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ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ACF	Active Case Finding	IT	Information Technology
ADPC	Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre	IRC	International Rescue Committee
ATT	Anti-Tubercular Treatment	KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
BC	British Council	KAP	Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice
BoD	Board of Directors	KPCAN	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Climate Action Network
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere	MC	Mercy Corps
CBO	Community-Based Organization	MDR	Multidrug-resistant
CCTV	Closed-Circuit Television	MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
CE	Chief Executive	MHPSS	Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support
CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card	MIS	Management Information Systems
CRS	Common Reporting Standard	MHN	Maternal and Newborn Health
CSNs	Civil Society Networks	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
DFID	Department for International Development	MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction	MWRAs	Married Women of Reproductive Ages
DR-TB	Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis	NANA	Nishtar Alumni Association of North America
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police	NC	National Centre
DSPs	Downstream Partners	NCA	Norwegian Church Aid
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations	NFI	Non-Food Items
EN	Embassy of the Netherlands	NHN	National Humanitarian Network
EMIS	Education Management Information System	NMU	Nishtar Medical University and Hospital
EOIs	Expression of Interests	NRM	Natural Resource Management
FAS	Foundation Assisted Schools Programme	NTP	National TB Control Programme
FASCR	Faith in Action for Sustainable Climate Resilience	OPD	Outpatient Department
FOs	Farmer Organizations	OXFAM	Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
GB	General Body	PCSW	Punjab Commission on the Status of Women
GBV	Gender-Based Violence	PGPR	Punjab Gender Parity Report
GMIS	Gender Management Information System	PPAF	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
Gps	General Practitioners	PPIF	Punjab Population Innovation Fund
GRASP	Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress	PPM	Public Private Mix Model
GPR	Gender Parity Report	PPP	Public Private Partnership
HRM	Human Resource Management	PPRS	Promoting Private Schools in Rural Sindh
IBA	Institute of Business Administration	PTP	Provincial TB Control Programme
ICT	Information Communication Technology	PSEA	Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication	PWD	Persons with Disability
		PPWA	Punjab Women Protection Authority
		RBCS	Rural-Based Community Schools

SCAN	Sindh Climate Action Network	UC	Union Council
SECP	Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
SEF	Sindh Education Foundation	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
SHRM	Strategic Human Resource Management	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures	UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
SME	Small and Medium Enterprise	VAWC	Violence Against Women Centre
SMHS	Sindh Education Foundation Middle and High School	VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
SPO	Strengthening Participatory Organization	WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
TB	Tuberculosis	WCFS	Women and Child-Friendly Spaces
TLCs	Temporary Learning Centers	WDD	Women Development Department
TORs	Terms of References	WPN	Women Protection Network
TOTs	Training of Trainers	WRO	Women's Rights Organization
USAID	United States Agency for International Development		



PROLOGUE BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The 12 months covered by this Report spanned extraordinary political and economic volatility, even for a Pakistani nation long accustomed to turbulence. The tension was more intense than any recent phase. Steep inflation and other negative indicators badly shook up the economy. Like everything and everyone else, SPO was deeply concerned about the conditions of the crisis.

Yet, as the content of this Report demonstrates, we did not allow work to be disrupted. Because there is also, like the huge, parallel, cash economy, another parallel Pakistan. Our incredibly patient and enterprising people simply carried on, braving the pressures, bustling about their daily business of survival. SPO interacted with the people in this reality while remaining fully aware of the other reality.

From promoting hygiene to literacy, family planning to gender security, immunization to capacity-building, climate change adaptation to TB detection and

treatment ---- from multiple locations in Balochistan such as Las Bela, Khuzdar, Turbat, Jaffarabad, Sibbi to similarly multiple locations in northern Sindh to central and southern Punjab to KP ---- SPO project activities were implemented, monitored, analyzed, shared. With partner-communities, partner-donors, Local, Provincial, Federal Government institutions.

Felicitations to the Members of the General Body, Board, and Staff led by our dedicated CEO on persevering through one of the most daunting years of the country's history.

Senator (r) Javed Jabbar
Chairperson, SPO



MESSAGE BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Despite unprecedented challenges in Pakistan, SPO has remained steadfast in its commitment to making a meaningful and sustainable impact. Throughout the year, we focused on emergency and flood response, significantly strengthening our ability to adapt to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

The importance of strategic partnerships cannot be understated. Our strategic partnerships were vital in responding effectively to critical areas such as flood emergencies, healthcare, education, sustainable livelihoods, climate change, women empowerment, water and sanitation, youth empowerment, gender mainstreaming, and good governance.

Our dedication to community-driven assistance and empowering grassroots communities was demonstrated by the successful formation and strengthening of community organizations and support for women's self-help groups. Under the Social and Economic Development thematic area, we provided support to individuals, improving their access to better health facilities, enhancing their livelihoods, and promoting improved hygiene practices.

In the field of education, we made significant progress by providing primary and secondary education to children in collaboration with our partners. Our digital literacy initiatives and campaigns have reached a substantial audience, raising awareness about reproductive health, access to justice systems, health practices, climate change mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Looking ahead, SPO remains firmly committed to its rights-based approach. We actively collaborate with partners to enhance program design and development. Over the past year, we explored projects aimed at expanding program implementation, resulting in notable successes in advocacy, behavior change, and the rehabilitation of flood-affected communities.

