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Pakistan Humanitarian Forum is an independent and non-partisan organization is working in Pakistan from last one decade. Since its inception, it has started representing, facilitating, and supporting humanitarian assistance and long-term development program/operations of its member organizations (INGOs). Initially it was established as voluntary forum to coordinate and communicate the impactful work of its member organizations with relevant stakeholders and provide a platform to INGOs to take collective position on development and humanitarian needs and initiatives in the country. After developing its long-term strategic framework, the forum is fully streamlining its functions and taking strong position on humanitarian and development issues. Currently it is representing 40 INGOs along with 8 affiliate member that includes ICRC and IFRC as well. The PHF member organizations are fully registered with Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan and working in close collaboration with federal and provincial authorities.



**Our Vision:**

Together for a resilient and prosperous Pakistan

**Our Mission:**

To improve the social and economic conditions of the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable people irrespective of age, gender, race, ethnicity and creed or religion to collectively deliver on priorities vital to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goal defined in Pakistan's Vision 2025

To streamline engagement of people and civil society network in improving health, education, water and sanitation, nutrition, poverty reduction, skill vocational training and livelihood development and women empowerment for the socio-economic development of Pakistan.

## Cash Assistance and Restoration of Livelihoods in Sindh, Pakistan



In August 2020, the remote and underdeveloped district of Umerkot, Sindh was struck by monsoon floods, resulting not only in the immense loss of basic infrastructures like homes, roads and animal shelters but also in the loss of livestock and the already scarce agricultural resources that were available to the local communities. Although immediate disaster relief support was provided to the community by multiple actors, the community remained incapacitated to deal with issues like food insecurity, poor infrastructure for healthcare, WASH facilities and restoration of essential shelters and livelihood sources due to financial constraints. In light of these multidimensional issues faced by these communities, ACTED Pakistan launched a 10-month humanitarian intervention called “Cash Assistance and Restoration of Livelihoods in Sindh, Pakistan”, to aid the rehabilitation of the community infrastructures, food security and sustainable livelihood systems, relying on a participatory approach to simultaneously build the capacity of the communities.

The rebuilding of sustainable livelihood systems is essential for disaster early recovery, the prevention of further shocks, and reduction of the risks associated with subsequent disasters. These disastrous flash aggravated the vulnerabilities brought forth by the COVID-19 to a dangerous extent, as already fragile communities lost all their means of sustenance and survival.

The situation in District Umerkot was so dire that residents like Tago, hailing from Union Council Satrya, Umerkot, were forced to beg for money in nearby cities to provide enough food for the survival of his family. The monsoon rains in 2020 completely wrecked Tago’s home, agricultural resources and livestock, forcing his family to migrate to a nearby safe house.

After the disaster struck, Tago, being the sole breadwinner for his family of 4 desperately searched for a job but remained unsuccessful as his disability due to polio kept him from performing difficult tasks that were the need of hour. His brothers are still under-aged, unable to contribute financially and to provide any source of income. To meet family financial requirements, Tago started to beg to meet the needs.

***“I have always considered begging to be disgraceful but I had no other options. Our society treats persons with different abilities with cruelty. I cannot express my pain in words”. ~ Tago.***

While begging at shrines and local markets, Tago was able to receive about PKR 200 to 250 in the form of donations but this amount remained insufficient for him to meet the needs of his family.

When ACTED’s cash assistance program was initiated in Umerkot, Tago’s family was identified to be in the dire need of multi-purpose cash assistance. In addition to the financial assistance, Tago’s family and other members of the community were provided with capacity-building sessions on WASH & Nutrition, community based disaster risk management, climate smart agriculture and livestock management, equipping them with the essential knowledge they might need to recover from disaster and any other that might befall them in the future.

To date, Tago has received 3 instalments under the multi-purpose cash assistance component of the project, which he used primarily to purchase a goat that not only provided milk for his family’s consumption but is also serving as a source of livelihood for him. The remaining cash was used to purchase basic amenities and pay due credit to the shops in his community. While reflecting on his journey over the course of the last year, Tago shared:

***“We have always lived in a disaster-prone area of Umerkot, but the 2020 monsoon floods have caused the most catastrophic impacts on my family and community to date. I believe that our community’s recovery would have been much more prolonged if ACTED had not supported us with this cash assistance program”~ Tago.***

Well equipped with appropriate knowledge for future disaster risk management and a source of livelihood, Tago is still looking for ways to diversify his income and is positive that now, his community will be able to manage future disasters in a more organized manner.



## Market and Employment for Peace and Stability (ME4PS)

ACTED has recently completed a 5 years Market and Employment for Peace and Stability Project (ME4PS) in Charsadda, Mohmand, and Bajaur districts. The project was implemented in partnership with Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation Pakistan. The project specifically targeted women and men from vulnerable groups (youth, women heading households, and the disabled) to enter into gainful employment, entrepreneurs/SMEs are strengthened to use business opportunities for job creation and income generation and to create a conducive market environment for business growth. Under this action, 1,391 individuals (508 females, 88 males) were trained in 21 different trades, including 68 PWDs (13 females, 55 male). Furthermore, 1,082 individuals were employed, of which 478 individuals were self-employed, and 604 individuals were employed by market actors/employers.

The action also contributed in institutional development of 10 TVET institutes in the targeted districts and developed partnerships with local development partners (LTI, PRCS, BERA, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University) and various associations, including ITAP, Anjuman Behood-i-Mazooran, Chappal Making Association, and Marble Association. The action do not only link the TVET institutes with the market actors, but also developed their capacity on training cycles to address issues related to trainees drop out, addressing market demands, and facilitating job placements.

To promote a conducive environment for business growth, 7,391 farmers and Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs) directly benefitted under value chain development, in which the production of the farmer/SME increased to 90% and income increased to 80%. In addition, 322 SMEs (277 females, 45 males) were supported in business expansion, which resulted in 60% growth in their businesses. Furthermore, the project also created 996 on-farm and off-farm jobs under the value chains component. All the project activities contributed to the peace and stability of the targeted areas through the development of market systems and employment opportunities.

## Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP)

ACTED is implementing an FCDO funded education initiative in Jacobabad and Kashmor districts of Sindh and Lakki Marwat of KP, "Closing the Gap: Educating marginalized girls in Sindh and KP", is a four-year integrated educational programme focusing on the provision of basic education and life-skills based training to marginalized and out of school adolescent girls. The overarching aim of initiative is to address socio-economic and political barriers to girls' education at the school and community level. The initiative is directed towards a total of 5,873 girls and includes an Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) for the ages of 10 - 13 years (1117 girls), and Literacy and Numeracy (L&N) Programme for ages 14 - 19 years (4756 girls).

## Increased Employment Opportunities for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Youth Groups in Pakistan

ACTED has recently completed a project funded by the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel) in Kashmore and Badin districts of Sindh with the aims of increasing the employability and providing access to alternative livelihood options for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged youth in rural Sindh. The specific objective of the action was to pilot an integrated, innovative and demand-driven TVET model in Sindh and to assess the feasibility of its replication in the Pakistani labor market. The action targeted 300 people, including men and women between the ages of 18 and 36, with priority given to women, people with disabilities and households living in extreme poverty. Beneficiaries of the action included disadvantaged young men and women from rural areas of Sindh, commercial enterprises, TVET institutes and government stakeholders, including the Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA). The action successfully achieved all its objectives, namely a rapid assessment of the local market, the establishment of TVET satellite centres. Identification and selection of trainees, training of trainees, exposure visits and business/employment matchmaking sessions. In line with the logical framework, the action achieved 100% of the target set, i.e. 300 disadvantaged and vulnerable youth have access to 4 vocational education and training centers in their neighborhood.

All activities under Logical Framework have been completed including identification of employers, updating of training manuals, capacity building of trainers, selection of trainees, pre-training course, training delivery, life skills training programme, exposure visit and advanced certification training for selected trainees. Logical framework on transition and improved integration opportunities for 300 disadvantaged and vulnerable youth into the formal and informal labour market was 100% achieved through business/employment matching sessions and job fairs, provision of in-kind start-up toolkits, post-training apprenticeship, inventory of trained beneficiaries and lessons learned workshops. All activities of the action were completed on time; a few activities were delayed due to the lockdown of COVID-19.

## Leave No Girl Behind (LNGB) Programme

ACTED Pakistan is implementing an integrated educational program titled Leave No Girl Behind which is focusing on to provide basic literacy and numeracy trainings to marginalized and out-of-school girls in various districts of Sindh and KP. The FCDO funded programme is successfully running in Districts Kashmore and Jacobabad in Sindh and District Lakki Marwat in KP, by providing basic literacy and numeracy skills to marginalized girls to improve their quality of lives, while empowering them socially, economically and politically.

The overarching aim of the LNGB project is to support out-of-school adolescent girls, aged between 10 and 19 years old, paving their way to gaining education and accessing sustainable sources of livelihood that will aid improving their quality of life.

ACTED's social mobilization team to enrol her in the program, and began her journey to becoming a skilled, confident, and financially independent young woman. But Uzma had to face a challenging time at the L&N centre, as she was mocked and ridiculed for not only



ACTED's LNGB aims to create an impact by catering challenges that hinder girls' access to education, encouraging parents and communities to avail LNGB facilities to enhance their children's skills and to derive support for girls' education in the targeted areas. The project's main objective is to improve literacy, numeracy and life skills of adolescent girls, allowing them to continue their education and access livelihood opportunities. LNGB especially targets rural areas with marginalized girls, often having no access to government or private educational institutes.

Uzma, a graduate from LNGB's Literacy and Numeracy Center in UC Joungal, District Jacobabad belongs to an impoverished farmer family from a small village in UC Joungal and had no option but to marry at the young age of 17 due to local customs of early marriages and her parents wish to relieve some of their economic burden by marrying her off to an older man.

Upon getting divorced after being subjected to long periods of emotional and physical violence over the course of her marriage she was a mother to a baby boy. Uzma's abusive marriage had left her traumatized and despairing, but she saw the opportunity to turn over a new leaf when she learned about the establishment of a learning centre by ACTED in her community. Uzma approached and requested

being a divorced lady who was now studying, but was also considered hostile by most parents and community members as they believed that Uzma would end up corrupting their daughters, who were also learners at the centre, into becoming culturally defiant and against getting married.

But her determination to provide a better life for her son and her teachers' constant support is what gave her the push she needed to persevere, ignoring all the taunts and mockery and graduating from the L&N center with flying colours. After graduating, she continued her education by requesting her teacher to help her improve areas in which she had lacked previously through a tuition. During her lessons, she also assisted her teacher in checking copies of students from beginner classes, and her kind facilitation was also rewarded by her teacher with a small stipend that was given to her on a monthly basis. In addition to this, Uzma has regularly been completing her homework, progressing through various levels of learning successfully.

***"I feel alive now. I feel like I have a purpose and I want to use my learning to make a better future for my son and I become financially independent". Uzma***



## TESTIMONIALS



*Uzma is giving tuitions to some young learners from the community*

"I was living in a simple happy life with my family when I got infected with Gangrene infection. Due to this infection, I lost my leg and life became hard as I was unable to work in my farm. Later on, flood and COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted my livelihood. In this hard time, ACTED team contacted me through the Community Organization of my village and I received PKR 32,000. With this assistance, I was able to purchase food and other essential household items. It was a great relief at time of this crisis."

**Heero Anando, Umerkot, Sindh  
Multi – Purpose Cash  
Assistance to disable person to  
restore the livelihoods**



*Uzma is helping her students perfectly with different problem-solving techniques at tuition center*

"I am a daughter of a shopkeeper who with his all efforts made possible the marriage of my elder sister and remained worried about my marriage. He is the only supporter of 11 family members whereas my mother with her all strength is supporting him through stitching work. I always strived to help my mother but found very difficult to learn in home as my mother being responsible for multiple things. I am thankful to ACTED who provided this opportunity which do not only made me enable to do for myself but to further expand my mother's business and increase my family income."

**Saba Muneer, Badin Sindh  
Trained in tailoring and  
stiching**

## Building Disaster Response Capacity of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Community Master Trainers (CMTs) in mountainous areas of Pakistan



Pakistan is among those top ten countries which are badly affected by natural disasters. To improve disaster preparedness and response, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) prepares the community to manage and respond disaster efficiently at community level. In the Gilgit region, the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan arranged a simulation for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) the trained volunteers. Around 54 participants from the region participated and demonstrated their roles to provide first aid to victims in disasters, including handling critical patients and injuries. Representatives from local council of Gilgit also participated in the simulation and appreciated the initiative of AKAH.

The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) aims at building safer habitats, by building capacities of communities to deal with natural disasters and educating them for hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment of their areas of living and practicing safe and resilient constructions.



## AKAH Response to Monsoon Floods



The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan responded to flood affected in Sherqilla, Ghizer where on July 5th a thunderstorm and heavy downpour in upper catchments of Bilchar Nala of Sherqila in district Ghizer (Gilgit -Baltistan) triggered flash flooding and a massive debris flow. Unfortunately, 7 people lost their lives and 2 people were injured. One house and 2 tourist resorts completely destroyed while 15 to 20 houses partially damaged. A team of AKAH technicians were at Sherqilla doing maintenance on the Early Warning System (EWS) and they get together with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) raised the alarm and were able to safely evacuate 80 families whose homes were at risk from the debris flow.



