructed	7	6
# of people sensitized on gender issues	53,250	4
# of persons oriented to youth social entrepreneurship in higher education	2,840	1
# of persons sensitized on hand washing practices	11,956	1
# of persons trained in traditional music/dance	236	5
# of persons trained in vocational/special skills (tailoring/embroidering/kitchen gardening/poultry rearing/business development/beautician/drivers)	860	4
# of rehabilitation/legal information centres/desks established for free legal advice	5	3
# of schools (public/pvt) supported	183	13
# of sewing/embroidery machines/handlooms/computers/Kitchen gardening kits/poultry rearing kits distributed	2,627	17
# of solar enterprises established	80	1
# of solar systems/solar lights/solar dehydration plants installed	3,810	12
# of special children provided support	55	1
# of Strategy paper developed for vultures conservation	1	1
# of TBAs/midwives/LHWs/health unit staff trained	120	1
# of teachers trained	881	5
# of toilets constructed	101	3
# of vocational training/adult literacy/non formal education/language centers established	204	11
# of vulnerable households provided USG Assistance	363	1
# of waiting rooms constructed in courts	3	1
# of wildlife conservation centres established	6	1
# of women / children provided health care services	7,452	3
# of women assisted in enterprise development	143	1
# of women provided goats/chicken	450	1
# of women trained as social entrepreneurs	20	1
# of women trained in vocational/special skills (tailoring/embroidering/kitchen gardening/poultry rearing/business development/beautician/drivers)	5,364	38
# of women trained and provided vocational/technical kits	600	1
# of youth trained in solar enterprises establishment	80	1

## 12. Notable Events

### 12.1 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. Shoaib 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.



## 12.2 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.



### **12.3 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, Arie 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.

### **12.4 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.

FP organized a two-day staff retreat in Swat on August 02-03, 2017 attended by entire SGAFP team including the field teams. On the first day, SGAFP staff presented their findings of the most impactful grants and held elaborative discussions on the salient achievements of the identified grants. In different sessions held throughout the day, team members discussed program's overall accomplishments, brought forward the challenges faced during its execution, and shared the mechanism(s) adopted for addressing them. On the second day, SGAFP team visited selected grants in the area and met with the beneficiaries with a primary focus to observe post grant impact on quality of their lives. This provided the staff with an opportunity to observe grant impact on local communities. Overall, the entire SGAFP team was highly appreciative of holding this event. It has resulted in increased professional coordination and harmony among the staff of various units.

### **13. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March'17. The court has demanded all records of the Case from lower court before or on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. During the hearing, Mr. Shafi Khetrar 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 for the arrestment of LSO's Ex-president Mr. Zafar Pervez.

- Police arrested Mr. Zafar Pervaiz on 03<sup>rd</sup> 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 06<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **14. Planning for Next Quarter (October-December, 2017)**

SGAFP plans to manage the following tasks in the forthcoming quarter for U.S. Ambassador's Fund 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 15 completed grants during the next quarter.

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#### **List of Annex:**

Annex I: Region and sector wise progress of the approved projects, and funds (US\$) approved and disbursed  
Annex II: Detail of Events to be held by the Grantee Organizations during the Months of Jan/Feb, 2018