As we move forward, SPO remains resolute in its mission, dedicated to the principles of rights-based interventions, and ready to face future challenges with resilience and determination.

Arifa Mazhar
Chief Executive, SPO





SPO VISION, MISSION, VALUES AND STRATEGY





VISION

A democratic, socially just and ecologically sustainable society

MISSION

To support and strengthen disadvantaged communities and public interest institutions for sustainable development

**VALUES**

- Mutual Trust
- Dynamism/Versatility
- Volunteerism
- Transparency
- Equality
- Inclusivity
- Adaptability
- Ecological Consciousness
- Innovation

STRATEGY

- Organize and mobilize communities and relevant stakeholders
- Inculcate sensitivity and raise awareness amongst communities and relevant stakeholders for sustainable solutions
- Capacitate communities and public institutions with in-depth knowledge
- Create and strengthen linkages and networks for advocacy with legislators, Government Departments and decision makers for the attainment of basic fundamental rights
- Promote civic responsibilities in rural and urban communities

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SPO ORIGIN AND GOVERNANCE



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Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) is a volunteer-led, non-government, not-for-profit, rights and responsibilities-based organization with full-time, professional staff. We serve to improve the well-being of communities and citizens of Pakistan by increasing awareness of their access to basic rights as well as the fulfillment of their responsibilities. Aligned with our strategic vision, mission, and values, we aim to facilitate continuous efforts that empower local communities, fostering participation, innovation, and ownership to derive sustainable solutions at all levels.

Since our inception in 1994, our core mission has been to fortify and support community organizations and public interest institutions in Pakistan, particularly benefitting the poor and disadvantaged. We adopt a participatory and rights-based approach, concentrating on key thematic areas such as Social and Economic Development, Climate Change Adaptation, Cultural Heritage and Tourism Promotion, and Digital Knowledge Transformation. Our extensive experience encompasses developmental, humanitarian, disaster relief, and rehabilitation projects.

SPO operates under the guidance of a 36-member General Body (GB) and a 13-member Board of Directors (BoD). The General Body is responsible for providing guidance to SPO in its programme, governance and legal affairs, while the Board is ultimately responsible for the strategic direction of the organization.

During the past 28 years, SPO has expanded its footprint to over 80 districts, a testament to our comprehensive programmatic portfolio and nationwide outreach. Our dynamic teams are strategically located in nine regional offices across Pakistan, including Karachi, Hyderabad, Umerkot, Shikarpur, Lahore, Multan, Quetta, Turbat, and Peshawar, with the National Center in Islamabad. These offices focus on development-related initiatives, collaborating with a diverse spectrum of groups operating at various tiers of governance—from grassroots communities to local, District, Provincial, and National levels.

SPO's success lies in its ability to mobilize, strengthen, and capacitate development partners, particularly community organizations and networks of leading rights-based civil society organizations. We currently maintain active working relationships with the following:



Since its inception, SPO has implemented over 410 projects with an approximate worth of over PKR 10 billion and has worked with more than 200 institutional partners, including Ministries and Departments of the Federal Government and Provincial Government and Regions, and Legislators, United Nation Agencies, Embassies, Public Entities, International Organizations and Corporate Sector Companies.



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Punjab Population
Innovation Fund



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the fiscal year 2022-23, SPO persisted in its commitment to addressing unprecedented challenges in Pakistan, with a specific emphasis on emergency and flood response. Through strategic collaborations with our esteemed communities and partners, we augmented our capacity to more effectively meet the country's developmental requirements. Our steadfast strategic partnerships were not only sustained but also reinforced, allowing us to respond adeptly to critical areas encompassing flood emergencies, healthcare, education, sustainable livelihoods, climate change, water and sanitation, gender mainstreaming, youth empowerment, and good governance.

During the reporting year, we successfully established over 496 village-level community organizations, promoting a structural approach to the implementation of our programmatic interventions. This approach, deeply rooted in SPO's founding principles, has demonstrated sustainability in community strengthening. Additionally, we facilitated the formation of 38 women's self-help groups to enhance community-led and community-centered assistance, reaching over 32,450 women and aiding in the registration of their CNICs. Our commitment to promoting equality resulted in the protection of 35,798 women and children.

Under the Social Economic Development component, we provided support to 11,884 individuals, enhancing their access to improved health facilities and medical treatment. Our initiatives for psychosocial well-being benefited 34,123 women, men, and girls, incorporating safe spaces, well-being activities, extracurricular engagement, and counseling. Notably, our cash-programming initiatives contributed approximately PKR 257 million to support women, particularly livestock owners, landless individuals, and small landholders, in initiating micro and small businesses for improved livelihoods.

During the 2022 flood response, SPO benefited a total of 51,097 direct and an estimated 342,349 indirect beneficiaries flood effected individuals. SPO assisted more than 7,674 people in enhancing their livelihoods and adopting improved hygiene practices. An additional 7,082 individuals benefited from small business development and promotion activities such as e-learning, e-commerce, nursery development, goat farming, and soap production aligning with our goal of improving livelihoods and promoting sustainability. As part of our engagement for climate resilience, 3,856 faith, and climate actors took initiatives such as tree plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, waste and garbage management, reaching 10,672 people through advocacy and engagement actions focused on climate change adaptation and resilience. Addressing food insecurity, SPO collaborated closely with community organizations, providing food to 25,669 individuals in need.