The volunteers of the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan are helping flood affected families in Sherqilla village in Ghizer, to evacuate timely and move their belongings to safer areas. The trained volunteers of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), are helping communities and travelers in Rehsun village. Rehsun village is affected with river flooding due to Monsoon floods. These floods caused erosions and significant damage to buildings, infrastructure and agricultural lands. In Rehsun village, CERT volunteers helped evacuate families, travellers and provided food items to 17 families. The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan, distributed relief items among the 17 affected families in Rehsun, Chitral. The relief items helped families to address the immediate food needs.

## Humanitarian Response – Renovation of Vaccination Centers



To strengthen the COVID-19 response in District Swat, CIP provided supplies for renovation of vaccination centers to four health facilities in the region.

## Rehabilitation of Water Supply Scheme

After a needs based survey, CIP completed work on the rehabilitation of a water supply scheme in District Swat. A dug well of 156 feet was constructed complete with a solar system and distribution line to help ease the water issues in the area. The initiative helped to provide access to clean and safe drinking water to communities.



## Renovation of Vaccination Centers in Abbottabad

CIP distributed renovation supplies to two vaccination centers in district Abbottabad. The supplies comprised of furniture, electronics and electric work to strengthen the capacity of the health facilities.



## Hygiene Promotion and Vaccination Awareness Sessions

Hygiene promotion and vaccination awareness sessions were conducted through advocacy groups in educational institutes and communities in District Quetta where information was disseminated to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 within their communities.



## Installation of Hand Washing Stations at Educational Institutes

CARE International Pakistan installed hand washing stations to combat COVID-19 and promote hygiene in five educational Institutes in district Quetta. The hand washing stations would promote the healthy hygiene activities among the people.



## Emergency Preparedness in Schools



CESVI through its “Strengthening resilience of populations vulnerable to recurrent disasters and emergencies in Sindh” is supporting school based structural rehabilitation requirement and sensitizing children and teachers on disaster risk reduction. CESVI in collaboration with local government and community institution reached out to 20 targeted school in district Mirpurkhas and develop DRM plans with an aim to increase coping capacities and resilience of school children and head teachers.

## Strengthening Community-Based Early Warning Mechanism

With the support of ECHO, CESVI in coordination with the District Irrigation and Drainage Departments installed colored early warning poles at 25 different locations in 50 target villages along the routes of left and right outfall drainage (LBOD/RBOD). In addition, CESVI has compiled the communication directory, providing updated contacts details of key government officials belonging to PDMA, DDMA, Drainage and Irrigation Department, Rescue 1122, among others. In addition, 50 emergency toolkits were distributed in all target villages to equip the first responders to provide first-aid, rescue and relief services in case of a disaster situation.



## Responding To ‘Now or Never’ To the Climate Change

According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2021, Pakistan is ranked at number eight most at risk of climate change. Pakistan’s economy largely relies on agriculture and hence require enough water resources. But with the increasing temperature, disruption of water resources and monsoon patterns in recent times impacted many people’s livelihood and if it continues in the same pattern, it can create havoc on the livelihoods of millions of people.

A country with high inflation, weak economy and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather can make worse the poverty and food security in the region. Recent climate related events show that climate impacts in Pakistan have started to manifest through increased temperature, unpredictable rainfall, accelerated glacier melt and a negative impact on crop productivity. However, communities in Pakistan are unaware of these climate changes and how it would impact their lives. Similarly, they are very much unaware of what actions they have to take to cope and adapt.



There is an urgent need to make people aware of how to deal with the gradual climatic changes as well as sudden-onset disaster. To make them understand and build resilience of the communities, active involvement of local stakeholders particularly those most vulnerable to climate change is very vital.

Since 2010, the province Sindh of country is the most affected by extreme weather events that are the definite exhibition of climate change. The province has witnessed massive floods in 2010 and 2011, and severe drought since 2013.

In response to the climate urgency, CESVI along with Action against Hunger (ACF) are building disaster resilient communities in District Thatta and Mirpurkhas – Sindh, since last year in October. This climate resilience initiative is based on contextual knowledge and technical experience of effective adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures in Pakistan. It is focused on strengthening the community institutions, improving community based early warning dissemination mechanism, and building partnership with provincial authorities for effective prevention and response to multiple crisis.

Also, due to the climatic calamities, communities face significant amount of fear, stress and anxiety. And in the absence of the effective intervention from experienced care-givers may result into the long-term trauma for many. This ongoing project is responding to the psychosocial needs of communities affected by the disaster by building capacity of community first responders through psychological first aid.

When the climate change is inevitable, only BUILDING RESILIENCE can break the mammoth of climate change.



## Averting the Disasters Through Promoting Best Practices

**Noor Nisa is committed to spread awareness in her community to protect environment and make them feel safe during any natural disaster.**

"When the heavy rainfall and flood hit our community in the year 2011, all I was worried about my disabled daughter. I hugged her tightly so she wouldn't get lost in the disaster", says 37 years old Noor who lives in the Village Yaqoob Kapri, District Mirpurkhas. That was the moment when she realized that getting oneself prepared for any such disaster was important. "We did not know what to do, where to go, and how to be safe during the calamity. It is the worst memory of my life", says Noor.



Global warming and associated climatic impacts are causing deadly disasters in Pakistan. To improve preparedness and implement early monitoring and forecasting systems, Cesvi along with Action Against Hunger (ACF) are building disaster resilient communities in District Thatta and Mirpurkhas – Sindh. This climate resilience initiative is based on contextual knowledge and technical experience of effective adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures in Pakistan.

Noor Nisa is one of the community resource persons (CRPs) who has received training on First Aid Training, Community-based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), and Climate Change under the project. The CRPs are provided with the tools and information to face any crisis and take action accordingly. A total of 100 CRPs from the District Mirpurkhas, are spreading awareness about the potential natural hazards, and preparing the communities how to prepare for them.



Noor talks within her community about the changes that are happening due to the natural disasters such as floods, heatwaves, or water scarcity, and how lessons from the past can help them to be safe and protect their families during any calamity.

"In our community we have received 600 plants that we have planted and I am also raising awareness how to take care of them and why the trees are important in our lives", Noor explains. She is very much happy to make people aware of how one can be prepared and save lives during any disaster. "It gives me satisfaction that I am making the communities ready to fight disasters and ready to save lives", she says with a smile.

## Strengthening Livelihood and Resilience of Vulnerable Agriculture Communities in Rural Sindh

DKH through its “Strengthening Livelihood and Resilience of Vulnerable Agriculture Communities in Rural Sindh” is engaging with climate-affected agricultural communities and households over an extended period of two years to support food security and resilience. The initiative through its integrated approach is building sustainable resilience at both the household and community level. Some of the key achievements of the initiatives are given below:

- 1,000 households (500 in Tharparkar and 500 in Umerkot) have received first tranche of multipurpose cash assistance to cover their food security and other household needs during the lean period
- Each household has received PKR 8,000
- Two more installments are in pipeline to complete three tranche of monthly payment for each household
- The transactions are made through mobile cash transfer services



## Early Recovery and development

- Training of Trainers for the technical staff of the project on Integrated Crop Management (ICM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Kitchen Garden and Livestock Management was conducted
- During the ToTs, training manuals were developed which will be used while replicating the learning in the field with the farmers by the project teams
- Livestock vaccination campaigns were conducted in the target areas of Tharparkar and Umerkot districts in which more than 27,000 livestock heads were vaccinated. Next campaign will be held in September
- Seasonal seeds of millet and cluster beans have been distributed among the target 1,000 farmer families (500 in Tharparkar and 500 in Umerkot) to enable them avail the cropping season.



## TESTIMONIALS



“Most of the communities skip their livestock vaccination due to accessibility issues and unawareness about the needs and benefits of vaccination resulting in compromising their livestock health. There are also myths about the negative impacts of the vaccination among some of the communities due to which they do not vaccinate their livestock. Responding in such an integrated approach to make the communities aware about the importance of the vaccination with no side effects and support for such outreach facilities provided by the organizations will increase the productivity and decrease the ratio of disease among the livestock.”

**Dr. Muhammad Yousif**

Veterinary officer

Livestock department Umerkot, Sindh

## Launching of USAID funded “Learning, Acting and Building for Rehabilitation in Health Systems (ReLAB-HS) in Sindh and KP

The unmet need for rehabilitation services inclusive of assistive technology (AT) is urgent and growing, particularly for the most vulnerable in low- and middle-income countries, and in countries affected by conflict.

Handicap International (Humanity & Inclusion) is implementing a research-based program called “Learning, Acting, and Building for Rehabilitation in Health Systems (ReLAB-HS)” in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) districts of Peshawar and Swat, as well as the Sindh province districts of Karachi East and Jamshoro. In the month of June, the project was launched in the two provinces in two separate ceremonies attended by representatives from all stakeholders, as well as a large representation from the governments of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development, ReLAB-HS is a five-year global activity that will support the strengthening of health systems that are responsive to the growing needs for rehabilitation within populations.

ReLAB-HS is a consortium of six international partners with expertise in health systems, implementation science and delivery innovations. Handicap International (Humanity & Inclusion) is the lead partner for ReLAB-HS in Pakistan. It is led by the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA, and co-led by the Nossal Institute for Global Health, Australia. Other global partners include MiracleFeet, Momentum Wheels for Humanity and Physiopedia.

In Pakistan ReLAB-HS will co-design and implement innovative, comprehensive, cost-effective interventions that strengthen health systems for the provision of rehabilitation and AT. ReLAB-HS will focus on integrating rehabilitation and AT services across all levels of care within the health systems. In its first year, ReLAB-HS engaged with stakeholders to introduce the activity, conduct a situation analysis, and develop the foundation for collaboration on key activities to move forward.



The basic goal of ReLAB-HS is to support the development of health systems that are responsive to the growing needs for rehabilitation across lifespan. Rehabilitation is an essential health service along with prevention, promotion, treatment and palliation, which focuses on the functioning of an individual and not the condition.

Speaking at the occasion of launches in Peshawar and Karachi, the Country Director of Handicap International (Humanity & Inclusion) noted that “the project will develop context-specific models for coordinated rehabilitation care across community, primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of the health system, develop and strengthen institutionalized capacity development and a standardized rehabilitation curriculum for the rehabilitation workforce.



The program will also explore opportunities to integrate rehabilitation indicators into health information systems and develop and deploy tele-rehabilitation solutions to improve rehabilitation service delivery and its coordination among different levels of care.” She added, “Our aim is to help support the provincial government in integrating and strengthening the already existing healthcare system by approaching institutions, hospitals and the healthcare providers to develop the system in such a way that quality care and services are accessible to everyone.” Being run in four countries vis-à-vis Pakistan, Uganda, Ukraine and Myanmar, Handicap sees bright prospects for the program in Pakistan.





## Market and Employment for Peace and Stability Project (ME4PS)

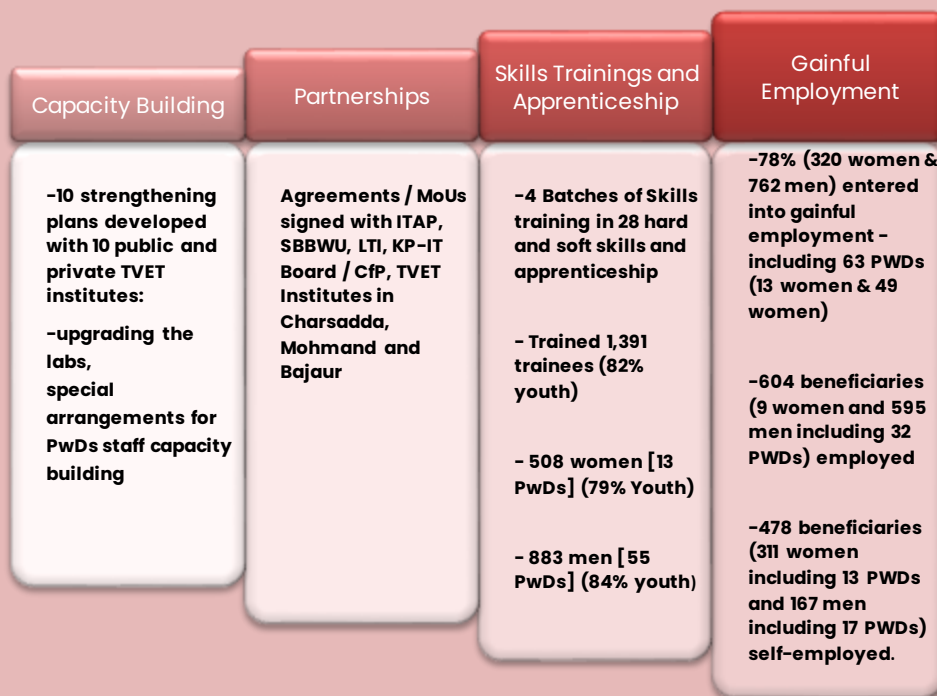
HELVETAS is implementing Market and Employment for Peace and Stability Project (ME4PS) in the three districts of KP that includes Charsadda, Mohmand and Bajaur. At the time of project inception, Mohmand and Bajaur were the two agencies of Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) however in 2018 the two agencies became newly merged districts of KP. The merger had resulted in opportunities as well as implementation challenges for the project. The project was implemented in collaboration with multi stakeholders. The initiative focused on creating enabling environment, designing and delivering demand driven courses followed by job placement or self-employment as per preference of the trained students.



