

# NEWSLETTER

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## Turning Adversity into Hope:

Pashmina Bibi, a mother of eight children, lives in a remote village located in District Jaffarabad, in Balochistan. For over a decade, she managed a grocery shop in her village, selling essential goods to her local community. In addition to running her small shop, Pashmina and her husband farmed on a small plot of land. Despite facing chronic health issues, Pashmina's determination and strength enabled her to earn a modest income and sustain her large family.

However, when the devastating floods of 2022 struck, the floodwaters destroyed her mud-brick house, washed away her small shop and submerged her farmland, leaving her without a home and any means of income. Pashmina and her family were left to rely on donated food and supplies. "I felt like I had lost everything, but I knew I couldn't give up" Pashmina recalls. "I had my children to take care of, and I had to keep fighting."

In September 2024, Pashmina was selected as a beneficiary of Acted's small business restoration program. With a first grant of PKR 66,500, Pashmina was able to restock her shop and reopen it, bringing back not just a source of income but also a sense of hope for her family.



"I can't express the relief I felt when I restocked my shop for the first time after the floods," Pashmina shares. "It was like getting a piece of my life back. For the first time in months, I felt like we had a future to look forward to."

With the shop reopening, Pashmina was able to serve her community once again. The expanded variety of goods attracted more customers, increasing her sales and bringing in a steady stream of income. This grant has not only given her financial stability but has also restored her confidence in the future and in herself. "This shop is my second home," she explains proudly. "Every time a customer walks in, I feel a little stronger, a little more hopeful. It's not just about earning money; it's about showing my children that hard work can lead to a brighter future".

"I dream of a better future for my children," she says. **"Thanks to Acted and USAID/BHA, I can make that dream a reality."**

# Action for Humanity

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## Establishing AFH Pakistan:

Action For Humanity (AFH) has officially launched its country office in Pakistan, marking a significant step toward strengthening humanitarian and development efforts. This milestone enhances AFH's ability to serve vulnerable communities and address critical needs effectively.



## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):

Installed handpumps and solar-powered water wells in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), improving access to safe drinking water. These interventions have reduced cases of diarrhea, particularly among children, and enhanced community health and hygiene practices.



## Healthcare:

Partnered with the Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission (GOADC) and Vision for Education (V4E) on a three-year project titled "Strengthening Access to Eye Healthcare for Vulnerable Children in Pakistan." This includes eye health screenings for 80,000 children in Sindh and the creation of a Paediatric Eye Care Diagnostic Centre in Sukkur, ensuring better healthcare access and resilience for young individuals.



## EMPOWERING LIVES DURING HARSH WINTERS

Additionally, our annual winter campaign addressed the immediate needs of families braving the harsh winters in underprivileged regions of Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK). We provided food packs and winterized kits to over 450 families, offering essential support to endure the challenging season.

Action For Humanity Pakistan will continue to strive towards furthering its humanitarian mission, taking meaningful steps to create a lasting impact on the communities we serve.





# AKAH



## AKAH PAKISTAN FACILITATES NATIONWIDE SHAKEOUT DRILL

On October 17, 2024, the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) Pakistan led the annual AKDN Shakeout Drill across the country. Held every third Thursday of October, this global initiative educates communities on responding to earthquakes in both indoor and outdoor settings.

The drill emphasizes practicing the life-saving steps of "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" to minimize critical injuries and ensure personal safety during an earthquake. In Pakistan, AKAH spearheaded the initiative with the active participation of AKDN agencies, private and government institutions, schools, and community groups nationwide.



Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) volunteers and master trainers facilitated the drills, supported by informational materials and videos. Participants learned practical strategies to navigate various earthquake scenarios, ensuring they are prepared to protect themselves and assist others during emergencies. This year more than 350,000 individuals participated in this drill, including 120,000 students from different schools and universities. This effort highlights AKAH Pakistan's commitment to fostering resilience and preparedness within communities vulnerable to natural disasters.



## Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future

The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat Pakistan (AKAH) and the National Centre of Excellence in Geology (NCEG), University of Peshawar, hosted a one-day symposium titled "Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future" to address climate change, natural disasters, and socio-economic vulnerabilities.

The event brought together experts, academics, government officials, and students to discuss solutions for building resilience. The event underscored the need for collaboration across sectors to create a climate-resilient future, with Prof. Dr. Qasim Jan concluding that empowering youth is key to overcoming global challenges.

## Increasing Communities Resilience to Climate Change (ICRCC)

The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat Pakistan (AKAHP) under the Increasing Communities Resilience to Climate Change (ICRCC) project, funded by the Embassy of Denmark has undertaken key initiatives in the Kalash Valleys to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience. These efforts include establishing stockpiles for rapid emergency response, providing schools with safety kits, and training teachers on resilience education to integrate disaster preparedness into teaching. School Safety Committees were formed and trained to implement safety protocols, while School Management Committees (SMCs) and Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) were equipped with skills to develop school disaster management plans.



# ALIGHT



## 1. GIRLS THRIVE PROJECT:

Alight has partnered with Education Above All (EAA) and Coursera, offering 120,000 online courses to Afghan females worldwide and undergraduate scholarships for Afghan girls at partner universities, particularly in Indonesia.

## 2. SUPPORTING MOTHERS AFTER CATASTROPHIC FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, mothers nurture children as the family's top priority. When floods devastated the village of Wah Burira in 2022, Alight and the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) swiftly responded to provide emergency relief. However, child malnutrition persisted, so Alight and IMANA launched a multiyear Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) project to educate mothers on nutrition best practices and improving the health of their children. The program's success led to its expansion in the flood-affected areas of upper Sindh, ensuring sustained health improvements—and happy mothers.