In support of improved education and literacy, SPO expanded its efforts, extending basic and elementary education to 18,163 children. Through a collaboration with the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), 7,400 students received formal and informal education. Furthermore, we ensured that 48,056 boys and girls benefited from informal learning programs during the flood response, enabling out-of-school children to remain engaged in educational activities as much as possible. Additionally, efforts were initiated to improve digital literacy and promote awareness of reproductive health, with the active participation of 29,000 women and men. Our digital campaigns that reached nearly 1 million citizens, raising awareness about improved access to justice systems, health practices, family planning, climate change mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Remaining steadfast in its rights-based approach, SPO continues to collaborate with various partners to enhance program design and development for the betterment of communities. In the past year, we explored 25 projects to upscale program implementation, successfully realizing approximately 40% of these opportunities in areas such as advocacy, behavior change, and rehabilitation of flood-affected communities.

THEMATIC FOCUS OF SPO

Throughout the fiscal year 2022-23, our unwavering commitment to fostering a rights and responsibilities-based approach was evident across all our initiatives, spanning gender equality, human rights, digital knowledge transformation, and responses to climate change. The thematic pillars of social and economic development, Climate Change Adaptation, and Digital Knowledge Transformation continued to be central to our focus, reflecting our dedication to cross-cutting principles.

Drawing on our extensive experience working closely with communities, we recognize that addressing the 'rights' of the marginalized sections of society must be complemented by a parallel consideration of 'responsibilities.' This encompasses not only the responsibilities of communities but also those held by individuals in positions of power and authority.

During the reporting period, our strategic emphasis remained steadfast on the thematic areas of Social and Economic Development, Climate Change Adaptation, and Digital Knowledge Transformation. We also responded promptly to the urgent call for Humanitarian Assistance in the aftermath of flood emergencies, aligning with the community's identified priorities in the post-flood scenario.

This holistic approach underscores our ongoing dedication to promoting equitable rights, fostering responsible behaviour, and addressing the pressing challenges faced by communities in Pakistan.







SUPPORTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN





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Under the thematic area Social and Economic Development, our initiatives are designed to facilitate citizens' access to essential services such as education, health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), as well as fostering sustainable livelihoods. With a strategic focus on enhancing the responsiveness of key public institutions, we actively engage in the formulation of policies that address the diverse socio-economic needs of the citizens we serve. In this endeavour SPO focuses on:

Psycho-social support to gender based violence (GBV) survivors, persons with disability (PWDs), and transgender persons



Improved policies and services towards mother and child healthcare, immunization TB control and care, healthcare worker and patient protection and treatment



Community Mobilization and Advocacy for WASH rights and facilities



Access to the WASH rights and facilities



Improved and strengthened education sector



Access to and promotion of women's economic development and rights



OUR WORK IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING





Project Title	Global Funding - New Funding Module (NFM III) Public Private Mix PPM Model
Project Partner	Mercy Corps Quetta, PTP - Provincial TB Control Program Balochistan
Region	Quetta Region
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Pishin, Sibi, Jaffarabad, Lasbela, Kech and Panjgur
Project Duration	January 2021 - December 2023
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 - June 2023

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SCREENING CAMP

SEPTEMBER 2022, DISTRICT KECH, BALOCHISTAN



PROJECT DETAILS

The Mercy Corps Global Tuberculosis Initiative is a comprehensive endeavor aimed at addressing the pervasive threat of Tuberculosis (TB) on a global scale. This initiative has made substantial strides in combating TB through innovative strategies focused on treatment enhancement and early detection techniques. A total of 1,107 TB patients, comprising 571 women and 536 men, have been diagnosed and successfully treated. This signifies a remarkable improvement in treatment success rates and a concurrent reduction in transmission rates. There is a significant reduction in social stigma associated with early symptom recognition due to greater public awareness of the disease in the targeted districts of Balochistan. Additionally, the project facilitated faster and more precise TB diagnoses through the increased availability of cutting-edge testing equipment, ensuring timely interventions and improved patient outcomes.

We have intensified our initiatives to manage drug-resistant TB strains, achieving success through targeted treatment protocols. Simultaneously, we've enhanced the healthcare workforce by incorporating well-trained professionals in TB diagnosis and treatment. The establishment of a sustainable framework ensures the enduring impact of our ongoing TB control efforts. Consequently, household and community TB transmission rates have decreased, significantly enhancing public health.

Adopting a patient-centered approach to care has yielded notable benefits, including increased treatment adherence and an improved quality of life for patients. Furthermore, the utilization of data analytics has played a crucial role in facilitating informed programmatic decisions and optimizing resource allocation for effective TB control.

Tb Patients Diagnosed and Treated During The Year 2022-2023



Women
571



Men
536

Total 1,107



PROJECT SUCCESS STORY

ILLNESS TO WELLNESS:

Samri, a 45-year-old woman from a village in District Jaffarabad was having limited access to healthcare and affordability of financial resources found herself plagued by persistent cough and fatigue for months. She was not aware of these, but they were the telltale signs of TB. However, Samri's story took a hopeful turn when she crossed paths with the Active Case Finding (ACF) camp in District Jaffarabad.

