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## Key Highlights



### 1. Climate Resilience & Humanitarian Response (CRHR) – Building Resilience and Addressing Vulnerabilities in Emergencies (BRAVE II)



Training of VDMC members on CBRM including Firefighting, Search, and Rescue in District Jaffarabad, Balochistan, November 2025 (Credit Acted)



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



OOSC getting education in NFE center in District Jacobabad, Sindh, January 2026



### Operationalization of 80 Non-Formal Education (NFE) Centers in Sindh



Opening Ceremony of NFE center established in District Kashmore, Sindh in January 2026



### Capacity-Building Programme for Primary and Middle School Teachers on ESD, GCED and cultural heritage in Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



Art corner established at GPS school in District Gupis Yasin, GB in November 2025



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## Inclusive WASH Service Delivery at Community and Health Facility Levels in Multan and Muzaffargarh, Punjab



Pre Water Sampling for Installation of Hand pumps in District Multan, Punjab, January 2026



Acted conducted feasibility assessment for health care facility in District Multan, Punjab in January 2026



## Community-Led Recovery for Flood-Affected Populations in Buner and Swat, KP



Distribution of Shelter NFIs to flood-affected communities in District Buner, KP,



Fumigation and vector control campaign conducted for flood-affected communities, aimed at reducing the risk of vector-borne diseases and safeguarding community health in District Buner in October 2025



## The Project for Rehabilitation of Water Supply Scheme in Village Ashakhel, District Nowshera, KP

Acted commenced implementation of the Water Access for Sustainable, Inclusive Livelihoods and Empowerment project in October 2025, supported by the Government of Japan through the Embassy of Japan, to rehabilitate the water supply scheme in Village Ashakhel, District Nowshera.



Contract signing ceremony between Acted and Government of Japan at Embassy of Japan in Islamabad, October 2025

# Action Against Hunger



Across Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Action Against Hunger Pakistan delivered integrated, life-saving support, from emergency response and WASH services to health, nutrition, and FSL support. This quarter reflected our commitment to local leadership, gender equality, and dignified humanitarian assistance, for the communities who need it the most including Afghan refugees and host communities.



## Emergency Flood Response – Buner, KP



Total individuals reached through Flood Emergency Response in Buner **36,764**



## HEALTH & NUTRITION : 3,186

Integrated maternal care with 320 women received ANC/PNC consultations.

### MHPSS:

1,670 reached through Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) services to help flood affected communities to recover and strengthen psychosocial support as many were suffering from psychological trauma post floods.

**Total KP Health reach: 3,186.**

**Total KP Nutrition reach: 15,198..**



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene :



Total KP WASH Reach: **15,860**



## Drought Emergency Response – Thatta, Sindh

Communities in drought-affected Thatta gained reliable access to clean drinking water through large-scale water trucking initiative providing safer and clean drinking water to 15 villages, alongside hygiene kits, MHM kits, and fodder distributions for livestock.

In total, 3,957 individuals were reached.



## WASH support:



Total WASH Reach: **2,180**



## FSL SUPPORT

A total of **1,777** people received livestock fodder in drought-affected villages, helping protect their cattle and secure the primary source of food and income for families who rely on livestock for their daily needs.



Participants receiving Fodder at the distribution site in Thatta



Kaz Bano, Feeding the fodder to her livestock distributed by ACF

## Multi-sectoral Integrated Assistance for Vulnerable Afghan Refugees & Host Communities of Balochistan.

Action against Hunger Pakistan delivered comprehensive support across health, nutrition, WASH, MHPSS, and FSL components, reaching Afghan refugees and host families in Pishin, Quetta, and Killa Saifullah.

From primary healthcare and malnutrition treatment to hygiene promotion and vocational training, the program strengthened dignity, well-being, and self-reliance.



**219,497**



### Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Total MHPSS reach in Balochistan: **11011**



### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene :

Total WASH Reach in Balochistan: **102,602**.



### Health and Nutrition :

Total Health & Nutrition reach in Balochistan: **105,403**.



### FSL Support

In order to provide Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) support, ACF designed a modular vocational skills training program to ensure self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable communities. 240 Participants enrolled and gained practical expertise in motorbike repair, solar installation, digital skills, and poultry rearing, equipping them with skills to secure income and build long term resilience.

### Capacity Strengthening Workshop:

In October, Action Against Hunger Pakistan hosted a two-day capacity-strengthening workshop for local humanitarian organizations under the efforts to promote localization and strengthen response from root level. The workshop brought together local civil society organizations, humanitarian actors, and key stakeholders to build practical skills across both program and support functions joined by the presence of H.E. Alexandra Berg von Linde, Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan, and Mr. Marc Piton, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of France, whose support underscored the importance of strengthening local leadership.



## Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan



### GLOF Emergency in Talidas: Preparedness in Action

In 2025, sudden floods triggered by melting glaciers struck the valleys of Talidass, Roushan, and Hakis in District Ghizer. The powerful surge destroyed homes, blocked roads, and left 151 families homeless. Entire villages were cut off from the outside world. But preparedness made a critical difference.

Because Talidas is part of the Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan's programme area, communities had already received disaster awareness training and evacuation guidance. When the floodwaters came, local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) acted immediately.

#### Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan mobilized rapidly:

- . CERT volunteers issued early warnings and supported evacuations
- . Families were helped to move belongings before inundation
- . A temporary camp village was established with WASH support
- . Four washrooms were built to protect women and children during displacement
- . 200 tents and 836 non-food relief items were distributed.

#### When roads were completely washed away, AKDN helicopters carried out emergency airlifts:

- . 56 sorties over 28 hours, evacuating 171 individuals including critical patients
- . Airlifting food and medicines to areas beyond road access.

Engineers and volunteers also worked urgently to rehabilitate damaged water systems and restore safe drinking water.



Families at tent village installed for flood affected at Talidass GLOF event



## SUCCESS STORY

### A Community Member's Story: Strength Through Training

Ali Murad, a resident of Daeen village in Ishkoman, witnessed firsthand how disaster preparedness can save lives.

"In our village, 86 households were directly affected, but the hardship is much larger. More than 620 additional households are indirectly affected because the only bridge connecting us to the neighboring village has been destroyed."

Ali's own home was completely damaged, leaving him displaced. Yet even in loss, he describes the power of solidarity:

"The compassion shown by responders and supporting institutions has given us strength and dignity in a time of deep distress."

He credits preparedness training conducted before the disaster:

"At that time, some of us did not fully realize how crucial those lessons would become. But during the emergency, that knowledge turned into lifesaving action."

### Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan Responding Chipursan Earthquake



On 19 January 2026, a magnitude 5.9 earthquake struck Chipursan Valley in District Hunza. Aftershocks continued for days, damaging homes, collapsing animal shelters, and forcing families into freezing winter conditions.

Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan's response included:

- 221 winterized tents
- Dry compost latrines and bathing units
- Bed sets and non-food items
- 300+ food packs for two months
- Health and hygiene kits
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One survivor, Abida Sultan, shared:

"In the freezing days that followed, the Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan tent became our entire world... It wasn't just a shelter; it was our last hope for immediate survival."

# Action for Humanity



## Agriculture and Livestock Farmer Field School (A&L-FFS) Project

AFHPK's livelihood project initiated in August integrates sustainable gender-inclusive economic growth opportunities by strengthening climate-resilient agriculture across rural communities. In January, the pilot project reached a significant six-month milestone, having supported 662 smallholder farmers, including women and youth, with hands-on training in livestock management and climate-smart agriculture practices. Through these trainings, households are able to advance multiple livelihood strategies, improve productivity, and build long-term resilience, while contributing to more secure and adaptive local food systems. By integrating religious values, skills training, and market access, the initiative is grounded in dignity and self-reliance, with guiding beliefs that highlight ethical conduct and collective responsibility.