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To date, the program has distributed 12,778 packs of therapeutic food for malnourished children, served 700 patients at a three-day paediatric dermatology camp, provided 280 multiple-micronutrient supplements to pregnant and lactating mothers, and empowered 275 mothers with counselling on infant and young child feeding practices.

### 3. ZAHA HADID SCHOOL



Alight, in partnership with the Education Above All Foundation (EAA), has established the Zaha School for out-of-school children on the outskirts of Islamabad Capital Territory. What's remarkable about Zaha School is its structure (designed by the world-renowned, legendary architect, the late Zaha Hadid), the first of its kind installed in Pakistan. These structures are low-cost, life-saving, environment-friendly, and can be moved from one location to another in case of floods, etc.

This school ensures that children from marginalized communities receive the same opportunities as those from more privileged backgrounds, giving them the tools to succeed in their academic journeys and beyond.

## CONTEXT AND NEEDS

Pakistan, ranked among the top 10 most climate-vulnerable countries, faces severe flooding, heatwaves, and droughts. The 2022 floods affected 33 million people, causing billions in damages, with recovery efforts inadequate, particularly in water, sanitation, and agriculture. The 2024 floods worsened the crisis, impacting over half a million people and causing significant destruction. Inadequate government response, limited funding, and insufficient humanitarian aid leave critical gaps, particularly in livelihoods and WASH services, further straining communities already facing economic hardship.

## FCDO'S BRAVE: BUILDING RESILIENCE AND ADDRESSING VULNERABILITY TO EMERGENCIES

The primary goal of the BRAVE programme is to enhance the resilience of Pakistan's extreme poor and vulnerable populations to climate-induced risks, shocks, and stresses, achieved through two key outcomes: first, by empowering communities to anticipate, adapt to, and absorb the impacts of climate hazards, and second, by ensuring effective humanitarian relief and recovery responses that reduce suffering, mitigate the socioeconomic impacts of disasters on vulnerable groups, and protect long-term resilience investments.

### 1. Details of Humanitarian Response under BRAVE

#### Objective:

To enable 2022 and 2024 flood-affected communities in 12 worst affected districts across Pakistan rebuild their lives and livelihoods through emergency relief and resilient recovery support.

#### Funding / Duration:

GBP 7.5 million for 8 Months (from 01-August 2024 to 31-March 2025)

#### Beneficiaries and Target Districts:

Concern is targeting 149,508 households (976,006 individuals, Including 478,243 women) in the following 12 worst hit districts:

- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Upper & Lower Chitral
- Gilgit Baltistan: Ghizer & Astore
- Balochistan: Sohbatpur & Jaffarabad
- Punjab: Rajanpur
- Sindh: Dadu, Badin, Matiari, Mirpurkhas & Sanghar



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## An Access of Hope and Prosperity

The escalating frequency and severity of climate change-induced hazards, including debris flows, flash floods, torrential rains, and snow avalanches, have profoundly affected mountainous communities, highlighting their vulnerabilities and limited coping capacities. These disasters have disrupted daily life, inflicted extensive damage on infrastructure, and further restricted access to essential services, compounding the challenges faced by marginalized populations in sustaining their livelihoods and ensuring long-term resilience.

During July and August 2024, the communities of Bang Bala, Payeen, Lashdan, Urkan, Phashk, Shich, Imit Pardan, and Miragram 2 in upper Chitral experienced a devastating flash flood that destroyed the only bridge linking residents across the river. This catastrophic event left over 7,000 people from approximately 900 households completely isolated, disrupting access to essential services such as schools, hospitals, hotels, power stations, and police stations. The loss of this vital connection severely impacted students, professionals, and other community members who depended on it for daily activities and critical services.

*Success Story*



In response to this emergency, the affected communities turned to the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) Pakistan for urgent assistance in restoring connectivity. With technical guidance from Concern Worldwide and financial backing from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) under BRAVE humanitarian response through the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) Pakistan, emergency funding was swiftly secured. This support enabled humanitarian efforts to address the crisis and initiate the reconstruction process, ensuring affected communities could regain access to vital resources and resume normal activities.

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This collaborative effort underscores the significance of timely interventions and coordinated support in minimizing the impacts of natural disasters on vulnerable communities. The successful installation of the cable cart stands as a powerful symbol of resilience, innovation, and partnership, demonstrating the ability of affected communities and their allies to overcome critical challenges and build sustainable solutions for a safer future.

# CRS



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been actively supporting communities in Pakistan since 1954, focusing on humanitarian aid and development initiatives. CRS in Pakistan emphasizes key strategic areas such as disaster response, education and youth development, and resilient agriculture and livelihoods. The organization employs a collaborative approach, partnering with local governments, NGOs, and community leaders to enhance resilience and promote sustainable solutions. By prioritizing disaster risk reduction and emergency recovery, CRS aims to empower vulnerable populations and foster long-term community development across the country.



## SUKHAAR (PROSPERITY) - INTEGRATED SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY OF FLOOD-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN SINDH

The Sukhaar project, funded by USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), supports 7,800 households in Dadu and Jacobabad, Sindh, through agriculture, economic recovery, market systems, multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), and WASH interventions. The project aims to enhance food security and resilience for communities recovering from the 2022 floods. During the month of December, the project successfully distributed seeds and fertilizers distributed to 3,375 households (HHs) through a voucher program. The farmers who received the support appreciated the CRS and donor efforts as a beneficiary from Union Council Bugia pointed out, "We are thankful to CRS, GSF and specially to USAID for their gracious support by providing the Agri Inputs to farmers. This will help a great deal to restore our farming." The Deputy Director Agriculture Dadu also highlighted the quality and transparency of the distribution saying, "I have never witnessed such a thorough process that ensures strict compliance in providing certified seeds and accountable service delivery to the most vulnerable households in the targeted area."



