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ABOUT US

PAKISTAN HUMANITARIAN FORUM

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum envision a society where all communities have access to effective assistance and services, through strengthened collaboration between the government, national civil society, and the international community. PHF is coordination forum of more than forty International non-governmental INGOs working in Pakistan, serving as a central collection point for relevant emerging information-through connection with broad sector of humanitarian community and standing seat at UN and government coordination fora at the national and provincial level. PHF was established as an independent forum in 2003, to represent, facilitate and support humanitarian assistance and long-term development programme initiatives of its member working in Pakistan.

Member Orgnization

PHF has a membership of 35 International NGOs working to deliver humanitarian assistance and long-term development programming in Pakistan. PHF member work in areas of health, poverty reduction, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, climate change, disaster risk reduction/management, agriculture, food and shelter across Pakistan.



Developing Educational support system for children with disabilities in Haripur District KP

AAR Japan is working in Haripur district of KP and providing the education opportunities to children with disabilities by introducing the concept and practice of inclusive education (IE). The intervention is benefiting more than **1000** direct and indirect people that included men, women, children and people with disabilities. Through this intervention, AAR Japan is planning to reach more than **11, 000** beneficiaries in upcoming years. AAR Japan is implementing this initiative with the support of KP Government also building the capacity of KP Education Department to promote inclusive education.





Provision of humanitarian assistance to COVID-19 affected communities

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe took several initiatives in post COVID-19 scenario by reaching out to beneficiaries in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Muzaffarabad. Diakonie is providing food, cash and other commodities to these beneficiaries related to sanitation. Through this initiative, **1500** vulnerable households were provided with cash grants for purchasing of food and other basic needs. Diakonie also rehabilitated **15** water supply schemes and provided access to safe drinking water to people. It also installed more than **100** hand washing stations to encourage communities to be high on hand hygiene.



Other than this the organization also sensitized more than **1.5** million people with behavior change communication campaign on WASH and installed and repaired **15** water supplies schemes in community, commercial and public places. Moreover, through its humanitarian initiative, Diakonie provided PPEs to **1500** frontline workers and engaged **40** clean green champions to increase awareness at the community level. Furthermore, the organization



Integrated Emergency Response through WASH, Livelihood & Food security interventions to COVID-19 and drought affected communities in District Tharparkar, Sindh-Pakistan

Diakonie also took several initiatives during the pandemic and provided the basic commodities to the people that included food packages to **2500** people and many other services. The services included installation of **10** solar submersible water pumps, construction of **800** washrooms through CLTS approach and provision of seeds for kitchen gardening. Under these initiatives, many people were sensitized on hygiene practices and behaviors at UC vejhiar Taluka Mithi district Tharparkar. Diakonie implemented these initiatives with the support of Participatory Village Development Program.

Diakonie responded to flood emergency and pandemic in year **2021** by taking several initiatives at Mirpurkhas, Sindh Province. Under these initiatives, Diakonie provided cash assistance to **2000** families and other activities that included agriculture assistance to **200** farmers, school sessions in **30** villages, installation of **40** handpumps, **750** Bio Sand Nadi-filters, **900** hygiene kits to women households and by providing toolkits for kitchen gardening to **300** families. Other than this, Diakonie distributed cotton seeds, fertilizers, and pesticide among **200** small farmers along with vegetable seeds and toolkits for **300** households. The initiatives also distributed saplings of **10,000** fruit trees among **300** household and enhanced the skills of **90** young people. Diakonie also benefitted **2,000** households with cash grants for the consumption of food items and sensitized **900** household on the effective utilization of PPE's. Along this, Diakonie installed handpumps in **30** villages to provide access to the clean drinking water for people of respective areas.





“My family highly appreciate the support that Diakonie provided during the difficult time of COVID-19 said Roso”

Raso's family is living in a village named Mau Akheraj, Union Council Vejhiar, Tehsil Mithi of District Tharparkar since ages. The population of the Tharparkar is badly affected by the drought condition from last many years and it was very difficult for the people in the area to meet their basic needs. During the pandemic, people were having so difficulties to earn for their livelihood. Roso's family is also the one which suffered so badly during the pandemic. The family hardly have any resources to afford basic commodities. When Diakonie visited the area, Roso told them that I couldn't continue my work during this pandemic and my daughter and wife are selling some embroidery clothes to meet the basic needs, but that amount is not sufficient to fulfill the basic need of family. Diakonie provided the food assistance to Roso's family and other people in the community. Roso and his family were thankful to Diakonie for addressing their needs in difficult time.

Roso said, we can't forget such immense support during our critical times.



The IGNITE Initiative: Unleashing the Power of Women Strivers

CARE International is playing a very effective role to uplift the state of women entrepreneurs for resilient and inclusive economy. Through its ignite initiative, CARE International is unleashing the potential of women entrepreneurs and supporting the Government's National Financial Inclusion Strategy for enhancing the financial access to women. The organization is practicing the same initiative in three countries (Pakistan, Peru and Vietnam) with the support of MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth. In Pakistan, the initiative is reaching out to **2 million** entrepreneurs in **7** districts of Punjab and Sindh by accelerating the growth of **45,000** enterprises through an adapted financial product.



COVID-19 response to strengthen government health system and to provide immediate emergency response to curtail outbreak of COVID-19 in Punjab, Sindh Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

CARE International responded to COVID-19 by strengthening the government health system and by providing the immediate emergency response to curtail pandemic in all provinces. CARE International led the ECHO funded consortium of INGOs i.e. Mercy Corps, Muslim Aid, HelpAge International and HANDS while having NGO partners i.e. IDEA, SAIBAN, and AGAHE and responded to the pandemic. Through this initiative, a total of **39,798** (Male **18,705** and Female **21,093**) benefitted and **1235394** individuals reached out through radio listing program. The key activities of the program included provision of medical equipment's and PPE kits to health facilities and capacity building of frontline health workers on preventive measures. ' and provided 204 winterization kits to cope with the harsh weather. The assistance proved to be a lifesaving assistance which benefitted 1,734 individuals including 399 men, 359 women, 561 boys and 415 girls.



Winter Emergency Response

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Women Economic Empowerment

Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) is the initiative of CARE International which aims to unleash the power of growth-oriented entrepreneurs, contributing to a resilient and inclusive economy. It is also supporting the Government's National Financial Inclusion Strategy to enhance financial access. CARE International is implementing this initiative in partnership with the MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth, which runs in Pakistan. The initiative is enhancing financial access for entrepreneurs and encouraging them to adopt digital wallets and digital business mechanisms and building their capacity to better able to access information, create linkages and grow their businesses.

Disaster Risk Financing (DRF) - Heat Wave Response CARE international responded to heat wave situation by reaching out to the people in Jacobabad, Sibi and Multan by providing the heat wave kits among daily wagers and sensitized people at large on preventive measures. Through this initiative a total of **842** people were benefitted.

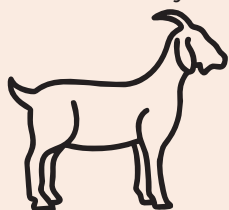
Humanitarian Assistance through WADANA Initiative

CARE International provided the humanitarian assistance to the **73,830** people in North Waziristan and tribal districts of KP by enhancing the entrepreneurship skills and by providing the income generation opportunities to the people. Through this initiative, people got the hands-on training on kitchen gardening and poultry farming. Other than this, CARE International rehabilitated **3** water supply schemes, constructed **140** washrooms, provided **1,650** dignity kits, **1,390** poultry packages, **675** kitchen gardening kits to the people of respective areas. CARE International also connected people with agriculture and other line departments for establishing the market linkages and to enhance their income. Other than this, CARE International rehabilitated irrigation channels and revitalized **66** hector for agriculture purposes.

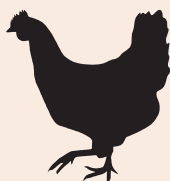


COVID-19 response in Pishin and Balochistan

CARE International responded to the pandemic in Pishin, Balochistan and reached out to **50,000** beneficiaries by providing **1,340** poultry kits, **450** goat packages, **150** kitchen gardening kits, livestock/Mott grass cutting to **500** households and COVID-19 related risk communication in two most vulnerable tehsils of Pishin. Other than this, CARE International provided drought resistant hybrid seeds for 500 Marlas and 450 Marlas of land.



450 Goats



1340 Poultry Kits





Unconditional life-saving cash assistance programme to the extremely vulnerable communities to mitigate the humanitarian impact of recurrent shocks

ACTED in collaboration with World Food Program responded to rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing the food and cash. A total of **8,167** people received food assistance and **57,169** received cash grants. The cash was distributed among **2,720** households along with several sensitization session on hygiene, nutrition, and COVID-19.

Consortium for Natural Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery in Pakistan - Integrated Emergency Intervention for Flood-affected Vulnerable Communities in Sindh

ACTED as being the part of National Disaster Consortium (NDC) worked across the country by implementing preparedness, response, and recovery interventions. Through this initiative, ACTED supported **45,5350** families, rehabilitated **12,701** water schemes, **85,6772** families received livelihood assistance, 19905 sanitation facilities and constructed **86,659** housing units in Sindh (Kashmore) and KP (Chitral). Other than this, ACTED strengthened preparedness structures through capacity development of local partners and prepositioning of emergency stocks and resources. ACTED also restored and rehabilitated water supply sources, distributed hygiene kits, and provided food packages along with **5000** shelter kits among **31,500** individuals. Other than this, **1890** individuals facilitated through dewatering of stagnant water, rehabilitation of 150 water points, and the provision of cash to **5000** households.

Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID)

ACTED in collaboration with other organizations is providing practical assistance to Government of Pakistan to curtail COVID-19 in different provinces. The response was designed to increase sustainability and to address the need of health facilities to communicate through integrated approach that incorporates interventions in health and WASH sectors. The action was designed to complement synergies of government departments and to adhere the protocols of government and the World



Health Organization (WHO) while keeping dynamic and adaptive approach to enable resources to be adapted in the evolving COVID-19 situation. Other than this, ACTED improved the capacity of public services, including health facilities, municipalities services to better combat with pandemic.

ACTED also supported NDMA, PDMA, DDMA, NIH and other Provincial Health Departments as well as Civil Defence to better combat with COVID-19 in KP, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and Islamabad Capital Territory in Pakistan. The response helped vulnerable communities in respective provinces to better address immediate needs of people in affected areas. Through this initiative, ACTED reached out to **42** health facilities and distributed 119,574 PPEs and other non-medical equipment.



Reducing Food Insecurity among Most Vulnerable Affected Groups in Pakistan

ACTED responded to pandemic in district Umerkot and Peshawar. During the pandemic, organization provided food assistance and the cash grants to **2,860** (1,430 HHs in district Umerkot **1,430** HHs in district Peshawar) households that included **20,020** individuals both in KP and Sindh to mitigate impact of pandemic and to improve food security among vulnerable households. Other than this, beneficiaries were also provided with contacts of relevant authorities in case of any emergency. Moreover, **200** sensitization sessions were organized for the community people living in those areas to better develop healthy habits during pandemic. Through this initiative, ACTED helped to improve the food security situation in Sindh.



Cash Assistance and Restoration of Livelihoods in Sindh Province, Pakistan

ACTED is providing relief to most vulnerable flood affected households with the support of Bureau from Humanitarian Assistance by providing livelihood support and by improving the living condition of people to meet their basic needs as well as to support growth and stability of local markets. The relief package included cash for work (**2200** men, **1535** women), grants for 100 households for the restoration of small businesses, multiple cash grants to **350** households and other assistance to disabled person to improve the livelihood of the people in particular area. The activities were implemented in **4** Union Councils (Mian Shah, Satriyoon, Nawab Abad and Shadi Pali) and the organization also formed **107** Project Facilitation Committees (PCF) to ensure inclusion and representation of women.



Covering the Gap-Delivering Coordinated Lifesaving Shelter and NFI assistance to Households affected by the Harnai Earthquake

ACTED responded to Harnai earthquake in collaboration with START Network within an overall objective to meet the lifesaving shelter and NFIs need of **35,000** affected households in district Harnai. Under this initiative, ACTED distributed a total of **1150** tent kits, **2600** NFI kits and **2400** hygiene kits among **3,814** beneficiaries.

Increased employment opportunities for vulnerable and disadvantaged youth groups in Pakistan

ACTED played a very important role by providing job opportunities to vulnerable and disadvantaged youth groups in Pakistan through its Belgium Development Agency funded



Technical and Vocational Education Training program. The initiative piloted an integrated, demand led innovative TVET model in Sindh and assessed its feasibility for replication in Pakistan labor market. The intervention targeted **300** young and disadvantaged men and women, including people with disabilities from district Kashmore and Badin for demand driven TVET training.

The initiative is highly focused on gender sensitive and market driven training program that included paramedical assistants, driver and digital application, advance mobile repairing (hardware and software), auto bike tuning, wiring and puncture repairing. Other than this, organization also established **4** target satellite VET centers in remote areas of Badin and Kashmore and engaged more than 155 employers, **10** public/private institutes and **22** community organizations. ACTED has also facilitated exposure visits to **101** trainees and advance supplementary trainings for **185** trainees. A total of **8** business linkage sessions were conducted and **262** startup kits were provided in kind to concerned trainees. Lastly, **300** trainees accomplished 2 months' post apprenticeship through identified employers.

Market and Employment for Peace and Stability

ACTED took an initiative for youth by providing the marketing skills in three districts of KP that included Charsadda, Mohmand and Bajaur. Through this initiative, young people were equipped with different skills to better take some start-up initiatives for their livelihoods. ACTED in collaboration with **15** TVET institute organised **12** vocational counselling and job placement workshops for **823** trainees in KP.

Closing the gap: Educating marginalized girls in Sindh and FATA

ACTED is playing a very pivotal role to provide access to quality education under its global campaign in Sindh and KP. The initiative is being implemented in three districts that included Kashmore, Jacobabad and Laki Marwat. The initiative is focused on non-formal based education system, which is addressing physical, qualitative, socio-cultural, family/community and systemic barriers to children's access.



Through this initiative, a total of **6,601** girls (10-13 years old) are getting education through its Accelerated Learning Program and **5374** girls (ages between 14-19) are getting Literacy and Numerical classes. The initiative is also focusing to include the girl with disabilities, as currently **30** girls with disabilities are getting education in KP and Sindh. ACTED also facilitated learners with disabilities through the provision of assistive devices and ramps etc. Other than this, ACTED organized **177** Literacy and Numerical classes, **38** Accelerated Learning Program and **6** TEVT centers.

Adults & Adolescents learning & training Program

ACTED is also enhancing access to quality education of girls through its Adults and Adolescents learning program in collaboration with Sindh Education Foundation. The program is providing accelerated formal primary education for vulnerable adolescents and basic functional literacy for adults together with certified skills. Through this initiative, **133** students received skill development trainings, **645** adolescents passed primary equivalent schools.