## Integrated Emergency Response

In December 2025, Action For Humanity Pakistan concluded a rigorous five-month, donor-funded integrated emergency response launched in the wake of the devastating floods that left thousands of families displaced and in dire need of assistance. The programme provided vital critical multisectoral relief to 46,827 individuals through hot meals and food packs and

WASH-Dignity kits. Hot meals addressed urgent hunger and food packs supported immediate nutritional needs with essential staple items to stabilise household food security. WASH dignity kits further strengthened community health by reducing the risk of water-borne and vector-borne diseases. These combined measures not only addressed immediate public health concerns but also promoted preventive measures within affected communities. By integrating awareness regarding hygiene and proper food storage, AFHPK helped reduce the risk of secondary outbreaks, and support safer recovery for affected families.

## SUCCESS STORY



Ghulam, a resident of Ahmedpur Sharqia, has seen significant improvement in the overall condition of his livestock through hands-on training and practical demonstrations under AFHPK's Farmer Field School (FFS) programme. Before joining the initiative, he relied on livestock practices passed down through generations, which often resulted in low productivity and recurring animal health challenges. The FFS sessions introduced him to updated climate-smart agriculture and livestock management training, including support with high-quality perennial grass seeds and guidance on sustainable fodder cultivation.

"I learned the correct way to manage our livestock from the FFS trainings," Ghulam shared. He explained that the programme introduced improved animal care practices, such as ensuring adequate water and fodder, reorganizing shed spaces to improve hygiene, and allowing animals enough movement to reduce stress and disease risk. He also gained knowledge on livestock breeds and tailor care according to the nutritional and environmental needs.

Applying the principles of Tayyeb and Ehsan promoted through the FFS model, Ghulam states, "Since I began practicing what I learned, I have seen improvement in the health of my animals," highlighting how practical knowledge is translating not only into elevated livestock management, but also contributing to a more secure and resilient livelihood for his family.

# CARE



## CARRYING ONWARD A HERO'S LEGACY FROM CARE INTERNATIONAL

Gul Bar was known in the community as a teacher, but, more fondly, as a protector of children; a man whose life revolved around care, learning and responsibility. He believed every child was his duty, every student his trust and every classroom a place of safety. In August 2025, torrential rainfall caused floodwaters to rise in Kaleel Dak'khana, Gokand, Tehsil Daggar, District Buner. "At first, it felt like another seasonal flood, difficult but familiar. Within hours, however, the water turned violent, rushing through the streets, homes, markets, hospitals and school grounds, transforming the village into a scene of fear, devastation and chaos," recalled community members. When the flood came, Gul Bar did not think of himself. He thought only of his students. As panic spread through the village, he moved toward the school while families tried desperately to reach their children. "One by one, he rescued four to five schoolchildren, pulling them to safety through the rushing currents. Each time he returned to the floodwaters, the risk to his life increased. Then, while trying to rescue a sixth child, the floodwaters surged with sudden, overwhelming force. The current became unstoppable, and he was swept away. What began as an act of bravery ended in tragedy, leaving an indelible mark on my family", narrated Nisar Hussain, 26-year-old son of Gul Bar. Life after the flood became even more challenging because three members of the household live with disabilities, making daily survival a constant struggle. Grief, responsibility and hardship combined to create an overwhelming barrier to recovery. Nisar stated; "In the aftermath of this tragedy, Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP) and CARE International teams reached the area and carried out flood relief activities. They provided emergency services, food and personal hygiene kits to families who had lost everything. My family received PKR 25,000 in financial assistance. While modest in number, this support became a lifeline, providing a foundation upon which my family could begin to rebuild." During this painful and difficult time, the aid became a source of strength and hope, helping the family regain a sense of control and stability in the midst of uncertainty. With the assistance, they invested in a small shop. "The shop is quite small, with limited stock and slow growth, but through consistency, effort and determination, it will flourish," quoted a hopeful Nisar.

# ALIGHT



## TECH-HER FORWARD ALIGHT AND STEWART INITIATIVE:

Enabling Women for the Digital Future: Alight and Stewart have partnered to launch “TECH-HER Forward, an initiative equipping young women with in-demand digital and IT skills. The project aims to bridge Pakistan’s gender digital divide while creating pathways to employment, freelancing and economic empowerment for women in technology.

## QATAR SCHOLARSHIP FOR AFGHANS, EAA AND ALIGHT PROJECT:

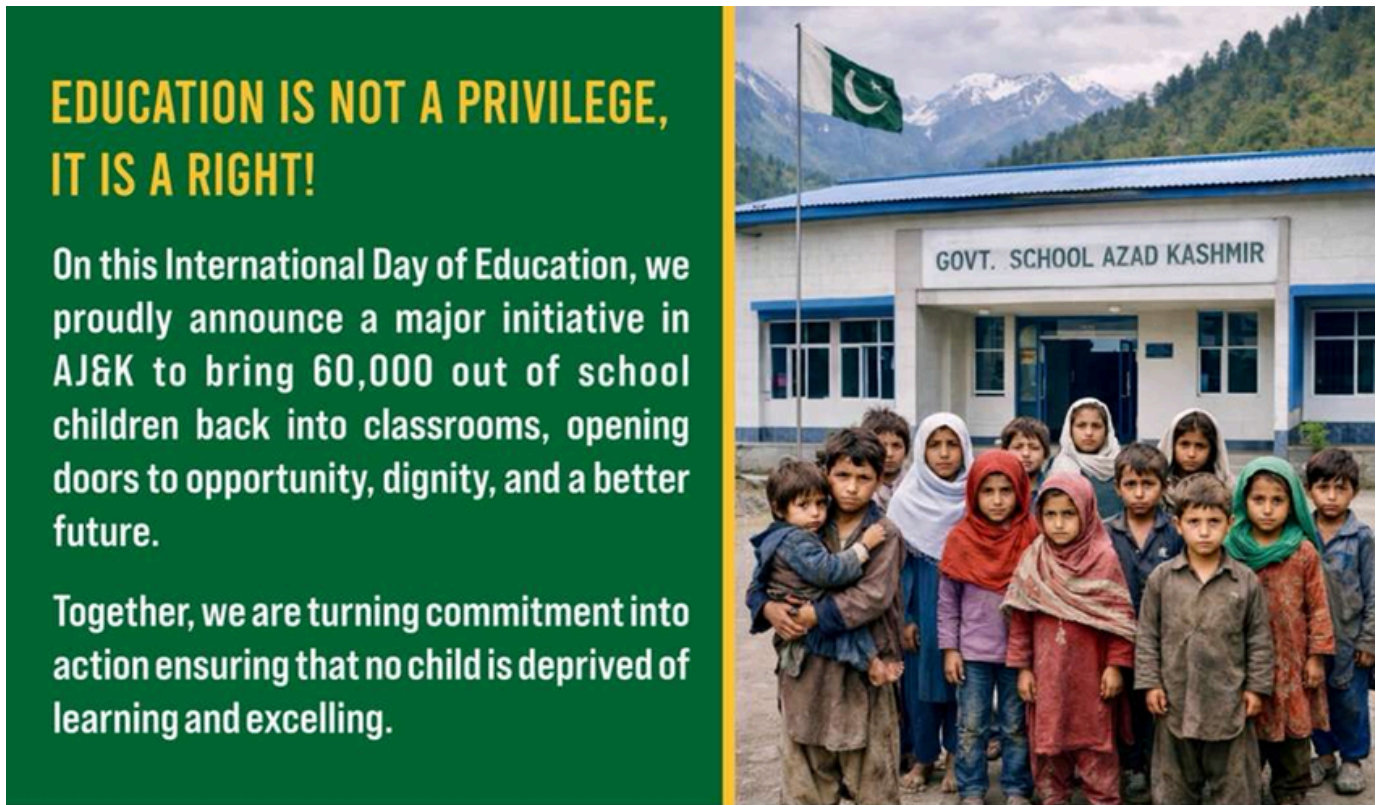
Alight is empowering Afghan girls (16+) through access to 120,000 university-accredited online course licenses, with 20,000 licenses awarded to Afghan women in just one year. The project also provides full scholarships to support Afghan female youth in continuing higher education at partner universities worldwide

## ALIGHT SAFE MOTHER – SAFE CHILD PROJECT



When devastating floods struck the village of Wah Burira in 2022, Alight and the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) responded swiftly to provide emergency relief. However, child malnutrition remained a serious concern. In response, Alight and IMANA launched a multi-year Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) project to educate mothers on nutrition best practices and improve their children's health. The program's success led to its expansion across flood-affected areas of upper Sindh, helping ensure sustained health improvements and happier, healthier families. In two years, we have reached out to 82,513 mothers and children.