## SUSTAIN -Kamangar (Sustainable Settlements Towards Adaptation, Innovation and Nature)

CRS in collaboration with SPHF and UN-Habitat, piloted a Climate Resilient Settlement Development Plan (CRSDP) in Deh Kamangar, Dadu District, covering nine villages and 800 flood-affected households under the title SUSTAIN Kamangar.

In September 2024, the project planted 8,000 fruit trees and distributed vegetable seeds to 800 households for kitchen gardening. By encouraging fruit tree cultivation, the activity aims to provide long-term benefits, such as improved greenery, enhanced agricultural productivity, and a source of income for residents across these rural communities.

The completion of 20 ramps at new houses improved accessibility, and a new school boundary wall enhanced security. A Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) forum has also been established under the program at the Meher Taluka level, and the office was refurbished to facilitate collaboration among various sectors.

Additionally, 140 kitchen facilities were completed, with 210 more in progress, and 400 rainwater harvesting tanks were installed, with 355 more underway.

### RESOLVING THE WATER WOES



Kamangar village in Dadu district, Sindh, faced a water crisis, relying on brackish water that caused health issues like dysentery and cholera. Women had to walk a kilometer for water, often making multiple trips. After a flood worsened the situation, the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) helped install hand pumps for clean drinking water. The community, trained in maintenance, now has safe water, benefiting 150 households and improving health, especially for women and children. The villagers are grateful for the positive change.



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# HOPE'87

**Project Name:**

Best - Beyond Survival - Transforming the power of communities

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

DISTRICTS PESHAWAR, CHARSADDA, HARIPUR, PROVINCE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

**SECTORS:** EDUCATION, PROTECTION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WASH

FUNDED BY: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NETHERLANDS



**Key activities conducted during September, 2024 - December, 2024 are as follow;**

1. HOPE'87 trained 48 enumerators (32 women, 16 men) to conduct a multi sector needs assessments from 7th September, 2024 till 25th September, 2024 in Peshawar, Charsadda and Haripur with the objective to identify critical gaps and challenges faced by Afghan and host families and to provide actionable insights for future interventions. To review the findings from needs assessment, a joint "two days NPOs (project partners) consultation and data validation workshop" was conducted on 17th & 18th October, 2024. All NPOs presented sector wise needs assessment analysis, key findings along with recommendations. Day two was focused on Activity Based Budgeting (ABB), Annual Action Planning (AAP), Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), cost sharing among different projects etc. Based on these learnings and identified needs, NPOs will develop proposal and submit to HOPE'87 for due implementation
2. Five days training of In country Partners (ICPs) on "Leadership capacity" was conducted from 27th - 31st October, 2024 and a total of 77 staff members were trained.
3. Five days training of In Country Partners (ICPs) on "Gender focused capacity" was conducted from November 18th to 22nd, 2024 and a total of 80 staff members were trained.



- 4.** Five-days training of In Country Partners on "Management Capacity" was held from 16th to 20th December, 2024 and a total of 74 staff members were trained.
- 5.** In October 2024, Youth and Women Collectives (YWCs) were selected using a collaboratively developed Capacity Assessment Tool for Community Organizations (CATCO). Subsequently, one-day orientation sessions were held to familiarize YWCs with project objectives and localization model.
- 6.** Out of the ten project In Country Partners (ICPs), Eight ICPs have been selected while process for selection of remaining two ICPs is currently underway.



## Psychosocial Support Integrated with Livelihood and Youth Empowerment Initiative for Afghan Refugees and Host Communities in KP - Phase-II



### Overview:

- This project focuses on improving the well-being of Afghan refugees and host communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) through integrated interventions. It combines psychosocial support (MHPSS), livelihood opportunities, and youth empowerment to address the challenges faced by these communities, including limited access to mental health resources, social cohesion issues, and economic constraints. The initiative International Medical Corps targets multiple districts, including Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar, Kohat, Haripur, and Mardan, and engages more than 4,180 participants from both Afghan refugee (50%) and host communities (50%) targeting around 111,158 population.

### Objectives:

- Enhance mental health awareness to reduce stigma and improve community well-being through structured MHPSS awareness sessions using tailored materials.
- Empower youth by developing life skills, building confidence, and promoting social cohesion through the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP).
- Strengthen livelihoods by providing vocational training, digital skills enhancement, and tools to support economic independence.
- Promote community-based solutions to enhance integration and collaboration between Afghan refugees and host communities through inclusive projects and initiatives.
- Address gender-specific challenges and vulnerabilities by integrating gender-sensitive approaches into all interventions, ensuring inclusivity and empowerment of women.

### Outcomes:

- Increased mental health awareness and reduced stigma, leading to improved community well-being through structured MHPSS awareness sessions using tailored materials.
- Youth are equipped with life skills and confidence, fostering social cohesion and empowerment through the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP).
- Enhanced economic independence, achieved through strengthened livelihoods via vocational training, digital skills enhancement, and provision of essential tools.

- Improved integration and collaboration between Afghan refugees and host communities through community-based and inclusive projects.
- Greater inclusivity and empowerment of women, addressing gender-specific challenges by integrating gender-sensitive approaches into all interventions.



## MS. MUZDLIFA: FROM A SMALL-SCALE TAILOR TO A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR



Ms. Muzdlifa, an Afghan refugee residing in Sheikhanu Kaley, Khazana, is a remarkable example of resilience and determination. As the sole breadwinner for her family, including her elderly father and younger brother, she relied on her tailoring skills to create and sell prayer caps. Despite the challenges of being a refugee and limited access to resources, Muzdlifa's entrepreneurial spirit kept her striving for better opportunities.

Her journey took a transformative turn when she participated in a five-day digital skills training program facilitated by the International Medical Corps (IMC).