Critical Preparedness, Readiness, and Response Actions for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic in Gilgit-Baltistan, Chitral, and Karachi

Aga Khan Agency for Habitat played a pivotal role to combat with pandemic in different areas that included Gilgit-Baltistan, Chitral and Karachi. The initiative engaged number of people and enhanced their skills to better combat with pandemic. The initiative highly focused on system strengthening and community driven approaches to build the capacity of care providers and teachers along with other essentials that included WASH infrastructure to schools and health centers. Other than this, AKAH strengthen health system to effectively respond to COVID-19 by establishing response center to receive patients, by building the capacity of healthcare staff and by formulating the Standard Operating Procedures for the people to better combat with pandemic.

Under this initiative, AKAH launched Risk Communication and Community Engagement campaign and sensitized people at large on preventive measures of COVID-19 virus. The organization also initiated other ventures such as Community Health Improvement Program and School Health Improvement Program. Other than this, AKAH also distributed hygiene kits among other masses to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at all levels.

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 amongst three vulnerable settlements at the Peripheries of Chitral by Creating Awareness and by Improving Access to Water



AKAH responded to pandemic in many areas. The organization highly focused on three peripheral areas of Chitral where approximately **5,625** people are living below the poverty line. Furthermore, communities were facing many issues related to access of safe drinking water as there was only source of water which was 27 kilometers away. AKAH provided the access to clean drinking water by rehabilitating **700** square feet water line in such selected areas. The interventions played a very substantial role in preventing the COVID-19 spread in an integrated manner by providing basic health and hygiene practices which subsequently increase their vulnerabilities against the COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, it was pertinent to sensitize community at large to be high on hand hygiene by disseminating crucial information related to the virus.

Community Based Disaster Risk Management



AKAH also established community emergency response team across Pakistan under its community-based disaster risk management team and prepared community-based volunteers during emergencies. The institution imparted basic disaster management skills and prepared the community to better deal with disaster. Along this, more than **10,000** individuals were trained across Pakistan that included Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Chitral, Mansehra, Peshawar, Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi, Sargodha and Gilgit Baltistan. The training included the courses on **DRR, First Aid, CPR, Light search, school safety day**, shakeout drill, injury management etc.

Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment

Aga Khan Agency for Habitat also trained geologist carrying out the Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessments (HVRA) for the villages and glaciers of Gilgit-Baltistan, Chitral, KP, to identify downstream risk. Under this initiative, **787 villages** were assessed through the team of geologist both in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit Baltistan. The study thoroughly assessed historic profile of the hazards and its impact for the baseline data by identifying vulnerable population and elements at risk for each hazard at local level. In 2021, more than **25000** individuals have been benefitted in more than **200 villages** of Chitral, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Promoting integrated Mountain Safety in Northern Pakistan



AKAH played an effective role in promoting mountain safety across northern areas of Pakistan. The initiative engaged more than **368,731** individuals in Chitral and Mansehra and other various locations in Gilgit-Baltistan. The initiative also enhanced coping capacities of vulnerable communities in Northern Pakistan. The communities also received extensive training on community-based disaster management systems, construction of flood protection walls and retrofitting of schools.

Drinking Water Supply System Danyore

AKAH also took an initiative to provide access to clean drinking water in three main settlements that included Danyore, Muhammadabad and Gujardaas (Sultanabad). The total number of households are approximately **9220**, of which **7132** are in Danyore, **921** in Muhammadabad and **1167** in Gujardaas. The estimated population in three settlements is 78370, of which **60625** people are living in Danyore, **7,827** in Muhammadabad and **9918** in Gujardaas. Through AKAH, almost **9,220** households with a population of **78,370** are going to be benefitted with safe drinking water. The water supply ensured National Drinking Water standards and World Health Organizations guidelines. Under this initiative, spring collection chamber was constructed to pack three main spring sources which were collected, packed and supplied in **14.5**-kilometer main feeder line of **10'** HDPE pipe down to the top of Danyore.



Improving Solid Waste Management in selected colonies of Karachi



AKAH also took an initiative to improve the solid waste management in selected areas of Karachi and benefitted more than **5000** individuals. Other than this, organization provided more than 500 dustbins at colony and household level. The organization also organized **15 sessions** on solid waste awareness and enhanced the capacity of committees in **9** colonies. Other than this, AKAH planted **1000 plants** in the selected areas.



Provision of Integrated and Inclusive Health Assistance to Afghan Refugees and Host Communities (PIAAR)

Handicap International provided integrated and inclusive health assistance to Afghan Refugees and Host Communities (PIAAR) through mass media awareness campaign in **11 refugee villages**. The initiative is highly focusing on health issues that refugees were facing related to their mental health and gender-based violence. Under this initiative, Handicap International managed 9 basic health units in 11 refugee villages across KP with the provision of primary healthcare services.

Handicap International is also running **24/7 Basic Emergency** Obstetric and Neonatal Care Centers (BEmONC) in Hajizai, Charsadda and Kaoga, Buner districts to provide mother and child healthcare (MCH) to the local communities. Other than this, the organization combatted with COVID-19 by facilitating the patients through high dependency unit that was set up in Kaoga district Buner. Moreover, the organization also responded to the mental and psycho-social needs of the refugees surrounding host communities through an extensive program of specialized focused person-to-person mental health services by engaging a team of psychologists. The mental health services provided at home and BHU level so the refugee can better avail mental health services at their doorsteps. Other than this, Handicap International sensitized people on sexual and gender-based violence along with the protection component.

Capacity Building for Social Cohesion through MHPSS

Handicap International provided mental health primary trainings to host refugee communities by equipping them with skills and knowledge to better deal with psychosocial issues. Other than this, **117000** people were benefitted with MCH and PHC health services and **300 patients** fully recovered through HDU facility in Buner. Along this, **6400** people were provided with therapeutic services including **730 basic sessions** on mental health and positive well-being.

Moreover, **3488** refugees oriented on gender-based violence along with the distribution of **452** assistive devices for people with disabilities, along with the installation of **14** manual pumps and **9** toilet blocks were established for people with disabilities and vulnerable groups. Other than this, **22** training were organized for health department of KP, 7 in state-run educational institutions and **13** trainings to the staff of Provincial and District Disaster Management Authority on inclusive response to emergencies. Other than this, **280** people were provided with psychosocial support to better deal with mental health issues.



Story of Impact

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Providing Mental Health to GBV sufferers, to breathe new life

Laila* is a 33 years old woman, married, with 5 children, and resident at Refugee village Kababyan. She is a GBV survivor. Her husband was a drug addict who would subject her to domestic violence. Day by day, the intensity of abuse increased as did his addiction. Laila reached out to the psychologist of Handicap at Kababyan Camp. At the time of her first visit, she was bleeding, stressed and hopeless to the point that she was contemplating suicide to escape the abuse.

HI's psychologist provided psychological first aid and other mental health services to help Laila overcome stress and develop coping skills. She was also guided about a rehabilitation centre for IDU through the Social Welfare Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - a drug centre to consult for her husband. Besides, she requested the psychologist refer her husband to a male psychologist for counseling. Her husband was sent to HI's male psychologist for psychoeducation and awareness about mental health through group awareness sessions. He was called for an individual session - with his consent and the surety of confidentiality - to assess his level of insight and willingness to receive services from the anti-drug addiction and detoxification center.

Laila was referred to HI's LHV for her reproductive health requirements where she was educated about birth spacing as her health and financial condition did not allow her to have more children, especially when there were limited sources of income. She was also referred to HI's GBV focal person where she was educated on women's rights and how to prevent herself from gender-based violence by applying the safety plan that she was guided about by the GBV team.

Due to her husband's abuse, Laila had lost movement in her hand. Hence, she was referred to HI's physiotherapist to enable movement in her hand. With daily exercises and frequent psychotherapy sessions, Laila regained movement in her hand. This was the first true instance where she felt empowered enough to understand that she can at least make her own decisions and actions to improve her condition.

Laila's husband agreed to consult the anti-drug addiction center. He was referred to a center where he was screened for HIV and HCV. Later on - within a week - he was admitted to the rehab center for anti-drug addiction therapy.

This stopped the cycle of abuse for Laila and granted her some safety and independence in her life.

Laila shared that she is noticing a major change in her life, after years. She is now aware of her rights and could cope with daily stressors. Laila strived to take control of her life; today, she exhibits hope for a better future.



Sindh Drought Resilience Program (SDRP)

Concern Worldwide under its Sindh Drought Resilience Program (SDRP) took several initiatives for the drought affected communities. The intervention enabled poor and most vulnerable communities to strengthen community and governments local disaster risk management institutions. Through this initiative, Concern Worldwide is sensitizing and mobilizing communities on disaster risk management and effects of drought. Other than this, the organization is improving **agriculture production**, building the capacities of community on **early warning systems**, constructing, and rehabilitating communal **water infrastructure** and providing the hand hygiene commodities to people. Concern Worldwide is taking these initiatives in collaboration with Sami Foundation and Sukaar Foundation.



CSOs Building Resilience through Improved Delivery, Governance and Empowerment Program

Concern Worldwide played a pivotal role in building the capacity of civil society organization to engage and mobilize communities and to mitigate the negative socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 in district Bahawalpur. Under this initiative, the selected organizations are engaging with Youth, equipping with skills, building their linkages, and amplifying voices. Such initiative helped organizations to bridge the gap between local authorities and communities to mitigate the social and economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. Moreover, Concern Worldwide identified **23** community-based organizations, enhanced the capacity of **69** Civil Society Organizations, developed Liaison with line departments, and sensitized local authorities.

Piloting CMAM Surge Approach- A Step to Build Health System Preparedness

Concern Worldwide piloted CMAM surge approach to better prepare health system and to enhance capacity of government health to better predict, plan and respond the acute malnutrition in Umerkot district in Sindh by engaging **10,300** beneficiaries. The initiative is funded by ECHO and implemented in collaboration with PPHI and WFP. The pilot initiative strengthened patient's referral system and ensured the effectiveness of CMAM surge approach. It also strengthened monitoring system and the functioning of monitor caseloads against thresholds.

Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)

Concern Worldwide is playing a very effective role in improving the nutritional status of children under 5 years of age along with pregnant and lactating mothers in **3** districts (Matiari, Sujawal, Tando Allahyar). The initiative helped to implement multi-sectoral strategies and played an important role to ensure the nutritious uptake in children and lactating mothers. Concern Worldwide is implementing this program in collaboration with ACF, Shifa Foundation, Pakistan National Forum on Women's Health, and Thardeep Rural Development Program.

Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID)

Concern Worldwide through its integrated approach improved the national capacity to respond pandemic and



enhanced the capacities of public services including health facilities, disaster management authority and healthcare emergency. Concern Worldwide along with other partners such as CESVI, IMC, MdM responded to pandemic in **19** districts across Pakistan. The program is strengthening the capacity of government health facilities by providing the PPE's, medical and non-medical, handwashing stations and other necessities. Concern Worldwide is taking up this initiative in collaboration with Thardeep Rural Development Program in Sindh and Water Environment and Sanitation Society in Balochistan. Concern Worldwide and its partner organizations are also sensitizing people at large to take the preventive measures to better combat with COVID-19.

CSOs Building Resilience through Improved Delivery, Governance and Empowerment Programme

The programme focuses on building capacity of civil society organization (CSOs) that engage and mobilize communities, to mitigate the negative socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in district Bahawalpur. These selected and capacitated CSOs are engaging with Youth, equipping them with skills, building their linkages and amplifying voices. Strengthened civil society organizations are considered as a key player to bridge gap between Local Authority (LA) and target groups (male and female youth, People with Disabilities [PWDs], women, transgender).

Merged Areas Returnees Support Program (MARSP)

Concern Worldwide through its integrated humanitarian programme is addressing unmet needs of vulnerable returnees in tribal districts by improving access to WASH coupled with provision of basic nutrition services and restoration of non-functional health facilities. The initiative complemented humanitarian and recovery interventions carried out by various stakeholders in North and South Waziristan Tribal Districts. Concern implemented this programme in collaboration with Prime Foundation and Pakistan Community Development Programme (Pak-CDP). The programme contributed towards strengthening capacity of health system in the target districts to respond to COVID-19 pandemic by providing medical supplies for the screening of children and adults and by mobilising community to raise awareness toward IYCF practices and by training of healthcare providers on Diseases Early Warning System. Other than this, organization provided solarised pressure pumps, rehabilitated health facilities, and constructed washrooms.



Early Recovery Intervention for Flood Affected Population in Sindh

Concern Worldwide through its Early Recovery Intervention for Flood Affected Population in Sindh included coordinated and multi-sectoral activities for shelter, WASH and FSL in the flood affected areas. Concern Worldwide took this initiative by forming National Disaster Consortium in collaboration with **IOM, FAO, UNICEF, ACTED, HANDS**. Through this initiative, Concern Worldwide is providing shelter packages for fully and partially damaged areas, providing shelter grants to flood affected vulnerable families, rehabilitated water and sanitation facilities and organised interactive hygiene promotion sessions in two districts that included Dadu and Tando Muhammad Khan.



Drought Risk Response

Concern Worldwide through its Drought Risk Response initiative is supporting drought affected communities and providing them better opportunities to meet the needs of livelihood, nutrition, and WASH. The initiative is supporting the findings from recent Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC)- acute food insecurity by UN-FAO and relevant government stakeholders. The program is ongoing in Umerkot, Tharparkar and Sanghar in partnership with Sami and Sukaar Foundation. Other than this, organization is sensitising people related to nutritious

diet and building the communities capacity on agriculture and food security and by providing multi-nutritional feeds and fodder for livestock. Moreover, the organization build the capacity of stakeholders on early warning and early action related to the emergency. Other than this, Concern worldwide enhanced the capacity of community livestock extension workers and supported the immunization campaigns.

Integrated COVID-19 Humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees in KP and Balochistan (ICHA)

Concern Worldwide through its integrated humanitarian response to Afghan refugee is providing health, education, economical and WASH services in refugee communities. The organization is taking these initiatives in close collaboration with Health and Education departments and Commissionerate Afghan Refugees (CAR) and UNHCR. Under this initiative, Concern Worldwide provided PPE's, hygiene toolkits, rehabilitated sanitation facilities, and provided market-based skill training to selected Afghan refugees. Other than this, organization enhanced the capacity of teachers and students on distant learning and extra-circular activities.



Improved resilience through food and nutrition security

WHH through its initiative reached out to **4000** households in two union council of Muzaffargarh to improve the access of nutritious food and enhanced the capacity of beneficiaries related to natural resource management, nutrition education and awareness. The organization also provided access to **clean drinking water** and **sanitation** along with many other sensitization sessions related to diversified method of food production, feed and fodder production for livestock and artificial insemination & backyard poultry.