## Annex II: Region and sector wise approved projects, and funds (US\$) approved and disbursed

Regions & Funding (US\$)			Sector															
			Economic Growth	Education	Energy	Health	Flood / Social Assistance	Wildlife Conservation	Women's Issues	Cultural Preservation	Entrepreneurship	Water & Sanitation	Vulnerable Populations	Small-Scale Energy Solutions	Culture and the Arts	Social Entrepreneurship	Disaster Preparedness	Total
Balochistan	No. of Approved Projects		7	3	3	1	1	1	4	1	4	3	5	8	-	-	3	44
	Funding Status	Approved	460,159	203,858	278,776	60,720	92,417	66,441	216,513	71,323	129,841	139,645	194,775	543,423	-	-	171,330	2,629,222
		Disbursed	460,159	203,858	278,776	60,720	92,417	66,441	216,513	71,323	129,841	139,645	123,535	255,784	-	-	58,420	2,157,434
Sindh	No. of Approved Projects		3	2	2	1	2	3	11	-	1	-	6	1	1	-	-	33
	Funding Status	Approved	163,519	161,549	147,744	44,484	44,674	237,839	636,953	-	47,901	-	397,090	62,800	43,322	-	-	1,987,875
		Disbursed	163,519	161,549	147,744	44,484	44,674	237,839	636,953	-	47,901	-	308,589	51,520	5,075	-	-	1,849,847
Punjab	No. of Approved Projects		3	7	2	2	5	2	12	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	-	44
	Funding Status	Approved	140,893	894,103	150,636	160,025	328,628	126,441	704,483	226,759	44,143	-	166,380	74,856	-	213,452	-	3,230,800
		Disbursed	140,893	894,103	150,636	160,025	328,628	126,441	704,483	226,759	44,143	-	15,963	-	-	114,470	-	2,906,545
KPK	No. of Approved Projects		9	1	4	7	4	3	4	4	3	3	8	3	1	-	7	61
	Funding Status	Approved	737,173	81,846	424,251	542,994	312,316	257,900	213,319	280,625	179,338	120,566	420,924	204,590	67,468	-	451,648	4,294,958
		Disbursed	737,173	81,846	424,251	542,994	312,316	257,900	213,319	280,625	179,338	120,566	143,709	149,175	67,468	-	280,382	3,791,061
FATA	No. of Approved Projects		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Funding Status	Approved	93,528	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,528
		Disbursed	93,528	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,528
AJK	No. of Approved Projects		2	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	13
	Funding Status	Approved	186,612	-	159,455	-	97,368	56,724	106,273	-	110,591	-	124,785	75,485	-	52,981	-	970,275
		Disbursed	186,612	-	159,455	-	97,368	56,724	106,273	-	110,591	-	65,778	60,180	-	8,086	-	851,068
GB	No. of Approved Projects		3	3	3	-	1	5	3	2	7	1	6	-	2	1	2	39
	Funding Status	Approved	229,935	232,910	394,433	-	115,819	546,380	211,458	146,443	479,829	82,215	429,782	-	131,587	53,517	135,929	3,190,237
		Disbursed	229,935	232,910	394,433	-	115,819	546,380	198,177	146,443	479,829	82,215	290,540	-	59,214	-	83,731	2,859,627
ICT	No. of Approved Projects		-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Funding Status	Approved	-	62,340	-	-	-	-	76,708	-	-	63,176	-	-	-	-	-	202,224
		Disbursed	-	62,340	-	-	-	-	76,708	-	-	63,176	-	-	-	-	-	202,224
Total	No. of Approved Projects		28	17	15	11	14	15	37	9	18	8	31	14	4	5	12	238
	Funding Status	Approved	2,011,819	1,636,606	1,555,295	808,224	991,222	1,291,725	2,165,707	725,150	991,643	405,603	1,733,737	961,154	242,377	319,950	758,906	16,599,118
		Disbursed	2,011,819	1,636,606	1,555,295	808,224	991,222	1,291,725	2,152,427	725,150	991,643	405,603	948,114	516,658	131,757	122,556	422,533	14,711,332



**Annex-III: Detail of Events to be held by the Grantee Organizations during the month of January/February 2018**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Description of Proposed Activity</b>	<b>Location of Proposed Activity</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Activity Date</b>
1	SSSF Nawabshah	Expanding Access of Widows & Divorced Women to Decent Work	Closing Ceremony	Nawabshah	Sindh	2nd week of Jan 2018
2	VDO Ghotki	Improved Income Generation of Women Vulnerable Groups through Skills Enhancement	Closing Ceremony	Ghotki	Sindh	3rd week of Feb 2018
3	Area Development Organization	Provision of Home Based Solar Energy Systems to 120 Households in District Muzaffarabad	Closing Ceremony	Dopatta Muzaffarabad AJK	GB/ICT	December 31,2017
4	Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FHA)	Creating Resilient Communities in Shimshal Valley	Closing Ceremony	Islamabad	GB/ICT	Last week of January,2018
5	Women Economic Empowerment through Capacity Building in Garment Making	Women Development Baltistan (WDB)	Closing Ceremony	Skardu	GB/ICT	1st week of January, 2018
6	Baghbaan Trust (BT)	Skill Development Center for Marginalized Female Communities in District Muzaffarabad	Tailoring Training	UC Kachali & Katker, District Muzaffarabad, AJK	GB/ICT	January and February, 2018
7	Gupis Rural Support Programme (GRSP)	Improving Income of Communities through Provision of Fruit Solar Dehydration Plants in Union Council Gupis	Fruit Processing (Drying & Packaging) Training	Gupis	GB/ICT	2nd week of January,2018
8	Center for Social Education and Development (CSED)	SheCan	Opening Ceremony	Islamabad	GB/ICT	Last week of January,2018
9	Sustainable Peace and Development Organization- SPADO	Better Prepared Communities to Cope with Natural Disasters in Charsadda	Project Closing Ceremony	Peshawar	KPK	Jan 8, 2018

10	Biyar Local Support Organization (BLSO)	Enhancing Disaster Preparedness Capacity of Local Communities in District Chitral	Project Closing Ceremony	Booni Chitral	KPK	Jan 8, 2018
11	Tameer-e-Khalq Foundation (TKF)	Provision of Solar Systems to Underprivileged Communities	Project Launching Ceremony	Shah Noorani, Khuzdar	Balochistan	5th January, 2018
12	Community Advancement and Prosper Society (CAPS)	Installation of home Based Solar Energy Solutions	Project Launching Ceremony	Noshki	Balochistan	8th February, 2018
13	Society for Human Empowerment and Rural Development (SHER)	Social Protection and Safety Nets	Project Launching Ceremony	Mianwali & Khushab	Punjab	2nd week of February, 2018
14	Al Asar Development Organization (ADO)	Empowering Community Members with Disabilities through Skills Development in District Dera Ghazi Khan	Project Launching Ceremony	Dera Ghazi Khan	Punjab	2nd week of February, 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.