This livelihood intervention equipped her with essential tools and knowledge to enhance her business operations. Recognizing the potential of digital platforms, Muzdlifa utilized WhatsApp to launch an online business, connecting with a broader customer base and contractors.

The digital tools enabled her to streamline communication, efficiently manage materials and sales, and expand her reach beyond local markets. As her business flourished, Muzdlifa not only increased her income but also created employment opportunities by hiring three additional helpers. This expansion not only strengthened her livelihood but also contributed to the local economy.

Grateful for the life-changing skills provided by IMC, Muzdlifa expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to improve her business. Drawing on her experience, she advocated for similar training programs to be extended to the urban Afghan community, emphasizing that many skilled individuals could significantly benefit from such interventions.

Muzdlifa's story underscores the transformative impact of targeted skill-building programs, demonstrating how digital empowerment can enable individuals to overcome adversity, achieve financial independence, and inspire community growth.

## Agriculture Assistance to Flood-Affected Farmers in District Dadu – Phase II

### Objective:

To enhance food security in Dadu district by supporting 370 households with agricultural inputs, training lead farmers, and ensuring sustainable crop production, enabling seed donations to 740 new households for long-term community resilience.

### Outcomes

- A total of 370 farmers identified, strengthened and improvements in livelihoods and agricultural practices of these farmers.
- The 8 lead farmers identification have been completed along with training and continue worked until project end.
- Supported 370 farmers to sustain quality crop production and to passed quality seed donations to 740 new households to end household and community food insecurity in the Dadu district project.

### Cultural Blog

The Sindhi Topi is an important cultural symbol in Pakistan, especially in Sindh, where it represents respect, identity, and pride. Originating during the Kalhora era, the topi is worn in religious and social gatherings and comes in various colors and designs. In the village of Kando Babar, artisans craft two main types of topis: the Khasi Topi, known for mirror work and vibrant threads, and the Heeran Wari Topi, popular among singers for its bold colors and intricate designs. These handcrafted topis are a vital livelihood for the community, with each piece taking several days to make and earning artisans a modest income.

### Challenges Faced by Sindhi Topi Artisans in the village

Despite their skill and effort, artisans face significant challenges. On average, a single artisan can produce one Heeran Wari Topi and two Khasi Topis per month, earning around 2,400 PKR—a modest income for such demanding work. When asked why they don't sell their caps directly, artisans explained that they lack resources to buy materials in bulk and face limited access to larger markets, which limits their potential earnings. They believe that with assistance in obtaining materials and establishing direct market connections, they could improve their livelihoods while continuing to preserve and pass on this invaluable cultural craft.





The devastating floods that hit the school "GPS Shafiabad Channa", which is located in the union council Mitho Khan Babar, Taluka K.N. Shah, district Dadu. The floods caused extensive damage to infrastructure, livelihoods, and agriculture of the area. The education system, in particular, faced significant challenges as most school buildings, including washrooms and hygiene facilities, were severely damaged and rendered unusable. As a result, a large number of children dropped out of school because of the unavailability of basic facilities, leaving their education interrupted.

After the floods, many children stopped attending school on regular basis due to the lack of an adequate learning environment like damaged classrooms, boundary walls, furniture, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities in the school. Understanding the urgent need for education-based intervention, JEN conducted a thorough assessment of the affected

schools in the area and after a rigorous process chose GPS Shafiabad Channa for an educational and water sanitation improvement project.

The goal was simple but vital: rebuild the school, improve hygiene and sanitation, and create WASH and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) clubs to reduce the dropout ratio, encourage kids to come back to a safer, healthier school environment.

This case study focuses on a 10-year-old student named Ahad, son of Nazeer Ahmed, who is studying in class 4 at GPS Shafiabad Channa. Ahad's family consists of eight members, including his four brothers, one sister, and his parents. His father, a farmer, also works as a daily wage laborer, which means he is often away from home during the day. As a result, there was little supervision or encouragement for Ahad to attend school regularly. Instead, he spent most of his days swimming in the nearby canal and staying away from school.



## Intervention by JEN and SMC

In GPS Shafiabad Channa, JEN formed a School Management Committee (SMC) to address declining school enrollment. The team visited parents, including Ahad's, highlighting school improvements like renovated classrooms, better hygiene facilities, and the creation of WASH and DRR clubs. Ahad's parents, convinced by these efforts, ensured his return to school. Since then, Ahad has thrived, becoming an active member of the WASH club and even teaching his family about hygiene. His story reflects the positive impact of JEN's efforts in restoring the school's infrastructure and creating a supportive learning environment.

# Malteser International



Under the project titled "Provision of life-saving and integrated Health care and nutrition services for crisis-affected people in Pakistan" funded by GFFO , Malteser International providing primary health care services and 24/7 labor room services to Afghan Refugees and host communities. Malteser International have developed BHU in Afghan Refugee village Utamnzai (Charsadda), Badhber refugee village (Peshawar) and Spin khak Refugee village in district Nowshera. During last quarter 13721 OPD consultation, more than 2700 ANC/PNC consultation 389 deliveries conducted in MI run BHUs. Female hygiene, infant kit and mosquito bed nets were provided to these 389 women delivered in MI-run BHUs.



## SUCCESS STORY

Shakila, a resident of a refugee camp in Badabair, Peshawar, faced numerous challenges during her pregnancies due to poverty and limited access to healthcare. Her first delivery at home resulted in complications, while her second required costly private clinic services. During her third pregnancy, Shakila discovered Malteser International's Basic Health Unit (BHU), offering free healthcare services. At the BHU, she received comprehensive antenatal care, essential medicines, and compassionate support, leading to safe and well-supported delivery. Grateful for the exceptional care provided at no cost, Shakila praised the facility as a blessing. Her story highlights the transformative impact of accessible and quality healthcare on vulnerable communities.