In this regard following set of investments was made by the project:

- Building capacities of the TVET institutes
- Providing marketable skills training to the youth
- Linking training institutes with the market to improve employability of the trained youth
- Tracking trained programme beneficiaries' employability status
- Implementing different activities to enhance productivity of different value chains
- Supporting SMEs to enhance their existing businesses
- Forming business interest groups
- Apprenticeship programmes with the private sector in leather shoe making, IT sector and marble processing





## Key Achievements in On and Off Farm Value Chains

ME4PS facilitated 7,391 farmers and SMEs (23% women and 76% men) to expand their existing businesses in on and off farm value chains. The project introduced improved technologies to the farmers such as mulch sheets, anti-frost sheets, vertical farming and low cost walk-in-tunnel. The farmers were also linked with the input suppliers and other service providers for quality products and services. The farmers and SMEs experienced significant increase in production, income, knowledge, and skills.

322 SMEs (mostly informal economy) were assisted in development of their business plans to expand their businesses. 277 women and 45 men were supported on cost sharing basis. With the support of ME4PS, the SMEs do not only generated more income but also created employment opportunities. The project invested in building partnerships with private sector companies and similar projects operating in sectors relevant to the project.

Some of the key partnerships are shared as follows:

- Ghazi Brothers for Dairy and Livestock sector value chain development in Charsadda
- Syngenta for promotion of Agriculture value chains
- TEHZEEB Charsadda Chappal Maker to develop young artisans
- Reap Agro on the promotion of silage usage in Charsadda
- Khyber Mushroom Farm in training and production of mushrooms in Charsadda
- University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) for exploring potential of indigenous cross breed ruminant of Mohmand and Bajaur districts

Based on the interventions and feedback from the beneficiaries (during monitoring visits, interviews of beneficiaries and collection of life stories of beneficiaries) it can be safely deduced that the project remained successful in:

- **Social inclusion** by mainstreaming persons with disabilities and integration of women in workforce
- **Economic stability** in the form of employability through marketable vocational and digital skills trainings, business expansion and jobs creation
- **Peace and stability** by reducing irregular migration, personal grievances and minimizing social divides.



## Orphan Support Program

HHRD through its Orphan Support Program distributed 10,000 PKR to each child which was made in favor of educational supplies along with Eid gifts and by organizing iftar dinners and fun galas.

## Children with Disabilities Program

HHRD through its Children with Disabilities Program organized regular therapy sessions for disable children that includes physiotherapy, psychotherapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy and provided assistive devices including P&Os, hearing aids, and mobility aids to children in need. Beside this, food packs and cash prizes were given to disable children to bear the cost education expenses.

## Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Program

HHRD through its regular therapy sessions provided services to patients living in Mansehra and Chakwal. The therapy session included therapies related to physiotherapy, psychotherapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. While prosthetics and orthotics services were also given to patients in both centers.



## Skills Development and Livelihood Program (SDLP)

HHRD through its skill development and livelihood program successfully trained 457 trainees by providing trainings on various courses that includes dressmaking, fashion designing, art and craft, personal grooming, mehndi, computer basics and computer professional, product development, school uniform, knitting, Agri skills, and domestic electrician/plumbing/mobile repairing. After receiving the trainings, the trainees produced 3,932 school bags and stitched eid clothes for local eid festivals. Besides this, HHRD through its SDLP initiated a project on Olive farming in Pakistan in 2021. Until now 6,572 olive plantations have been done in Lower Dir, Hattian Bala & Chakri.



## Water for Life / WASH Program

HHRD through its Water for Life program completed 930 WASH projects in the first quarter and 382 projects in the second quarter in 38 districts of AJ&K, Punjab, Sindh, and KP. These initiatives are benefitting more than 179,419 individuals.

## Education Support Program

HHRD through its Education Support Program released the first installment of scholarships for sponsored orphans, students of DPT degree in Mansehra, and higher education for schoolteachers.

## In-Kind Gifts Program

HHRD through its IKGP initiative distributed clothing through Malls of Humanity. Moreover, HHRD managed regular donations of needful items through the In-Kind Rehab Shop on demand. These included gloves to the Life Hospital and MRF Hospital in Lahore. Other than this, hygiene kits were distributed among participants during health awareness sessions in various universities of Islamabad and Sindh.

## Healthcare and Nutrition Program

HHRD through its Healthcare and Nutrition Program is regularly providing services to patients in Mianwali, Badin, Thatha, Bannu, Lakki Marwat, and Karachi. The health technicians at Civil Hospital, Mithi Tharparkar are providing 24/7 services to neonates. Other than this, rapid response unit provided rescue 1122 services to 262 patients. Moreover, HHRD provided 200 food packages in Ramadhan to TB patients in collaboration with Mercy Corps. Under a MoU with Riphah (Islamic International Medical Hospital Rawalpindi) three free medical camps were organized in surrounding slum areas of Islamabad benefitted 896 patients. HHRD also initiated free medical services to Burmese migrants in Karachi. In the second quarter, 138 women and children were facilitated through a free medical camp.

## Emergency Response and Disaster Management Program

HHRD through its emergency response and disaster management program provided cold water and first aid services for heatwave affected community at emergency cooling center in Sindh. Through this initiative, HHRD reached out to 300,000 individuals. Other than this, 300 food packages were distributed among flood affected families in Dadu.

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



HOPE'87 through its Access for out of school children to education and safe school in Pakistan is providing quality education services to the children of Afghan origin. The details of the activities are given below.

## Temporary Learning Centers for Afghan out of School Children's (OOSCs)

HOPE'87 has established 140 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) in Peshawar, Khyber and Bannu districts to provide education opportunities for out of school children of Afghan origin. Currently 5,055 students (3,709 Afghan students, 1,194 TDPs, 152 host/Pakistani) are enrolled (2,587 girls) in these 140 TLCs. The TLCs, furnished with basic facilities provide a welcoming, child and girl friendly environment to these children. The trained teachers of the TLCs are engaging children in learning through play, activity based learning and social emotional learning activities. The trained community mobilisers regularly liaise with and provide mentoring and coaching support to the teachers.

## Education Voucher Scheme for Afghan students

HOPE'87 through its education voucher scheme is supporting 1,778 Afghan students (852 girls) by enrolling them in 12 low-cost private schools in district Peshawar. The education voucher is redeemable at HOPE'87 partner low-cost private schools and cover school fees and basic school supplies including school bag, uniform, shoes and books. With this provision, the retention rate of students is above 96%. HOPE'87 field staff is conducting weekly monitoring and mentoring visits to schools as well.

## Training of Trainer (TOT) of PTC Members on enrolment and retention strategies

HOPE'87 conducted 374 Broad Based Community Meetings (BBCMs) with school committee (Parent Teacher Council (PTC)/Village Education Committee (VEC) and local communities followed by a comprehensive TOT of PTC members in districts Peshawar, Khyber and FR Bannu in June, 2022. The training aimed to enhance the basic understanding of PTC members on the role of PTC in enrolment, retention and learning outcomes, communication between parents and teachers, roles and responsibilities of PTC etc. The Master trainers were well equipped with the latest knowledge and were efficient in delivering the best of their knowledge and techniques. A total of 2,544 PTC members were trained (1,306 women) as Master Trainer.

## Social Emotional Learning (SEL) activities in formal and community schools

HOPE'87 staff visited formal, community schools and Temporary Learning Centers for conducting Social Emotional Learning (SEL), cognitive and mental development activities with students. The staff conducted 1,039 events and conducted role play, speech, drawing competition, tug of war, national days celebration activities. The teachers appreciated the activities and provided maximum support to staff as well.

## Hardware/software installation in seven Government schools and creation of online dashboard

21 smart class rooms have been established in seven government high and higher secondary schools. An online dashboard has been created to monitor the students' progress and improvement in learning outcomes. The dashboard contains information on project details, school, teacher, student, subject and grade wise details, homework summary, questions papers and overall summary of student wise progress.

The learning through 2500+ animated videos, 600+ educational games will make the learning experience enjoyable and fun for students. School wise data of teachers and students have been uploaded as well. Accounts have been created for 6,277 students (4,497 girls) and 139 teachers – subject specialists (101 women) as well. The dashboard also generates the student wise report card which show the student performance, task completed and online usage as well. Through learn smart classroom, the principals have now access to real time data and information about the learning of students on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and monitoring of teacher's performance. The smart classroom is improving student-teacher relationship as students can share their inputs etc.

## Classroom observation and reflection sessions

HOPE'87 is regularly assessing the performance of teachers through classroom observation and reflection sessions by HOPE'87 staff on biweekly basis. The staff conducted 894 classroom observation and reflection session in community and formal schools to observe, the teachers are engaging students in SEL activities, to observe teaching methodology during class, avoid corporal punishment and thorough review of school record as well. The project has developed the linkages with the departmental regular training component i.e. organizing the Professional Development Day (PDD) on a monthly basis to increase the confidence of teachers and improved coordination mechanism. These Professional Development Days are organized by the Education Department (ED) and Directorate of Professional Development (DPD).

## School Improvement work in Formal & Community Schools

HOPE'87 renovated 100 learning spaces in formal and community schools in districts Peshawar, Bannu and Khyber of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). HOPE'87 through its Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education initiatives is introducing innovative ways to provide the access of quality education. The details of the activities are given below.



## Fighting the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan

HOPE'87 through its initiative "fighting the impact of COVID 19 pandemic in Pakistan" is providing the skill opportunities to Afghan youth. Under this initiative, HOPE'87 conducted a detailed baseline study in district Peshawar and identified 2,664 (1,426 girls) Afghan youth. Out of these 2,664, 1,318 Afghan Youth have been selected for specialized skills training (09 skills) to increase income against the negative effect of COVID 19 pandemic. The offered courses are; Digital Skills (Office Automation, Graphics), Art & Crafts, Marble Mosaic, Lapidary, 21st Century Skills Education, Artisan/Skilled worker for construction & Renovation, Tailoring &

Embroidery, Bio-Technology Course for Medical Lab (Basic), Bio-Technology Course for Medical Lab (Advance). The field staff made group according to the desire skills of the Youth. Each group consists of 20 to 25 Afghan Youth. The group members selected general coordinator and finance coordinator within the group. The team also conducted orientation session with youth on the offered courses as well. Training centers for skills training of Afghan youth have been finalized jointly with Directorate of Science and Technology. Trainings will be started from August 2022.





## Success Story

Musa, 8 years old Afghan kid, from Shakarpura, Peshawar is suffering from Cerebral Palsy which is a congenital disorder and have never been to the school in his life. According to his mother Maryam, Musa started developing anger issues and he would sometimes sit alone in a corner, very sad and talked to nobody.

When asked why he didn't go to the school, Maryam said, "Nobody could carry him to a school which is located at a distance from our home. I'm a maid so I go to work and his father is a labor, he also goes to work, and it was not possible to spare time for him".

HOPE 87 under the education project 'Access for out of School Children to Education and Safe Schools in Pakistan (AcCESS) opened a Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) in the community. This is one of the 140 TLCs established in 3 districts; Khyber, Bannu and Peshawar of KP for out of Afghan school children where 5,055 (2,587 girls) students are enrolled and get free education.

Maryam said as she heard about this center, she rushed there and requested the teacher to admit her son and 2 daughters there. They got the admission and Musa now goes to the TLC regularly. 57 more kids are enrolled in the TLC and get free education, school bags and books "Since he got admission in the TLC, we notice a clear difference in Musa's behavior, he is very happy and joyful", said Maryam.





*Students of GGMS Sadda receiving hygiene kits*

JEN through its "Educational Environment Improvement project for children in Tribal District Kurram, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province" is improving learning environment for 3,102 school children in 8 schools. The initiative is funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Through this initiative, JEN is rehabilitating and reconstructing 8 schools and enhancing the children awareness on health and hygiene. Sadda town is the head quarter of Lower Kurram.

It is densely populated and people from other villages of Lower Kurram migrate here to have better education for their children. Government Girls Middle School (GGMS) Sadda is the biggest school in town with 808 students enrolled from grade 1 to grade 8. In recent past the school has been facing the challenge of classrooms capacity due to increase in number of students.

The students were compelled to sit in the open area due to shortage of space. Existing latrines were also not enough to fulfill the needs of the students. Following consultation with education department and district administration, JEN selected GGMS Sadda for project intervention. JEN is constructing 6 new class rooms, and 8 toilets in the school.

JEN is providing furniture for students and teachers. JEN provided hygiene kits for all students.

Apart from that JEN is conducting awareness sessions on hygiene promotion and psychosocial education in the school and providing stationary for students. With this much of support, JEN is aiming to improve the quality of education in the school and is providing access to children to get quality education at all levels.

## TESTIMONIALS

Principal of GGMS Sadda town, expressed her views "I am relieved now. We are able to accommodate existing caseload of the students as well as expecting high increase in enrolment in the future. Now we have enough class rooms and other basic facilities to accommodate the students. By receiving furniture for my students, they will now be able to sit with comfort to get education with dignity."

## Building Resilience by Strengthening the Community through Inclusive Disaster Risk Management

Muslim Aid Pakistan has been implementing “Building Disaster Resilience Communities” project in partnership with National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) in District Chagai and Killa Saifullah of Balochistan Province. The project aims 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 49,500 beneficiaries including women, men and children through construction of water reservoirs and flood protection walls. This quarter, MAP created awareness on DRR and climate change impacts in communities and schools through campaigns, sessions and IEC material. MAP has also started the infrastructure development, in order to enhance the resilience and to improve the economic conditions of people of Balochistan. MAP initiated the following activities at its targeted district of Killa Saifullah and Chagai

- Construction of 20 flood protection, land reclamation & conservation structures in project Districts (07 in Chagai & 13 in Killa Saifullah having a length of 10,000 feet/3 kilometers in project Districts (3000 feet in Chagai & 7000 feet/ 3 kilometers in Killa Saifullah).
- Construction of 10 water reservoir & conservation structures (04 in Chagai & 06 in Killa Saifullah).