## REACHING OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN AJK:



**EDUCATION IS NOT A PRIVILEGE,  
IT IS A RIGHT!**

On this International Day of Education, we proudly announce a major initiative in AJ&K to bring 60,000 out of school children back into classrooms, opening doors to opportunity, dignity, and a better future.

Together, we are turning commitment into action ensuring that no child is deprived of learning and excelling.

GOVT. SCHOOL AZAD KASHMIR



An agreement has been signed between the Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to bring 60,000 out of school children into classrooms, opening door to opportunity, dignity and a better future. Alight will serve as the implementing partner for this major initiative

- <https://kashmirenglish.pk/ajk-islamic-bank-join-hands-for-return-of-out-of-school-childrenajk-islamic-development-out-of-school-children/>
- <https://kashmirenglish.pk/ajk-govt-launches-out-of-school-children-project/>

# CONCERN



Concern Worldwide is an international humanitarian organisation dedicated to alleviating suffering caused by disasters and combating extreme poverty and hunger. Established in 1968 in response to the famine in Biafra (Nigeria), Concern is Ireland's largest humanitarian organization, operating in 27 of the world's most impoverished and vulnerable countries. Concern focus areas include Emergency Response, Education, Health, Nutrition, Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Since 2001, Concern has been active in Pakistan, responding to major emergencies and engaging in long-term development programmes to build community resilience against disasters and climate change.

## PROJECT DETAILS

Concern Worldwide Pakistan delivered integrated humanitarian and resilience-building programmes across 18 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh, with funding from FCD0, U.S. Department of State (PRM), Z Zurich Foundation, International Relief Teams (IRT), and Concern's own resources. The programmes collectively reached 218,587 individuals; including 106,763 women and girls and 6,557 persons with disabilities; through coordinated interventions in health, WASH, livelihoods, non-food items, and climate change adaptation. Reflecting Concern's commitment to the localization agenda, nine national NGOs were engaged as implementing partners, with dedicated investment in strengthening their technical and institutional capacities. Flood-affected households received 10,214 food ration packs, 3,690 kitchen sets, 4,090 bedding kits, and 3,800 hygiene and dignity kits. Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) reached 17,244 households, while 30 mobile medical camps delivered critical health services to remote communities. As part of the WASH early recovery; rehabilitated 282 latrines, 72 water facilities, and 115 handwashing stations. Agricultural recovery support reached 6,352 households through provision of Agri Inputs (Wheat seeds and Fertilizers), and 10 community infrastructure schemes were restored to revive local livelihoods and connectivity.



**Figure 1: Distribution of Dry Food Ration under FCDO funded BRAVE North programme; at Union Council Pakk Makhdoom, District Muzaffargarh, 29 October, 2025**



**Figure 2: Distribution of MPCA in district Dadu, under FCDO funded BRAVE North AA programme, October 1, 2025**

## STORY OF SAMINA's Hope

In Village Nangal Shah, UC Karani, Taluka Dokri, District Larkana, 39-year-old Samina lives with her six children and sister-in-law, struggling to sustain her family after the tragic death of her husband due to a snake bite in 2021. With only one acre of riverine land and irregular daily wage work, her income remains insufficient. Seasonal floods and rising river levels further threaten their crops and livelihood, deepening uncertainty and fear.



Under the BRAVE (North) Anticipatory Action Project in Sindh, Pakistan, implemented by Concern Worldwide with funding of FCDO, Samina's household was identified and registered based on vulnerability criteria, including widowhood, large dependent family size, disability within the household, and flood exposure. She received anticipatory cash assistance prior to potential displacement, which enabled her to repay debts, purchase food items, and footwear for her children, and manage urgent household needs. Samina shared that the support arrived at a critical moment, easing panic and restoring hope. Her story reflects how timely anticipatory assistance helps vulnerable families protect their dignity and cope with looming disaster risks.



Figure 4 Ms. Samina, receiving the cash assistance at the distribution point in district Larkana.

# CRS



Catholic Relief Services is the international relief and development agency. Helping people in need regardless of religion, race or ethnicity, CRS works in over 100 countries around the world and has reached more than 120 million people to date.

During this quarter, CRS Pakistan advanced climate resilient, community led recovery across Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In Village Lakho Bhunbhro, District Thatta, the Climate Resilient Settlement Development Plan reached completion, including drainage networks, raised streets, rehabilitated and new latrines, school boundary wall and classroom, solar street lighting, clean cooking solutions, and tree plantation. Emergency response interventions were implemented in Buner and Muzaffargarh, delivering cash, WASH, and shelter support. Ongoing CRSDP expansion continued in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparkar, and Larkana, alongside watershed resilience initiatives to reduce climate risks.

## 1. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Following recent floods in Pakistan, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) supported affected communities through integrated cash, shelter, WASH, and hygiene interventions. In Muzaffargarh and Buner, over 1,200 households benefited from assistance including cash support, roofing kits, latrines, and rehabilitated water sources.

Additionally, a Cash for Work project in Buner provided mobile cash assistance to 763 individuals, helping restore livelihoods and support early recovery.



## RECOVERY

### CLIMATE RESILIENT SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT IN LAKHO BHUNBHRO. DISTRICT THATTA.

CRS completed implementation of the Climate Resilient Settlement Development Plan in Village Lakho Bhunbhro under the PAIDAR programme with UNIDO and Government of Sindh alignment. The village has 96 households and a population of 446. Key interventions completed included

- Rehabilitation of 25 hand pumps and installation of 1 new hand pump
- Construction of 10 new pour flush latrines and rehabilitation of 27 existing latrines
- 1300 feet drainage network installation
- 4000 feet main street upgradation and 2400 feet lane improvement
- Construction of 1 classroom and boundary wall for the school
- Installation of solar street lighting across hamlets and communal spaces
- Construction of verandas for SPHF supported houses
- Plantation of 480 trees and fruit trees
- Development of playground and communal space

The village now serves as a demonstration model for settlement based, climate resilient recovery in Sindh.

In January 2026, Lakho Bhunthro's completion and inauguration event conducted. Lakho Bhunthro's symbolized a transition from recovery to resilience, residents now experience safer and more dignified living.



## SUCCESS STORY

Hadia Bibi, a skilled yet struggling woman from District Buner, lived with her son and a disabled daughter. Before the floods, she operated a small shop to support her family. The disaster destroyed her home and shop, leaving her without any source of income.

Through the MPCA program, Hadia received PKR 20,000 in cash via Jazz Cash. She invested PKR 5,000 to restock her small shop with items like biscuits, chips, and snacks, and used the remaining amount for debris removal and essential household needs, including her daughter's medicine.

Hadia described the assistance as life-changing, saying the amount felt like "one hundred thousand rupees" because it arrived at the most critical time. With the support, she successfully restarted her business from home, regained her livelihood, and restored her confidence.



# 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 conducted three days refresher training of Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) on "LOG FRAME" from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 and a total of 27 participants were trained. Key topics covered; overview of LFA, Result Based Management, problem and objective tree development, LFA matrix, assumptions, risk matrix development, indicators and means of verifications.