Similarly, Malteser International under ECHO-HIP 2023 response provided primary health care services in 11 refugee villages across 6 districts. During the last quarter, 25225 primary health consultations and more than 1800 ANC/PNC consultations were conducted across 11 BHUs. Basic diagnostic services provided to 2671 patients. The patients are provided with free of cost medicines per need.



## SUCCESS STORY



**Before**

In the remote Kalkatak Afghan refugee camp of Chitral, a little explorer named Kubra, aged just three, embarked on a courageous journey to Malteser International run health facility with a burn on her knee. Despite the pain, her eyes sparkled with curiosity, a testament to her indomitable spirit.

Recognizing the severity of Kubra's injury, the local community swiftly rallied together, seeking help from the Basic Health Unit (BHU). What unfolded next was a heartwarming saga of resilience and care.

Over five sessions filled with gentle compassion, the healthcare team at BHU worked tirelessly to heal Kubra's burn. With each visit, her tears transformed into tentative smiles, and the physical wounds began to mend.

Beyond medical care, a special bond blossomed between Kubra and the dedicated staff, creating a narrative of hope and healing.

- In partnership with WEO MI provided more than 600 winterization kits and food packages to the flood affected HH in UC Danin lower Chitral.
- In the province of Sindh in partnership with FRDP and Deve con MI provided unconditional grant of PKR 3600 to 2234 flood affected families of district Mirpur Khas, Snaghar and District Benazir Abad Sindh. In addition, Hygiene kits were also provided to the vulnerable families of district Benazir Abad.



**After**

The community became Kubra's steadfast support system, offering encouragement and solidarity during her visits. Through the universal language of empathy and shared humanity, Kubra's journey evolved into a powerful testament to the boundless strength found in compassion and community.

In this inspiring tale, the Malteser International basic health facility emerged as a beacon of hope, ensuring that even the tiniest members of the community could find solace and healing in times of need. Kubra's adventure not only matched a chapter of courage in her young life but also became a shining example of the transformative power of collective care.



# Muslim Aid



## Smart housing Projects in the provinces of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

MAP began working on safe and dignified shelters for the most marginalized communities. MAP has build 57 Climate-resilient SMART houses in Sindh to support flood-affected households in district Mirpurkhas and Sanghar as well as 50 SMART houses in the same districts. MAP has so far constructed 69 Smart houses in Sindh and the remaining are under construction.

## Livelihood Initiatives

MAP has empowered 200 women in Lower and Upper Chitral, KP, with enterprise development training. In agriculture, 100 farmers in Chitral were trained on climate-smart practices, and 8 irrigation channels were rehabilitated. 200 households in Sindh and Chitral received 2,000 fruit plants to boost food security. MAP also collaborated with Sindh Agriculture University on climate-resilient cropping research in Mirpurkhas and Sanghar. Additionally, 23 livestock sheds were built in these districts to improve animal husbandry.

## Health-Water, Sanitation & Hygiene WASH:



In Chitral, MAP restored 4 WASH facilities and held 15 health and hygiene sessions for 626 participants. In Mirpurkhas, 2 Abyar hand pumps were installed, and 5 were handed over to schools. A Solarized Water Scheme was completed, with 20 more underway. 23 livestock sheds were built to support livelihoods. In AJ&K, 2 hygiene sessions reached 48 females. In Balochistan, 33 sanitation schemes were completed, with one in progress.



## EDUCATION

### Teacher Capacity-Building Training in district Loralai, Balochistan

Muslim Aid Pakistan successfully conducted a teacher capacity-building training program for educators from eight schools in district Loralai, Balochistan. The training, designed to enhance teachers' skills and knowledge across 14 distinct themes and modules, was attended by 37 teachers (24 male and 13 female).

#### Success Story



Laddo, a widow who lost her husband Mitho 17 years ago, has been the sole provider for her family, raising three children—16-year-old Ram, 9-year-old Kirshan, and 7-year-old Kawaeta—amid ongoing financial struggles. Their hardships worsened in 2022 when devastating floods damaged their home, leaving them struggling to meet basic needs.

The situation seemed insurmountable until Muslim Aid Pakistan stepped in, offering critical assistance. Their support, particularly in rebuilding a secure shelter for Laddo and her family, brought much-needed relief. With a new climate resilience smart house, Laddo expressed heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging she couldn't have done it without their help.

The intervention not only provided stability and safety but also eased the family's daily struggles. The restored sense of normalcy has significantly reduced their stress, allowing Laddo to focus on caring for her children.

Laddo's story underscores the indispensable role of humanitarian organizations like Muslim Aid Pakistan. It highlights the importance of both immediate relief in crises and sustained support for long-term recovery. Her journey of resilience and the aid she received serve as a powerful reminder of how crucial such efforts are in helping vulnerable families rebuild their lives and thrive after adversity.



*Laddo standing in front of her climate resilience smart house with her son and daughter, reflecting resilience and hope in a rural setting*

# Qatar Charity



## Eye Camp

Qatar Charity organized a three-day free Eye camp in collaboration with Shifa Trust Eye Hospital in the district Headquarters Hospital of Naseerabad district of Balochistan. The camp benefitted 1,820 people, including elders, persons with special needs, children, and women.



## Livelihood

Qatar Charity, in collaboration with the World Food Program (WFP), is implementing the Asset Creation and Livelihood Project in Rajanpur District, Punjab, to support flood-affected communities. The project aims to empower vulnerable populations economically and socially, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. During the 8-month project, more than 10,072 individuals are expected to benefit from this initiative, promoting resilience and recovery in the region.