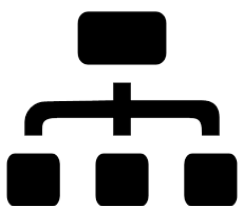
Through this initiative, provincial government was fully supported for the implementation of Punjab's multi-sectoral nutrition strategy by establishing the coordination structure in **2** Union Council of Muzaffargarh and by engaging **40** community organization to come up with **40** community plans. In result, vulnerable groups, especially pregnant and lactating women and children under 2 years of age, in **2** UCs of Muzaffargarh have sustainably improved their nutritional situation by applying a multi-sectoral approach (agriculture, natural resource protection, WASH and income generation). Other than this, 70 % farmers by WHH find **30%** increase in their yield and in agriculture production and livestock.

Sustainability phase of PAK 1094-18, BDRP Phase II

WHH in its sustainability phase enhanced collaboration and coalition with relevant government departments to develop Annual Development Plans as per NDMA commitments. The initiative aims to enhance community resilience through sustainable livelihoods of the target population also to increase effective coordination with relevant government departments. According to WHH, better coordination between communities and authorities would actually result into more effective emergency response in

case of disaster or anything related to service delivery.

Through this intervention, WHH remobilized and revitalized community structures, revised disaster management plans, enhanced institutional capacity and provided business development support to trainees by developing their linkages with (EHSAS, Kamyab Jawan, Chamber of commerce, Islamic and Khushali Banks).



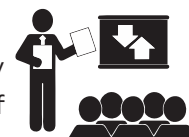


Counter effects of conflict and migration by strengthening socio-economic resilience of communities in Bannu

WHH improved and ensured access to adequate nutrition-rich food, drinking water, sanitation facilities, and adoption of best hygiene and nutrition practices through an integrated multi-sectoral and multi-level approach among **10,000** households in three union councils of district Bannu & returnees in **13** villages of North Waziristan. Through this initiative, the Household Diet Diversity Score (HDDS) was increased by **2** points in host and returnee communities compared to baseline and Individual Diet Diversity Score (IDDS) for Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) and children up to **24** months from host and returnee communities was increased by **1.5** points after third year compared to baseline. Other than this, there was a sharp decrease in waterborne diseases in the area as it was reduced till **35 %**.



Furthermore, **60%** of households were able to cover the costs of basic health care through newly created sources of income and have increased their expenditure on food. Other than this, **93%** of the vocational skill trainees and entrepreneurs increased their income and are now able to cover the cost of basic health care. The average Household diet diversity score (HDDS) of the targeted communities is increased by **2.1** by the end of the project. The average individual diet diversity score (IDDS) for women of the reproductive age and children under **2** are increased respectively by **1.1** and **1.2** points by the end of the project.



The diarrheal disease ratio in the targeted area is decreased by **50%** from baseline (56%) to end line (28%). **93%** of the vocational skill trainees and entrepreneurs increased their income and are now able to cover the cost of basic health care. Communication structures and mechanisms for participation at the community level were established and an effective dialogue was taken place between communities, local government, and administration. Other than this, WHH improved access to WASH infrastructure and public services at the community level. Moreover, grassroots organizations articulated their needs in a targeted manner.



Enabled environment for right-based, inclusive development and improved governance

WHH played an effective role to improve the governance and development process by strengthening civil society organization in Shangla and Swat districts. Through that initiative, WHH formed community organizations and developed the participatory development plans at village and Tehsil level. WHH also enabled communities to assess public services, identify gaps and improved demand. Other than this, WHH established local development units in the government offices as jointly owned space for communities, elected representatives and local authorities to interact with each other. Moreover, web portal was developed to regularly share information with public. Other than this, WHH trained the elected representatives and local authorities on good governance and accountability and also formed community structures along with Local Development Units in Swat and Shangla.



Building Resilience for Improved Nutrition among Pregnant and Lactating Women and Children under five in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

WHH is playing an effective role by improving the nutrition status of **8,000** households in district Shangla and Kohistan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. To address the main causes of poor nutrition, WHH is taking several initiatives and enhancing the access of community for nutritious diet through various means. The initiative included accessible water and sanitation facilities, improvised and diversified income opportunities and increase in diversified crops and livestock production along with the implementation of multisector Integrated Nutrition Strategy of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. While completing this initiative, WHH would be able to provide food to **60 %** of its targeted households and **70 %** of the trainee would receive the certificates which eventually help them to increase their income at least **30 %**.

Exploring indigenous solutions to hunger and malnutrition in Tharparkar, Pakistan

WHH is exploring indigenous solutions to deal with hunger and malnutrition issues in Tharparkar, Pakistan. To better respond to the nutritional requirements, WHH is mapping existing food needs and preparing the community to better adopt innovative dietary solutions for PLW and children under **2** residing in Tharparkar and Umerkot. Through this intervention, WHH reached out to **268,025** malnourished HHs which is **84%** of the Thar Desert population. The rest of the population of Thar was indirect beneficiary.

Supporting rural communities to get higher income from the sale of their animals in Sindh, Pakistan

WHH is taking essential step to improve the economic condition of rural communities by enhancing their capacity to treat livestock well so they can get better amount during the time when they start selling in local market. The main aim of the intervention is that farmers must receive **30 to 40%** increase in their income by nourishing well to livestock. Through this intervention almost 700 livestock farmers observe sharp increase in their income. Other than this, WHH helped local farmers to improve their linkages with local and provincial markets to receive the reasonable price of their livestock. During the intervention farmers enhanced their knowledge related to the nourishment and vaccination of the livestock.

Strengthening food security resilience of small farmers by adapting climate change multi-level approaches

WHH took the initiative for local farmers to adopt different approaches to mitigate the risk of climate change. Through this intervention, WHH reached out to **17897** farmers including the cattle farmers in **20** selected villages in the UCs Kaplore and Faqir Abdullah in Umerkot. WHH also engaged women and children under the age of 5. Through this intervention, WHH targeted household that were particularly affected by the effects of climate change in agriculture and livestock farming in arid region. The organization enhanced the capacity of local farmers by engaging local government and authorities to give appropriate advice related to livestock nourishment and crop production. The intervention strengthened the capacity of local organizations to apply climate friendly approaches in their advisory work and equipped the local farmers with techniques to manage their farms, crops, livestock and resources in a climate smart manner.



Humanitarian Assistance to the Rain flood -2020 affected population in Pakistan

WHH played a crucial role in providing basic life needs of the rain affected communities with non-food items, emergency WASH facilities, conditional cash assistance and other essential support to the people in district Mirpurkhas with union councils of Taluka Sindhri and Taluka Kot Ghulam Muhammad. Moreover, WHH provided food security support to flood affected families and supported small farmer to cultivate on time and nourish livestock appropriately. Other than this,

WHH provided access to safe drinking water and improve the hygiene condition of the communities. Moreover, WHH provided relief services to flood affected families in various forms that included cash grants, vaccination of livestock and the availability of water resources and the provision of hygiene kits.

Building Resilience through Improved Delivery, Governance and Empowerment (BRIDGE) in Punjab (Multan & Bahawalpur) & Sindh (Hyderabad)

WHH played a very significant role to enhance the resilience of community by improving service delivery and governance structure in Punjab (Multan & Bahawalpur) & Sindh (Hyderabad). WHH identified and strengthened 69 community-based organization and other existing forums and build their linkages with local authorities and private sectors. Other than this, WHH enhanced capacities of these organizations to formulate the plans and improvised the systems. Under this activity, WHH engaged CSOs and youth in implementing and monitoring small projects and to launch mass scale campaign and sensitized people at large.



Strengthening food and nutrition security and WASH services to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for particularly vulnerable people in Pakistan

WHH took a strong initiative for most vulnerable groups of rural and peri-urban communities with respect to food & nutrition security. These were the people badly affected by socio-economic effects of COVID-19 but also the fact that most were already at risk due to poverty, shortage of food, and nutrition situation in certain parts such as locust infestation and drought. WHH implemented this intervention in collaboration with national/local partner i.e: IDEA –in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in following districts (Mardan, Layyah, Sanghar and Sajawal). Through this intervention, WHH provided many services that included food assistance, agriculture inputs, health, hygiene, and sanitation material. Other than this, WHH launched several sensitization campaigns and installed WASH stations at many levels.

In result, WHH was successful in increasing income opportunities of **79 %** of households. Other than this, **100%** of the households got complete access to water and sanitation services, **2021** household received the food assistance (In-Kind) for people in quarantine households, **3691** households received cash & voucher assistance (CVA), **4725** farmers received agricultural inputs (in-kind), **1200** farmers received inputs for home gardening (in-kind), and **120** farmers received the gardening and nutrition training (SIFS, farmers field schools, nutrition education for COVID-19 patients, etc.). Other than this, **83** sessions were organized in **80** Villages and **4000** IEC

material pack were distributed for Social and behavioral change measures (SBC) related to optimal maternal, infant and young child feeding (MIYCF).

TOGETHER-Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response (Localization Programme)



WHL through its TOGETHER initiative build the capacity of its local humanitarian partners to take better action while responding to emergencies. Through this intervention local humanitarian partners were able to take timely decisions and strengthened their ongoing operations and systems. During the launching phase of initiative, WHL received 110 applications and shortlisted 5 local humanitarian partners.

Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID)



WHL in collaboration with Alliance **2015** members provided practical assistance to the Government of Pakistan to better contain COVID-19 pandemic across all provinces. The response was designed in a way that it sustains government's COVID-19 response plan and address the needs of health facilities and communities through an integrated approach. The initiative is being implemented in **24** districts of Pakistan, whereas WHL focused on **4** districts including Multan, Rajanpur, Umerkot and Sanghar. Through this initiative, WHL provided PPEs, medical and non-medical equipment, sensitized people to follow the Sop's of COVID-19 and installed handwashing stations along with some toilet facilities at DHQ, THQ and BHUs.

Contingency Stock for Vulnerable Families Affected by Natural Disasters

WHL focused on contingency planning and disaster preparedness to better respond to any natural disaster in an effective and timely manner. Other than this, WHL is strengthening disaster preparedness efforts to intervene in any area of Pakistan by pre-positioning of NFI kits for **2,500** families that includes **17,500** beneficiaries. To better respond to any natural disaster, WHL procured **2500** NFI kits along with **5,000** tarpaulins and fixation ropes to cover basic needs in an emergency.



2500
NFI Kits



5000
Tarpaulins



17500
Beneficiaries



Story of Impact

“This is a fact that I am now self-employed that has made me independent,”

Provision of Technical skills to empower women economically

“Tailoring was my interest in past, after receiving technical training from FDO & WHH under BDRP Program, Tailoring is my Source of Income”

35-year old Abida Parveen, resident of basti Meerani-4 Union Council Jhugi wala Tehsil Jatoi District Muzaffargarh. Abida Parveen has always had a passion for tailoring; she decided to pursue her dream after enrolling on the tailoring course organized under BDRP Program Phase-II in tehsil Jatoi, Abida Parveen developed her skills and equipped herself to stitched her way to Success.

Abida Parveen has two children and her husband is daily wage labourer. Abida look back and shared that before the course, I did not know I had a purpose in life I just look after my livestock & farming which was our only source of income .In my life, I faced many hardships that fate threw at me but now I can feel life is so purposeful.

During Training, a qualified trainer gave us opportunity to learn everything practical regarding modern tailoring. We are taught everything, right from sketching, drafting, cutting and stitching,” says Abida Parveen. What was most interesting was how we girls, in this women-friendly space, learn each other’s traditional stitches specific to our community culture.

After completing course she [Abida Parveen] worked as a tailor, stitching for male & female dresses in the neighbourhood. In beginning, she gained steady clients and experience as a good tailor. Abida Parveen wishes all unemployed young girls of her area could have the same opportunity as she did. Abida Parveen showed compassion in replicating her skills to 05 of her neighbourhood girls in securing a good life for themselves. Abida Parveen said, “I charge them Rs. 5000/- each and will earn about Rs 25000/- after completion of their technical course from that too. Abida shared that “this is a fact that I am now self-employed that has made me independent, Abida Parveen feeling proud to be able to contributing Rs: 10,000/- ensuring from tailoring in monthly expenses. She further added “Now I can contribute money for food and could purchase of school material for my 9th class daughter and son as well, which has actually meant a lot for my family.



Turning plastic and other waste into green products, to improve the environment to improve the health and livelihood of vulnerable people



Tearfund took this initiative to provide sustainable solid waste management solutions in two urban communities. Through this initiative, Tearfund is mobilizing communities to segregate waste. The organic waste would help to create organic compost, papers, and metals and to recycle plastic which enhance income generation ways for better environment and health. To achieve the result, Tearfund signed MoA with Sindh Solid Waste Management Board for waste management work. According to the agreement, SSWMB collect segregated household waste and transport to GTS for recycling plastic products and compost.

Strengthening Communities against effects of COVID-19

Tearfund played a very important role in uplifting small scale business by providing business revival grants and the essential equipment to better contain COVID -19 spread in district Rahim Yar Khan and Multan. Under this initiative, Tearfund installed **10** handwashing stations, distributed **10** disinfected spray machines, and distributed more than **100** food packages among deserving families.



Equipping communities to address socioeconomic challenges

Tearfund is strengthening community by empowering women and youth socially and economically. Through this initiative, Tearfund is changing the attitude of people by utilizing available resources and by finding the solutions of common issues. Other than this, Tearfund is equipping community with good skill set to better fight with poverty.

Community Transformation

Tearfund through its community transformation initiative is improving and strengthening **11,000** individuals. The initiative is providing them skillset to better develop leadership qualities and take concrete action by utilizing available resources economically and socially.

Village Literacy Education Awareness Program

Tearfund is playing a crucial role for transforming the lives of women by equipping and empowering through Female Adult Literacy Centers and Women Empowerment Groups in 94 rural communities. The initiative is bringing positive change in women lives as they are well equipped to uplift their economic and social condition.



Story of Impact

Training women in business management to support their spouses in getting their life secure and smooth

"Money is one of the biggest sources of marital discord, and it can be one of the toughest to resolve. Raising 5 children with nearly no money in my pocket worries me every night. The continuous anxiety is making me a different person", expressed Jahanzaib.

Jahanzaib was a street vendor and was just making the ends meet. After the lockdown due to Covid-19 in 2020, he suffered from a financial setback. He lost his daily income due to the lockdown. He used to get agitated for not being able to provide for the basic needs of his children. Before Jahanzaib realized it, the unpleasant change in his personality started to affect his relationship with Almas, his wife. The two kept on fighting on petty issues, and it resulted in a disturbed environment in the house.