## 2. YOUTH AND WOMEN COLLECTIVES:

HOPE'87 conducted a five days refresher training of Youth & Women Collectives (YWCs) on "Leadership Management Skills" from 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025 and a total of 54 participants were trained. Key topics covered; bookkeeping, leadership roles, and transparent reporting systems.



3. HOPE'87 conducted three refresher training of Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) on 'Financial Management' from

24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and a total of 21 participants were trained. Key topics covered; budgeting of program costs, HR costs, project office costs, travel costs, and equipment costs.



4. HOPE'87 conducted three-day refresher training of Non-Profit Organizations on "Proposal Writing" was conducted from 15th -17th December 2025 and a total of 21 participants were trained. Key topics covered; understanding of Calls for Proposals, European Commission (EC) evaluation criteria, core proposal components.



5. HOPE'87, through its NPOs (implementing partners) is working across the sectors of Protection, Education, WASH, and Economic Empowerment. Under Economic Empowerment, HOPE'87 provided skills trainings (beautician, tailoring, bag making, electrician, kitchen gardening) to 180 individuals. Under Education, HOPE'87 is delivering special education to 176 children's and quality education to 302 children's. Under Protection, HOPE'87 provided MHPSS services, civil documentation assistance,



and GBV response services to 539 beneficiaries. Under WASH, HOPE'87 conducted 45 health and hygiene sessions with local community.

# HUMAN APPEAL

Human Appeal Pakistan signed an MoU for a partnership with the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau to promote the welfare and empowerment of vulnerable children. The MoU was signed by Chairperson & MPA Sarah Ahmad and our Country Director, Daud Saqlain. Through this collaboration, Human Appeal established its office inside the CPWB building to support the children residing at the Bureau, who will receive professional skills training in graphic design, cooking, and plumbing to support long-term self-reliance.



Human Appeal Pakistan is also proud to share the successful completion of its Shelter Project in which 724 flood-resilient homes were constructed and handed over to the flood-affected families in Dadu, Qambar Shahdadkot and Rajanpur. These homes were designed using safer construction techniques to withstand future climate-related shocks and provide long-term security to vulnerable communities.



## Key Highlights

### Integrated Flood Emergency Response Project



MHPSS Counselling session



Monitoring of Water Scheme at Motatangi Shangla

#### Overview:

The GATES-funded project, implemented by International Medical Corps, has been delivering essential health, MHPSS, nutrition, and WASH services to flood-affected communities in District Buner and Shangla since September 2025.

#### Objectives:

- **Health Facilities:**

4 static health facilities rehabilitated and equipped; 4 Mobile Medical Teams operational, reaching underserved populations.

- **Consultations:**

37,000 outpatient consultations delivered (58% of six-month target).

- **Maternal & Referral Care:**

ANC/PNC services provided; 570 patients referred to specialized care.

- **Immunization & Nutrition:**

6,467 children vaccinated; 2,008 women/children screened for malnutrition: 767 women received Tetanus Toxoid.

- **MHPSS:**

686 counseling sessions conducted, primarily benefiting women.

- **Community Engagement:**

7,074 individuals reached through awareness sessions; 15,130 received hygiene promotion messages.

- **Winterization:**

1,097 households supported (out of 1,200 target).

- **WASH:**

1,800 households received WASH-NFI kits.

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## HEALTHY DELIVERY BRINGS HOPE AND HEALING TO FLOOD-AFFECTED COMMUNITY

Tajmina, a 37-year-old mother of three, lives in Chagam. Her husband works in a coal mine, earning a modest daily wage, and the family survives on limited resources. On December 30, 2025, Tajmina arrived at the basic health unit (BHU) in Chagam in active labor. After an initial assessment, International Medical Corps' Medical Officer Dr. Nighat Seema and Lady Health Visitor Sana Hussain counseled Tajmina and her family on potential risks and strongly advised referral to a higher-level healthcare facility. However, the journey required an hour of treacherous travel over flood-damaged terrain, which the family felt they could not safely manage given Tajmina's condition. In an interview with Tajmina, she said, "The tehsil (district) hospital is very far. After the floods, the roads were damaged. I was in severe pain and could not climb the mountains on foot or any form of transport, so we had no way to reach the hospital. I was afraid for my baby and did not know what would happen."

**"International Medical Corps' team guided me through every moment and took great care of me. They examined me carefully with an ultrasound and a physical assessment and reassured me that my baby and I would be safe here. Today, both my newborn and I are healthy. I can never thank them enough."**

**-TAJMINA**

Since September 2025, International Medical Corps has been supporting under-resourced health facilities in Shangla district to ensure continuity of essential healthcare services for flood-affected communities.

After detailed discussions explaining the risks and obtaining written informed consent, Tajmina chose to proceed with her delivery at the BHU. A favorable Bishop score supported the clinical decision. Although the labor room at the BHU had been nonfunctional for over five years and essential injectable medicines were unavailable on site, Dr. Seema took extraordinary measures to procure critical supplies from a private pharmacy to ensure the safest possible delivery given the circumstances and available resources. "We had lost hope after the floods and thought we could not get help," Tajmina's mother-in-law shared. "But the doctors here treated my daughter-in-law as if she were their own family member."



**Dr. Nighat Seema holds the healthy newborn after a successful delivery at the BHU in Chagam.**

After delivering the baby, Sana Hussain cleaned the newborn girl, suctioning the nose and mouth to remove all fluids. The placenta was delivered without complications. Both the baby and the mother were in good health. The newborn weighed three kilos, with Apgar scores of 8/10 and 10/10. The patient was kept under observation for three hours and then discharged with her attendant. Tajmina had successfully delivered a healthy baby at the BHU, bringing hope and renewed confidence to the Chagam community. "International Medical Corps' team guided me through every moment and took great care of me," said Tajmina. "They examined me carefully with an ultrasound and a physical assessment and reassured me that my baby and I would be safe here. Today, both my newborn and I are healthy. I can never thank them enough."

## EU- Strengthening Local Civil Society and Community-based Organizations and their Capacity in the Nutrition Sector in Sindh

Reaching successful completion in December 2025, the project close-out event of ‘Strengthening Local Civil Society and Community-based Organizations and their Capacity in the Nutrition Sector in Sindh’ convened government, CSOs, academia, UN agencies, and development partners to showcase achievements, share lessons learned, and reinforce commitments for sustaining nutrition interventions beyond the project lifecycle. By the end of the program, sustainable structures were firmly in place, from transitioned district nutrition networks to strengthened frontline capacity, leaving behind a resilient, community-led nutrition response in northern Sindh.

The quarter achieved the following key milestones, advancing the project towards successful completion:

- DCCN meetings across targeted districts facilitated by respective CSOs strengthened coordination among CSOs and government stakeholders, addressing key issues such as breastfeeding, food fortification, service delivery gaps, and community feedback, while amplifying voices of underserved populations.
- CSO-led exposure visits and networking events for CSOs enhanced collaboration, leadership, and learning, bringing together government, private sector, and development partners to promote collective action on nutrition.
- Strategic advocacy and policy engagement led to key commitments from parliamentarians and academic institutes, including the formation of a Nutrition Sub-Committee and strengthened collaboration for curriculum reform respectively.
- Significant capacity building, research, and innovation initiatives were carried out including trainings, CSO-academia partnerships, Nutrition Innovation Centers, and community engagement to strengthen systems for sustainable, evidence-based nutrition programming.