## Vocational Skill Development

Qatar Charity, in partnership with the World Food Program (WFP) organized a one-month vocational skills development training in both districts Jaccababad and Qambar Shadatkot - Sindh. A total of 71 participants, including women, successfully completed their skill development training in three trades: motorbike mechanics, solar technician work, and embroidery.



## Skill Institute

Qatar Charity handed over a total of 77 sewing machines—including embroidery and overlock machines—along with necessary accessories to the Government Skill Institute in Qasar-e-Behbood. Additionally, Qatar Charity distributed 28 sewing and tailoring machines to the district of Charsadda in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). In Sindh, 42 sewing machines were distributed across the districts of Sanghar and Khairpur, with 21 machines allocated to each district. Qatar Charity installed two fully equipped bakery setups at the Government Skill Institute in Qasar-e-Behbood. These bakeries are outfitted with complete baking systems, providing training and employment prospects for local communities.





## Workshop

On November 7, 2024, Qatar Charity's Pakistan Country Office convened a consultative workshop to shape the QC's Pakistan Office Country Strategy (2025-2030) and to keep it in line with QC Global objectives.



## Success Story

Mrs. Jan Bibi resident of Loralia refugee camp - Balochistan. Widowed and facing immense challenges, she harnessed her skills, stitching dresses at home to sustain her family. Her tenacity caught the eye of Qatar Charity and UNICEF, who offered her a groundbreaking opportunity: entrepreneurship training, a beacon of hope in a dire situation. She learned to create low-cost handmade sanitary napkins, addressing a critical need in her community. In just one week, Jan Bibi's initiative transformed lives.

Over 20 women in the camp embraced her sanitary napkins, finding comfort and dignity during their menstrual cycles. Jan Bibi's venture not only elevated her family's livelihood but also ensured the availability of affordable sanitary products, promoting hygiene and health among the camp's women.



## Qatar National Day

Qatar Charity set up a stall on the occasion of Qatar National Day in collaboration with the Qatar Embassy in Islamabad to highlight its interventions, successes, and achievements in Pakistan. HE. Mr. Ali bin Mubarak Al Khater (The Ambassador of the Qatar Embassy in Pakistan) and the Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif graced the event as chief guest. High dignitaries, Ambassadors, Ministers, secretaries, and members of the National Assembly of Pakistan visited the QC stall and appreciated the QC efforts for the vulnerable communities in Pakistan.



# Save the Children



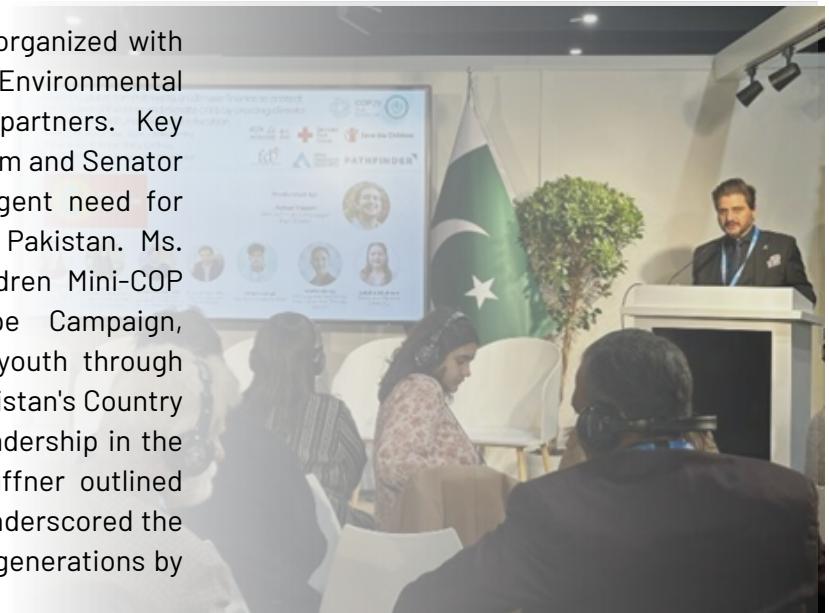
## CHILDREN-MINI COP SIMULATIONS



Save the Children Pakistan, in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change, organized Children-Led Mini-COP Simulations across the country as part of the Generation Hope Campaign. The events, held in Lahore, Quetta, Karachi, and Peshawar, featured children's statements calling for urgent climate action to address health, education, and safety impacts from climate change. Notable leaders, including Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Senator Samina Zehri, and local officials, attended the simulations. Children from all regions emphasized their vulnerability to climate disasters like floods, heatwaves, and droughts, urging governments to include their voices in policy decisions at all levels to secure their futures.

## COP 29

SCI hosted an event at COP29 in Baku, co-organized with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Pakistan and development partners. Key speakers, including Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam and Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, emphasized the urgent need for dedicated climate finance for children in Pakistan. Ms. Alam highlighted the success of the Children Mini-COP Simulations under the Generation Hope Campaign, stressing the importance of empowering youth through climate literacy. Mr. Khuram Gondal, SCI Pakistan's Country Director, praised the MoCC&EC for their leadership in the initiative. SCI Europe's Martina Bogado Duffner outlined SCI's contributions to Pakistan. The event underscored the need for collective action to protect future generations by addressing their rights in climate responses.



## Climate Resilient Girls Model School-Swat, KP

The newly constructed Government Girls Model School in Karira Jambil, Swat, was officially inaugurated, this school is the result of a collaborative effort between Save the Children International (SCI) and the Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), in partnership with the Elementary and Secondary Education Department KP and the District Education Office (Female), Swat. The facility, designed to be climate-resilient, features six classrooms, solar power, and accessible amenities, providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for approximately 150 students from nearby villages.