The turning point in Samri's health came with her referral to a General Practitioner (GP) supported by the TB Project. This crucial connection provided her with the opportunity for diagnostic testing, leading to a timely and accurate diagnosis of TB. The significance of this early detection cannot be overstated; it became the linchpin for Samri's journey to recovery.

With the diagnosis in hand, Samri began her treatment plan, designed by healthcare professionals affiliated with the TB Project. This marked the beginning of her transformative path to healing. The implementation of improved treatment strategies, coupled with a patient-centered care approach, ensured that Samri received not only medical intervention but also the emotional and social support crucial for her overall well-being. The impact of Samri's successful recovery reverberated throughout her community, preventing further transmission of the disease.



**Samri - District Jaffarabad,
Balochistan, December 2022**

SAMRI'S JOURNEY TO WELL-BEING

AWARENESS SESSION WITH THE BALOCHISTAN WOMEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

QUETTA – JUNE 2023





Project Title	GBV Helpline 1089
Project Partner	UNFPA and Women Development Department (WDD) Balochistan
Region	Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	All Districts of Balochistan
Project Duration	January 2023 - December 2023
Reporting Timeline	January 2023 - June 2023



PROJECT DETAILS

In the fiscal year 2022-23, a comprehensive project was launched in Balochistan to address the pervasive issue of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), supported by UNFPA. The primary objective of this initiative was the establishment of a robust multisectoral coordination mechanism aimed at both preventing and effectively responding to incidents of GBV.

Throughout the year 2022-23, the project focused on initiating a comprehensive approach to tackle GBV in Balochistan. A key component of the project was the establishment of a strong multisectoral coordination mechanism, designed to prevent and respond to incidents of GBV. A crucial element involved forging strong linkages and networks with stakeholders within the referral pathways, ensuring a unified response to GBV incidents.

Through our Helpline, we have provided assistance to 419 survivors of GBV during the year, including 297 women, 106 men, 12 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), and 4 transgender persons. The Helpline has played a vital role in supporting and empowering survivors, offering prompt responses and instant access to help. Through meticulous data collection and analysis, the Helpline has strengthened the multisectoral response and addressed the stigma associated with reporting gender-based violence.

Utilizing a capacity-building strategy, we have raised public awareness to address GBV, contributing to the development of a more resilient society. Awareness-raising sessions conducted in Quetta, Sibi, and Khuzdar leveraged the helpline number 1089 as a resource for individuals across all regions of Balochistan.

To enhance its outreach, the project employed various media platforms to promote the helpline number and raise awareness about GBV. Radio, television, and social media pages played a pivotal role in disseminating essential information and encouraging individuals to seek help and report GBV incidents.

GBV SURVIVORS HELPED USING GBV HELPLINE FOR YEAR 2022-2023





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IMPROVING EDUCATION THROUGH

FORMAL AND INFORMAL APPROACHES



Project Title	Sindh Education Foundation – SEF – Government of Sindh
Region	Sindh
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Jamshoro, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan and Mirpurkhas
Project Duration	2016 - Present
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 - June 2023

AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM AT THE SPO AALTP CENTRE NORANI BASTI HYDERABAD

SINDH – APRIL 2023





PROGRAM DETAILS

We collaborated with the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) to execute formal and non-formal education interventions in Northern Sindh. These programmatic initiatives align with the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework. Through this partnership, we aim to empower underprivileged communities, fostering social change by introducing and facilitating innovative approaches to learning and education. Our specific objective is to enhance education quality and literacy rates by reaching the unreached populations in the remote and underdeveloped areas of Sindh.

During the year, 9 Primary/Elementary, 8 Middle, and 19 Non-Formal schools have been established as part of the project. Specifically, 8 schools have been set up under the SHMS initiative, 19 under the AALTP program, and additionally, 3 FAS and 6 PPRS schools have been established as mentioned in the below table.

PROGRAM WISE-SCHOOLS

S No:	District	Program	Category	No. of Schools/Centers
1	Sukkur	SMHS	Middle/Secondary	02
		AALTP	Non-Formal	03
2	Shikarpur	FAS	Primary/Elementary	02
		AALTP	Non-Formal	01
3	Jacobabad	SMHS	Middle/Secondary	06
		FAS	Primary	01
		AALTP	Non-Formal	05
		PPRS	Primary/Elementary	06
4	Hyderabad	AALTP	Non-Formal	02
5	Jamshoro	AALTP	Non-Formal	03
6	Tando Muhammad Khan	AALTP	Non-Formal	01
7	Mirpurkhas	AALTP	Non-Formal	04
Total Schools				36

FOUNDATION ASSISTED SCHOOLS (FAS) PROGRAM

SPO has collaborated with SEF to implement the Foundation Assisted Schools (FAS) Program in three specific schools during the fiscal year 2022-23:

1. Nawab Khan Buriro, Taluka Thull, District Jacobabad
2. Malhi, Taluka Khanpur, District Shikarpur
3. English Model School, Gaheja, Shikarpur

Throughout this period, significant strides were taken to augment educational facilities and opportunities for underprivileged children in Sindh. The Enrolment of 1,160 children including 322 girls and 838 boys these three schools signifies a substantial commitment to promoting accessible education. A noteworthy achievement was the establishment of an Audio-Visual Room under the FAS program, equipped with LED screens and tablets, creating a dynamic and interactive learning environment for students.