During the reporting quarter, Disaster Management plans and contingency plan at the Union Council level were formulated. 7 UC level and 10 village level Disaster Management Plans and contingency plans were prepared and first Aid/Emergency response Kits were distributed among the CBDRM members after their extensive training.



## Beyond Curriculum – Ensuring access to quality primary education

Muslim Aid Pakistan has launched an education project aligned with Pakistan’s Education Policy Framework focusing on strengthening government primary schools. Through this project, a positive learning environment is being created 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. During the reporting quarter, the enrollment campaign had a successful impact on new children enrolment where 565 (188 Boys and 377 Girls) were enrolled during the quarter. Apart from this, rehabilitation / Construction of Sanitation facilities (Toilets) and other construction work was carried out in all 10 targeted sites. In order to improve the hygienic practices of the children hand-washing stations were also installed. 1197 (including 515 boys and 682 girls) received the necessary educational supplies. The purpose of supplies was aimed to encourage children to get admission in targeted schools. Most importantly, comprehensive health screening sessions were conducted in the schools, and children were provided by the assistive devices as well.



## Rehabilitation Support to the Earthquake affected people in District Harnai, Balochistan (2021–2022)

In the backdrop of Harnai earthquake, Muslim Aid Pakistan supported the affected communities in district Harnai, Balochistan. The Overall objective of the project was to address the Humanitarian and Protection needs of the affected people through winterization, shelter, and Livestock distribution in earthquake affected district of Balochistan. The project benefitted 500 earthquake affected families that developed the access to safe and dignified living condition through provision of Shelter and Winterization support in district Harnai.

Overall project directly reached to 6,020 individuals (1,410 Girls, 1,546 boys, 1,360 women, 1,380 men, 324 older persons (151 women & 173 men) and 23 PWDs) in district Harnai (Balochistan).



## Feed the Fasting

Muslim Aid Pakistan (MAP) has been working for improving food security of the vulnerable communities who lack in basic food requirements hence suffer from nutritional challenges. This challenge has been increased after economic fallout due to COVID-19. Under our seasonal programme, this year during the month of Ramadan, Muslim Aid Pakistan distributed 1200 food packages in District Noshki, Pishin, Chagai and Kalat of Balochistan province that helped 8,946 individuals making them food secure during the month of Ramadan.



## Integrated support for sustainable livelihoods and improved Nutrition and WASH services “Healthy Family, Wealthy Homes”

Muslim Aid Pakistan recently initiated its newly conceived project, “Healthy Family, Wealthy Homes” takes an integrated holistic approach to improve the overall status of the targeted communities. The project uses a whole household and community approach by targeting all members of the household, small-scale farmers, women headed households, people with disabilities and government stakeholders in District Killa Saifullah through capacity enhancement of Livelihoods productivity, increasing public awareness on local business.



## Success Story

### Finding Hope and strength

**Survivors of Earthquake begin the journey of recovery and rehabilitation in District Harnai, Balochistan**

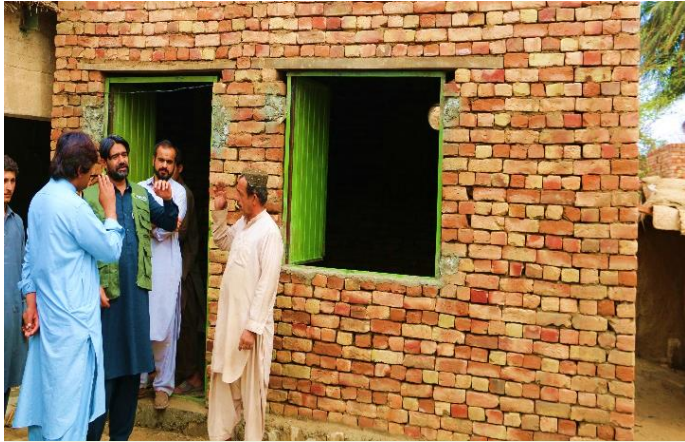
On October 7, around 3 am, a 5.9 magnitude earthquake with a depth of 9 kilometres, followed by a 4.9 magnitude aftershock with a depth of 12 kilometres, struck the district Harnai in Balochistan, causing widespread devastation.

Murad Bibi and her grandson were buried by rubble when the earthquake hit. Her elder son couldn't get them out at first but then with the help of the neighbours were able to dig them free. She was shaken but happy that her family is alive.



Murad Bibi lives with her son and his family in a small village – Deewan Shah of District Harnai of Balochistan. Her house collapsed after the very first tremor. And then they were trapped. It was so fast that she cannot even describe it. Though she doesn't have many scratches on her body but has a backpain.

She has 14 grandchildren, and her son is the sole bread earner. With having a large family and their needs, the devastating earthquake made the situation worse for her and the family. She was very worried that how they will rebuild the house



Muslim Aid Pakistan is helping Murad Bibi and her family to rehabilitate her house after a careful assessment. "I am very grateful to Muslim Aid Pakistan that they are helping us to rebuild our home that we have built with so much care and love, without this support we were not able to do it on our own with so much little resources" says Murad Bibi.

Bibi Sabra is one of those among people who has severely hit by the devastating earthquake. She lives with her sister and has no source of income as they mostly rely on Zakat by the family and relatives. Since a long ago, she has been suffering permanent disability and her sister takes care for her all sort of needs. Sabra was asleep when the earthquake hit the town. When she woke up, was shaken and couldn't went out of the house. Everything around her was shaking and then heard of the things collapsing down "I was afraid if the dooms-day has come", says Sabra.

Her house is still standing, but just barely. "I was very afraid to go inside the house and worried about how to survive day to day life, But I am thankful to Muslim Aid Pakistan who are helping us in rehabilitation of our house, provided food and non-food items". Also, the wheelchair has been provided to Sabra so that she can live life with less dependency and more dignity.

Where this earthquake left hundreds of injured people and thousands of households affected, it left the fact more dominant that District Harnai is one of the poorest districts of the country with the lack of infrastructure and administrative facilities.

## Success Story

### Light After the Dark

**Bringing back life to the residents of Deewan Shah Village of District Harnai, Balochistan**

Oct 07 was a warm day in Deewan Shah – a small village in District Harnai. It was a Thursday, and people were sound asleep when their lives were changed suddenly.

Around 3 am a jolt of 5.9 with the depth of 9 KM, followed by an aftershock of 4.9 with a depth of 12 KM hit the district and left the devastating circumstances for the population.



Muslim Hands benefitted 1113768 individuals through multiple humanitarian & development interventions from January to June 2022 across Pakistan & AJK with financial spending of more than PKR 1.5 billion.

## Education

During the period of April to June Muslim Hands retained 28726 children including 17116 boys, 13459 girls and 273 disable people. A new school in Murree was also established by Muslim Hands and in that school more than 110 students were enrolled. A total of 1172 teachers were trained during the reporting period and equip with latest skills and techniques. Muslim Hands also sponsored more than 6000 orphan and is providing them free of cost education.

## WASH

Muslim Hands benefitted 153023 people through WASH activities. The WASH program of Muslim Hands focused on Safe Drinking Water Schemes, Institutional WASH and construction of Girl Friendly Toilets. Under this program, more than 1000 tube wells were constructed, and water filtration plants were established for marginalized communities. Beside this, Muslim Hands also installed and constructed solar community well and initiated 250 tube wells. A "Wash for School" model was also introduced in 16 Government Girls Schools and in 4 foundation schools in Karachi for upscaling the successful model. Moreover, girl friendly toilets services were provided to 5 girls guide association centers.



Also, clay pots (Matka) were provided to the 100 households in Mal Gorgauge and Mal Sohrani as it has natural cooling effect, also alkaline in nature and saves from dehydration in severe heatwave season. A total of 06 awareness sessions were organized with local communities to reduce heat stroke effects by adapting healthy habits. In KPK, 50 room air coolers were distributed in the 4 government schools and 6 Muslim Hands schools benefited a total of 2184 students.

Moreover, it also benefitted a total number of 119 teaching staff of the schools. In Sindh, 20 heatwave stabilization camps were established at various locations in Karachi. In these camps, chilled water bottles (500ml), large water cans (19 liters), surgical masks, gloves, ORS electrolyte, small towels were provided to the affected people.

## Murree Snowstorm Response

Prompt intervention was designed, and 1000 cooked food packs were distributed among the people who were stranded on the snowy roads of Murree.

The extraction of snow-covered 500 cars was done with power lifters while snow was removed from the roads through bull-dozer extracting more than 1050 people. More than 200 winter/food kits were provided to the people in Murree benefiting more than 1400 individuals.



## Emergency Response - Heatwave

During the month of April to June, Muslim Hands reached out to 146575 people and facilitated them during multi disasters. In Cholistan, heatwave mitigation activities were carried in far-flung areas of southern Punjab, where 482500 liters of safe drinking water distributed through 60 water tanks for human and livestock's use. Furthermore, 200 water cans were distributed door to door to enhance the community's storage capacity. In Lahore, a total of 50 room air coolers were distributed in 21 public institutions and mainly benefitted schools and skill training centers. In Balochistan, 320,000 liters of safe drinking water distributed among effected communities of district Sibi.



## Winter Emergency Response

During the winter emergency response, Muslim Hands provided more than 1830 winter kits among 12,810 people suffering from harsh winter conditions in the month of January 2022 in Rawlakot, Kotli, Mansehra, Balakot, Quetta, Ziarat. While in early March 815 winter kits along with essential food items distributed among 5705 beneficiaries in Kolpur, Killa Saifullah and Ziarat Balochistan.



## Food Security

During the period of January to June, Muslim Hands ensure the food security and reached out to 763189 people. In the month of Ramadan, Muslim Hands Pakistan distributed 6900 flour bags among the most deserving 24150 individuals. Along this, a total of 8114 food packs were also distributed during whole month of Ramadan which has benefitted 57008 people. Beside this, Muslim Hands distributed 194866 hot meals among 682031 needy and daily wagers during the month of Ramadan at 11 different locations that includes Islamabad, Bhera, Sargodha, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, Faisalabad, Multan, and Mirpur & Kotli.

## Livelihood

During the month of January to June, Muslim Hands benefitted 354 individuals through six training centers in different locations that includes wazirabad, Bhera, Kotli, Rawlakot and Quetta to get the good skills and earn livelihood. The organization has also signed a new agreement with Schneider Electric Foundation France for phase II of "Access to Energy" project in which 40 labs will be upgraded, 15 in Balochistan while 25 in Sindh in collaboration with provincial level Technical Education & Vocational Training Authorities (TEVTA).



## Health

Muslim Hands through its health program benefitted 18798 individuals by providing primary healthcare services in 05 BHUs of Muslim Hands which are located at Muzaffarabad, Rawlakot, Gujjar Khan, Kotli and Sibi. The organizations also addressed the basic needs to rehabilitate the disabled patients, providing physiotherapy services by trained therapist and these RCPD centers are located at Wazirabad, Muzaffarabad, Kotli.



## Building Resilient Urban Communities (BRUC) - CLP component 3, Abbottabad

Oxfam, together with its local partners is implementing its project, Building Resilient Urban Communities (BRUC) under the Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF), a multi donor trust, which is administered by Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the Urban Financing Partnership Facility. It is a development activity focused on community-led projects and their role in urban resilience planning. In Abbottabad, community led project focuses on improving waste management and rehabilitation of water supply network in Ward-II. The CLP component “rehabilitation of water supply network” of the project is one of the priority resilience issue identified after detailed consultative and participatory resilience planning process along with community and government stakeholders. The component has contributed to the rehabilitation of the water supply network to achieve the following objectives:

- A. Ensure safe water supply to households of Ward-II and neighboring community by rehabilitation of pipe network, equipment installation and cleaning and repairing of water storage tanks.
- B. Linkages and commitment building among Community stakeholder Group (CSG), WSSCA and other community members for sustainable water supply management and ensuring mutual accountability.
- C. To formalize WSSCA’s and CSG’s ownership towards for sustainable management of water supply.

The achievements of the initiative are given below.



### A: Improvement in Water Supply Pumping Capacity

- a) Provision and installation of 30 H.P turbine pump along with all allied accessories including Electrical/Mechanical work (enhancing water pumping capacity to meet community’s requirements).
- b) Provision and installation of 50 KVA transformer along with 3-phase electric meter and cabling (enhancing load capacity to operate pumping machineries).



### B: Improvement of Water Distribution Network

- a) Provision and installation of sluice valve replacing the existing damage/leaked sluice valves
- b) Supply and installation of 6” ,4”and 3” GI pipe (medium) at different locations for improving old water supply network and extending supply to new households uphill

### C: Improvement of Quality and Safety Measures at Water Pumping Stations

- a) Construction of guard rooms and washrooms to provide safe area for guard and office operations
- b) Construction of safety boundary walls to provide protection of pumping machinery and repair of water storage tank to prevent water leakage and removal of deep layer of silt from the tank for clean water supply to community.
- c) Construction of drain with grating in streets to accommodate flow of excessive rain & drainage water and limit water flow blockage





Upon completion of work under component-3 of the CLP Abbottabad, a handing-over ceremony was conducted on June 1, 2022, to formally handover the CLP3's ownership to the relevant government body, WSSCA (Water and Sanitation Services Company Abbottabad) who will have the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the facilities with the monitoring and facilitation of Community stakeholder group (CSG) at the ward 11.