Jehanzaib and Almas, were given the opportunity to participate in business management training and were given a business revival grant under Covid-19 response project implemented by REEDS, Tearfund's partner based in Rahim Yar Khan. Previously, he was cooking the snacks and managing the expenses and income himself. As a result of the business training, they divided the responsibilities. Almas started to support Jahanzaib in business by lending a hand in purchasing the ingredients and cooking a variety of snacks.



“Two are better than one.
Her support brought
financial blessings in the
family and gave me more
energy to work for longer
hours. I regret being angry
and non-cooperative. I like
this new change and I am
grateful to God for peace
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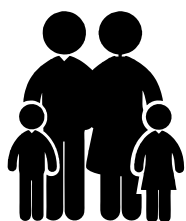
shares Jehanzaib with a
smile.



Orphan Sponsorship Project 2021

SIF through its orphan sponsorship initiative is supporting 356 orphans Households (1,810 beneficiaries) for improving their access to education and enhancing dietary needs, strengthening livelihood considerations, and building resilience in the families against child abuse in the target area of Islamabad, Rawalpindi (Punjab) and Tharparkar (Sindh). Through this initiative, SIF sensitized **1,422** children and **388** adults related to their right to education and protection. SIF also provided **360** meat packs to **356** HHs. Other than this, 25 orphan and parents were supported in establishing small enterprises by providing the cash grant **40,000** PKR. Moreover, SIF supported **433** orphan children and equipped them with the knowledge related to child rights and protection to better protect their siblings in case of any disasters.

Support To Marginalized Families For Integrated Livelihoods And Economic Empowerment



SIF through its SMILE initiative provided support to local marginalized people that includes **41,536** individuals or **6,390** HH communities of KP, Sindh and Punjab for **12** months in 2021. The initiative helped these beneficiaries to better enhance economic condition and by providing income generating opportunities. Other than this, SIF equipped beneficiaries with skill set and organized some training courses to better develop small business without any hindrance. Moreover, SIF also provided poultry birds to **299** households, food packages to **4,200** beneficiaries, meat packages to **3,500** beneficiaries and Eid gift packs to **4,000** children. Other than this, SIF also provided **5** technical and vocational training to **68** entrepreneurs on enterprise development and marketing. Through this initiative, more than 20 tailors, **23** farmers and **25** local shopkeepers were linked to the local market to work independently and sustain their business after the closure of SIF.

Integrated Development Through Economic Activities & Learning – IDEAL II

SIF through its IDEAL-II initiative is uplifting the economic condition of 2,810 beneficiaries or **367** HHs returnees through restoration of resilient basic infrastructure and providing sustainable livelihood opportunities in Orakzai Newly Merged District in KP. Through this initiative, SIF enhanced the economic condition of returnees by strengthening enterprise development opportunities and by improving WASH facilities through rehabilitation

and construction work. Moreover, SIF enhanced the capacity of **70** beneficiaries related to agriculture, improve the access of water and sanitation, rehabilitated **90%** drinking water supply schemes, and sensitized community with health and hygiene sessions. Other than this, SIF provided support to 25 entrepreneurs to better develop their enterprises and organized **20** health and hygiene sessions for 500 beneficiaries at the communal level

Building sustainable solutions to disaster response in tharparkar sindh – Best 2021

SIF through its BEST initiative provided sustainable solutions to disaster-prone areas especially to the people (3,999 beneficiaries, 615 HHs) who are suffering from the effects of drought and pandemic in Tharparker, Sindh from Jan-2020 till Dec-21. The initiative helped people to meet the needs of their foods and to address underlying cause of malnutrition and health condition. Other than this, SIF supported communities by providing access to clean drinking water to 1000 HHs and by improving food needs of community through skill set related to kitchen gardening. Moreover, SIF rehabilitated **10** dug wells, **6** communal tarai, constructed 15 animals' tuffs and provided aid to 800 families. Other than this, SIF conducted **400** awareness sessions related to COVID-19 prevention and organized several other sessions related to the disaster risk reduction and preparedness. SIF also enhanced the capacity of **925** HHs for growing **925** drought resilient agriculture crops and equipped **500** HHs on advance kitchen gardening trainings. Other than this, SIF developed two model agriculture forms and helped the local farmers in subsidizing bio-saline agriculture crops. Moreover, SIF also provided **8000** drought resilient tree saplings and agriculture seeds to **400** farmers.



Food Assistance for Assets Cash Project Orakzai 2021

SIF in collaboration with WFP provided food assistance and cash assets to **36,107** individuals or **3,580** returnees' households. Through this initiative, SIF improved sustainable livelihood opportunities and ensured access to basic service in district Orakzai of KP. Other than this, SIF helped in creating and restoring physical infrastructure assets of most vulnerable families in newly merged districts of KP through cash for work and cash for training program. Moreover, SIF organized several sensitization sessions for women and girls on



kitchen gardening, poultry management, orchards management, and on other techniques related to food preservation.

Other than this, SIF provided support in rehabilitating and constructing communal structures schemes. Through this intervention, SIF engaged **2,368** male and rehabilitated **124** irrigation channels and watercourses. Other than this, **13,117** beneficiaries have received cash assistance for around **96,652,500 PKR** and 1,160 beneficiaries were trained on kitchen gardening, poultry management and food preservation. Other than this, **72 EVIs** received unconditional cash grant of **15,000** PKR to each beneficiary and **29,000** trees were planted through plantation drive and vaccinated **236** large and **235** small animals in collaboration with livestock management department of KP.

Livelihood's recovery assistance project for the people affected by floods and other shocks in district Sanghar, Sindh (Early Recovery Food Assistance for Assets FFA)

SIF through its livelihood recovery assistance initiative for flood effective people reached out to **14,469** individuals by providing the food assistance and by restoring the infrastructure assets of the most vulnerable communities. Other than this, SIF rehabilitated communal structures schemes, constructed disaster risk mitigation assets, sensitized community on food security and resilience. Moreover, SIF prepared community by transferring the skills related to disaster risk management to better deal in any emergency.

COVID Emergency Response Tharpakar2021

SIF through its emergency response initiative provided support to the vulnerable communities to better combat with COVID-19. Through this initiative, SIF provided NFI kits and food packages to **1,036** HHs that includes **6,216** individuals and disseminated key messages related to the prevention of COVID-19.





Beneficiary quote from Save the Children's ALG project

Community Service Organization (CSO) Appropriation Program

Save the Children through its community services organization appropriation program engaged the relevant stakeholders which focus on to prevent and respond to child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Through this initiative, provincial governments of Sindh and Punjab were fully engaged for the implementation of respective child related laws.



Hygiene and Behaviour Change Coalition (HBCC)

Save the Children in Pakistan through its Hygiene and Behaviour Change Coalition is preventing the spread of COVID-19 among children, caregivers and their families and other wider communities to build the resilience for future outbreaks and to support early childhood development. eppers were linked to the local market to work independently and sustain their business after the closure of SIF.

Innovation Fund on Education - Learning Tree



Save the Children through its innovation fund on education provided access to quality education through its Children Accelerated Learning Centers (ALCs). The initiative provided an opportunity to children to continue their learning and educational activities. Other than this, save the children supported caregivers to enhance children's learning at home and teachers to support children's reintegration into the classroom when schools reopen.

Innovation Fund on Climate Change - My Forest Child

Save the Children through its Innovation Fund on Climate Change envisages an innovative hybrid social enterprise that is linking public campaigning and engagement at national and international levels. Through this initiative, SC-PKCO has responded to Sindh Flood Emergency in Pakistan. Other than this, Save the Children in consultation with NDMA and other line departments considered the government initial need assessment and provided rescue and relief support to vulnerable communities in Karachi and Badin districts.

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Red Alert Campaign

The Red Alert Campaign is an initiative of Save the Children in Asia, and it was launched in over 15 countries across the region. The main aim of the initiative is to take strong position on climate change by engaging all the relevant stakeholders at multiple levels. Through this Red Alert Campaign, SC PKCO launch climate campaign on World Environment Day 2021 in collaboration with Ministry of Climate Change and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The campaign was geared towards placing child rights and voices at the center of the climate crisis.



PAK Humanitarian Fund - Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) & Response Capacity Building 2021

Pakistan is prone to different hazards/disasters due to its geographical location and climatic conditions. To cope with such natural and man-made disasters, SC PKCO aims to strengthen institutional and organizational capacity, provide robust preparedness and response planning, ensure clarity on the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders, and put in place coordination mechanisms for emergency/disaster preparedness, early warning, and prompt response on fast-track recovery activities.



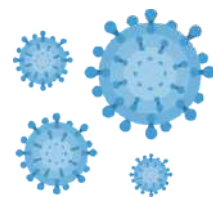
PAK Humanitarian Fund COVID-19 Response/Emergency Preparedness Plan 2021

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pakistan has experienced a severe disruption of health services with excess infections and deaths due to a lack of operational capacity and hospital resources. With NDMA and NIH, Save the Children Pakistan has jointly implemented different initiatives under Hygiene Behaviour Change Coalition (HBCC) and Global Central Fund (GCF) for effective preparedness and response of COVID-19.



Combatting the Spread of COVID-19

NCA Pakistan in collaboration with Government of Pakistan responded to the pandemic by prioritizing the few districts of KP, Punjab and Sindh. Through this initiative, NCA sensitized people at large and supported the government in particular districts by providing access to water and sanitation and other essential health care services in the target areas. Under this initiative, more than **32,000** hygiene kits were distributed and **4,750** people were vaccinated. Other than this, 51 handwashing stations were installed, and **30** public toilets were repaired. Moreover, NCA launched campaign on the preventive measures of COVID-19 and reached out to the **115,516** (58,519 male, **56,997** female) beneficiaries.



Power to Youth



NCA through its Power to the Youth (PTY) initiative is addressing governance and development challenges in five target districts of Pakistan that includes Rawalpindi, Lahore, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and the Islamabad Capital Territory. Through this initiative, NCA is reaching out to **6,200** youth, **25** CSOs and 300 formal duty bearers to work in collaboration and to jointly take initiatives to address any kind of the environmental issues. The initiative is quite significant because it builds the strong linkages between young people and concerned authorities. Under this initiative, NCA enhanced the capacity of **3100** young people by equipping them with leadership skills. Other than this, NCA played a very important role in establishing the **20** rozgar centers which is providing the skillset to better established their small businesses in future.

Faith in Action for Equal Opportunities

NCA through "Faith in Action for Equal Opportunities" is promoting interfaith harmony, cohesiveness, and peace building ventures among diverse communities in Chitral and Peshawar districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The main aim of initiative is to bring closer diverse communities to live peaceful and harmonious life. The initiative is also enhancing women's role for a more cohesive society and providing them opportunity to take constructive action for prosperity. The initiative is playing an effective role in strengthening diverse groups and communities to facilitate peaceful dialogues among diverse faith communities. Through this initiative, NCA build the capacity of **38** prayers leaders who delivered **50** sermons to promote social cohesion and harmony. Other than this, NCA trained 60 women and 50 youth from diverse faith and religion.





Transforming Communities for Cultural Co-existence

NCA through its community transformation program reached out to the people in two district of Punjab that include Lahore and Gujranwala. Under this initiative, NCA strengthened community structures and promoted the message of peace and harmony in the country. The initiative engaged young people and the key implementation approaches include establishment and capacity building of community groups to promote harmony and social cohesion. It entails engagement with wide range of stakeholders to foster unity and encouraging dialogue. Through this initiative, NCA trained **46** teachers and students and **50** community group leaders. Other than this, NCA engaged **12** universities in Punjab to implement 2% quota for religious minorities and initiated several campaigns to encourage minority students to apply for admission against quota. Other than this, NCA also trained 26 police officers in gender sensitive policing.

Joint Social Action for Inclusive Societies

NCA through its Joint Social Action initiative is trying to build communities for more cohesiveness and is providing equal opportunities for a fulfilling life. The initiative is building the capacity of diverse communities and facilitating interaction and dialogue by engaging different religious leaders to organize and gather different communities for more harmonious life. The initiative is facilitating interaction among Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and faith actors to engage stakeholders for improved service delivery while ensuring outreach to the most marginalized and dispossessed segments of the society. The initiative is also enhancing the interaction among different faith groups to promote understanding of each other's faiths. Through this initiative, NCA provided training to **44** males and female faith actors on interfaith harmony who further sensitized community through various sermons and took several actions related to interfaith harmony with CSOs and stakeholders. Through this initiative, **101** police officials were trained on gender sensitive policing and **132** community group members were trained on social cohesion and these community groups took several initiatives to resolve their issues through dialogue and interaction.

Faith in Action for Sustainable Climate Resilience

NCA played a significant role in educating and preparing the community to better deal with the effects of climate change. In this regard, NCA engaged faith actors and diverse community groups to better advocate on climate action. The initiative developed a strong relationship among faith actors and diverse communities to identify key climate related issues and undertake some steps to address it. The main objective of the initiative is to engage relevant stakeholders and to educate the community at large to take some climate related actions. Moreover, the initiative is providing access to clean drinking water through rehabilitation and retrofitting of water supply schemes.

Other than this, NCA is empowering women and girls to participate in the process of decision-making regarding climate change. Moreover, NCA established 4 network of religious leaders who have planted **2,700** trees. Other than this, NCA constructed 3 water supply schemes, one solar powered tube well, 50 handpumps and **235** low-cost latrines. Through these interventions, a total of **32,876** (16,647 males, **1,6229** females) beneficiaries were reached out by NCA.



Strengthening Resilience of Populations Vulnerable to Recurrent Disasters and Emergencies in Sindh

CESVI and ACF jointly working with an aim to assist a total of **52,150** individuals in building their resilience to cope with the adverse effect of disaster and on capacity strengthening of the community institutions in Disaster risk reduction (DRR) with preparedness through revision of the DRR Plan at UC and district level and for improved early warning dissemination mechanism. The initiative is providing psychosocial needs to the communities that arise from any disaster by building the capacity of community first responder's reduction in psychological first aid.

Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID)

CESVI in collaboration with ACTED, Concern Worldwide, WHH, Helvetas, International Medical Corps, and Medecins du Monde, supported Government of Pakistan to combat with COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative was taken in **24** districts across the country. The initiative has so far reached to 225,219 individuals through health and WASH interventions and also benefitted a total of **437,727** individuals through RCCE Campaign in the targeted areas.

Humanitarian assistance for vulnerable returnees, affected during peace operations in tribal districts of KP Pakistan

CESVI through its humanitarian assistance for vulnerable people reached out to **7,743** HHs through multi-sector interventions that included rehabilitation of drinking water supply scheme, sanitation assistance at health center and sensitization sessions on hygiene practices.





Large Scale Food Fortification (LSFF)

GAIN's large-scale food fortification program works to facilitate the population of KP, Punjab, Balochistan, and ICT, to enhance the nutritional uptake in daily diet. **Through Large Scale Food Fortification initiative**, GAIN informed decision makers to increase food safety and quality by monitoring the fortified food.