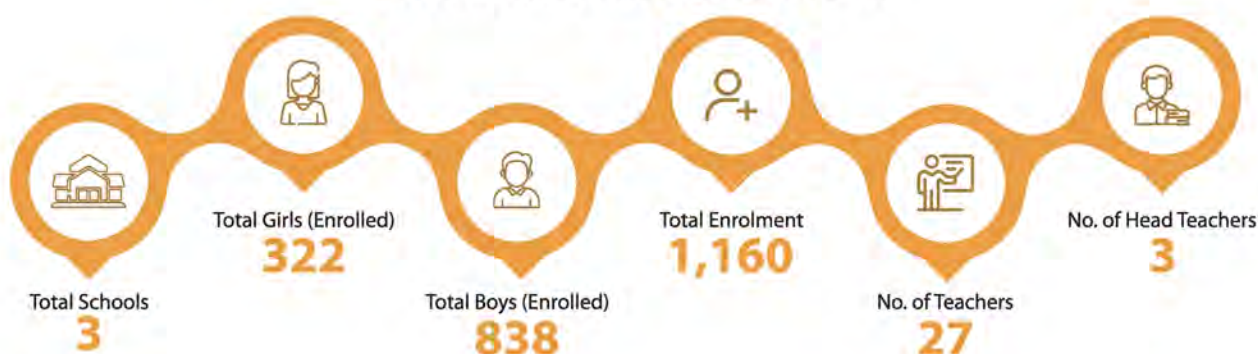
Furthermore, the provision of learning materials and classroom development initiatives has enhanced the overall educational experience. The program successfully implemented alternative energy solutions through the installation of solar systems, ensuring a sustainable and uninterrupted learning environment. Notably, the English Model School Gaheja in Shikarpur was entrusted to SPO due to its exceptional performance, witnessing a significant increase in Enrolment from 305 to 450 students.



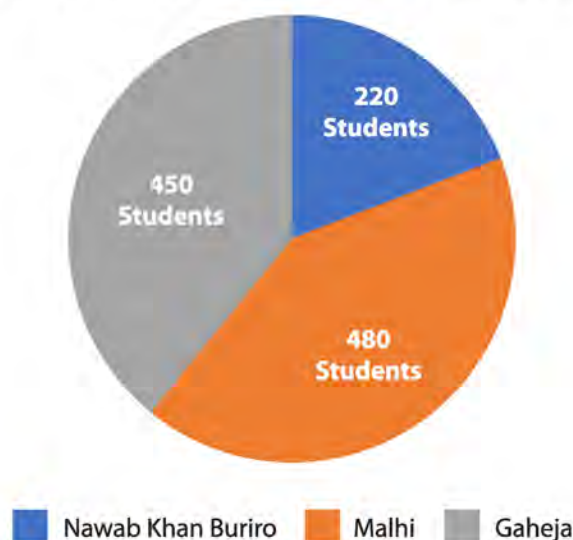
Scholarly achievements were also acknowledged, with one student securing a 100% scholarship from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA). Additionally, 01 girl, Hina daughter of Hubdar Ali received scholarships based on her academic performances under the FAS program.

Ongoing expansion and renovation efforts, including the construction of new rooms and the inauguration of new building sections, underscore our dedication to continuously enhancing educational infrastructure. Extra measures were taken, such as the installation of CCTV cameras to ensure security at SPO Malhee School, and the updating of furniture in Malhee schools' Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Audio-Video (AV) rooms. These initiatives emphasize our commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment for students in the marginalized areas of Pakistan.

