

Executive Summary



PATRIIP Regional Workshop

The socioeconomic indicators at the Pakistan – Afghanistan regions are extremely low due to variety of reasons including its far-flung isolated geographical location, fragility and often neglected by the major development corridors. The local population lacks access to basic social services and economic opportunities. In 2015, SRSP and PATRIIP Foundation joined hands together to help these communities and contribute to the objectives of socioeconomic development, peace and stability in the fragile and complex regions.

The partnership commenced in January 2015 with the construction of a 11.75 km long jeepable road in Arandu valley, Chitral, at extremely close proximity to the Arandu – Dokalam bridge, connecting Pakistan and Afghanistan. Since then, the partnership has significantly expanded in other districts, through 18 different projects, and has made huge impact in far-flung villages along the borders in District Chitral, Bajaur, Khyber, Kurram and North Waziristan District.

The gradual growth of the programme has a wide impact in various important sectors in the targeted districts. A number of government's basic health units (BHUs) constructed have improved the access of a large number of populations to the health services, while a female hospital is near completion. The education sector which has been focused on substantially has led to the building of government girls and boys' schools, providing educational services at the door step for most isolated communities. General accessibility of a huge number of isolated border communities improved through construction of new jeep able roads and suspension bridges in various valleys. Agricultural research would be promoted in the mountainous regions to improve and introduce a wide range of fruits and plants varieties. Economic growth supported through establishment of various business centers and markets. Local youth have the opportunities to get engaged in various games and to showcase their potential in the newly established sports facilities.

It is expected that the enormous efforts put in through this programme would contribute to the overall goal of socioeconomic growth, stability, social cohesion and peace building with long lasting positive impacts over the lives of the communities living at the Pakistan Afghanistan border regions in the years to come.