



## At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2005/0042

### Registration

The Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Registration No 3835) 13 July, 1998 in Hyderabad

### Major Programmes

Social Mobilization; Water Development and Management in arid zones of Thar; Sustainable Land Use; Micro-credit and Enterprise Development; Child citizenship and Children's Rights (child labour); Health, Education and Women's Rights; Relief and Rehabilitation in emergency situations

### Human Resource

Governing Body: 15 members  
Chairperson: Dr. Suleman Sheikh  
Staff Strength: 337

### Area of Operation

Tharparkar, Dadu, Umerkot & Khairpur, Jamshoro

### Banks

National Bank of Pakistan, Mithi

### Auditors

Anjum Asim Shahid Rehman, Chartered Accountants, Karachi

### Tax Status

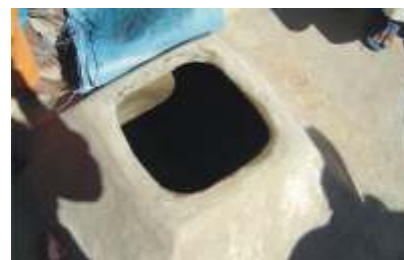
Exempt U/S 2(36) of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

### For Information and Donations

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## Mission

To facilitate a community managed process contributing towards the development of sustainable livelihood in Sindh.



## Background

Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) operates in the rural areas of Tharparkar, Mirpurkhas, Dadu and Khairpur Districts of Sindh, Pakistan. It aims at facilitating the rural communities in a way that they can be empowered to secure their rights with respect to command over resources and capabilities to manage the process of sustainable development. Thus, TRDP organizes the local communities and develops their managerial and technical capacity. It also facilitates them in the process of income generation through provision of credit. They extend services in the areas of primary health care, education and water. The working strategy of the organisation is based on the continuous process of research on social issues relevant with and related to community development.

## What They Do

### *Social Mobilization & Capacity Building:*

Under this programme, TRDP helps the community in organizing themselves in Village Development Committees. The formation of committees involves a process of identifying needs in sustainable land use, water and sanitation, education, primary health, saving and credit and income generation areas. This in turn provides the base for identifying the technical support required and developing and implementing solutions which can ultimately be sustained through minimum external inputs. They also encourage linkages with other service delivery NPOs. Developing human potential is one of the core areas of investment. Thardeep-HRGD (Human Resource and Gender Development) organises training, both managerial and technical, to provide the community with skills, hence empowering them, with a special emphasis on the poor, women and children.

### *Micro Enterprise Development & Income Generation:*

The rural communities face three main barriers to income generation: lack of access to working capital, lack of expertise to



manage the cash and lack of information regarding market trends. Thardeep endeavors to overcome these barriers through micro finance services. These include provision of financial services along with technical assistance to low income women and men at the village level.

Natural Resources Management:

Financial & technical assistance is provided to village organisations in developing approaches for sustainable land use and work on livestock disease prevention. Thus, they facilitate the community in identifying self initiatives to control the desertification, improve animal husbandry, range management, rain water harvesting and water and sanitation.

Health & Education and Integrating Child Labour:

TRDP also works towards the development of human resources for the primary health care sector that will also be able to liaise with the government health authorities. They engage in advocacy activities supporting the elimination of child labour and poverty. Children groups which involve themselves in the protection of the environment are also encouraged.

Ground & Surface Water Management:

Scarcity of water is a common problem throughout the programme area It is largely due to very low annual rainfall. Subsoil water from boreholes is too deep and too salty for drinking or irrigation. Lack of water is a major constraint to economic development in Thar and other arid zones of Sind. Yet, there is a wealth of ingenuity and expertise in using this scarce resource efficiently. Their programme components focus on rain fed agriculture and pastoralists. Currently TRDP is working on three strategic options: Developing physical infrastructure, promoting the indigenous methods of utilising underground rechargeable water on a small scale and developing tube wells exclusively for drinking purposes. The villagers contribute 20% of overall expenditure incurred on water projects, while the remaining amount is provided by the organisation. Involving communities leads to ownership and sustainability of the various projects.

“ TRDP is working in various arid areas of Sindh for the betterment of the society with a mission of enlarging the choices of people with equality and justice ”

Noor Ahmad Janjhi, Programme Advisor, TRDP

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	14,546,494	32,689,555	44,769,451
National (Grants/ Donations)	55,546,242	73,064,954	115,678,655
International (Grants/ Donations)	37,986,029	27,689,453	42,175,142
Total	108,078,765	133,443,962	202,623,248