*Marking the successful completion of the project, showcasing achievements.*



*Panel discussion on ‘Formative and Social Research under CSO-Academia Collaboration’ with experts sharing insights and experiences.*

## UNHCR- Protecting Afghan Refugee (Women and Children) through widening their Access to Services. (PARWAS)



*Children joyfully receiving PSS kits, promoting well-being, resilience, and psychosocial support.*



*MAP session conducted with a male group to promote awareness and engagement.*

- During Quarter 4, the project successfully achieved the following progress markers:
- 1. In Q4 2025, the IRC's PARWAS project reached 7,312 at-risk children, provided GBV support to 26 survivors, and empowered 42 trained graduates to lead 156 community sessions. Strengthened coordination through 11 referral meetings engaged 193 stakeholders, boosting protection services and local leadership across refugee villages.
- 2. In observance of the 16 Days of Activism, the project celebrated with GBV survivors at Noor Education Trust Shelter Home, fostering resilience, raising awareness on gender-based violence, and creating a space for healing and empowerment.
- IRC Child Protection and GBV Case Workers provided support to returning families and individuals at UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation Center (VRC) in Aza Khel, facilitating their repatriation in accordance with the Government of Pakistan's Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan (IFRP).



*Celebrating 16 Days of Activism with GBV Survivors at Noor Education Trust- Shelter Home.*



*IRC- Child Protection and GBV Case Workers at UNHCR- Voluntary Repatriation Center (VRC) at Aza Khel. Facilitating Returning Families and Individuals*

# Malteser International



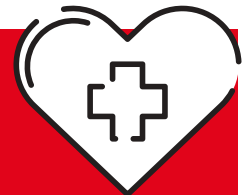
## Health Initiative funded by German Federal Foreign Officer officially ends After Three Years, Marking Major Health Gains in Pakistan.



A crucial three-year project, "Provision of life-saving and integrated health care and nutrition services for crisis-affected people in Pakistan," successfully concluded on November 30 in Peshawar, Pakistan with a closing ceremony attended by key stakeholders, celebrating its significant humanitarian impact. In Pakistan, the initiative achieved remarkable milestones, including the provision of 116148 Outpatient Department (OPD) services across three supported health facilities, and ensuring the safe delivery of 2435 babies at the Basic Health Unit (BHU) level, demonstrating its critical role in stabilizing health outcomes for crisis-affected population.

## News 2

### Delivering life saving services in flood affected population in Buner and Swat utilizing Mobile Teams Services from October onwards



Emergency efforts to provide life-saving primary healthcare to populations affected by the recent devastating floods in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. A project focused on providing essential medical services in the hard-hit districts of Buner and Swat has successfully delivered a staggering 15955 Outpatient Department (OPD) consultations through its network of mobile health teams with free of cost medicine. A critical component of the primary healthcare services included 726 Ante-Natal Care (ANC) consultations, ensuring that pregnant women received essential check-ups, nutritional advice, and necessary screening, safeguarding mother and child health in precarious conditions.



## News 3

Hundred of relief kits reach people in need affected from flood.



In Pakistan's flood affected areas of Buner and Narowal, Malteser International successfully delivered a total of 760 winterization kits, 530 food packages and 400 hygiene kits. These distributions were made possible with the financial support from aktion\_deutschland\_hilft (ADH) and our implementing partners RSWF in Narowal and WEO in Buner.



## Success Story

### MALTESER INTERNATIONAL BRINGS MATERNAL HEALTH TO FLOOD-AFFECTED BUNER

- After devastating floods in District Buner, access to healthcare—especially for expectant mothers in remote areas like Bilal Nagar—became severely limited. To address this, Malteser International launched free medical camps providing maternal and child health services, medicines, and health education. Nazmina, a 19-year-old expecting her first child, received antenatal care, counseling, and a Clean Delivery Kit at one such camp. Just days later, she safely delivered a healthy baby boy and returned for postnatal care. Grateful for the support, she shared that the timely assistance eased her fears and ensured a safe delivery for both her and her baby.





# Mercy Corps

## 1. Emergency Response for Flood-Affected Families - District Buner

- Following devastating floods in District Buner, Mercy Corps Pakistan, in partnership with ACD, supported 500 vulnerable households with winterized multipurpose kits including warm clothing, bedding, dignity items, and first aid supplies.
- Beneficiaries were selected through a transparent process prioritizing women-headed households, elderly persons, children, and persons with disabilities. A digital registration system reduced duplication and ensured real-time monitoring and feedback. This response protected vulnerable families during harsh winter conditions and strengthened accountability and dignity in humanitarian assistance.



## 2. Restoring Safe Drinking Water, Village 18/1-L, Okara

- After nearly 40 years of unsafe water and recurring illness, Village 18/1-L in Okara now has access to safe drinking water.
- Under the Resilient Village Model, Mercy Corps Pakistan rehabilitated the water supply system by replacing 24,000 feet of pipelines and restoring key infrastructure with technical support from PHED Punjab.
- The system now serves 1200 households (10,000 plus population) significantly reducing waterborne diseases and improving community health. A Women-Led Water Management Committee oversees operations, ensuring sustainability and local ownership.



## 3. Expanding TB Screening and Treatment Nationwide

- During Oct 2025 to Jan 2026:
- 20189 GeneXpert tests were conducted through 2635 chest camps
- 5438 TB patients were diagnosed through chest camps and linked to treatment
- Active Case Finding was expanded to remote villages, places of worship, and marginalized communities, ensuring early diagnosis and equitable access to care.
- These efforts strengthened timely detection, improved treatment linkage, and reduced delays in care for vulnerable populations.



## 4. Expanding TB Screening and Treatment Nationwide

- Mercy Corps Pakistan supported the scale-up of Rx Tracker, a digital tool that improves real-time TB case notifications. Through district-level advocacy seminars across major districts including Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, and Bahawalpur, health officials and private-sector partners committed to digitized reporting and stronger coordination.
- This innovation is improving timely reporting, strengthening surveillance, and ensuring patients are quickly linked to treatment, without complex paperwork or reporting delays



### Success Story

#### MALTESER INTERNATIONAL BRINGS MATERNAL HEALTH TO FLOOD-AFFECTED BUNER

- Sana, an 18-year-old newly married woman, began experiencing persistent fever, cough, chest pain, fatigue, and weight loss while living in Tehsil Topi, District Swabi. For nearly three weeks, her illness was treated as typhoid and a urinary tract infection. Her condition continued to worsen, leaving her weak and anxious.
- On 13 April 2025, Sana visited a clinic supported under the Public-Private Mix (PPM) initiative. After proper examination and testing, she was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (TB). She was immediately enrolled in free treatment through the program implemented by the Association for Community Development (ACD), a partner of Mercy Corps Pakistan.
- Sana lives in a joint household of 28 family members. Given the crowded living conditions and previous TB exposure in the family, the team quickly initiated household screening. All 28 members were tested. As a result, 18 additional family members were diagnosed with TB and promptly enrolled in free treatment.
- Counselling sessions helped address fear and stigma within the household. With free medicines, regular follow-up, and close support from field staff, all patients adhered to treatment. Within two months, Sana and her family members showed significant improvement and gradually resumed normal daily activities.
- Household Impact
- 28 family members screened
- 19 TB patients (including Sana) enrolled in treatment
- 100% linked to free care
- No treatment interruption reported

#### Program Impact (Oct 2025 – Jan 2026)

- During this reporting period:
- 63,820 TB patients were diagnosed nationwide
- 16,574 individuals initiated on TB Preventive Therapy (TPT)
- 522 patients with drug-resistant TB were identified and linked to specialized care
- 62% household contact screening coverage rate was achieved during this period
- Sana's story highlights how early diagnosis, household screening, and accessible treatment can prevent further spread of TB. It reflects Mercy Corps Pakistan's broader commitment to reaching families quickly, reducing transmission, and ensuring that no patient is left without care.

## Muslim Aid Pakistan (MAP) – Smart housing Projects in the provinces of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

- **Safe & Dignified Shelters for Marginalized Communities**

Muslim Aid Pakistan has made significant progress in providing Climate-Resilient Smart Houses (CRSHs) to the most vulnerable communities.