Commercialization of Bio fortification of Crops (CBC - Zinc Wheat)

GAIN and Harvest Plus are working to commercialize the nutrient-enriched Zinc Wheat in Pakistan to expand its reach especially to people living in smallholder farming households, through bio fortification of crops, to tackle hidden hunger by bringing the benefits of nutrient-rich bio fortified foods to a billion consumers. With these efforts, national research institutions and seed companies would be encouraged to produce sufficient Zinc enriched wheat seed for farmers and the accessibility to supply chain actors to improve Zinc Wheat grain by bio fortified crops. Till now GAIN with Harvest Plus has reached 2million beneficiaries of targeted 6million in the particular areas.



Keeping Food Markets Working (KFMW)

GAIN in response to COVID 19, designed the program with a goal to protect and sustain food systems by providing rapid support to food system workers. The KFMW program is focused on disease control measures, to mitigate the impact of covid-19 - The KFMW program consists of six work streams (WS) for planned interventions plus cross-cutting research.



Access for out of school Children to Education and Safe Schools in Pakistan (AcCESS)

HOPE'87 is implementing the AcCESS project together with National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), Elementary & Secondary Education Foundation (E&SEF), Merged Areas Education Foundation (MaEF) in 13 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province to enable children's access to quality education. The initiative so far directly benefitted almost **140,921** children (74,135 girls and 66,786 boys) from both TDPs, host communities, returnees to areas of origin, returnees moving back to areas of displacement including **8,967** (4,434 girls) documented and undocumented Afghan children, and improving the learning opportunities, facilities and outcomes for at least **1,431** (742 girls) Afghan children in private schools through voucher schemes.

Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education (SmILE)

Hope 87 through its smart and intelligent learning in education initiative is benefitting **8,472** school children and **240** teachers to strengthening smart classroom learning. Hope'87 is implementing this initiative in collaboration with Elementary and Secondary Education Department (E&SED) and Knowledge Platform.



Story of Impact

Usman can't walk but he can chase his dreams now

Nahida bibi, an Afghan refugee lives in Mohalla Sheikhan in Peshawar. Nahida bibi had lost all hope of educating her 10 years old son Usman. Born a healthy child, Usman suffered Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and lost his ability to walk at the age of three. As Usman grew older it was not possible for Nahida bibi to carry her son to the school more than two kilometers away. Nor did she have the financial resources to arrange transport for her son to go to a Government school or send him to a private school that was closer to her home. Usman would crawl into the street every morning to watch kids leave for school in the morning and ask 'when will I start school'. Whenever alone, Nahida bibi would despair about the fate of her son Usman.

HOPE'87 started the initiative of enrolling out-of-school children of Afghan origin in low-cost private schools in district Peshawar through an education voucher scheme as part of the AcCESS project. Nahida bibi was excited to hear about the education voucher scheme for out-of-school Afghan children. She borrowed a push-cart used for goods transportation from a neighbor and brought Usman to the HOPE'87 partner school.

HOPE'87 is supporting out-of-school Afghan children through its project Access for out-of-school Children to Education and Safe Schools in Pakistan (AcCESS). More than 1,200 Afghan children are provided school fees vouchers that are redeemable by the families at a partner low-cost private school. In addition, the children also receive free books, school bags, and school uniforms. This has been made possible with the generous support of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) and Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC).

HOPE'87 became a beacon of hope for Usman and other out-of-school Afghan children, as they have a right to get a quality education and follow their dreams. HOPE'87 offered to enroll these kids in private schools near their homes through an education voucher scheme so they can pursue their goals for education and a better future. A wheelchair was also arranged for Usman to overcome the mobility problem.

Usman along with 89 other Afghan kids, 45 girls, and 44 boys got admission to SANA Model School in district Peshawar through an education voucher scheme. Usman is going to school regularly and is very happy and excited to have found a new life.



“The future of my son isn't dark anymore!
Said Nahida Bibi.”

“I love coming to this school and making new friends
said Usman.”



Strengthening capacities of vulnerable communities through integrated and inclusive humanitarian DRR, WASH and Food Security measures

Malteser International through its strengthening capacities of vulnerable communities is benefitting at least **46900** households by strengthening local capacities of target communities through various activities related to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and Food Security & Livelihood (FSL). Through this intervention, Malteser International benefitted **45514** households through awareness campaigns and training on DRR plus with the provision of WASH facilities and Food Security challenges.



Story of Impact

Transforming people's lives by providing them protected shelters

Livestock is the most precious asset, and a vast majority of villagers possess in Jam Nawaz Ali, district Sanghar Sindh. The livestock are the main source of their livelihood, so they don't even think to sell their livestock. But Meena and her husband Raju - both farm labourers - sold their only cow in order to provide good shelter to children. Meena and her husband received Rs.36,000 from Malteser International to rebuild their house which was badly demolished during the monsoon's rain. Although 36,000 was quite much amount to rebuild their house properly they needed some other amount, so they sold their cow.

"Having a roof over our kids' heads is most important thing for us. We miss our cow, but my husband is now working extra hours so, hopefully, we'll be able to buy another cow in a year or so," Meena mentioned.

Meena added, we are highly thankful to Malteser International for providing such support as we remember that no one helped us before for constructing our house and I still remember my children and eye used to sleep on barren land under open sky.

Malteser International is the one which rescued us and provided the reasonable tented shelter along with food and necessary NFIs and the cash support to rehabilitate our house. This amount enabled us to think about other resources by ourselves.

Me, my husband, and our kids are highly grateful to Malteser for the support which helped us to rebuild our house and to live safely.



Lifesaving Food Assistance, Unconditional Cash & Winterization Support to most vulnerable COVID-19 affected families across Pakistan

Human Appel played a very effective role to combat with COVID-19 by providing essential commodities to the vulnerable families. During the pandemic several services were provided to the **6,552** families (55,665) that includes food assistance, unconditional cash grants through a life-saving humanitarian assistance program. The families who received the food assistance were belong to different districts that includes Swat, Mansehra, Tharparkar, Thatta, Rahim Yar Khan, Rajanpur, Bahawalpur, Taxila, Murree and Rawalpindi.



Establishment of community's Girls' Elementary school in Rahim Yar Khan

Human Appeal in collaboration with local education department of Rahim Yar Khan is playing a very effective role to provide access to quality education for the adolescent girls. To provide quality education, Human Appeal constructed an elementary school and provided all facilities which are essentially required. More than **250** girls were enrolled in school from Grade 1 & VIII. Other than this, Human Appeal provided services to more than **20** girls school that included teaching aid, promotional material, formation of school management and school improvement and development plans.



The initiative enhanced the quality education by building the professional capacity of 40 primary school teachers (100% women) & 35 school management committees (100% women); provision of Teaching Aids & School Kits; and promotes enrolment of out-of-school girls through awareness raising campaigns and by reaching **202,680** beneficiaries (**81,600** men, **78,476** women, **21,086** girls & **21,218** boys). Other than this, Human Appeal enhanced the capacity of **40** teachers and **35** SMC members on teaching methodologies, counselling skills of teachers, and modern techniques of teaching. A mobilization campaign was also launched by Human Appeal to encourage parents to enroll their girls in the schools. Other than this, awareness walks, seminars and other sensitization session were conducted too.

Developing communities through provision of income generation opportunities, and improving WASH facilities

Human Appeal played a very effective role in empowering and educating people economically and socially. Human Appeal supported **95,484** individuals by providing income generation opportunities and by providing access to clean drinking water in the following districts Thatta, Tharparkar, Rajanpur, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Mansehra and Dhirkot (AJ&K). For income generation, Human Appeal provided **sewing machines** to the widow and women headed households and provided hands-on training to local farmers on honey-bee farming.



Other than this, Human Appeal helped women in setting up poultry farm at the household level and provided some livestock to better earn the livelihood. Moreover, **agriculture toolkits**, seeds and some financial support was provided to the people to set up some small enterprises.



Revitalizing honeybee farming in Kashmir through Scale up & Commercialization

Honeybee farming is the flagship of Human Appeal which was initiated in year 2009 in Tehsil Dhirkot of District Bagh - AJK. Human Appeal explored the local potential of honeybee species *Apis cerana*. It is one of eight honeybee species indigenous to Asia. *Apis cerana* naturally nests inside cavities and, therefore, can be farmed in hives.



Human Appeal has so far supported **552** farmers (462 males and 90 females) in terms of imparting three-day long practical training, provision of hives, toolkits and bees (as seed) and yearlong extension services. In 2020, Human Appeal trained **105** men and women in District Bagh of AJK. Human Appeal also supported **60** honeybee farmers in other Mansehra district. In result, Human Appeal farmers sold honey in 9.9 million PKR.

Community Based COVID-19 Risk Management (CBCRM) & Technology Based Socio-Economic Adaptation Programme

Human Appeal through its community based COVID-19 risk management initiative formed an active citizen group who sensitized people about the preventive measures of COVID-19. Other than this, Human Appeal provided services to micro entrepreneurs for setting up their enterprises by providing the financial support. Human Appeal also played an active role to support the start-up of young people and to link them up with Pakistan's Kamyab Jawan Program. Through this initiative, Human Appeal helped in setting up **30** microenterprises and build the capacity of **70** young people to initiate their own start-ups.



Expanding MHPSS and Strengthening GBV Prevention and Response for Afghan Refugees in KP Province

IMC through its initiative is playing a vital role in preventing gender-based violence by providing response services to the people residing in the Afghan Refugee villages. IMC is providing continued support to the Afghan refugee by informing and educating them on the preventive measures of gender-based violence. Other than this, IMC is also providing psychosocial support to Afghan refugees at primary health care level. IMC played a significant role to aware and educate communities related to the core concepts of human rights and GBV and enhanced the capacity of community-based volunteers and form their group which is called Gender Support Group.

Moreover, IMC is also working closely with relevant stakeholders and building the capacity of government line departments and working in collaboration with UNHCR on Afghan Refugee on Psychological first aid and save GBV case referral. Other than this, IMC gave training to psychologist, doctors, and psychiatrists on mental health.

Implementation of Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health (RH) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

IMC in collaboration with UNFPA is working in KP since 2019 to focus on sexual and reproductive healthcare (SRH), mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), community education and awareness raising to Afghan Refugees & vulnerable Pakistanis. IMC through its initiative is enhancing national and subnational capacity to provide integrated sexual and reproductive health services particularly for more marginalized and



most affected population in humanitarian settings. The main activities included awareness raising on sexual and reproductive health, enhancing the capacity of skill birth attended and the provision of number of other health services provided by doctors and medical staff at health facilities.

Through health services package, IMC continued its services in five health facilities and reached out the **312,481** people including **12,847** Afghan refugees. There are number of the services which were provided by IMC that includes the services for women with disabilities, labor room services, family planning services and capacity building services to CMR

and GBV survivors. The services were provided in the following districts of KP that include District Head Quarter (DHQ) Hospital Jamrud, Tehsil Head Quarter (THQ) Hospital Bara, Tehsil Head Quarter (THQ) Landi Kotal in Khyber District and Mera Kachori, Baghbanan in District Peshawar.

Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID).

IMC played a significant role to combat with pandemic by taking many actions that includes improved capacity of public services, health facilities, municipals services, and to better prepare the communities and Afghan refugees to fight with pandemic. IMC is providing these services by strengthening the response capacity of health and quarantine centers, by providing different services and by providing medical and non-medical equipment. Other than this, IMC also provided psychosocial support and comprehensive training on COVID-19. Overall, IMC provided support to **7.2** million people across **24** districts.



Capacity Building on Psychosocial Support and Youth Empowerment initiative for Afghan Refugees and Host Communities in Peshawar

IMC through its capacity building initiative responded to psychosocial and emotional well-being of Afghan refugee and host communities by providing them different health services. Through capacity building initiative, IMC conducted primary trainings for the individuals at three different locations that include Khazana, Nauguman, Taj Abad of district Peshawar. Through this initiative, IMC supported to **6490** direct beneficiaries and **65,302** indirect beneficiaries.

IMC interventions focused on building the capacities of individuals and enhanced the knowledge and skills of individuals on psychosocial needs like stress, coping mechanisms, anxiety, social isolation and emotional wellbeing related to Afghan refugees and host communities, while simultaneously strengthening local capacity to better enable appropriate support and recovery as well as prevention of major and future mental health disorders. All the collaborative activities are in line with related functions under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mental Health Act 2017 and the roadmap developed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mental Health Authority.





Building resilience and preparedness in Pakistan

IMC provided humanitarian assistance to strengthen the resilience and preparedness of Afghan Refugees living in Pakistan's KP province and provided them the resources that they required to combat disasters. The region regularly experiences floods and heavy rains during monsoon season as well as landslide and earthquakes in its mountainous regions. In the country where healthcare facilities are already stretched and systems are often weak, there are limited resources for the Afghan Refugees to be their own best first responders.

Enhancement of COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage in District Peshawar- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

International Medical Corps signed an agreement with Medical Emergency Resilience Foundation (MERF) a national NGO for implementation of project, **“Enhancement of COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage in District Peshawar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province”**. The overall initiative was to enhance the COVID-19 vaccine coverage in Peshawar district to save lives of vulnerable population by improving their immunity against COVID-19. The main objective of the intervention was to improve access of individuals for vaccination services through static and mobile vaccination services.





Story of Impact



Providing life skills training to Adolescents for strengthening their self-esteem

Gender-based issues such as early marriage, violence and sexual education are of particular concern for displaced people. Refugees live with limited resources, which can lead to various complex psychological difficulties for them. And adolescents make up a significant percentage of the Afghan refugee population in Pakistan. Many have experienced challenging circumstances and multiple disturbing events. They are also more affected by these situations than other groups, requiring special care in refugee camps. Gender-based issues such as early marriage, violence and sexual education are of particular concern for displaced people. Refugees live with limited resources, which can lead to various complex psychological difficulties for them. And adolescents make up a significant percentage of the Afghan refugee population in Pakistan. Many have experienced challenging circumstances and multiple disturbing events. They are also more affected by these situations than other groups, requiring special care in refugee camps.



With the support of PRM, life skills training courses were organized with critical competencies such as communication, creativity, cooperation and critical thinking while also building their character and strengthening their self-esteem to identify and prevent violence.

The sessions have enabled them to recognize practices such as verbal or emotional abuse and touching someone without their consent as violence. Effective communication is one of the key elements of the curriculum; adolescents are presented with different scenarios to make them familiar with the steps, methods and importance of effective communication.

The young boys and girls were engaged in thinking and reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses and enhancing self-esteem through a participatory approach.

“Most of the young boys and girls were shy when joined the first session, and they would keep to themselves,” says Sidra Imran, a facilitator who works closely with the adolescents. Sidra is quite amazed by their remarkable performance and interest throughout the sessions.