## Climate Resilient School-Khairpur, Sindh

Save the Children and the Sindh Ministry of Education and Literacy have opened the climate resilient school. The school, built by Save the Children and now handed over to the Sindh Ministry of Education and Literacy, replaces a building that was destroyed in 2022 and is designed to withstand flooding, with high ceilings and increased ventilation to keep students cool during intense heatwaves, and with solar panels to provide sustainable, uninterrupted electricity. It will benefit 412 students.



### Success Story



Inaaya, a 17-month-old girl from a village in Pakistan, was struggling with severe malnutrition, affecting her growth, energy, and development. Her mother, Uzma, noticed Inaaya's weakness and took her to a Save the Children clinic, where she received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and proper care. With treatment, Inaaya's health improved rapidly, gaining weight, becoming more active, and engaging with her siblings. Uzma and her husband, Abdullah, face financial hardships due to slow business, making it hard to meet their children's basic needs. They are deeply grateful for Save the Children's support, which has helped Inaaya recover and provided them with the knowledge to maintain her health. Uzma emphasizes the importance of continued support from organizations like Save the Children for better nutrition, healthcare, and education, as they strive for a healthier, more stable future for their children.

**SIF MAJOR PROJECTS**

Secours Islamique France (SIF) is actively engaged in various projects across Pakistan to uplift marginalized communities through targeted interventions

- **SMILE Project:**

The SMILE initiative is focused on integrated livelihoods and economic empowerment, this initiative operates across several districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Sindh, and Balochistan. Benefiting 28,384 individuals (4,578 households), it provides Ramadan food packs, Qurbani meat, and Eid gift packs to alleviate food and clothing expenses during festivals. It aims to create sustainable income opportunities and enhance the economic resilience of vulnerable households.

- **BEST Project:**

Designed to strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacity of 4,424 households (24,795 individuals) to climate change and natural disasters. It focuses on improving access to sustainable water sources, enhancing food security and climate-smart livelihoods, and building community capacities for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate adaptation to mitigate risks from droughts and fires.

- **ILM Project:**

This focuses on ensuring children and young people can access quality learning in safe, inclusive environments. Targeting 3,668 direct beneficiaries (students, teachers, and volunteers), it aims to increase school enrollment, enhance education quality, and improve school facilities through teacher training, community mobilization, enrollment drives, and WASH infrastructure development.

- **Orphan Sponsorship Project:**

Operating in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Tharparkar, aims to enhance the rights and well-being of 2,895 individuals, focusing on vulnerable children and young people, particularly orphans. It seeks to protect them from violence and exploitation, improve access to education and skills development, ensure access to health, food security, and livelihoods, and provide safe WASH services. Additionally, the project involves engaging youth in environmental protection and climate change adaptation activities through various community-based initiatives.

- **Livelihood Project:**

This project in KPK, ICT, and Tharparkar aims to improve the living conditions and resilience of vulnerable communities, including Afghan refugees and orphans, by providing sustainable livelihood options. Benefiting 1,834 individuals (282 households), it focuses on enterprise development, agriculture and poultry support, and capacity building through skill training and resource distribution.

- **Climate Change Adaptation Project:**

The project in Noshki aims to enhance climate change adaptation and disaster resilience through

community-based disaster management, climate-smart agricultural practices, and infrastructure rehabilitation. It targets 4,000 individuals (1,150 households) by providing capacity building, climate-resilient farming tools, and advocacy for sustainable livelihoods and emergency preparedness.

- Reinforcing local Resilience through Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management:**

Aims to enhance climate change adaptation and disaster resilience by promoting community-based disaster management, climate-smart agriculture and livestock practices, and mitigation measures. Benefiting 7,150 individuals (1,100 households), it focuses on capacity building, early warning systems, water conservation, and mass plantation advocacy to address climate-induced challenges



### Amina Bibi - Cultivating Hope and Sustainability

"I am deeply grateful to SIF and UNHCR for providing me with the tools and training to transform my passion into a source of income. This support has not only improved my family's well-being but also inspired others in my community." - Amina Bibi

Amina Bibi, an Afghan resident of Kalkatak refugee camp in Chitral, turned her passion for gardening into a thriving venture. Despite limited space and resources, she grew vegetables like tomatoes, spinach, and coriander to meet her family's needs.



With support from SIF-UNHCR, Amina attended kitchen gardening training and received seeds and a toolkit. Applying her new skills, she expanded her garden, adopting organic fertilizers and natural pest control methods. She even experimented with vegetables like broccoli and cauliflower.

Her flourishing garden now provides fresh produce for her family, neighbors, and local markets, generating a monthly income of approximately 20,000 PKR. Amina's journey highlights how knowledge and support can transform lives and communities.

### Kareema Siddique: From Devastation to Determination

The 2022 flood devastated Siddique Goth in Lasbela, leaving Kareema Siddique, her husband, and five children homeless and without income after their house and crops were destroyed. Facing financial turmoil, Kareema turned to Secours Islamique France (SIF)/CDCS for support.

With their assistance, she opened a small tuck shop, providing a stable income to meet her family's basic needs.

The income from the tuck shop enabled Kareema to rebuild their lives. This case study narrates us story of Kareema, emphasizing her struggles, the support she received from SIF, and her determination to rebuild her life and secure a brighter future for her children.



# Solidar Suisse



During the quarter from September to December 2024, Solidar Suisse, in collaboration with its partners, successfully carried out three projects to address the needs of vulnerable populations and foster resilience against future crises.



## Humanitarian Assistance to the Most Vulnerable Afghan Refugees in Peshawar and Flood Victims in Nowshera



Solidar Suisse, in partnership with SPADO, had been implementing a phased humanitarian assistance project since February 2022 to support flood-affected communities in Nowshera and Afghan refugees in Peshawar. By the final quarter of 2024, the project was nearing its completion, adhering to the Pakistan Flood Response Plan (2022). This initiative focused on providing lifesaving assistance, preventing disease outbreaks—especially among pregnant and lactating women and children under five—and restoring safety and dignity for affected populations.