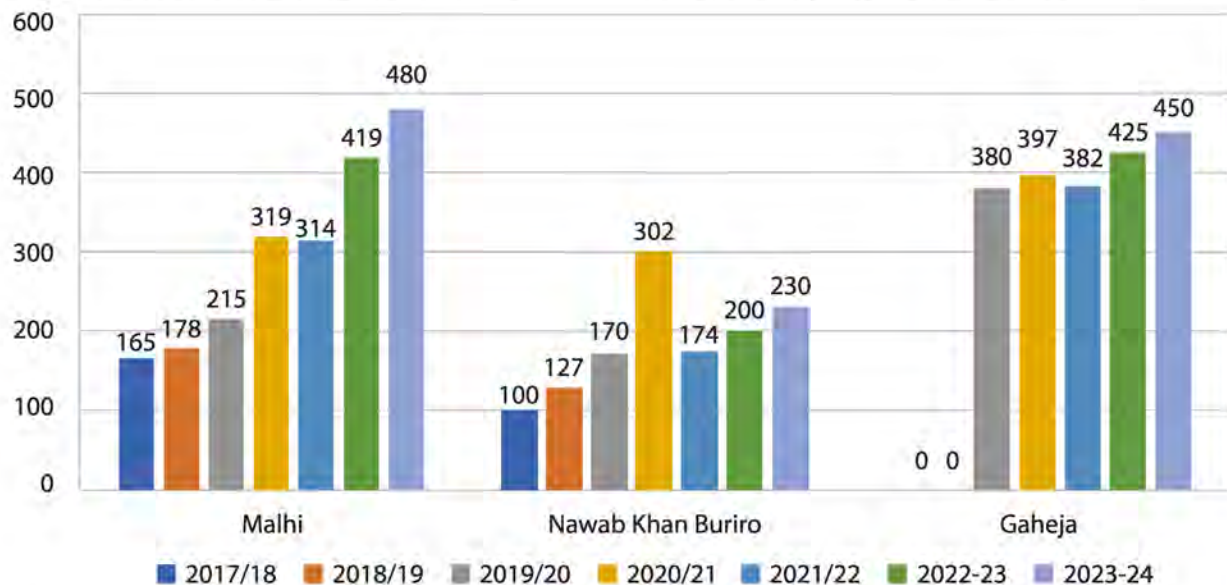
Current Status of FAS



School-Wise Enrolment in FAS



Enrolment Status of SAS From Inception Till Date



SEF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

SPO is implementing the SEF Middle and High School (SMHS) Program to fulfill the gap in the post-primary education and raising Enrolment by creating a thriving learning environment for the young learners. The project is implemented in the following eight schools of districts Sukkur and Jacobabad:

1. Ranjhapur, Thull, Jacobabad
2. Rasool Bux Buriro, Jacobabad
3. Mughal Lashari, Thull, Jacobabad
4. Masoo Khan, Thull, Jacobabad
5. Muhammad Pannah Channa, Thull Jacobabad
6. Chook Lashari, Thull, Jacobabad
7. Dargahi Warayo, Rohri, Sukkur
8. Tando Mir Muhammad Hassan, Rohri, Sukkur

We have successfully implemented significant initiatives to promote educational inclusivity and provide essential facilities to the 1,258 children including 280 girls and 978 boys, and many of them are from marginalized communities. Throughout the fiscal year 2022-23, our focus at SMHS was on cultivating a comprehensive learning experience. This involved ensuring the availability of free textbooks and supplementary learning materials, as well as promoting both writing and interactive learning skills.

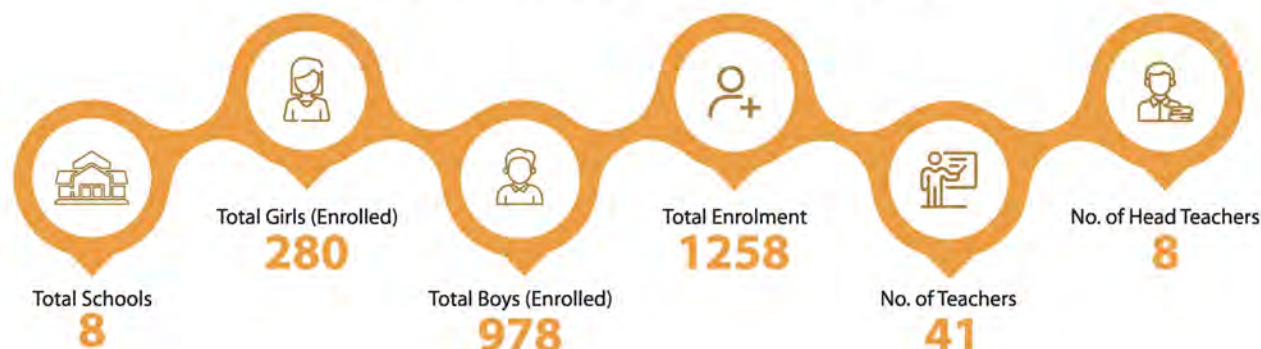
To improve the overall learning environment at SMHS schools, we prioritized the provision of basic amenities such as safe drinking water, well-maintained toilets, and a heightened emphasis on cleanliness and hygiene. Our efforts were recognized through the scholarship awards received by two students from Chook Lashari School and one student from Dargahi Warayo School, bestowed by the prestigious Abdul Qadeer Khan School System in Islamabad.

We have further strengthened our programs through resource mobilization facilitated by Telenor Pakistan, which generously provided IT equipment for SMHS. Renovation efforts were also undertaken during the fiscal year, including the refurbishment of the school building at SMHS-0063 and comprehensive repairs and enhancements at the SMHS-0069 building. These renovations included the installation of doors and windows, as well as a fresh coat of paint, all contributing to the overall improvement of the learning environment.