The sessions provide helpful tips on communicating effectively and confidently and getting out of exploitative situations. “This is very important because we sometimes know that something bad is going to happen but don’t know how to react or respond. These sessions helped us to recognize it,” says 15-year-old Majid Khan.



Women Economic Empowerment Activity

WEEA aims to establish and maintain a meaningful, multi-layered, and well-connected program model at community, and institutional levels, ultimately reaching intended outcomes of reducing gender economic gaps and making progress towards gender equality. The initiative is training and supporting women from KP, Sindh, and Punjab and increasing the incomes by establishing women-owned micro-businesses and by participating in communal activities and protecting themselves from any form of violence.

The initiative is engaging men and boys to achieve lasting change. Moreover, the initiative is also enabling 1.2 million women in 49 districts of KP, Sindh and Punjab to increase their participation in social, economic, and political opportunities by acquiring national identity card (NIC). The initiative is also expanding women's socioeconomic participation including their role as peace builders in local communities and reducing the risk of gender-based violence through advocacy and community engagement, particularly with men and boys. Other than this, IRC is also enhancing women's rights to access social, economic, and political opportunities through NIC registration. Through WEEA, IRC identified **271,653** women and completed NIC registration for **140,406** women from January to September 2021.



Delivering Cash Assistance to Highly Vulnerable Populations in Pakistan (DCAP)



IRC through its delivering cash assistance to highly vulnerable population in Pakistan provided cash assistance to **47,891** households of the most vulnerable families in the targeted districts. A one-time transfer of **PKR 22,500** (equivalent to GBP 108) was distributed to non-BISP beneficiaries (65% of the target), whereas a **PKR 10,500** top-up (equivalent to GBP 50) was disbursed to BISP beneficiaries (35% of the target) to support vulnerable families to cater their food and other immediate basic needs, with the understanding that the gap is met via BISP transfers. Among the beneficiaries, **80%** were women and **20%** were men.

Teach and Educate Adolescent girls with Community Help (TEACH)

IRC TEACH is bringing educational and skills development services to **29,000** out of school girls, through community spaces. The initiative is addressing the educational needs of the young and adolescent girls located in far-off areas of Balochistan province, as well as enhancing their income generation skills according to the needs of the markets.

Dependent on age, the girls enroll in one of two pathways; focused on an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) and transition to formal or non-formal education for younger girls (10-14 years), and an employment skills-based approach for the older girls (15-19 years) who would then transition into vocational training, employment, or self-employment. The initiative established inclusive safe learning spaces targeting most marginalized out-of-school adolescent girls (OOS Girls, GWDs, Survivors of GBV) to bring change in girls' lives living in remote areas, belonging to marginalized communities by offering education services in safe and supportive environment at their doorsteps. IRC through its TEACH initiative established 540 home based classes under the girls learn stream and enrolled **11,344** girls.



Enrollment, Retention, Mainstreaming and Protection of Afghan Refugee and Host Children in Balochistan Government School (ERMP)

IRC through its ERMP is catering the educational need of 34,415 Afghan Refugee and host children. The initiative is not only enrolling out-of-school children but also providing safe, functioning, and responsive education services at the targeted Government schools/Alternative Learning Program (ALP) centers in Balochistan. ERMP is also strengthening community systems to protect refugee and host children from neglect, exploitation and abuse. IRC through its ERMP is also enrolling out-of-school children (OOSC) and providing them safe, functioning, responsive and uninterrupted education services in targeted Government schools and Alternative Learning Program (ALP) and protecting the refugee and host children from neglect, exploitation, and abuse through school and community-based Child Protection mechanisms through provision of case management services at project targeted locations. IRC through ERMP initiative established 10 ALP centers and enrolled 1450 out of school children in to formal schools.



Leveraging Inclusive WASH for Empowerment (LIFE) – Pakistan

IRC through its LIFE intervention is improving the access of highly vulnerable groups in the targeted districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by providing access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities. The initiative is also supporting the government in developing inclusive and gender equitable WASH policies and by strengthening the institution institutional to provide increase access to WASH facilities to women, girls, and other marginalized groups.

Other than this, IRC is promoting inclusive and sustainable WASH services by increasing access of all to WASH facilities, making WASH services safe and responsive to the needs of women, girls and marginalized groups and improving practices on access and use of WASH facilities. Improving WASH governance by ensuring inclusive and gender equitable WASH policies and institutional strengthening of relevant departments around gender equitable and inclusive WASH.



Containing the spread of COVID-19 and strengthening existing capacities of health system

International Rescue Committee (IRC) responded to COVID-19 by launching an immediate and large scale 'pandemic emergency response' to help contain spread of virus by strengthening system's capacities and enhancing mass awareness that is all to support government of Pakistan's ongoing efforts. IRC collaborated with key government counterparts including the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination (MoNHS R&C), National Institute for Health (NIH), Departments of Health in KP, Sindh and Balochistan provinces and relevant district authorities.

All actions under this initiative were fully in compliance with guidance provided by the WHO, COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan and the priorities defined by the COVID-19 National Action Plan. IRC and its partners supported government-based isolation facilities, accompanied with comprehensive risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) campaigns across Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



IRC addressed women and girl's needs during COVID-19 in 2021/22

During the COVID-19 response, IRC addressed women and girls need by increasing access to sexual and reproductive health and gender based violence. IRC is delivering an essential and life-saving integrated package of GBV and SRH interventions to women, adolescent girls, and men, including IDPs and refugees, where minimal to no services in these areas exist, and humanitarian needs are high. Women and girls are healthy and safe and influence their communities during and post the COVID-19 pandemic.



Strengthening Healthcare including Nutrition in Emergencies (SHiNE)



IRC through its SHiNE initiative is strengthening the primary healthcare services and nutrition facilities for vulnerable populations of Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP); and to strengthen the response and coordination among humanitarian actors in Pakistan. IRC is implementing this initiative in collaboration with MERF and Pakistan Humanitarian Forum. IRC through its SHiNE initiative increased accessibility and availability of essential, lifesaving and quality healthcare services for beneficiaries in targeted districts.

Connect4FP/ Improve accessibility of family planning products, information and services through pharmacies/drug shops and private health

This family planning and reproductive health initiative was designed to ensure the availability of reproductive health services to the underserved population of rural Punjab and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies among poorest married couples. This was achieved by mapping, identifying, training, engaging the health service providers/private providers and equipping them with necessary supplies (long term/short term FP supplies/commodities on health supplies). Increasing access of Married Men and Women of Reproductive Age (MWRA) and couples to safe family planning and reproductive health services. IRC's connect for family planning initiative increased the knowledge, skills and practice of family planning method and services among rural communities particularly husband/men and opinion leaders.





Returnee Inclusive Humanitarian Assistance

Islamic Relief through its returnee inclusive humanitarian assistance program played a critical role for the settlement of the displaced people. When the displaced people return to their places, they found widespread destruction, including most livelihood cycles dismantled, houses destroyed, and their livestock perished or stolen. Frequent natural disasters like flash floods, earthquakes, droughts, locust attack and different epidemics like current Covid-19 pandemic have made the situation worst for the inhabitants of the tribal districts. IR through its initiative rehabilitated water and sanitation facilities and provided clean drinking water access to 48,988 individuals. Other than this, IR also sensitised community at large related to their health and hygiene Furthermore, IR also constructed **240 latrines** which benefited **3,328** individuals (**669** men, **696** women, **1,056** boys & **907** girls, including **108** PWD) in both tribal districts.



The construction of the latrines reduced open defecation in the area and provided protection and privacy to women and children. The hygiene promotion sessions and kits were provided to 4,397 households reaching a total of **39,565** individuals (**19,101** men, **9,960** women, **5,736** boys & 4,768 girls, including 88 PWD) while the celebration of world water days benefited **522** households; **4,698** individuals (**112** men, **176** women, **2,986** boys & **1,424** girls) in both NW & SW. Due to the current context of Covid-19 pandemic, handwashing with soap is one of the effective measures from avoiding catching the coronavirus. Keeping this in view, handwashing with soap was emphasized during hygiene sessions to reduce risk of Covid-19 virus. Furthermore, to facilitate the target communities, the participants of the sessions were provided with hygiene kits so that they are able maintain personal hygiene.

Each hygiene kit included antibacterial soap, toothpaste, nail cutter and washing soap. Out of **59,626** target population, **65,054** individuals (**17,771** men, **18,100** women, **13,828** boys, **15,355** girls; including 1001 PWDs) have their livelihood resources restored, revitalized and diversified to meet this objective. During implementation, food transfer standards were followed including its quality, its safety for human consumption, local food preferences which were analysed and determined through focal group discussions. Moreover, primary production mechanisms were protected and supported through provision of orchard plants, vegetable seeds and agriculture tool kits along with rehabilitation of irrigation channels.





200 households (73% men and 27 % women) were targeted with food for work (FFW) including men and women, which assisted communities to resume their subsistence agriculture, supported rehabilitation of irrigation channels and improved market access roads. Through food for work intervention **2,539** individuals (**1,018** NW, **1,521** SW) are now able to meet their food requirements and build community resilience through rehabilitation of productive infrastructure. Moreover, 107 vulnerable women were provided with goats and livestock feed in both tribal districts to start income generation; which benefited **849** individuals (**133** men, **191** women, **279** girls & **246** boys). The provision of small-scale farm establishment for women ensured women participation in livelihood activities.

Climate Change Advocacy and Lobbying

Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) with help of its international campaign reached out to the wider circles of stakeholders through different events at national as well as provincial levels raising awareness and changing behavior with policy implications around climate change. It is bringing together the key civil society actors and networks, public representatives, community organizations, provincial departments (bureaucracy), students, academia, faith leaders, think tanks, technocrats, policy makers, media, and bar council to influence different tiers of government across the country for relevant policy measures, effective planning, and budgeting alongside improved functioning of the government at the local level.

The campaign comprehensively worked through the partnerships developed with academia for research and development providing support to state institutions especially the Ministry of Climate change and Environmental protection agencies to adapt tested solutions to reduce climate change impacts especially in the areas of food security and water resource management.



Non-Formal Education Along with Livelihood for Gypsy Families

Islamic Relief In coordination with Minister for Human Rights and National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC) and Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB), Non-Formal Basic Education (NFBE) upgraded the school by providing missing facilities such as water, electricity, sanitation, and sitting arrangements. To enhance children interest in their learning experience, LEDs were installed in the classrooms of the schools.





Story of Impact

“I always thought of giving a better life to my son. For which I was determined and kept looking out for opportunities.”



Providing development skills to support women economically:

Irum Khokar aged 32 is a widow and mother of one boy. Her husband passed away after two years of marriage and life has not been easy for Irum since that day. After becoming a widow, her in-laws refused to let her live with them and asked her to leave. Irum was left with fewer options. She moved in with her own family with her son. Irum's son got enrolled with Islamic Relief's Orphan Sponsorship Program and this helped her with managing other expenses but she had plans to go the extra mile and work harder to create a better future for her son.

After coming across Islamic Relief's Empowering Widows in Need project, Irum got a chance to attain a new skill of Cooking and Baking through training by renowned chefs. This was a turning point for Irum as she was already thinking of starting her own small-scale business. Now Irum has opened her own food cart and selling different food items. Irum is now happy and thankful to the team of Islamic Relief that through their support she is now economically stable and moving towards her dream to give a bright future to her son.



Story of Impact

Encouraging young girls to get their education, by overcoming cultural barriers

A twelve years old Aabia, belongs to a middle-class family, and lives in the rural village Shandawi in the tribal district Kurram with no education and health facilities in the area. She is enrolled in grade seven in the Girls Middle School in her village, the only school in the area. So, girls from other small hamlets and localities also come to attend. Her school was situated down the mountain slope, with few agricultural fields and a road upward to her school. People of her village especially men work in the fields and utilize the road for transportation to the main town of Sadda for routine tasks. Aabia participated in JEN's project related to Provision of WASH facilities to returnees in Upper and Central Kurram areas of Tribal District, KP Province.

She said, "Education changed my life. Because educated people can help and support others in an effective way." Having this passion in mind, she wishes to get higher education.

But a strange thing stopped her from going to school anymore, the height of the school's boundary wall. As her school was situated down the mountain slope. So, she was visible inside the school premises from the agricultural fields, where men normally work or cross the road. This was simply not acceptable to her parents. So, they stopped her from going to school and quit her education. During the time, JEN was

reconstructing toilets and a water supply scheme in her school when the school headmistress informed JEN Team about the dropping number of girls' students from seventh grade onward due to the problem of the shorter boundary of the wall. She told the JEN team that cultural barriers are so strong that the girl students have no option but to quit their education. Their "pardah" was not ensured on the school premises due to its downward location.

JEN team realized the nature of the problem and communicated it to the headquarter. As the project activity was not planned in advance so JEN raised new funding from private donors in Japan. And after two months, JEN started work on the boundary wall and raised its height to an appropriate level. JEN not only raised the height of the boundary wall but also installed playing equipment in the play area of the school like a see-saw and badminton equipment. JEN also set up a library and equipped it with a range of



books and furniture. So that Aabia and her class fellows could enhance their intellect.

Now, she and her friends are no more visible from the upward fields and road. And, they feel safe and comfortable inside the premises of the school. Aabia has rejoined the school as well as her other dropout girl's fellows. After the project, JEN team interviewed Aabia and she told that she was depressed to quit education and lose her friends as forced by her family. So, they had to stop attending the school in the past due to the non-availability of the proper boundary wall openly visible from the outside. She was very happy with the JEN team as their new construction gave them the opportunity to play sports and walk around freely in a secure environment.

Besides this, she was very happy and excited to have a diverse range of new books in her newfound library at school. I am very fond of reading.

JEN also interviewed Aabia's headmistress. The headmistress shared

"It was like a dream come true. Suddenly our school has transformed into a completely new shape. The school has now a protected environment. JEN has provided playground equipment and sports items. More importantly, JEN provides us with books for the library. Not only students but teachers can also read those books.

All the teachers are very thankful for the provided support of JEN, as they are seeing the happy faces of their students and seeing them playing their favorite sports and reading nice stories, as these little children saw bad times in their childhood due to conflict in the past.





Improving National Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (Cap-COVID)

From August 2020 to December 2021, Mdm worked with six consortium partners led by CESVI International to increase the sustainability and impact of the government's COVID-19 response plan, addressing the needs of health facilities and communities through an integrated approach that incorporates interventions in health, water, sanitation, and hygiene.

The action was designed to complement synergies of government departments and adhere to the protocols of government and the World Health Organization (WHO) while keeping the approach dynamic and adaptive to enable resources to be adapted in the evolving COVID-19 situation. The provision of Health and WASH support to health facilities and public places follow recommendations of the national, provincial and district disaster management authorities and Department of Health.