The handing-over ceremony commenced with opening remarks by Project Manager Oxfam, Farah Munawar, who congratulated all stakeholders on the successful completion of the component. She gave an overview of the community-led project, Component-3: Rehabilitation of Water Supply Network in Ward-11, Abbottabad and reiterated the concept of community led approach behind it. Project Manager further extended her gratitude to WSSCA management and water supply team, the Community Stakeholder Group (CSG), and the contractor (SSKB) for the vital role they played in the component's completion.

Addressing the audience, CEO WSSCA, Mr. Javed Abbassi, expressed that this pilot project would be replicated on a large scale in Abbottabad under KPCIP so that the entire city can benefit from an improved water supply network.

He said,

*"This was a community-led project which the community owned and I am very grateful to them for supporting the implementation. I would also like to thank ADB and Oxfam for trusting WSSCA and for including us in the implementation process as well."*



## 17,500 individuals benefitted from Qatar Charity's Qurbani Project-2022 in Punjab

Every year, Qatar Charity celebrates Islamic festival of EID-ul-Adha with extremely vulnerable & deprived families under the Islamic calendar. The Qurbani project aims to assist the poor & needy communities by fulfilling their nutritional and financial needs. A total of 17,500 beneficiaries got benefitted from Qurbani program in the following districts of Punjab, Jhang, Muzaffargarh and Rawalpindi. The receivers were orphans, widows, people with disabilities and belongs to women headed families.



Mr. Nouman Arif is resident of district Jhang, having 07 family members including two sisters, two brothers and parents. He said, "my family members are having different types of disabilities like my brother including me and two of my sisters are visual impaired (Blind) and my parents are suffering hearing impaired (Deaf), due to these disabilities we have limited mobility and income to fulfill the daily life requirement and in this context our family was not only unable to sacrifice animal on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha but in routine life, we cannot afford meat to eat. It was the moment of pleasure when the team of Qatar Charity arrived at our home and identified our family to support with pack of meat at this joyful occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. I and my family is really grateful and praying for those who were involved in this great act.

Divisional Director of social welfare department and Pakistan Bait ul Mal, Mr. Azhar Choudry appreciated the provision of meat packages to the deprived families of district Muzaffargarh. He stated that

"I am witness of Qatar charity's work in district Muzaffargarh, it is always pleased to share and participate in the event organized by Qatar charity. We highly appreciate the noble cause of Qatar Charity at all levels.



## "Qatar Charity Pakistan provided 700 shelters (tents) and 1,200 dry food ration packages to Afghanistan for earthquake relief

In response, to earthquake in Afghanistan, Qatar Charity Pakistan provided 700 tents (Shelter) and 1200 dry food ration. The aid was provided in partnership with Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and Qatar Aid. The shelters provided quick relief to people who lost their homes during earthquakes. The aid benefitted 350 households in district Barmal and 350 for district Giyan, of Afghanistan. Each shelter has capacity to accommodate at least 7- 8 family members. The heat and cold resistant shelter is supported with tapeline sheet to cover floor, as well. Qatar Charity Pakistan Office is also in process of sending second shipment to Afghanistan which will cover 64 tons dry food packages. These 1,200 food packages will benefit 1,200 household families.



## “H.E. Sheikh Saoud Abdul Rahman Al-Thani, The Ambassador of Qatar Embassy in Pakistan inaugurated Mosque of Qatar Charity at Islamabad”



His Excellency, Mr. Sheikh Saoud Abdul Rahman Al-Thani, The Ambassador of Qatar Embassy in Pakistan inaugurated the Mosque of Qatar Charity at Islamabad. On occasion of inauguration, His Excellency, Mr. Sheikh Saoud Abdul Rahman Al-Thani appreciated the QC efforts.

Mr. Ameen Abdulrahman- Country Director of Qatar Charity highlighted the importance of mosque in religious aspect as well as it's a good source of people gathering and meets up to discuss each other well beings and issues. He further added that Mosque is the house of Allah and being human its our responsibility to make it clean and maintain for all. I am thankful to donor for his generous donation and support for this noble cause. One of the community focal persons was of the view that this is newly developed area had no facility to pray and even not familiar with each other, even neighbors are not mingling with each other. This mosque after its construction provided a significant platform for us to not only pray together but to socialize with each other. He also requested to Qatar Charity for their continued support in the field of health and education sector based on the need in the area.



More than 800 direct beneficiaries and 600 indirect beneficiaries are benefitted and can offer their prayers in safe and secure environment.

## Qatar Charity distributed artificial limbs among 200 people with disabilities in collaboration with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and PIPOS in district Swat-KPK

Qatar Charity believes to work for people with disabilities in terms of providing artificial limbs and financial assistance under its social protection program.

Qatar Charity distributed artificial limbs among 200 persons with disabilities in district Swat- KPK. This project was implemented by local partner Pakistan Institute of Prosthetic and Orthotics (PIPOS) and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Government Authority).

According to Tri-Partite MOU between Qatar Charity, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and PIPOS, artificial limbs distribution was conducted in two phases. In first phase, 65 beneficiaries were benefitted whereas in second phase, 135 beneficiaries were directly benefitted from these interventions.



The primary objective of this project was to provide artificial limbs to the people of disabilities either they lost their body parts from terrorism activities or improvised explosive device (IED) blasts and accidents. Qatar Charity funded this project whereas Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and PIPOS implemented in district Swat.

On occasion of closing ceremony of the project, Country Director of Qatar Charity, Mr. Ameen Abdulrahman said,

“I am delightful that PWDs can work and walk like normal persons. This is the beginning of QC interventions; I am pleased to mention that we are going to expand these interventions in district Khyber as well. I am very thankful to the donor who financially supported to make a major change in the lives of PWDs.”





## Save the Children Pakistan's First Zero-Waste Eco Festival

Save the Children organized Pakistan's first ever 'Zero Waste Eco Festival' on May 14, 2022, to raise awareness amongst children and the youth about climate change and environment related issues. The festival created an immersive experience for attendees to come together in nature and partake in sustainable activities and practices to learn how to reduce their ecological footprints. The festival created a marketplace of sustainable products, designs, and ideas. It brought together stalls from green companies and start-ups working on sustainable technology; organic and local farmers working with sustainable practices; and non-profit organizations that are working on environment related issues. The festival was organized around the principles of 'reuse, reduce and recycle.' The event focused on innovative ideas and utilized recyclable material such as bamboo, UV printing and wooden carvings, with an emphasis on reducing plastic and other waste with regards to the event set up, as well as branding and marketing material. The event also featured a panel discussion on 'Youth Engagement for a Sustainable and Climate Resilient Future.' Panelists included Ms. Marion Pfenning, Head of Development Corporation at the German Embassy Islamabad; Mr Atif Sheikh, Executive Director of the Special Talent Exchange Program; Sheryar Arif Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner Islamabad; Brig Muhammad Aslam Khan (Retd), Chairman Gomd Damaan Area Water Partnership; and Syed Ehtesham Ul Haque, Principal Environmental Design Engineer.

Notably, the event also featured a 'Conversation with Young Climate Activists', moderated by Ameera Adil, a climate communicator, activist, student, and entrepreneur. The panel included Abia Akram, a Pakistani disability rights activist and founder of the National Forum of Women with Disabilities in Pakistan; Zia ur Rehman, President of NUST Environment Club; Eisha Ayub, Save the Children's Red Alert Climate Activist; Masooma Zahra, present treasurer in NUST environmental club; Maryam Akhtar, a bio scientist by profession and working for the awareness of sustainable development goals.

Mr Khuram Gondal, Country Director of Save the Children in Pakistan, gave the closing remarks at the festival. "He shared, climate crisis is badly affecting people around globe. It is high time to act wisely and to combat climate change at all levels. He mentioned, we designed this festival to raise awareness amongst the children and youth in an exciting and innovative way, that instils a drive and passion in them to take up climate related activism and advocacy. The idea was to create an interactive platform for them to share their voices and explore sustainable products, practices, and ideas."

Children and the youth also had the opportunity to participate in a wide array of interactive workshops and study circles. The workshops included engaging children in activities about composting food waste into fertilizer, planting seeds and growing their own gardens, olive oil extraction, as well as creating their own body

scrubs and self-care products from natural materials. Study Circles included climate charged discussions on renewable alternative energy solutions, green tourism, as well as the water crisis and water management. The festival effectively engaged children and the youth in a wide array of activities and conversations to encourage new forms of action and activism that can prepare the future generation to respond effectively to ecological and climate related challenges. Critically, the festival can serve as a case study and road map for companies and organization to reduce the environmental impact of large-scale events and festivals in Pakistan.

## TESTIMONIALS

### **Shehryar Arif Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad:**

"A coordinated response is the need of the hour. This is an amazing initiative organized by Save the Children to educate the youth on this critical issue so that we can all equip ourselves to provide them a secure and bright future."

### **Ms. Marion Pfenning - Head of Development Corporation at the German Embassy Islamabad on Zero Waste Eco Festival:**

"I think it is a great initiative to teach the youth and the future of Pakistan about how important the climate emergency is."

### **Press Coverage:**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2356649/zero-waste-eco-festival-held>

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/assets/uploads/2020/08/app-icon-512x512-1.png>



*Training organizers from Save the Children in collaboration with UNICEF.*



*Welcome address by Ghulam Farooq, Director Programs, Save the Children on understanding of Education in Emergencies, capacity building workshop.*

## Education in Emergency Workshop

A three-day capacity-building workshop was conducted at the Marriot Hotel, Islamabad from 20th – 22nd June 2022 for the Education Sector Working Group under Save the Children's Education in Emergencies. The event marked in attendance several federal and provincial level officials, UN agencies representatives, INGOs, NGOs, and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The capacity-building workshop focused on strengthening the preparedness capacity of the Education Sector working group members. Save the Children presented its effectiveness in assessing the current capacity of an organization and developing an Advance Preparedness Action to further enhance existing capacities and skills. Additionally, the approach is designed to enable organizations and sector leaders to identify and improve the coordination and operational linkages by using the sector working group platform.

Based on the success of the event as well as the effectiveness of workshop, Save the Children was requested by the provincial education departments to further roll out this approach at the provincial level and to allow Education Departments to better assess their capacities and develop the necessary plan of action to enforce improvements.



*Training session on benefits and challenges of education sector coordination in emergencies preparedness and response.*

## Eid Gifts Distribution

The SIF SMILE project aimed at sharing the happiness and blessings of Islamic merriments with the less privileged communities keeping with past experiences of SIF. This year again SIF used this occasion to bring relief and comfort to the lives of thousands of vulnerable families in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Every year SIF distributed Eid gift packs to impoverished families, to make their Eid idyllic because Eid is a special and pleasing time for Muslim community children. SIF supported the families who are living in poverty, widows, and orphaned children are simply struggling to survive. The approach adopted by SIF during the intervention was more relevant to the beneficiary's needs and the context of the area. On the other hand, the most important of being kind to children and taking care of their needs and wants. Unfortunately, children in deprived families remain underprivileged of not just necessities but also the ecstasy and happiness that Eid brings. When these vulnerable families received the Eid gift pack, they seemed very happy and reassured.



SIF Eid Gift Packs contain shoes, school supplies, and hygiene kits; all things are added to the pack to make the recipient children happy. SIF also aimed Eid gifts also helped reduce the economic burden on these vulnerable families. The children, especially those living in the favelas of District Peshawar and Charsadah, do not have the indulgences that have in the Towns. SIF believes Eid's gift will have profound effects on children and they will be able to enjoy the occasion of Eid to the completest.

The beauty of the project was the integration of activity with the livelihood component through which sustainability was ensured by providing training allowing the local tailor and shoemakers to sustain their livelihood. Such intervention brings a positive impact on the beneficiaries as well as on the society because through this way awareness comes into society.

The entrepreneur's shoemakers and tailors provided items for Eid Gifts. These entrepreneurs were equipped with contemporary business-related knowledge as well as financial support for enhancing their businesses.

## TESTIMONIALS



**Sumera from Ziarat Korona Peshawar shared,"**

When I received Eid gift, it created immense pleasure for me especially school bags and hygiene kit which was much needed. I am thankful to our donor and SIF for their generosity.



**Shahzeb from Ziarat Korona Peshawar shared,"**

My dream turned true when I found lunch box, water bottle and school bag including notebooks etc. in Eid gift packs. I felt a calmness and happiness because I need these things and SIF supported me in this regard. I am thankful to our donor and SIF for which turned my dreams and needs into reality. Thank you so much".

## Strengthening capacities of vulnerable communities to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on food and nutrition security



## Distribution of Inputs Vegetable Seeds for Diversified Gardening (Summer Season)

WHH provided the gardening seeds and vegetables kits to twelve hundred (1200) homes. Diversified home gardening enhanced the savings of local people, while also bringing fresh food to their doorstep. Other than seed packages women farmers were trained to promote the production & consumption of nutrient-rich vegetables & fruits among small-holding farming communities at the household level. The diversified gardening through farmers field day promoted the culture of growing nutritional-rich vegetables at home through women-led initiatives. This has ensured the nutritional-rich veggies at the doorstep which improved the dietary needs of the underprivileged and vulnerable segment of the target population.