- **318 CRSHs constructed and handed over**

205 units in Sindh

113 units in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Directly benefiting 318 HHs, 1,860 individuals, including:



- **Building Resilience Against Climate Risks**

These houses are designed with disaster and climate-risk reduction features, such as:

Raised plinths to protect against floods

Reinforced structures for durability

Flood-resistant materials

Improved ventilation for extreme temperatures

By integrating these features, MAP shelters significantly reduce exposure to seasonal hazards, floods, and climate extremes, ensuring safety, dignity, and resilience for marginalized families.



*Climate-Resilient Smart House in KP*

### Winterization Seasonal Project 2025

- Muslim Aid Pakistan distributed 1,640
- Winterization kits among most vulnerable families in the districts Mansehra and Buner of KP. Amongst the 1,640 families, 500 were from Mansehra and 1,140 were from Buner districts.

#### Certification Achievement:

Muslim Aid Pakistan has been officially certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), recognizing its commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in philanthropic work.



*Winterization kits distribution in district Mansehra*

#### Strategic Engagements:

The Muslim Aid UK Board of Trustees (BoTs) conducted a high-level visit to Pakistan, which included:

- Field visits to project areas to assess impact and community engagement.
- Meetings with the United Nations (UN), and International NGOs (INGOs), CDs to strengthen partnerships.
- High-level official meetings with government officials, ministers, and parliamentarians to align efforts with national priorities.
- Participation in a networking event at Islamabad Club, fostering collaboration with influential stakeholders and thought leaders



**CD (Interim), along with Ms. Faria Ali, (Vice Chair-BoT-Muslim Aid) met the Federal Minister for Climate Change to discuss strengthening climate-responsive programming, aligning humanitarian and development interventions with national climate priorities, and enhancing collaboration between government and civil society to address climate challenges.**



**CD (Interim) and Ms. Faria Ali, (Vice Chair-BoT-Muslim Aid), met with the Federal Ministers for Planning & Development and Poverty Alleviation**

## A high-level foreign Delegation Visit to Review QC Program in Pakistan

A high-level delegation from Qatar Charity (QC), comprising valued donors and sponsors, recently visited Pakistan to look in to the Pakistan program and to be part of distribution activities to support sponsored orphans and vulnerable families. Visit was also to help our prestigious donors to better understand the priority humanitarian needs of vulnerable population especially the orphans. During their visit to Rawalpindi District in Punjab, the delegation participated in the distribution of winterization kits and personal hygiene kits to orphaned children and needy families.

The delegation also visited orphan families at their homes, interacting closely with children and caregivers and observing their living conditions. A special gathering was organized for 50 Qatar Charity-sponsored orphans, where children took part in drawing, painting, sports, and friendly activities. The children presented handmade artwork to the sponsors as expressions of gratitude, while mothers showcased handcrafted items reflecting their skills and resilience.



### Qatar Charity Social Development Interventions

QC has reached a major milestone in Pakistan, impacting more than one million people through its comprehensive awareness and capacity-building programs in 2025. The initiatives focused on holistic approach to support the families in improving their practices especially focusing on their health, hygiene, nutrition, DRR, & WASH to adopt healthier and safer practices in their daily lives. Under the nationwide initiative, QC formed community groups, conducted awareness sessions, and produced extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to equip individuals with practical knowledge essential for improving well-being. QC organized hands-on cooking demonstrations, showing families how to prepare balanced meals using locally available ingredients. These sessions particularly benefited mothers and caregivers, helping them understand the nutritional needs of children.



### Deep Solar Water Projects in Sindh

QC installed 6 deep solar-powered water pumps in Khipro, a remote desert area of Sanghar District, to address the acute water scarcity faced by underserved communities. This initiative ensures sustainable access to clean drinking water for residents in one of Sindh's most arid regions. More than 4200 beneficiaries benefitted from these interventions.

Muhammad Umar, a 45-year-old daily wage laborer and father of five, shared his experience: "We live in a village that had no access to clean drinking water. The nearest source was 3 kilometers away, and my children and I had to fetch water on foot or by camel cart. Because of this, my children often missed school. Alhamdulillah, Qatar Charity has installed a solar water pump near our village, providing clean drinking water. Now my children can attend school regularly, and I can focus on my work. Water is life in the desert."



### QC Constructed Mosques

Qatar Charity constructed five mosques in two districts of Sindh – Khairpur and Sanghar – to benefit both local residents and flood-affected communities. Three mosques were built and fully equipped in Khairpur (two of 80 sqm and one of 120 sqm), while two mosques (each 80 sqm) were constructed in Sanghar District. Collectively, these mosques will serve more than 4,000 prayers.



## Qatar Charity commemorated Global Handwashing Day with school children and Orphans in 3 districts.

QC celebrated Global Handwashing Day under the global theme **“Be a Handwashing Hero”** in two districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Swat and Peshawar) and the district of Rawalakot in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K).

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students, Qatar Charity’s sponsored orphan children, and their mothers. The activities were designed to raise awareness about the importance of hand hygiene and personal cleanliness as essential practices for maintaining good health.



## UNICEF Project-Nutrition in Emergencies

QC has signed a Contingency Project Cooperation Agreement (CPCA) with UNICEF Pakistan to strengthen emergency response systems and ensure timely delivery of relief services during disasters across the country. As part of the collaboration, Qatar Charity and UNICEF have launched a Nutrition in Emergencies initiative across four districts of Punjab: Rajanpur, Jhang, Muzaffargarh and Multan for the flood-affectedees of 2025. The initiative aims to improve access to treatment for acutely malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women



## UNICEF Project-WASH in Emergencies

WASH emergency project has been activated to aid communities affected by the 2025 floods. The project aims to ensure that: 20,000 people in affected communities receive access to climate-resilient sanitation facilities, including toilets, bathing areas and washing points designed to be culturally and gender appropriate and disability-inclusive. 100,000 people improved awareness and knowledge of key hygiene practices, including menstrual hygiene management, disaster risk reduction messaging, and the effective use of hygiene kits. 5,000 children benefit from safe drinking water, sanitation infrastructure and hygiene facilities in 20 schools, 10 Temporary Learning Centers, 10 Child-Friendly Safe Spaces, and 10 health facilities.

## Success Story

Among the many inspiring stories of children supported by Qatar Charity, the academic success of Tayyaba Fatima, an 11-year-old orphan from the remote village of Ogra in District Mansehra, KP, shines as a powerful testament to resilience, hope, and the life-changing impact of education.

Her perseverance was recently rewarded when she achieved an extraordinary 99.60% score, earning a Gold Medal in the Class 5 Annual Examination (Academic Year 2025–2026) in Mansehra institute. This outstanding achievement has enabled her promotion to Class 6, opening new doors toward a brighter future.

Tayyaba’s success is not limited to academic excellence alone. It reflects a deeper journey of transformation—one shaped by hope, confidence, and purpose. Inspired by her own life experiences and the challenges faced by her family and community, Tayyaba aspires to become a Judge. Through this dream, she hopes to uphold justice, defend the rights of the marginalized, and contribute meaningfully to society. Her ambition embodies values of fairness, integrity, and compassion—principles nurtured through care, guidance, and opportunity.

Tayyaba’s journey is a living example of how Qatar Charity’s humanitarian mission—centered on education, child protection, and empowerment—creates lasting change. By investing in orphaned and vulnerable children, QC not only supports academic achievement but also nurtures future leaders who will contribute positively to their communities.



**RIGHT TO PLAY**  
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# Right to Play

## Parveen Elahi Sports Center

Right To Play inaugurated the Parveen Elahi Girls Sports Center in Dhidowali village, Daska, Sialkot—the first dedicated sports facility for girls in this rural community. Funded by the Pakistani-Canadian diaspora, the multipurpose center features a basketball court, football ground, gymnasium, conference room, and indoor game spaces.