The project had targeted Taj Abad and Nasir Bagh in Peshawar and Union Council Kheshgi in Nowshera, addressing key sectors such as shelter, WASH, food security, health, education, and protection. Interventions included distributing relief items, ensuring access to clean water and sanitation facilities, and providing health services. By this time, the project's four phases, supported by a EUR 530,427 budget, had been implemented effectively, with SPADO leveraging local expertise to meet international standards. Solidar Suisse had remained committed to alleviating suffering and empowering communities to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.



## Sindh Flood Response II: Recovery and Strengthening of Livelihoods in Sanghar District

Solidar Suisse had successfully executed the Sindh Flood Response II project, which supported the recovery and strengthened the livelihoods of 24,000 flood-affected individuals in Sanghar district. By late 2024, the project had achieved its objectives across three outcomes.

Firstly, it had provided cash-based transfers (CBT) to 4,000 vulnerable households, enabling them to meet essential food needs for up to 60 days. Beneficiary selection, community orientation, and cash disbursement processes had been completed, while post-distribution monitoring ensured transparency and effectiveness.

Secondly, income-generating activities (IGA) for 600 flood-affected women were being restored. Conditional cash grants had been distributed, enabling women to resume farming activities, such as livestock rearing and poultry farming. The participants had attended training sessions, developed IGA plans, and received follow-up support to ensure sustainability.

Lastly, the project had facilitated access to public services for 1,000 community members. Mobile service events, organized in collaboration with NADRA and livestock extension departments, had enhanced social protection access and improved livestock management.



## Livelihood Recovery and Disaster Resilience of Flood-Affected Communities in Sanghar, Sindh

Since January 2024, Solidar Suisse, in partnership with the Sindh Community Foundation, has been working to restore livelihoods and improve disaster resilience in flood-affected communities in Jam Nawaz Ali sub-district, Sanghar. By the fourth quarter, the project had supported 900 households with cash transfers for agriculture-based livelihoods and 300 households for off-farm livelihoods. Mobile service events helped issue identity documents, and partnerships with local departments improved access to essential services. Additionally, 30 Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) committees were trained, and awareness campaigns and early warning systems were developed to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience.



### Project 1:

The objective of this project was 520 flood affected families relieved by the emergency aid/assistance and sustaining well through implementing partner SSEWA PAK.

#### Key Activities:

- 400 vulnerable households received food packages.
- 400 women received hygiene dignity kits.
- 20 health and hygiene sessions organized with 400 women.
- 400 women received a jerry can to store fresh drinking water at home.
- 10 males facilitated with Cash For Work schemes and received cash assistance

### Project 2: Emergency Assistance project

The project aims to enhance the well-being and resilience of affected communities by providing essential support and promoting health and hygiene practices in the district of Sanghar, implemented by the partner Pak Mission Society.

#### Key activities:

- Provided 900 NFI kits to the affected households.
- Conducted health and hygiene sessions.
- Distributed health and hygiene kits among 2000 schools' children.
- Organized deworming camps for 1800 children at school level.
- Provided school supplies to 18 schools.
- 36 health and hygiene sessions conducted.

### Project 3: Building Resilience of the Flood affected communities of Chit

#### Objective:

To address the immediate needs of affected households while strengthening the resilience of the targeted population in Lower Chitral through the implementation efforts of partner organization NIDA-Pakistan.

- **Key activities:**

- Distributed 200 winterization kits
- Distributed 200 food packages
- 50 sessions on DiDRR conducted
- 50 sessions on Health and Hygiene conducted

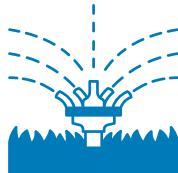
## Development project

### Project 4:

The objective of the 'Integrated Socio-Economic Initiative for Development (ISEID)' project is to sustainably empower ten local communities in the Mirpurkhas district by fostering self-reliance and resilience through a holistic and community-driven approach. This initiative is being implemented in collaboration with the local partner organization, SSEWA PAK and focuses on addressing the socio-economic challenges faced by these communities. By leveraging sustainable development and emphasizing capacity building, the project aims to create lasting positive impacts, enabling the communities to improve their quality of life, enhance their livelihoods and achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

### Key Activities include:

- Conducted skills training for youth
- Organized climate-smart agriculture session for 100 farmers
- Distributed bio neem compost distribution to 30 farmers
- Conducted Disaster Risk Reduction workshop and kits distribution
- Organized 'Influencing and Social accountability' training



### Success Story

Bhalia Ram, a farmer from Rahim Yar Khan faced significant challenges in managing his irrigation effectively due to the unpredictability of weather patterns. As he explained, "Before the weather station was installed, I struggled to know when to irrigate my cotton crops. Often, I wasted water because I was uncertain about the rain forecast, and I could not afford to lose any resources."

This changed when REEDS, with the support of Tearfund, installed a weather station at Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology (KFUEIT). The station provides accurate, real-time weather data and forecasts tailored to the needs of farmers like Bhalia Ram. To ensure accessibility, a WhatsApp group was created to disseminate regular updates, enabling over 1,000 farmers to stay informed about weather changes.

Bhalia Ram participated in training sessions where he learned to interpret the weather data for smarter irrigation and crop management. With this knowledge, he can now predict rainfall, avoid over-irrigation, and optimize his use of resources. He shared, "I used to worry about when to water my fields, but now I plan ahead and save water. This is also helping me to save money."



This initiative not only transforms individual lives but also paves the way for climate-resilient agriculture in Pakistan.