## Provision of inputs (Seeds, Fertilizers, Tools) for small scale commercial vegetables production

The staple crop wheat seed including fertilizer as an input distributed among 1800 beneficiaries for one-acre land. As a result, the crop yield increased owing to the quality of provided seed and fertilizers. The farmers also received training on land preparation, crop management, post-harvest management, and better practices to adopt for the crop yield. The government officials from the agriculture extension department conducted the training. This has strengthened the farmers' capacity and contributed to resilience on a strong footing.

## Awareness Sessions on 1000-days window of opportunity

The objective of conducting 1000-day windows of opportunity training sessions is to raise public awareness about maternal, infant, and young child feeding practices. Pregnant women in rural areas are not given the attention they require in this regard. As a result, it was critical to catch people's attention so that pregnant women could receive essential care. To attain this goal, a total of 1527 pregnant and lactating women were trained on "1000 days window opportunity".



## Small-scale commercial gardening:

The small-scale commercial gardening which was added to phase II remained successful by adopting new techniques of cultivation as well as quality seed and crop variety selection (high-value crop) along with training contributed to strengthening the capacity and resilience of 300 farmers from the targeted area. The commercial cultivation farming substantially increased the income generation which made them able to overcome the issues posed by the COVID pandemic as inflation, skyrocketing prices of essential commodities, and reduce the widening poverty gaps at their household level as well as local level.

## Mass awareness campaigns

The project has carried out mass awareness campaigns regarding prevention and safety measures of COVID-19 with approved WHO/UNICEF messages. For the entire project duration, this campaign was conducted by using different means like FM radio stations, placing banners at prominent places in the targeted areas specifically public places, government offices, Basic Health units -BHUs, Hospitals wherein handwashing, and WASH facilities were rehabilitated/installed as well. The messages reached 59150 people 25112 (youth, adult, and elderly female) and 34088 (youth, adult, and elderly men) in the target areas. Furthermore, to keep all the communities well informed and aware of the overall impact of COVID-19 the local staff of government departments i.e., Health Department, Education Department, etc was also trained on COVID-19 preventive SoPs.

## WASH in Schools (Hygiene Promotion including MHM in schools)

To improve the health and hygiene situation 3-Star approach for WASH in schools was applied to ensure the disseminated knowledge and awareness transform into practice. The school administration made it part of daily activities and make school basic facilities sustainable by assigning responsibilities to students and teachers to check routinely. In addition, the triggering exercises played an effective role to discourage the students from open defecation which resultantly contributed made schools Open Defecation Free (ODF).

I.) A total of 21 blocks of CWD and girls' friendly toilets in schools have been constructed in schools to protect girls' dignity and hygiene during certain days in girls' schools and to improve their health and hygiene condition. The intervention is benefitting more than 24991 individuals including girls, boys and school staff.

II.) Similarly, in 60 schools hand washing facilities have been installed in close collaboration with the school management and education department, to improve the standard of hygiene in schools.

III.) To keep the school environment safe and to improve personal hygiene 4980 hygiene/dignity kits were provided to children in schools in the targeted area.

IV.) 60 school clubs were established by engaging students to participate in awareness-raising activities. Additionally, to establish regular maintenance of the WASH infrastructure and the equipment's provided to schools nominated staff for the O&M committee by school management were trained on the operation and maintenance of the WASH facilities rehabilitated/newly installed.

V.) Furthermore, theatre and drama performances, and celebrations of international days (World Water Day, World Toilet Day, and Global Hand Washing days) were organized to highlight the importance of health and hygiene and its practices to keep the schools and communities healthy and productive.

VI.) The project also supported the health departments BHUs and Hospitals by rehabilitating and constructing basic WASH infrastructure with COVID-19 awareness preventive messages through banners and posters at prominent public places to fight against the spread of pandemics.



*Provision of training session on field days improved farming techniques and practices in, UC Chak 172TDA, District Layyah.*



*After training Session on field days improved farming techniques and practice visited staple crop plot and discussion about identification of weeds. UC Shado Khan, District Layyah*



*Goad Bharai rasam during the session in 1000 days at UC Khan, District Layyah.*

## **Integrated Protection, Health, Nutrition & Education Assistance for Afghan Refugees in Balochistan**

**Total Budget:** EUR 2 million

**Beneficiaries:** 170,121

**Location:** Killa Abdullah and Chaman

**Project Duration:** April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2024

**Impending partners:** MERF, PHF and Tarqee Foundation

## **Targeted outcome areas: Protection, Education in Emergencies, Health and Humanitarian Coordination**

International Rescue Committee initiated new project with the support of ECHO titled: Integrated Protection, Health, Nutrition & Education assistance for Afghan Refugees in two districts (Killa Abdullah and Chaman). The main aim of the project is to improve Afghan refugees and host communities safe and meaningful access to integrated, protection, health, nutrition, and education services. The project will benefit 170,121 people in these two districts and its fully aligned with Afghan Regional Refugee Response Plan 2022. IRC is implementing this project in collaboration with MERF, PHF and Tarqee Foundation.

The main areas of the project interventions are given below

- Most vulnerable Afghan refugees and host community members are safe in their communities and receive safe and timely access to protection services and lifesaving assistance as and when they experience harm
- Increased accessibility and availability of essential, lifesaving and quality primary health care services for beneficiaries (Host and Afghan Refugees) residing in targeted districts
- Improved access to safe inclusive and quality education for refugee children through formal and non-formal education services in targeted districts
- Enhanced collaboration by Pakistan Humanitarian Forum among its members and other key actors to take strong position on emerging needs of humanitarian situation focused on Afghan refugees through strong communication, information management, advocacy, and capacity development



# COUNTRY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE CALLS UPON CLIENTS AND PARTNERS IN BALOCHISTAN



The International Rescue Committee's Country Director, Shabnam Baloch, visited Balochistan between on May 23rd and May 27th, where she met with staff, partners, and relevant government officials. Ms. Shabnam appreciated efforts of both partners; Tameer-e-Khalq Foundation and Balochistan Education Foundation and thanked them for their continuous support. Entering long-term MoUs with partners for better sustainability of programs in Balochistan was also contemplated during these meetings. She also spent time with clients during her field visit to project areas.

*“These Accelerated Learning Program centers set up by International Rescue Committee are a blessing for us because they are located near our homes, and we can easily access the center. If it wasn't for these centers it would be impossible specially for us girls.”*

A client from Kani Singer, Pishin acknowledged IRC's initiatives while talking to Ms. Shabnam Baloch.

## PROGRAM IMPACTS

## EDUCATION


### ENROLLMENT, RETENTION, MAINSTREAMING AND PROTECTION OF AFGHAN REFUGEE CHILDREN (ERMP)

The project aimed at education and protection of Afghan refugee and host community has entered its close out phase. As part of its sustainability activities, school improvement plans are being undertaken currently. So far, 70% work has been completed on school improvement plans that include installation of solar panels for electricity provision to the schools, repainting the schools to make them clean and appealing for the children: and installation of furniture.

### WORLD REFUGEE DAY

During the reporting period, the project celebrated refugee day on June 20th. The celebration was held in district Pishin under this year's theme i.e., **“Whoever, wherever, whenever has the right to seek support”**. Notables from both refugee and host communities, Government Officials, clients from different ALP centers and other community members participated in the event with zeal and zest.

### VIRTUAL VISIT OF ALP CENTER PISHIN, BALOCHISTAN FOR BPRM REPRESENTATIVES



On 23rd June, 2022, a virtual visit of Alternative Learning Programme (ALP) center in Malakhail, Pishin, Balochistan was organized by International Rescue Committee & partner (TKF) staff to enable Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration staff, Derek Kverno, Madeline Lichtfuss Benjamin's interaction with ALP team, students, and community members.

The BPRM representatives were extremely impressed with the virtual visit the country office had organized & sent the following appreciation note: **“I want to express our sincere thanks to you and your colleagues in Pakistan for facilitating our virtual visit yesterday. The agenda was well organized and provided opportunities for meaningful interaction with ALP students, ALP facilitators, and CPEC members. The technical support was also excellent, and we were able to virtually move about the ALP center and interact with participants seamlessly. (Derek Kverno, Program Officer for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran – BPRM)”**

## EDUCATION CONTINUED

### TEACH

In the reporting period TEACH successfully conducted a event show and tell event called the extravaganza of skills and crafts at Serena Hotel, Quetta. The purpose of the event was to bridge the gap between TEACH's Earn dients and market experts and entrepreneurs. It was an opportunity for girls to showcase their skills and crafts to industry experts, with hopes for future collaborations and strong market linkages. Highlighting success of 2400 girls linked with the market to develop their own businesses. The total amount of business plans developed are 563, along with development of 25 production centers.

TEACH project in its sustainability phase has transitioned 4088 learners into formal schools under girls learn stream. School Improvement Plans (SIP) have been executed for 50 schools, work in 6 schools located in Nushki and Kharan.

Under the influencing component of the project, engagements are ongoing with local education groups including Balochistan Education Support Project, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and Non Formal Education department. A three-day media workshop was held in Karachi between 15th and 18th June with 20 journalists from the TEACH-targeted districts of Balochistan. The purpose of this workshop was to have a dialogue on the media's role in advocating for girl's education and propose possible solutions for the top 5 barriers identified through whitepapers prepared under the project.



### Media Workshop: Capturing Stories around Girls' Education

Under the advocacy and influencing component of the project, a three-day media training was also held in Karachi. The aim of the workshop was to encourage media outlets to continue covering girls' education as Pakistan's main issue and to encourage young girls and women to start their own small businesses.

### Improving Future of Girls Education in Balochistan

Another provincial level stakeholder event was held in Serena hotel, Quetta to bring policy makers, practitioners, and communities together to discuss the status of education in Balochistan; barriers towards gender equality; sharing TEACH learnings; way forward via Non- Fomal and Basic Education (NFBE); and listening to our clients/learners on how they overcame the barriers.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### LEVERAGING INCLUSIVE WASH FOR EMPOWERMENT IN PAKISTAN - (LIFE-PAKISTAN)

The project aims at providing gender equitable and socially inclusive WASH services for improved health conditions of marginalized groups. To do so, the project employs a Communities Graduation approach, which has helped complete 32 infrastructure schemes in 13 communities and 19 institutions (15 in Swat, 7 in Buner and 10 in Peshawar) that are serving more than 60,000 individuals by increasing their access to WASH services. All WASH schemes are properly handed over to Inclusive Wash Jirga's (IWJs) at community level and to relevant line departments to sustain them.

Under the project, 73 villages have been declared as open defecation free (ODF). District Government notified committees have endorsed the situation by visiting the villages. Formal partnership agreements have been signed with Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar and Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Peshawar on June 8, 2022, to work together for strengthening WASH services in the area.

Two stakeholder engagement events have been organized in May 2022 and June 2022 in Buner and Peshawar respectively, for the reflection, learnings, and way forward for the program. An Ulema and Mashahiq conference was held on the role of religious leaders in promoting public awareness on WASH was organized through WATSAN cell. The conference adopted the resolution about public awareness on WASH from religious perspective. 17 Ulemas and 3 members from WATSAN participated in this conference whereas.

### MOU Signing Ceremony between Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar and the International Rescue Committee

On June 8, 2022, the International Rescue Committee Pakistan and Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa signed a memorandum of understanding, committing to work together for the benefit of the public in Peshawar, particularly vulnerable groups who face the brunt of climate change significantly. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hasan Nisar, Chief Executive Officer, WSSP mentioned, ***"We are all aware of the upcoming risks around water scarcity. We will suffer in the future if we don't take actions today. We look forward to working with the IRC to make lasting and sustainable change."***





## STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE INCLUDING NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES (SHINE)

Designed to strengthen primary healthcare services and nutrition for vulnerable populations of Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), 8 health facilities, 4 in each district Orakzai and South Waziristan have been rehabilitated, renovated, and made operational under this ECHO-funded project.

In addition to providing qualified human resource, medical equipment/supplies and medicines for medical conditions pertaining to primary healthcare (PHC) and nutrition, two stabilization centers have also been established at referral health facilities i.e., Tehsil Headquarters Hospital (THQ) Mishti Mela and Category-D (secondary) hospital Moula Khan Sarai with placement of supplies, furniture, and medicine. These facilities were not functional for long time, now people living in the area are benefiting from the services.

During the reporting period, a total of 10,720 consultations under Primary Healthcare (PHC) were provided at the targeted health facilities in Orakzai and South Waziristan. Similarly, under Nutrition Programming a total of 2,848 individuals were screened for malnutrition at health facilities and in the community. In total since the beginning, the project has reached 38,099 beneficiaries. 3,250 women of reproductive age benefited through health interventions.



## SUPPORT AFGHAN REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES THROUGH HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE – PHASE II

The aim of this refugee-centered project is to support Afghan refugees and other persons of concern to lead safe and dignified lives and to promote self-reliance through multipurpose cash assistance and health care services in Quetta, Pishin, Nushki, Chagai Districts in Balochistan province, and Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province. The project will adopt a community-based approach to target vulnerable individuals and households (HHs) for cash assistance. Health facilities (HFs) in need of assistance will be selected in close coordination and collaboration with the Department of Health (DoH).