For generations, girls in Dhidowali lacked access to recreational facilities. This landmark achievement provides a safe space for girls of all ages to play, build leadership skills, and pursue opportunities previously unavailable. The center exemplifies Right To Play's commitment to gender equity and the transformative power of community-driven investment in children's futures.



## Universal Children's Day 2025: Celebrating Play and Partnership Across Pakistan



Right To Play Pakistan commemorated Universal Children's Day with celebrations across Islamabad, Karachi, Thatta, and Lahore, including a special collaboration with the Directorate General of Special Education. The events brought together more than 5000 children from government partner schools to play, showcase their talents, and learn about their fundamental rights.

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## 16 Days of Activism: Sport as a Tool to Empower Girls and End Violence

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During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Right To Play Pakistan hosted week-long hockey and volleyball leagues for girls from rural communities across Sindh—many of whom had never had opportunities to play organized sports.

In partnership with Star Women's Sports Academy, Misbah Volleyball Academy, UNICEF Pakistan, UN Women Pakistan, and the Ministry of Human Rights, the initiative created safe spaces where girls developed confidence, leadership skills, and agency. The leagues demonstrated how sport can challenge restrictive norms, reduce vulnerability to violence, and empower young women to envision brighter futures.



# Save the Children



Save the Children implemented a multi-sectoral response across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Swat, Buner, Shangla) and Punjab (Multan – Jalalpur Pirwala, Muzaffargarh). 242 mobile medical camps/OPDs provided essential healthcare to over 45,000 people, including primary health care consultations, maternal and reproductive health care, infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E), basic psychosocial support, and referrals for immunization services. To ensure continuity of education and protection, 26 Temporary Learning Centres/Child Friendly Spaces offered safe learning and psychosocial support to more than 3,400 children. Early recovery efforts included rehabilitating six flood-affected schools, restoring irrigation channels and roads, completing land reclamation, and supplying safe water through a water supply scheme in Buner, benefiting around 976 residents of Bishnoi village.

**(Note: The above figures reflect progress up to January 2026. As the flood response continues until 31 March 2026, beneficiary numbers are expected to increase further.)**

## EDUCATION

In December 2025 and January 2026, the Pakistan Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) advanced its commitment to anticipatory, protection-centred education responses.

On 23 December 2025, the (Education Sector Working Group) ESWG convened a Preparedness & Contingency Planning Workshop under the leadership of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT), UNICEF, and Save the Children. Partners reviewed and updated the national

contingency plan, analysed priority education risks, and agreed on coordinated response strategies. The Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) shared validated 2025 flood damage data, while provincial Education in Emergencies (EiE) focal persons presented key lessons learned to strengthen preparedness.



*EiE partners orientation on PGI & GBV risk mitigation, ECW Anticipatory Action Pilot – January 2026*

## SAVE THE CHILDREN AND UNICEF



Building on this momentum, on 22 January 2026, Save the Children and UNICEF convened EiE partners for a focused orientation on Protection, Gender & Inclusion (PGI) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) risk mitigation under the ECW-funded Anticipatory Action Pilot. The session reinforced the shift from reactive to anticipatory responses in flood-prone districts of Sindh and Punjab, emphasizing that protection and inclusion must be integrated from the design stage.

## HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Save the Children, in collaboration with Sarhad Rural Support Program (SRSP) and Sanj Preet Organization (SPO), strengthened access to essential health and nutrition services across flood-affected districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab.

In Buner and Shangla (KP), 160 medical camps/OPDs were established, providing primary healthcare services to 28,407 individuals. In parallel, 82 mobile medical camps/OPDs were conducted in Multan (Jalalpur Pirwala) and Muzaffargarh (Punjab), reaching 16,805 people.

Through Mobile Health Teams, communities received primary healthcare consultations, maternal and reproductive health services, Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) support, basic psychosocial care, and referrals for immunization.

To enhance service quality, a Training Needs Assessment was conducted, followed by a two-day in-person capacity strengthening training (4–5 November 2025) to build the technical and operational capacity of frontline health workers.



## Success Story



In September 2025, severe floods struck Jalalpur Pirwala, Multan District, Punjab, damaging homes, farmland, and infrastructure. Families dependent on farming lost crops and income, while adolescents faced disrupted schooling and increased psychosocial stress. Among them was Ayesha (15), who recalls:

“Before the floods, I was cheerful and loved studying. When the water came, everything changed. I felt scared and stopped talking much. I even left school because I did not feel ready to continue.”

On 8 October 2025, Ayesha attended a flood medical and psychosocial support camp organized by Sanjh Preet Organization in collaboration with Save the Children, supported by the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF). There, she met a psychologist and attended eight counselling sessions, including follow-ups at home.

She learned breathing, communication, and stress-management skills in the sessions. With counsellors' guidance and family support, Ayesha gradually regained confidence, resumed her education at a new school, and reconnected with her siblings. Reflecting on her journey, she shared:

“Counselling and my family helped me feel safe and believe I could rebuild my life. I hope to complete my education and become independent to support my family.”

As part of the flood response, Save the Children reached over 16,000 individuals—including children, women, and men through mobile medical camps in Punjab, providing essential healthcare and mental health support.



*Ayesha taking care of cows, which are a major source of livelihood for her family, Punjab, January 2026.*



*Ayesha shares a warm and confident smile after resuming her education*



## SIF MAJOR PROJECTS

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

- **SMILE Project:**

### **Balochistan:**

In the last quarter of the 2025 there were not any major activities remaining under SMILE Project, however the SIF Lasbela's team were involved in the continues follow-ups and assessments in various union councils to oversee the health of distributed goats, with positive outcomes in terms of livestock care observed among beneficiaries. An additional goat distribution event in November further benefitted two households, while a vaccination campaign was planned in conjunction with the Livestock Department, targeting various areas. Vaccinations were successfully administered to 94 goats, and new offspring were recorded. While the overall health of the livestock was good, some deaths occurred, but many goats were found pregnant, indicating herd growth.

### **Sindh:**

The SMILE Project of SIF initiative focuses on integrated livelihoods support and economic empowerment across selected districts Tharparkar and Jamshoro of Sindh. The initiative supported a total of 17,988 Individuals (2,998 households) through seasonal relief and livelihood strengthening interventions, including Ramadan food packs to 1,075 households, Qurbani meat to 1,239 households, milking goats to 34 households, and Eid gift packs to 650 households, helping vulnerable families reduce food and clothing-related expenses during festivals. In addition, the initiative promoted local economic opportunities by engaging 8 local shopkeepers in Ramadan food distribution and 13 local tailors in preparing Eid gifts for school-going children, contributing to improved livelihoods and economic resilience of local communities

- **BEST Project:**

The SIF's BEST Project focuses on improving the resilience and living conditions of drought-affected communities in Tharparkar through integrated interventions in water security, food security, livelihoods, and disaster risk reduction. The project has benefited 16,560 individuals (2,760 households) through activities promoting climate-resilient agriculture, improved water management practices, hygiene awareness, and community capacity building initiatives to enhance sustainable livelihood opportunities. Through strong community engagement and coordination with local stakeholders, the BEST project contributes to strengthening household resilience and improving the living standards of vulnerable communities.

- **ILM Project:**

This initiative aims to ensure that children and young people have access to quality education in safe and inclusive learning environments. Targeting 5,545 direct beneficiaries (including students, teachers, and volunteers), the project seeks to increase school enrollment, improve the quality of education, and strengthen school facilities. Key interventions include teacher training, community mobilization, recreational activities with students and enrollment campaigns, and the development of WASH infrastructure.

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- **Orphan Sponsorship Project:**

SIF Pakistan Mission During the last quarter of 2025, quarterly stipends were disbursed to 683 OSP-supported families to ensure continued access to education and promote the social well-being of children in Islamabad/Rawalpindi & TPK. In addition, Support Activities Days were conducted with OSP children and their families to strengthen community engagement and reinforce positive child development outcomes. A puppet show session focusing on Child Safeguarding, Protection, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) was also organized to enhance awareness through child-friendly and participatory approaches along with mother and caregivers sessions on good parenting & MHPSS.