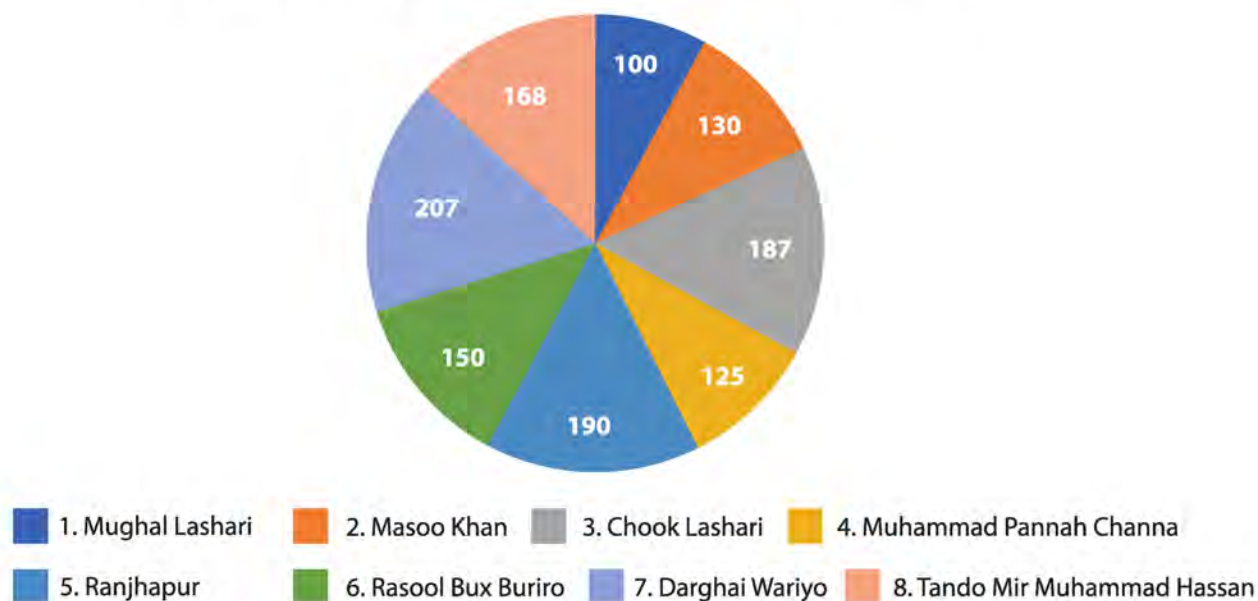


During the 2022-23 academic session, one student from SMHS-0067 secured a Cadet College Scholarship at Larkana. These collective efforts underscore our unwavering commitment to empowering students and creating a conducive learning environment for their holistic development.

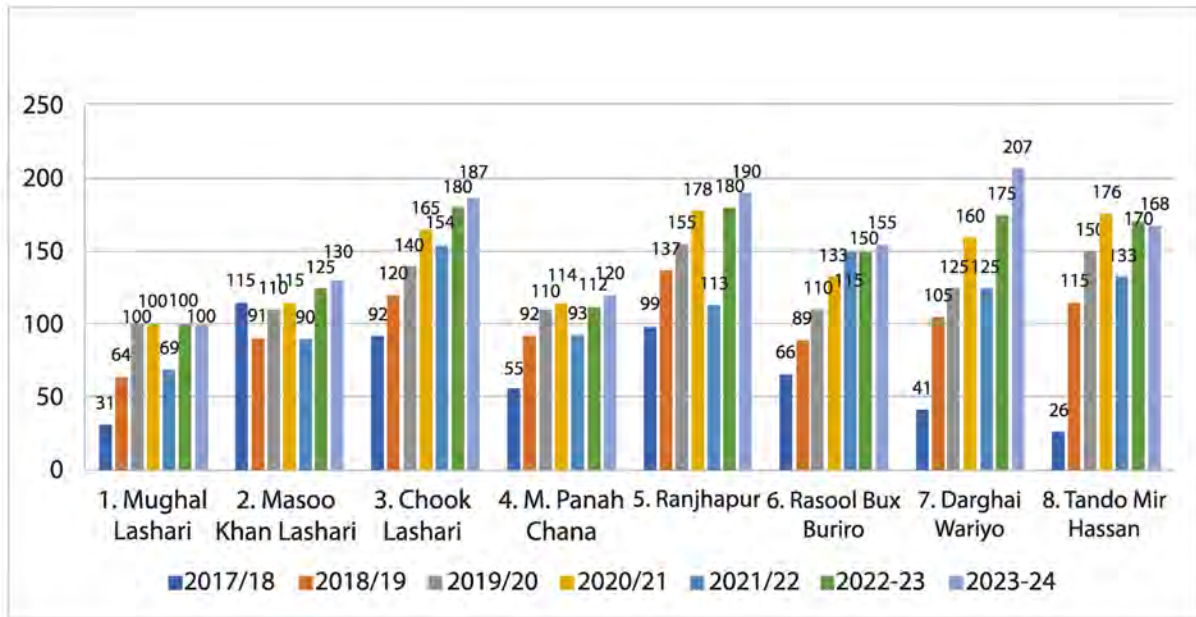
Current Status of SMHS



School-Wise Enrolment of SMHS



Enrolment Status of SMHS From Inception Till Date



ADOLESCENT AND ADULT LEARNING AND TRAINING PROGRAM (AALTP)

Our Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP) is designed to cater to individuals who may have missed the opportunity to enroll in formal education. This comprehensive program offers an accelerated formal primary education for vulnerable adolescents and imparts basic functional literacy skills for adults. Additionally, each participant undergoes a certified Skills Development and Vocational Training course, equipping them with a diverse set of skills that open up opportunities for human capital development and contribute to socio-economic growth. In the North, the project is implemented in districts Sukkur and Jacobabad in the following eight centers:

1. Tagiyal Nariwal, Rohri, Sukkur
2. Dargahi Warayo, Rohri, Sukkur
3. Chook Lashari main center, Thull, Jacobabad
4. Jumo Dakhan sub-center, Thull, Jacobabad
5. Rahimabad, main Center, Thull, Jacobabad
6. Rahimabad sub Center, Thull, Jacobabad
7. Rasool Bux Buriro, Thull, Jacobabad
8. Gaheja, Garhi Yaseen, Shikarpur

In the South, the project is implemented in district Mirpurkhas, Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Sehwan and Hyderabad in the following ten centers:

1. Sher Khan Solangi, Sehwan
2. Abdullah Chawro, Jamshoro
3. Gharibabad, Jamshoro
4. Noorani Basti, Hyderabad
5. Husri, Hyderabad
6. Digri, Mirpurkhas



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7. Jhalurri, Mirpurkhas
8. Kot Mirus Landhi, Mirpur Khas
9. Jumo Mangrio, Tando Muhammad Khan
10. Ali Talpur Town Mirpurkhas

In the fiscal year 2022-23, a total of 3,224 adolescents and adults including 1,717 girls and 1,507 boys actively enrolled in our program, presenting a vital opportunity for adult education and development. Our commitment to their holistic growth is reflected in the provision of free textbooks and learning materials, with a particular emphasis on nurturing writing and learning skills. The initiative extended to the enhancement of basic facilities within educational institutions, encompassing provisions for safe drinking water, cleanliness, hygiene, and well-maintained toilets. To enrich the learning experience, audio and video rooms were established in the AALTP schools.