## SUPPORT TO REFUGEES



### PROVIDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING NFIS TO AFGHAN AND HOST COMMUNITIES - PHASE I

The International Rescue Committee completed Phase 1 of Emergency Response project for Afghan Refugees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Balochistan in March. Under the project, support was provided to Afghans residing in Pakistan who have endured economic crisis, natural disasters and spread of COVID-19. The response implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan focused on providing Health Care Services, Non-Food Items (NFIs) and Winterization Kits to selected clients. A total of 60,424 refugees and local communities were served.

A total of 28,950 individuals received primary health care services through medical camps (14,954 refugees and 13,996 host community). 15 Basic Health Units were repaired, and basic medical equipment was provided across Pishin, Chaman, and Killa Abdullah districts, as a result 31,474 received primary health care services at BHUs. Moreover, 15 portable ultrasound machines were provided in targeted health units on the request of the Health Department, Government of Balochistan.

The project also distributed 650 dignity kits along with basic orientation on menstrual hygiene management (MHM) to newly arrived Refugees (women and girls of reproductive age) through lady health workers in Balochistan. 590 households also received Non-Food Items/winterization kits under the project.



## SUPPORT TO REFUGEES CONTINUED

### FOOD AND WINTERIZATION ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE AFGHAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE, PAKISTAN (GFFO)

The focus of the response is to support vulnerable households, highly vulnerable children, adolescents, and adults who are physically and mentally healthy and protected from malnutrition in Pakistan (Balochistan province) meet their basic needs and avoid negative coping strategies. GFFO Project opening and orientation meeting was held in Quetta in the last week of June 2022 with implementation partner, People's Primary Healthcare Initiative. The client identification and verification are in process for the project, which aims to provide food and winterization assistance, as well as primary health care services to the most vulnerable in the Afghan humanitarian crisis in Balochistan.

### INTEGRATED PROTECTION, HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN BALOCHISTAN (ECHO HIP)

The project aims to provide Afghan refugees and host communities' in Killa Abdullah and Chaman districts of Balochistan with safe and meaningful access to integrated protection, health, nutrition and education services and assistance. A three-day project opening workshop was held in Islamabad. All three project partners as well as International Rescue Committee staff came together to develop strategies and plans for the project.

### UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

Initiated with financial support from UNHCR, this project - Protecting Afghan Refugee (Women & Children) through widening their Access to Services (PARWAS) - aims to support 825,405 persons from 43 Refugee Villages & 32 Urban locations in 19 targeted districts of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa in its first phase from June-22 to Dec-22. With its focus on Child Protection & Gender-Based Violence (GBV), the project will address the needs of Afghan Refugee Children (Boys & Girls) and at-risk women and girls. Through extensive community engagement, supported through regular awareness raising campaigns, the project will set up community-based networks to prevent issues and eliminate the challenges being faced by children and women. On the other side, we will closely work with the relevant government departments to establish and strengthen referral mechanisms for effective service delivery to the targeted population.



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE



### TIRAH RESPONSE

Based on the International Rescue Committee's recent internal classification of the refugees returning from Afghanistan as Yellow-4, the Pakistan country team deployed a three-month emergency response in Tirah valley, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Under the response, IRC is working with Provincial Disaster Management Authority to distribute Non Food Items as well as dignity and hygiene supplies to 2500 families residing in the area.

### CHOLISTAN DROUGHT/HEATWAVE RESPONSE

A severe heatwave in Cholistan, Punjab has impacted the water reservoirs, vegetation, and livestock adversely. It has also led to the onset of drought like conditions in the area due to water depletion in ponds and reservoirs as well as deterioration of soil moisture for vegetation. With monsoon rains not expected before the latter half of July/early August, the communities are facing acute water shortages amidst rising temperatures and are in need of immediate assistance.

The International Rescue Committee after consultations with Cholistan Development Authority (CDA), the Livestock Department, local humanitarian actors and District Health Authority has classified the situation as Yellow 5 and deployed its internal funds of USD 250,000 for the response, which is now ongoing and reaching 10,500 people. Under the response, International Rescue Committee is delivering life-saving immediate assistance to communities in a safe, dignified, and meaningfully accessible way - informed by their own participation. The committee is also working to improving hygiene-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices of the affected communities.

### BALOCHISTAN FLOOD RESPONSE

Intense flooding in Balochistan caused by recent torrential monsoon rains killed more than 77 people in the province, including women and children. The number of injured people surpassed hundred, leaving at least 150,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance with 30,000 people severely affected. A state of emergency was declared in the provincial capital, Quetta.

The International Rescue Committee initiated response activities in Pishin and Quetta districts of Balochistan during the Eid holidays. With financial aid of German Federal Foreign Office, the organization's internal funds and support of its on-ground partner, the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI), a rapid emergency response was launched within 24 hours of the declaration of emergency. The response is being implemented in close coordination with Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Balochistan. International Rescue Committee, under its flood response, set up three free medical camps in flood-affected areas where over 500 Afghan refugees and host communities received medical services; more than 350 food packages and over 250 dignity kits were distributed among the affected population.



## PAKISTAN STRATEGY ACTION PLAN (SAP)

SAP Pakistan steers the country office's strategic direction in terms of Crisis Response, Recovery and Development (CRRD) and lays the foundation for how it plans to tie the organization's overall strategy with Pakistan's unique context.

### PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

The IRC Pakistan is developing contextualized partnerships strategy and implementation plan in consultation with local partners and wider sector, the fundamental component of IRC's strategy is to support partner, capacity sharing and to strengthen organization in a way to achieve their organizational objective, mission and vision, and serve its clients more effectively through stronger systems and leadership, and improved technical, advocacy and networking abilities. This approach is also consistent with the IRC's commitment to the World Humanitarian Summit's Grand Bargain, incorporating localization objectives.

### CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

Cognizant of Pakistan's high vulnerability to natural disasters and fifth spot on Climate Vulnerability Index, IRC is developing its climate strategy that aims at: building resilience, addressing the impact of climate change displacement at origin, addressing slow onset of climate change by engaging in preparedness and helping build resilient communities alongside hindsight of humanitarian response, i.e., institutional capacity strengthening.

In this regard, initial meetings with officials of MoCC, UNDP and GIZ have been held to establish formal partnerships and inform IRC climate change work and policy formulation from government and donor perspective. Research to develop "Locally Adaptable Plan of Action (LAPA) for two districts each in Balochistan and Sindh has been initiated, which will be presented in stakeholder's workshop in September 2022.

### **Emergency Preparedness Planning Workshop with Partners (Balochistan and Sindh)**

The international Rescue Committee conducted a three-day emergency response training in Karachi, which was attended by 23 staff members from partner organizations in Sindh and Balochistan. Two to three members of each partner participated in the workshop. The objective of the workshop titled "IRC's Emergency Preparedness Planning with partners" was that all participating partners will have their own emergency preparedness plans and identify most important preparedness actions for immediate, mid-term and long-term.

### **Annual Report Launch**

The International Rescue Committee on April 26, 2022, hosted its annual report launch event at Islamabad Serena Hotel to shed light on its contribution to Pakistan's development and humanitarian sector and the clients in communities that it has served over time. The organization's Annual Report 2021 was rollout in the event attended by Government representatives, members of the civil society, representatives of the development sector, UN, donors, and the organization's clients.



### **CBDRM (Community-based disaster risk management) Training of Trainers for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Gilgit-Baltistan**

The International Rescue Committee Pakistan in coordination with National Disaster Management Authority piloted a community-based disaster risk management training of trainers for frontline workers especially, District Disaster Management Authority staff for five districts of KP and one district of Gilgit Baltistan. The Agha Khan Agency for Habitat's technical expert facilitated the training.

The training course enabled the Course Participants to learn essential knowledge and skill in Disaster Risk Management to address challenges and implement in a systematic manner through Community Based Disaster Management Approach. The field practitioners including officials of PDMAs, DDMA's and line departments will be provided with practical tools for design and implementation of programs for reducing disaster risks and vulnerabilities and building of community capacity to promote a culture of support. The training of trainers (ToT) was three days long. First two days were focused on the theoretical aspects of disaster Risk Management with more emphasis on practical demonstrations, while the final day was simulation-based.

### **Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI)**

In connection with its Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI) agenda, the International Rescue Committee has committed to end all forms of systemic discrimination and foster an inclusive working environment where every staff member feels respected, heard, valued, and supported irrespective of their gender, age, grade, language, ethnicity, caste, or any other identity factor.

A GEDI working group comprising the Country Director, DDO, DDP, DDS&S, Sr HR Coordinator, Head of Technical Excellence, Provincial Coordinators (KP & Balochistan), Program management and Strategic Initiatives coordinator, Head of Business Development, Senior Partnerships and Communication Coordinator, Supply Chain Coordinator, Women@work representative, and GEDI champions representative was institutionalized to meet the above-mentioned ambition through multiple initiatives. This group will provide collective leadership and accountability for consistent and progressive integration of GEDI goals across the country program (both operations and programs).

A part of its GEDI commitment, Women@Work groups exist in all International Rescue Committee Pakistan offices. These W@W groups help narrow the gender gap through efforts to ensure equal treatment, promotion and support of our female staff. During the reporting period, W@W Islamabad chapter carried out an excursion to break social taboos that bar women from indulging in fun-physical activities. Country office's female staff went to an arcade to enjoy rides and trampoline.

## **Program for Retention, Enrolment, and Protection (PREP-II)**

Mercy Corps is implementing a Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration supported three-year program titled Program for Retention, Enrolment, and Protection (PREP-II) in 13 locations of peri-urban Quetta, Balochistan. Under the project, Mercy Corps was able to retain 1,926 students (62% girls and 38 % boys, 63% Afghan refugees) in 30 project supported government schools. During the reporting period, 227 students (including 128 girls, 99 boys, 56% girls and 48% Afghan refugee) were supported to appear in the exams of Grade 9 and 10. In addition, Mercy Corps is also running 16 Accelerated Learning Pathway (ALP) Centers to provide education support to out of school children and to enable them to be enrolled in government schools. 639 students (69% Afghan refugees, 31% host communities, 63% girls) are continuing their education in the Accelerated Learning Pathway (ALP). The examination fee of 639 learners was submitted to Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission (BAEC) for the final Package of the program. To improve education especially of the girl child and to mobilize the families to continue education of children, 17 Local Education Council (LECs) conducted meetings during this quarter. 143 LEC members (38% females) participated in these meetings.

## **Contribute towards achieving the targets of National Strategic Plan aligned with End TB Strategy for reducing the burden of TB and MDR-TB in Pakistan**

Mercy Corps through its Global Fund supported program titled: Contribute towards achieving the targets of National Strategic Plan aligned with End TB Strategy for reducing the burden of TB and MDR-TB in Pakistan, 54,510 all forms of TB cases were notified through all interventions of project across the 120 districts in all four provinces, ICT, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan areas. 50,818 all form cases contributed by non-national TB program providers – private/non-governmental facilities. As an outreach strategy, 2,035 chest camps were conducted in community outreach where 3,727 TB cases were identified. 420 of TB cases with RR-TB and/or MDR-TB were notified. 927 people in contact with TB patients began preventive therapy. During this period, 7,263 health care providers were selected who will provide diagnostic and treatment services for TB patients. In addition, 302 new large private hospitals, and 688 new private labs were also selected to offer diagnostic and treatment services for TB patients.

## **Use of Digital Systems to Engage Private Providers for TB in Pakistan**

Mercy Corps has also started implementing a Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation supported program titled: Use of Digital Systems to Engage Private Providers for TB in Pakistan. In July 2022, a kickoff meeting of the program was held with implementing partners and key stakeholders including the representative from Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation. The project aims to develop a case-based TB notification system, enhancing the capacity of NGOs and their field staff on Digital Applications, and ultimately, digitalizing the reporting and monitoring tools for Tuberculosis in Pakistan which will increase the engagement of private healthcare service providers in the TB Control Interventions. The project will be implemented in all the 120 districts and will support and complement the ongoing Global Fund supported TB program.

## **COVID-19 Response Mechanism**

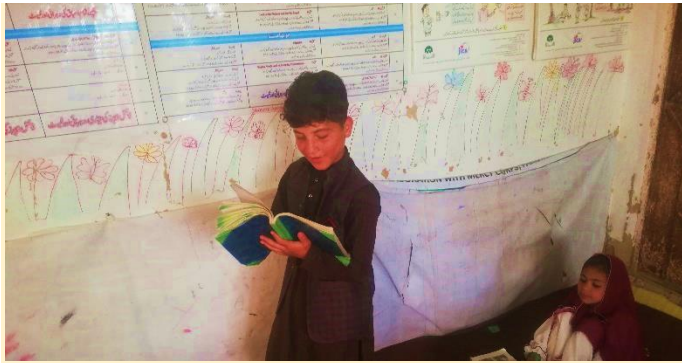
Mercy Corps initiated another project titled: COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) in eight districts of Pakistan to contribute towards the response to COVID-19 and to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the fight against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, and strengthen health and community systems in Pakistan. The project aims to strengthen WASH, Infection Prevention and Control and the issues related to risk communication and community engagement.

# **Case Study: I**

## **A Collectors Tale: From Garbage to Books**

Muhammad Yousuf is a bright, energetic, and talkative adolescent belonging to the Afghan refugee community in Pakistan. His parents immigrated from Afghanistan to Pakistan in the late 1990s with a hope for a safer future for their family. In continuous hardship to build that safer future, where his family, children, and the three-year old Yousaf would prosper, Yousaf's father died of a heart attack. Yousaf could not realize the loss back then, but the death of his father had struck several challenges for Yousaf's mother who was a housewife, his three sisters, and a brother. With a family of adolescent children to support, Yousaf's mother had no way to source besides finding household activities as a daily-wager maid to earn for the family.