- **RISE Project**

ICT /Rawalpindi Under the RISE Project in Rawalpindi, vocational training initiatives including dress designing & tailoring and bag-making have been successfully initiated to enhance livelihood opportunities and economic resilience of beneficiaries. Furthermore, under the SMILE Project, livestock medicines were distributed among rural communities in Rawalpindi to support animal health, safeguard livelihoods, and strengthen household-level economic stability. These integrated interventions collectively contribute to improved protection, resilience, and sustainable development outcomes for vulnerable families.

**RISE Balochistan:**

Under the RISE Project, SIF Lasbela team enhanced collaboration with district authorities, Obtained the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) to facilitate project execution in Lasbela. Beneficiary identification was initiated and finalized in Union Councils Uthal and Wayaro for supporting existing micro-enterprises in the form of training and grants and market linkages, ultimately finalizing 20 beneficiaries after field assessments. Provided training to the 20 on Business Management Skills Training (BMST) in Uthal, aimed at improving the capacity of participants in areas such as financial management and customer communication, leading to increased self-reliance.



# Solidar Suisse



During the quarter, Solidar Suisse and its partners advanced recovery and resilience efforts across Pakistan. In District Sanghar, Sindh Community Foundation distributed cash assistance to 2,400 flood-affected women across three Union Councils, supporting income generation and household food security. In Tehsil Babuzai, District Swat, SPADO distributed winterization kits to 215 vulnerable households following flash floods, providing urgent lifesaving support. Additionally, Solidar Suisse launched an applied research initiative with SPADO, UET Peshawar, and EPFL to strengthen seismic resilience of timber-laced stone masonry in Gilgit-Baltistan, contributing to safer reconstruction and Build Back Better strategies in northern Pakistan.

## Preventing Unfair Cash Deductions

During the implementation of Sindh Flood Response III: Recovery and Strengthening of Livelihoods in District Sanghar, Solidar Suisse's partner, Sindh Community Foundation (SCF), identified a critical protection concern: vendors often delayed payments or applied informal deductions during distributions. In many social protection programmes across Pakistan, such practices have become normalized, with beneficiaries losing up to PKR 500 -1000 per person.

Determined to safeguard women beneficiaries, SCF proactively engaged vendors and clearly communicated a zero-deduction policy as a non-negotiable condition. One vendor formally committed, in writing, to disburse the full cash amount without any cuts. To operationalize this transparently, the vendor proposed a fixed facilitation fee of PKR 15,000 per 100 beneficiaries to cover logistics and field expenses. For 2,100 beneficiaries, this totalled PKR 315,000—equivalent to just PKR 150 per person. By formalizing and absorbing this modest, transparent and support cost, Solidar ensured that all beneficiaries received their full entitlements without exploitation. The approach proved significantly more cost-effective than allowing informal deductions and strengthened accountability in the process.

This experience highlights how proactive vendor management, clear communication, and small strategic investments can protect vulnerable communities, enhance transparency, and build trust in cash-based humanitarian interventions.





### Key highlights or major updates from the quarter:

Over the course of the quarter, WaterAid Pakistan successfully finalized two projects. The major accomplishments of these initiatives are outlined below:

#### Envisioning and catalysing PATS plus for SDG 6 in Pakistan:

WaterAid Pakistan implemented this three-and-a-half-year project in partnership with the local organization Laar Human Development Programme (LHDP) in Badin District, Sindh Province which concluded during the reporting quarter. The project delivered significant WASH improvements in Badin District, with 12,741 households constructing latrines and 187 Community Resource Persons trained on climate-resilient, gender-responsive WASH. Nine District WASH Forum meetings strengthened coordination, while 20 schools and seven healthcare facilities implemented inclusive WASH models. Forty hand pumps and five water filtration systems improved safe water access, and five Small Women Entrepreneurship Units promoted women's economic empowerment. Hygiene promotion activities reached 268,989 community members, 14,527 schoolchildren, and 1,760 healthcare users, and enhanced water access benefited 21,601 community members, 10,526 students, and 41,500 patients, demonstrating lasting, community-wide impact.

#### Envisioning and catalysing PATS plus for SDG 6 in Pakistan:

WaterAid Pakistan, in partnership with the Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) and M&C Saatchi, supported the Punjab Rural Municipal Services Company (PRMSC) in implementing a Behaviour Change and Capacity-Building project, which was successfully completed during the reporting period. The project led to the formation and/or strengthening of 200 Village Organizations with representation from both male and female members. Modules and materials for six interpersonal behaviour change exposures were developed and delivered across all 200 villages, reaching 133,402 households over the course of the project. Additionally, a total of 8,490 children were reached with WASH behaviour change interventions in 111 target schools.

### ABDUL GHAFOOR

#### DOCTOR AND COMMUNITY MEMBER

#### Key Information

**Location :** Lowari Sharif, Taluka Badin, Sindh Province, Pakistan

#### Pull out quote:

For patients, especially pregnant women and the elderly, a proper washroom is not a luxury. It is basic healthcare.



## Success Story

Having worked in rural healthcare for nearly three decades, Dr. Ghafoor has witnessed how poor sanitation, unsafe water and lack of awareness directly affect maternal and community health. In the past, the health unit lacked proper, accessible toilets, forcing patients and staff to manage with inadequate facilities.

Today, newly constructed inclusive washrooms with commodes, handrails, running water, waste disposal systems and hygiene supplies have improved safety and dignity for pregnant women, elderly patients and persons with disabilities. While safe drinking water remains a challenge, the upgraded sanitation facilities have significantly improved hygiene standards and patient care.

### Interviewee details:

Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, 63, was born in this village and has served in the public health sector for over 27 years. He currently works as the Medical Officer In-Charge at the local Basic Health Unit. The facility serves a catchment population of nearly 200,000–300,000 people.

Literacy remains low in the area, with many persistent myths around health, especially menstrual hygiene and childbirth. In the past, unsafe practices—like moving pregnant women on bullock carts to induce labour—were common, highlighting the urgent need for awareness.

The Basic Health Unit serves a large population of around 200,000–300,000 people and is a key source of free healthcare. Earlier, sanitation conditions were extremely poor, with no proper toilets and even instances like a woman delivering in a washroom due to lack of facilities. This was particularly difficult for pregnant women, elderly patients, and persons with disabilities.

Over the past six to nine months, the facility has improved significantly with inclusive washrooms, proper commodes, grab rails, handwashing stations, and better waste management supported by PPHI. Separate toilets for staff now ensure dignity and privacy. While water contamination remains a challenge, improved sanitation and patient counseling on hygiene and safe practices are making a meaningful difference in healthcare outcomes.

## Key Highlights

### Key highlights or major updates from the quarter.

1. Improved nutrition among women and children in Khyber, KP.
2. Welthungerhilfe Humanitarian Response 2025 in Thatta, Sindh.  
Introducing the Green Skills in TEVT Sector

### 1. Improved nutrition in communities through skills and equipment

Nutrition education combined with increased household food production from improved kitchen gardens and distribution of solar dryers for food processing reduced food waste, increased dietary diversity, and improved nutrition status in Khyber.

### 2. Humanitarian response in Thatta, Sindh

In response to the 2025 floods, Welthungerhilfe and local partners reached 125,811 people across 12 districts in Pakistan, including support to small business owners to facilitate fast recovery.

### 3. Introducing the Green Skills in TEVT Sector:

o WHH, RDF and Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Authority, Government of Sindh initiated the process to introduce trades aligning with growing needs of the green economy into TVET curriculum with a study "Mapping and Market Assessment of Green Skills".



Welthungerhilfe staff engaging with community members to assess needs and provide targeted support for recovery and resilience.

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