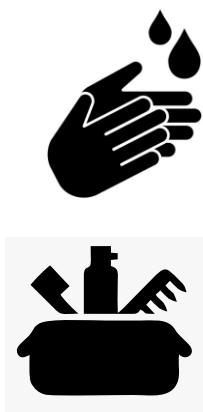
Overall, the initiative improved the capacity of public services, including health facilities, and communities to contain and respond to the spread of COVID-19. Mdm provided medical and non-medical equipment as well as WASH facilities to public health facilities across KP, and conducted mass awareness through various channels such as billboard displays, radio and social media messages, etc.





Program for Retention, Enrollment, and Protection (PREP-II) in Schools for Afghan Refugees and Host Community in Quetta

Mercy Corps is working with Afghan refugees and host communities residing in peri-urban settlements in Quetta, Balochistan. Mercy Corps is implementing Program for Retention, Enrollment, and Protection in **13** peri-urban locations of district Quetta, Balochistan province. The objective of the program is that the Afghan refugee and host community children have access to formal school and to receive the quality education. Through this initiative, Mercy Corps is supporting **30** government schools and **16** Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) Centers to support and promote education among Afghan refugees and host communities, especially of the girl child. Other than this, Mercy Corps also established safe spaces for girls in **8** of the supported schools. In addition, Mercy Corps set up **16** Accelerated Learning Program (centers) to enroll and educate out of school children by supporting **675** students.



In addition, Mercy Corps ensured provision of personal protection equipment (PPEs), cleaning and disinfectant material and provision of continuous supply of water along with hand washing material at all government schools and ALP centers to protect the children from COVID-19 and promote preventive actions.



Responding to the Impact of COVID-19 on Afghan Refugees and Host Communities in Peri-urban Quetta (RECOVER)

Mercy Corps successfully implemented “Responding to the Impact of COVID-19 on the Afghan Refugees and Host Communities in Peri-Urban Quetta (RECOVER)” in thirteen (13) locations across Quetta. The initiative aimed at strengthening COVID-19 related resilience of vulnerable Afghan refugees and host communities through preparedness and response, and it focused on improved WASH and health facilities, increased awareness of COVID-19 risks and prevention, and emergency cash support to the most vulnerable Afghan refugee and host communities at household level.



Under RECOVER, Mercy Corps undertook repaired, renovated and installed WASH facilities in all 13 healthcare facilities. The intervention reached out to **7,433** individuals (**5,010** men, **2,423** women), belonging to both Afghan refugees and host communities with improved access to improved WASH, triage, and referral services at healthcare facilities. Mercy Corps also ensured provision of basic PPEs and hygiene supplies to **13** health care facilities.

Strengthening government sector health system and providing immediate emergency response to curtail outbreak of COVID-19

Mercy Corps through its strengthening government health system initiative is providing access to sanitation and hand hygiene equipment to health facilities in various district of Pakistan. Other than this, Mercy Corps is supporting nine health facilities and provided medical equipment (including suction machines, nebulizers, thermal scanners, pulse oximeters, Cardiac-respiratory monitors and BiPAP breathing machines) to various healthcare facilities which is actually providing support to ensure the quality of healthcare services. Mercy Corps also provided hygiene products along with PPE (including liquid handwash, paper towels and disinfectants) to the nine health facilities to ensure improved uptake of COVID-19 prevention protocols. Other than this, Mercy Corps also provided **11,000** PCR Test Kits for detection of COVID-19 variants to Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department.





Story of Impact

Myth busting and changing mindset related to COVID-19 pandemic

During the uprising of COVID-19 pandemic, much like any other country, the challenges of limited healthcare supplies, facilities, and expertise, were faced by Pakistan. Amidst the upward trend of COVID-19 cases, Mercy Corps Pakistan, with support from Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM), started implementation of RECOVER project in Quetta. The project focused on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions, upgradation of health care facilities, cash disbursement to COVID-19 affected population, and awareness creation on COVID-19 preventive measures, myths and importance of vaccination. Along with utilization of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials in several locations of the city and key messages being forwarded through voice messages, Mercy Corps came up with an innovative model of spreading awareness on the pandemic through Religious Leaders. These religious leaders hold a key influential position in cultural dynamics of Balochistan – be it Afghan refugee or the Pakistani host community.

Clerics-based awareness campaigns have always remained a sensitive intervention. COVID-19 preventive measures and vaccination were termed as western agenda against Muslims, especially when the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) issued strict measures of social distancing in mosques. Realizing the severity of the negative information or misleading information, spreading at par with the pandemic, the project team reached out to Inter-Religious Council for Harmony (IRCH) for structuring the awareness model.

After several consultative meetings and an indefinite process of reviewing, filtering, and screening, a set of messages were developed for the awareness campaign. Once the content of the campaign was developed, the messages were forwarded to the office of Director General Health Services, Balochistan, for approval. To ensure the timely dissemination of WHO approved messages in the spreading array of myths, the identification process of clerics was simultaneously initiated with the approval process of messages. It was a challenging process to track, identify, and sensitize clerics who would agree to join hands against the pandemic and the rising rumors. To timely act on the challenge, Dr. Atta Ur Rehman, from IRCH, was taken on board as a resource person who, being a doctor himself, recognized the positive contribution that religious leaders could play in community sensitization. A total of 26 clerics of 26 mosques, from 13 peri-urban locations of Quetta, became part of Baluchistan's first Religious Leader based COVID-19 Awareness Campaign. "I have been the Imam (Mosque Leader) for more than 14 years in this [Pashtoonabad] mosque; these worshippers are like my family. I have been part of their happiest moments – such as marriage – and their saddest – such as death. This close bond helped me convey the COVID-19 messages with less resistance and more acceptance." Molvi Muhammad Ayub – Religious Leader.

With inclusion of religious references in the messages of the campaign, these clerics were trained on literature review-based arguments on "permitted actions in pandemic". With an aim of contaminating the COVID-19 information and preventing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the religious leaders began disseminating the Government of Balochistan and WHO approved messages after every prayer. Similarly, during the Friday prayers, IEC material was distributed to all the worshippers. Moreover, the IEC materials of COVID-19, in Urdu, Pashtu, and Persian, were pasted on the walls of the mosques and all the 26 mosques were provided with soaps, masks, and tissue rolls to maintain SOPs. In the six months of the campaign, all the religious leaders were called every two months to share their progress and challenges, if any, that they may have faced during the campaign. This resulted in leading an impact-driven awareness campaign which was found unprecedented in these COVID-19 times within the province. To countercheck the progress of the campaign, the project team randomly conducted monitoring visits to the localities and reported an increased sense of protection during their community assessments. Worshippers from mosques were observed at entrance and at exit and a gradual increase was observed in the number of people who maintained COVID-19 SOPs. The impact of this innovative and underutilized approach was so effective that to structure a province-wide campaign on COVID-19, Balochistan Government's "Provincial Communication Taskforce" requested the project team for a consultative meeting with RECOVER's religious leaders.



Building Resilience by Strengthening the Community through Inclusive Disaster Risk Management



Muslim Aid Pakistan is implementing “Building Disaster Resilience Communities” initiative in partnership with National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) in Districts Chagai and Killa Saifullah of Balochistan Province. The main aim of the intervention is to enable women, men, children, minorities, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), marginalized and other neglected groups to maintain a normal pace of life and protect their productive assets in the face of climate-induced disasters. Muslim Aid expects to reach out to **26,377** beneficiaries including **7,904** women and **8,914** men and **9,559** children through construction of water reservoirs and flood protection walls. In year 2021, MAP established 160 Village Disaster Risk Management Committees VDRMC (**80** men and **80** women), **15** UCDRMCs and **50** SBDRMCs in both districts.

Strengthening Government Sector Health Systems and Providing Immediate Emergency Response to Curtail Outbreak of COVID-19 in Balochistan

Muslim Aid Pakistan (MAP) responded to COVID-19 in various districts that included Quetta, Pishin and Killa Abdullah of Balochistan. Through that initiative Muslim Aid Pakistan installed **32** hand washing stations, rehabilitated **16** inclusive sanitation facilities, and provided **13,200** soaps to **1650** families. MAP also rehabilitated **8** isolation centers for treatments of COVID-19 patients and provided **200** medical equipment to **2** DHQs and **6** THQs which included suction machines, nebulizers, cardiac monitors and breathing machines etc. MAP has also strengthened Fatima Jinnah Hospital, Quetta by providing **3750** PCR testing kits for enhancing testing capacity of one of the only two hospitals of Balochistan who are performing COVID-19 tests.



Beyond Curriculum - Ensuring access to quality primary education

Muslim Aid Pakistan through ensuring access to quality primary education initiative is strengthening government primary schools. Through this initiative, Muslim Aid Pakistan is ensuring the positive learning environment in Primary Schools of district Jhang by building capacity of teachers on active learning methods, increasing student enrollment ratio by various campaigns, providing educational supplies and adequate sanitation facilities, and conducting school health assessments for students' complete wellbeing. The initiative benefitted **2000 students** in district Jhang.



Winterization Support

Muslim Aid through its winterization initiative supported provincial health departments and provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan. Through this initiative, Muslim Aid reached out to **15,606** COVID-19 and flood-affected individuals including **5992** women, **4057** men and **5107** children by providing winterization kits and hygiene supplies. The initiative was aiming to save lives and protecting vulnerable communities in Pakistan during this global health crisis.



Humanitarian Assistance to 500 Earthquake affected families

Muslim Aid through its humanitarian assistance initiative is addressing the needs of **500** earthquake affected households and serving **3,000** individuals including **774** women, **754** men and **1473** children by providing food packs for one month, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, nonfood item kits and other essentials of households. Muslim Aid Pakistan provided these hygiene kits to observe safe hygiene practice to mitigate the risk of pandemic during cold weather in district Harnai, Balochistan. In addition, Muslim Aid Pakistan benefitted person with disabilities by providing disable friendly equipment exclusively.





Food Security

Muslim Hands through its efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty have always remain at the forefront to facilitate the most deprived and neglected communities of the society. In year 2021, Muslim Hands provided food assistance to more than **8 million beneficiaries** through its various food security campaigns throughout the year of 2021 and spent more than **30 million PKR**.



Winter Emergency Response-2021

To facilitate the orphan and needy families who are living in extreme winter zone of Pakistan and AJK, Muslim Hands (MH) distributed more than **1705** winter kits in year 2021 in following areas such as Ziarat, Swat, Bahrain, Kolpur, Rawlakot, Bagh and Palendri. Through this initiative, Muslim Hand benefitted **15,085** who were at the verge of winter atrocities due to harsh winter conditions. These winter kits were specifically designed in view of prevailed winter weather and food supply disruption including winter blankets, warm clothing items, soup boxes, and coal to keep the homes warm and cozy during snowfall and continued raining spells thus protecting especially the old-age and children from cold winter.



Construction of Community Islamic Centers

In year 2021, Muslim Hand constructed **26** Islamic centers across Pakistan and benefitted more than **3165** people living in rural villages of Pakistan.



WASH

Muslim Hands is providing WASH related facilities and infrastructure all over Pakistan with the goal of promoting sustainable and environment friendly use of natural resources and addressing WASH needs in the most vulnerable areas. In year 2021, Muslim Hand installed a number of schemes at the household, communal and institutional levels. At the household level, Muslim Hand installed **7250** tube wells, **1400** domestic solar electric water pumps, and **600** lead tube wells. At the communal level, Muslim Hand installed **1450** dig a wells, **80** community wells, **35** deep solar wells, **150** storage tanks, **170** gravity water schemes and, 25 submersible electric water pumps. Lastly, at the institutional level, Muslim hands installed **05** rainwater harvesting schemes and, **28** water filtration plants (both RO and UV). Muslim Hands also increased its geographical outreach and initiated various projects in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir in 2021.



Story of Impact



“I like and feel very happy wearing school uniform”



Zara Allah Ditta. D/O Mr. Allah Ditta. Live in Kot Yousaf village **Qila Sangian**, belongs to a very poor family. Her father works in the fields as some time ago he borrowed a loan from a landlord and he was unable to pay it- As a result he work as bonded labor. It was her hidden dream in her heart to go to school as like other girls, though her parents has not enough resources to afford her school expenses. She used to spend her whole day by working in farms and taking care of animals.

One day, a teacher of GGPS Qila Sangian who lived in the village asked her about the reason for working rather than getting education. She explained her situation. Her head teacher along with other teacher went to her house and met with her parents and tried to convince them about her schooling, during this conversation. She was listening to their conversation behind the curtain and prayed to almighty that her parents must be convinced by her teachers. Her parents refused straight away to the Muslim Hand team. She was sad after the decision of her parents.

After some days the Muslim Hands team visited her house again and tried to convince her parents but they refused their proposal by saying them that they didn't have enough money to bear the study expenses. Muslim Hands ensured her parents that they take care of all her educational expenses.

So finally, they convinced her parents for her education.

Now I am very happy and going to school regularly. I will always pray for the Muslim Hands team especially teacher “Momina Saleem”.I have no word to say anything but just thankful for them from the core of my heart. Said Zara Allah Dita.



Strengthening resilience of populations vulnerable to recurrent disasters and emergencies in Sindh

Action against Hunger (ACF) with partners CESVI and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) are supporting communities and local institutions to prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters in Thatta and MirpurKhas (Sindh). ACF implemented this initiative in close coordination with National Provincial and District Disaster Management Authorities, Department of Education, Sindh Forest Department and District Administrations. Through this initiative, ACF developed the capacity of community institutions on disaster risk management (CBDRM/SBDRM) and also strengthened the community based early warning systems.

Implementation of the Nutrition Sensitive Component of the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)



ACF through its nutrition-sensitive intervention created improved WASH infrastructure, implemented climate-smart agriculture and strengthened food security in rural Sindh with active participation of native communities in a sustainable manner. Through this initiative, Action against Hunger is improving nutrition-sensitive interventions to create improved climate-smart agriculture and to strengthen food security in rural Sindh with active participation of native communities in a sustainable manner.

Building resilient communities by connecting disaster and emergency responses to sustainable development

Action against Hunger (ACF) and its local partner Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is responding to the assistance needs of 315000 individuals in Sindh. The initiative of the objective is to provide emergency and life sustaining assistance to disaster affected communities in Sindh through FSL, resilience building and psychosocial support interventions. Through this initiative, Action against Hunger trained community in DRR and allocated resources for administering a gender sensitive multipurpose response for protecting and restoring livelihoods of the most at risk vulnerable households, and community Institutions.



Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh – Nutrition Specific Component (ER2)

ACF through its program for improved nutrition in Sindh is contributing towards ending undernutrition and hunger (SDG 2) by improving the health and nutrition status of children and mothers in the eight (08) targeted districts of Sindh province. ACF through this initiative is capacitating the Government of Sindh (GoS) to efficiently implement its nutrition multi-sectoral policy while providing direct assistance to malnutrition in rural Sindh. Through this initiative, ACF build the capacity of health and non-health staff on community management of acute malnutrition, infant and young child feeding and behavior change communication and inpatient care management and enhanced outreach services (screening, referral and supplementation including deworming of children, macro/micronutrient supplementation to children and MM/iron folic tablets to pregnant and lactating women) and awareness campaign.



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Story of Impact

“I am happy that Rabail has become healthy and completely nourished. I am thankful to the PINS and the community Health Worker for the extra care, guidance, and for offering me pragmatic advice on maintaining a healthy diet, which I am following. I have learned from my past mistakes and now I am fully committed to following to using folic acid tablets on a daily basis.”

says Rabail's mother.



Provision of RUFT to Malnutrition Children.

Ms. Rabail belongs to a poor family comprising of ten members. Her father is a daily wage worker and earns on an average PKR 350 per day, which hardly meets the expenses of the entire household. Her mother also works as a tailor at home to support the needs of the family. Under 'Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh', the Community Health Worker (CHW) during her the door to door visit identified Rabail as a Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM) child through MUAC screening. The CHW provided Micro Nutrient Powder (MNP) Sachets to Rabail's mother advising her to feed her baby by mixing in any light food. The CHW also advised her to take care of Rabail's diet as she was very vulnerable to becoming Severely Acutely Malnourished (SAM). During the next visit after one month, the community health worker identified Rabail, as severely acute malnourished because of the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) of 10.8cm, which is below the threshold of 11.5 for acute malnutrition. The CHW immediately referred her to the nearest OTP site set-up of ACF under the European Union-funded "Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh". At the OTP site, Rabail was provided with ready to use therapeutic food ration to improve her weight and MUAC measurements while her mother was counseled on breastfeeding, hygiene, and diet. During each follow-up visit, CHW continuously counseled Rabail's mother on dietary diversification and helped her mother with the proper use of RUTF, breastfeeding, complementary feeding, and good childcare practices. Rabail's mother was provided with Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablets by the same CHW when she was pregnant. It was learned that Rabail's mother did not use IFA tablets which also caused Rabail's premature birth. Rabail's mother is pregnant again, hence CHW has provided her with IFA tablets with clear counseling for a healthy diet, and ANC visits. Now Rabail and her mother's health has improved significantly. Rabail's treatment at the OTP site continues and her mother is also taking IFA regularly. Both child and mother have recovered and she is hopeful for the delivery of a healthy child.



Building resilient communities in Pakistan

Oxfam International through building resilient communities initiative is improving the resilience of rural communities and government authorities in Badin to build understanding, knowledge and skills to prepare for, adapt to and mitigate climate and disaster risks. The initiative adopted climate-smart agricultural techniques, diversifying livelihoods, and applying an appropriately designed risk transfer mechanism which was developed in partnership with non-traditional actors including micro-insurance. The initiative specifically targets women, young people, and people with disabilities who are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of disasters and climate change in Badin.

Transforming the food system to eradicate hunger, fight inequality



Oxfam through its Grow initiative is increasing food security for groups that are particularly vulnerable due to Mangroves cutting, facing seasonal/ permanent migration and, by doing so, to contribute to the realization of the SDGs. In addition, Oxfam engaged with provincial government for policy development initiatives, national governments and the UNFCCC for bolder climate action.

Empower Youth for Work (EYW)

Oxfam through its empower youth for work initiative is aiming to promote a positive enabling environment for youth, especially for young women, to facilitate them in achieving their potential and contributing to their social and economic development. EYW chiefly focuses on young women residing in rural areas and endeavors to empower them through life-skills based education followed by entrepreneurial skills education to earn decent sustainable livelihoods.



Ending Violence against Women & Girls through Edutainment

Oxfam is playing an effective role in addressing violence against women and girls through participatory and engaging art – particularly performance and visual art targeting young women and men at college and university campuses. Oxfam through this initiative is engaging students, their parents and faculty members through interactive theatre performances, radio broadcasts, social media posts, murals, and graffiti bringing about conscientious messages on VAWG and CEFM in ways that are appealing and lasting.

To achieve the long lasting impact of the initiative, Oxfam signed memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed with **20** universities / educational institutions of Karachi to raise awareness of students and faculty members on the issues of sexual harassment at educational institution level. Furthermore, Oxfam signed MOU with HEC for joint implementation of HEC's Policy on 'Protection Against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education Institutions' and provide technical support to selected universities for establishment of an effective complaint response mechanisms for addressing incidents of sexual harassment and abuse.



Improved Access to fair, legitimate and effective Justice in Pakistan

Oxfam through its improved access to fair, legitimate and effective justice in Pakistan initiative is focusing on the “semi-formal” and formal justice mechanisms that have been recognized or established by the state - and linking it to the formal justice System. The initiative engaged communities, marginalized groups, women and youth to understand the challenges they face in accessing justice. Through this initiative, Oxfam is supporting community groups to work to understand their legal rights, justice mechanism. Oxfam and its implementing partners work with civil society, justice providers and government authorities to develop practical solutions for more inclusive justice provision.



Creating Spaces to take Action on Violence against Women and Girls and Early, Child and Forced Marriages

Oxfam's initiative creating spaces to take action on violence against women reduced violence against women and girls, and the prevalence of early, forced and child marriage. The initiative achieved ultimate outcome through a holistic, multi-pronged and multi-generation approach in ending violence against women and girls. First, it created an enabling environment to prevent violence against women and girls by engaging key, influential religious, community, private sector and political leaders as well as young men and women in advancing women's leadership, women's rights and the elimination of violence against women and girls. In addition, community leaders and youth also act as champions of change, decreasing the social acceptability of violence and modeling positive behaviors within the social spheres in which they are most influential.



Women's Voice and Leadership- Pakistan

Oxfam through its Women's Voice and Leadership Program, supported local and regional women's organizations and networks to promote women's rights, and advance women's empowerment and gender equality in developing countries. This was done by supporting activities, building institutional capacity, and promoting network and alliance-building. The Program also responds to the globally recognized, significant gap in funding and support to women's rights organizations and movements around the world





Story of Impact

Relief International is Improving Access to Primary Education in Pakistan

Laiba, Nazia, Salma and Sania, Afghan refugees between the ages of 7 and 8, were unable to go to school in Pakistan. Now through an ongoing Relief International program aimed at creating more equitable access to education, all four are excelling at their local primary school.

There are an estimated 2.5 million Afghan refugees (registered, undocumented and citizen cardholders) Most of these refugees have fled violence and terror in the hopes of finding safety and a higher standard of living. The reality is often more difficult. Finding work in Pakistan is very hard for Afghan refugees, leaving many adults with menial jobs making small wages and struggling to cover the costs of shelter, food and support for their families.

For the approximately 300,000 primary school aged (5-11 years) child refugees in the country are looking for access to quality education. This was the case for Laiba, Nazia, Salma and Sania; four cousins between the ages of 8 and 9 whose families live and work together in the Peshawar region of the country.

“We were having less opportunities... for our children in Pakistani Schools” states Najeeba, mother of Salma & Sania.

Afghan families often do not have the money or institutional knowledge to navigate the educational system in new country alone, frequently resulting in their children missing out on the chance of going to school.





RI staff members talking with Najeeba and Rozeena, the girls' mothers.

Relief International is changing this in the Peshawar, Nowshera and Swabi regions of Pakistan through an innovative program that aims to create more equitable access for Afghan children in Pakistani government primary schools.

The project involves enrollment campaigns where RI staff teach the local Afghan community about the enrollment process for schools; a school readiness program, where children can go to “catch-up” educationally to their peers already attending school at no cost to their families; and a mainstreaming process where the Afghan children then join the Pakistani school fully, taking classes with other children their age.

Between 2019 and 2021, 1341 boys and 1690 girls have taken part in the program in 70 schools in particular province.

Laiba, Nazia, Salma and Sania all took part in the program, beginning with RI's staff going to their family homes to discuss educational opportunities for the girls. “[RI Staff] came to our house and had a detailed meeting with us about our daughter's right to education,” states Najeeba. After numerous conversations with their parents, all four girls were enrolled in the school readiness program.

“A few days after admission in school, I observed a very positive change in my daughter's behavior,” states Rozeena, Laiba and Nazia's mother.

“They exhibited good manners and a polite attitude towards us and their brothers and are helping in domestic work after they return from school,” Rozeena continues.

All four girls excelled in the school readiness program and were then mainstreamed into the local school. “When I conducted a proper assessment of the girls [during the mainstreaming process], I found them to be outstanding and promoted them [one step ahead] to Grade One instead of Nursery” states Ms. Tamseela, Head teacher at the Government Girls Primary School in Pawaka.

Najeeba and Rozeena are incredibly proud of their daughters' success. “We will [continue to] send our daughters to school because we know that the education will contribute to their futures.”



Story of Impact

Supporting youth in making their dreams into reality

Sabagi is a resident of Qamaro Shareef, District Tando Allayar, Sindh Pakistan who lives with her husband and 4 children. Belonging from the remote area of Pakistan, Sabagi and her husband hardly have any income generations opportunities. Her husband is a daily wager who works at the land of a landlord and from there he cannot move to any other place for a livelihood because of the tough agreement with landlord. In return, the landlord provides him wheat to bear the expenses of his family. The amount her husband earned from wheat was not sufficient for Sabagi family as she needs resources to meet the expenses of school fee and the food of her children.

She was very worried for the family wellbeing and livelihood as both husband and wife didn't have any other skill to earn a livelihood. She used to work in people's home to earn some money, but the amount wasn't enough to bear the education expenses of her children.

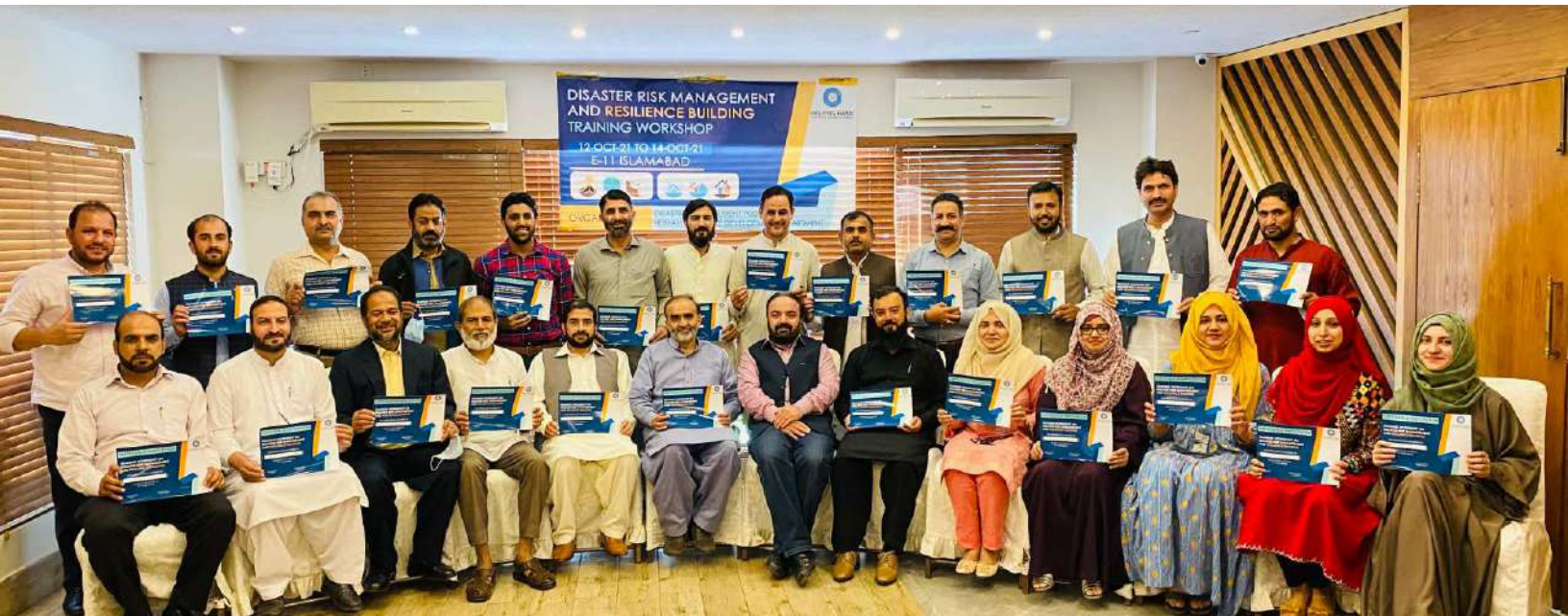
Then Sabagi got to know about the HHRD initiative related to the skill enhancement courses which were offered by SDLP. She rushed directly to the SDLP Dera Allayar and met with the center in charge and expressed her keen interest for learning. The incharge gave her chance to get enrolled in one of the free courses related to the "Dress Making". She went to her husband and told him that she got an opportunity to learn and later use such learning for income generation.

She was very passionate about her future and family, so she completed 6 months dress making training with full zeal and attention.

Now Sabagi is a trained professional and receiving good number of orders for cloth stitching and earning good amount of money to bear the expenses of her family. She tends to open a stitching center in her village to help other women.

Sabagi Says

"I am thankful to ALLAH and HHRD who provided me this opportunity to earn a respectable livelihood."



Story of Impact

Provision of food items, to put a smile on the faces of affected communities by Flood and COVID-19 in Swat

District Swat had been hit by the evil eye in the not-too-distant past. Its beauty has been ravaged by militancy, displacements, and peace operations, and now in 2020 by Covid-19 and floods too. Transportation, restrictions, lockdowns were a further indication of doom. Never had the land of Swat, Malakand Division saw such suffering and poverty before. Yet the Swatis are known to be resilient and accommodating people. On reaching out for help, they welcomed Helvetas's Project ERA for the Covid-19 response, with open arms. As the Project's focus had initially been on the Tourism sector, it was understood from the start that the same sector (as well as their families) were to be provided the help they were desperate for.

The ERA Project sent out word that first of all the low-income families dependent on daily/monthly wages and associated with small and medium hotels, need to be provided with early recovery assistance in the form of food packages. Hence, 1019 families were provided with food packages containing wheat flour, rice, tea, sugar, pulses, beans, and cooking oil. This was meant to ward off hunger, malnutrition, and disillusionment till a safe space is established for getting back on track for the hospitality industry.

Attaullah is an 18-year-old young waiter at a hotel in Bahrain. He earns Rs. 12,000/- on a monthly basis and spends it all on providing food, education, health services for the six members of his family. He usually had to rely on loans but when he was provided with the food package, he thanked HHRD for the support in their needy time and he happily confessed that this time he can avoid the loans as the package can last him a considerable time.



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