With the rising cost of living, each year became tougher than the one passed away and everyone in the family had to find a source of earning to survive the rising financial challenges. At the mere age of nine, when there was no other way around, Yousuf started collecting garbage and selling it for the financial assistance of his family.



*"It was a simple activity. You go to a trash place, you look, you pick whatever shines in the dirt, and bring it to people who buy trash".*

Muhammad Yousaf shared his thoughts when asked about how he did trash picking at such an early age

Observing the extravagant approach of Yousaf to the world around him, his mother always wished for him to go to school, be educated, and utilize his skills in a better way. But her financial circumstances would never let her take any such decision. One day, while collecting garbage, Mercy Corps' team members of PREP-II project interacted with Yousaf. These team members were conducting meetings in the locality to identify out of school children and enroll them in the Non-Formal Education System for their better future.

Upon interaction and hearing out his story, the team members went to his house and discussed in detail the enrollment model – designed for vulnerable out of school children –, monthly financial support – PKR 900 for Boys and PKR 1200 for Girls –, in-kind assistance – stationary, uniform, bags, –, and the three-year fast paced education model of the Accelerated Learning Pathway (ALP) curriculum of non-formal education. With all that information, Yousaf and his mother were on cloud nine.

*"My son is beyond ordinary... When I was told about the speedy course of this school, I knew my son would do it without any issue".*

Yousaf's mother shared her feelings of the time when PREP-II team approached her.

Since his enrollment in the Non-Formal ALP program, Yousaf has proved himself as an enthusiastic learner. He has been constantly out-performing himself in not just his own center but in the rest of the 15 ALP centers of the PREP-II project as well. Mercy Corps is supported 16 ALP centers and 30 government schools for education and protection of Afghan refugee and host community children. Soon, he will be completing the three-year ALP course and be enrolling in the formal school system in 6th grade where he will begin his educational journey through mainstream education.

Mercy Corps is supporting Yousaf along with his 634 counterparts who come from all walks of lives with their own financial, social, and cultural barriers that have restrained them from pursuing education. These children will be completing their ALP course in August 2022 and will then be enrolled in mainstream education in their nearby formal schools.

## Case Study: II

### Making way to HealthCare – TB Diagnosis for Trans Women in Peshawar

The transgenders' community of Pakistan is perhaps the most marginalized, underrepresented, and disempowered community in the political, social, and economic realm, with little or no access to Health Care amongst other rights. Within the community, lies the 'Guru-Chela' structure essentially entailing a group of trans genders (chelas) under the care, responsibility, and control of a Guru (owner or teacher). For access into the trans community, a guru must be approached for permission.

Mercy Corps Pakistan, through its implementing partner, GreenStar Marketing approached a Guru to speak to her about arranging a Mobile Screening Camp to diagnose members of her community for Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis remains as silent in the Trans Community as any other disease, taking trans lives with it – often owing to the refusal of doctors to check them and prescribe a treatment.

The Guru agreed for the Chest Camp to be set up after which an Awareness Session on Tuberculosis with the community members was conducted by the Senior Health Officer (CHO) at the Orakzai Plaza, Peshawar. Through the session, the community members were informed about the testing, diagnosis, and free treatment of Tuberculosis, along with its symptoms. Taking their social challenges into consideration, the community members were also informed on the Medical Facilities that they can easily access for free TB Treatment and care. Following this session, a Conventional Chest Camp was rolled out, led by the Program's trained General Practitioner, Dr. Jan Mast Khan.

Out of 40 transgenders who were checked at the Camp, 05 were identified by Dr. Jan as presumptive TB Patients. Specimen of the Presumptive TB Patients were then acquired and tested at the PPM GeneXpert site for MTB Detection. 01 out of the 05 presumptive patients was confirmed through the test for Pulmonary TB. The tested individual was then registered at the PPM Healthcare Facility for a six months' TB treatment and Care for her full recovery.

*"No such camp has been exclusively arranged for our community before," said the Guru.*

GreenStar confirmed to the community that more of such camps will be conducted for the community on which the Guru extended her full support.

*"We have good information on TB now and we also know how to seek medical assistance if we have symptoms," said one of the trans women.*

**During the month of April to June** Tearfund facilitated 28,078 individuals by providing various services through different projects related to health, hygiene, and WASH. The detail of the activities is given below.

- 905 individuals have improved knowledge about health and hygiene along with the distribution of 471 hygiene kits to women
- 674 women and girls have improved knowledge about pre and postnatal hygiene and nutrition
- Supported 375 households to construct latrines to decrease open defecation
- 471 households have improved water accessibility through installation of 10 water hand pumps
- 471 households can access clean drinking water after participating in water filtration techniques training



- Enhanced capacity of 47 women by establishing a sewing and beautician training centre for improved economic participation
- Strengthened capacity of 39 individuals on health & safety using personal protective equipment at workplace
- Raised awareness of 18,148 individuals including children through trucking animation on waste segregation
- Created door to door household awareness on waste segregation and recycling among 3,744 individuals
- 381 livestock farmers were trained in goat management including vaccination, nutrition and hygiene, reproduction cycle and goat kid management
- 34 individuals have better income generation opportunities after getting enrolled in the industrial machine operator centre



- 1,281 individuals were encouraged to start kitchen gardening along with distribution of vegetables seeds
- 53 women empowerment groups (WEG) consisting of 764 members have increased knowledge of business start-ups and improved sanitation
- Strengthened capacities of 29 teachers of female adult literacy centre (FALC)
- Planted 1,894 trees for minimising the harmful effects of climate change
- 263 individuals including waste management contractors, community leaders and members have increased knowledge of 5Rs, circular economy and social enterprise.
- 18 individuals have a good understanding of creation care and stewardship of natural resources
- Enhanced capacity of 362 women of 17 self-help groups, its purpose along with basics of business management



# Case Study

## Enhancing capacity to better protect livestock



## A story of community trainee who equipped with latest skills to protect livestock

I have raised my animals with love and care. They have become a part of my life," said Dhanji with a smile. Dhanji Khemo is a daily wage worker from Mevo Patel village, District Mirpurkhas. He is one of the participants of 15 days Community Livestock Extension Worker Training (CLEW) organised by Tearfund's partner Society for Safe Environment & Welfare of Agrarians in Pakistan (SSEWA-PAK) in collaboration with the District Livestock Department conducted in February 2022. Tearfund intends to improve the livelihood of farmers in 20 villages of Mirpurkhas through a project titled "Integrated Socio-Economic Initiative for Development". CLEW training aims to empower human resources by providing them technical knowledge and skills about basics of animal farming, housing, diet, and nutrition of animals during normal conditions and outbreak. In an agrarian economy like Pakistan, livestock contributes to poverty alleviation of small and marginal scale farmers. There are no functional veterinary clinics in Dhanji's area. Animals are left untreated due to high transportation costs or fees of veteran doctors.

The availability of basic veterinary services is contributing to the wealth of households by preventing animal illness or death. Dhanji has started treating the animals of neighbourhood villages after.

He proudly shares, *'Within four months, I have treated around 100 animals. It makes me proud that I am caring for the voiceless. The villagers are grateful to me for not only saving their animals but also saving the means of their livelihood. The training has given me an opportunity to provide community service as well as an alternative source of income generation.'*

Besides an additional income, Dhanji is also earning respect from the community. People acknowledge his services and are grateful to him.





# Flash Floods in Pakistan and PHF Members Response



Please find below overview of PHF members response activities in detail.



## 1. WASH

A total of 16 member organizations are providing WASH related assistance in flood affected areas.

### Organizations:

**Presence in Districts:** Pishin, Thatta, Quetta, D.I.Khan, Tank, Karak, Charsadda, Lasbela, Dera Ismail Khan, Nushki, Nowshera, Dadu, Killa Saifullah, Taunsa Sharif, Keemari, Badin, Dadu, Swat, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Jhal Magsi, Loralai, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur, Hyderabad

**WASH Assistance:** Provision of latrine kits, hygiene kits, water purification plants, water purification tablets, dewatering pumps, clean drinking water, toilets, water mobile, water tucking, water treatment unit



**Total Beneficiaries: 412923**



## 2. Health

A total of 8 organizations are providing health related assistance in flood affected areas.

**Organizations:** HelpAge International, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, HHRD, IMC, MDM, MSF-Belgium, Muslim Hands, Tearfund

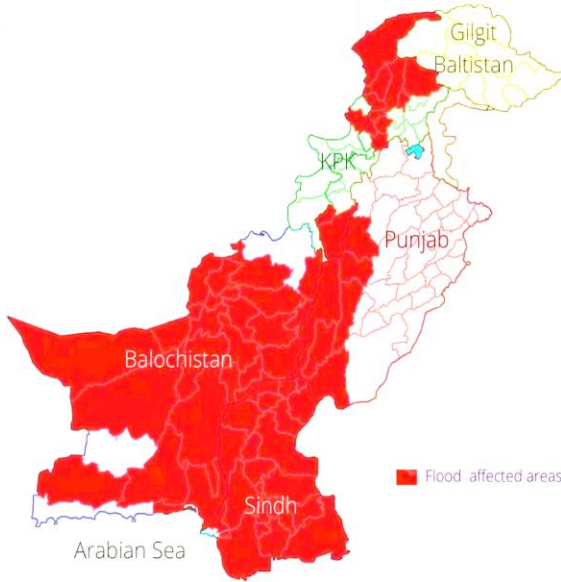
**Presence in districts** Jhal Magsi, D.I.Khan, Tank, Karak, Quetta, Charsadda, Nowshera, Chitral, Dadu, D.G.Khan, Keemari, Karachi, Malir

### Health Assistance:

Provision of medicine related to infectious diseases, placement of medical camps



**Total Beneficiaries: 60077**



**Flood Affected areas**

## Flash Floods in Pakistan and PHF Members Response

Pakistan is facing worst floods in decade due to the unusual pattern of rainfall during monsoon season. The weather severity badly destroyed many areas across the country. The list of damages is very high as such disaster badly affected human lives, destroyed the infrastructure, perished the animals, and fully damaged the crops.

According to latest statistics of UNOCHA, almost 1/3 part of the country is under water and 33 million people are badly affected. In addition, over **1.1 million houses** were damaged and destroyed, 2 million crops were affected and more than 1000 people were died and 12,720 people were injured. According to the available reports, 32 districts of Balochistan were badly destroyed, 17 districts of KP, 23 districts of Sindh, 6 districts of GB. More than 80 districts of Pakistan are declared as calamity hit.

United Nation in collaboration with Government of Pakistan initiated the multisectoral rapid need assessment in disaster affected areas and launched humanitarian flash appeal of **US\$160.3 million** on August 30th. Government of Pakistan is also receiving support and collaboration from many countries related to humanitarian relief and assistance.

PHF member organizations-initiated response activities from June 13th, 202. The member organizations immediately mobilized resources and raised 20.14 million USD and **reached out to 1,073,242 people** by providing immediate assistance related to Food, NFIs, Shelter, Education, WASH and Health. More than 30 million USD funding is in pipeline.



### 3. Food Security

**Organizations:** Helvetas Swiss Interoperation, HHRD, Human Appeal, Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, Muslim Hands, Qatar Charity, Relief International, Save the Children, SIF, Tearfund, WHH

**Presence in districts:** D.I.Khan, Karak, Charsadda, Dadu, Neshero Feroz, Rajanpur, Mirpurkhas, Thatta, Lasbela, Nushki, Quetta, Tank, Nowshera, Malir Karachi, Mirpurkhas, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Tounsa Sharif, Mustung, Nowshera, Keemari, Loralai, Swat, Muzzafargarh, Khairpur, Sanghar, Jal Magsi, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Keemari, Malir, Rajanpur

**Food Assistance:** Cooked meal, Dry food/Ration



**Total Beneficiaries: 380211**

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### 5. Non-Food Items

**Organizations:**

CARE International, HelpAge International, Islamic Relief, Save the Children, WHH

**Presence in districts:**

Quetta, Jal Magsi, Khairpur, Pishin, Hyderabad, Rajanpur



**Total Beneficiaries: 35238**

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### 4. Shelter

**Organizations:**

Care International, HelpAge International, HHRD, Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, Muslim Hands, Qatar Charity, Save the Children, WHH

**Presence in districts:**

Quetta, Nushki, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, DG Khan, Mustung, Nowshera, Charsadda, Swat, DIKhan, Rajanpur, Khairpur, Sanghar, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Killa Saifullah, Jal Magsi, Loralai, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohabetpur, Pishin, Rajanpur, Jamshoro

**Shelter Assistance:**

Shelter, tents



**Total Beneficiaries: 79057**

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### 6. Cash Grants

**Organizations:**

HelpAge International, IRC, WHH

**Presence in districts:**

Jhal Magsi, Killa Abdullah, Jamshoro



**Total Beneficiaries: 91454**

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### 7. Education

**Organizations:**

IRC, Save the Children, Tearfund

**Presence in districts:**

Naushki, Pishin, Keemari, Malir

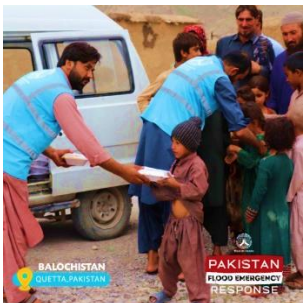


**Total Beneficiaries: 8173**

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# PHF Members' Presence In Flood Affected Areas







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