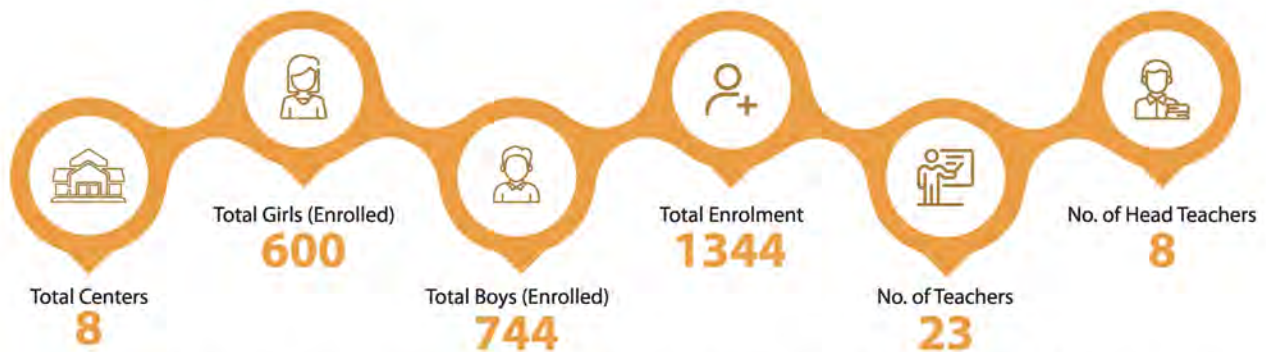
Through our skill development program, 658 adults including 577 women and 81 men successfully completed courses @40,000 per beneficiary in industrial tailoring, embroidery, farming and mobile repairing. Recognizing their accomplishments, the learners were rewarded with a financial incentive of PKR 10,000 by the SEF. Encouragingly, alumni of the skill development program have taken the initiative to establish their own small enterprises, underscoring the tangible impact of the program on fostering entrepreneurship.

During the year, SPO registered itself with STEVTA, for SDI Skill Training for batch of adults training which is given to below:

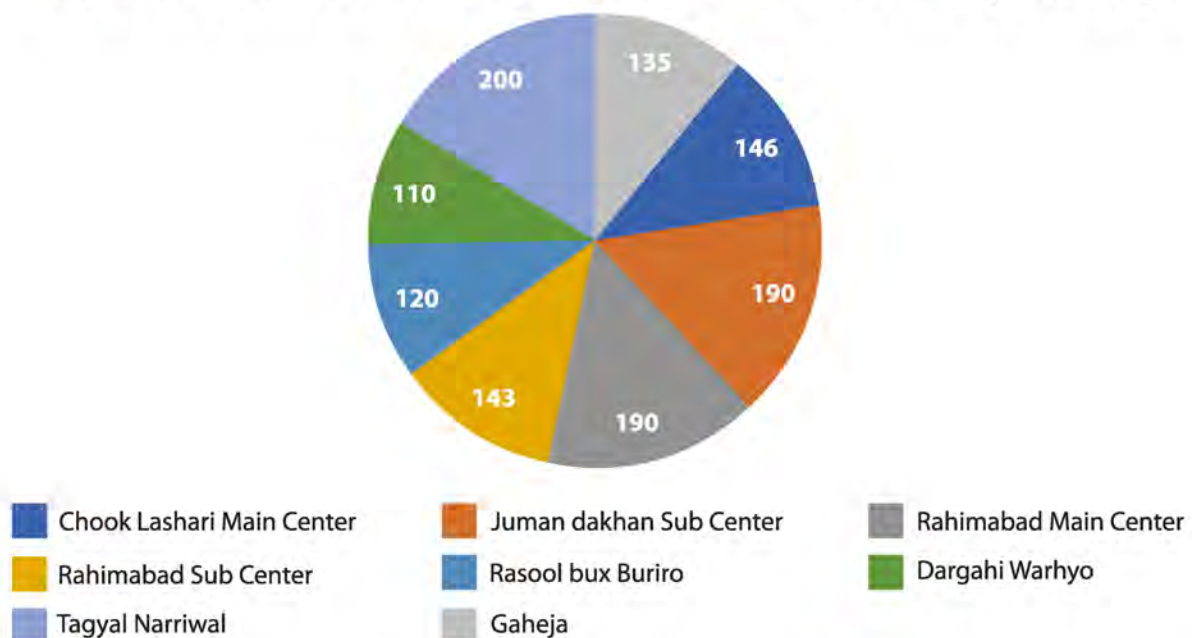
S No:	Training Center	Trades	Total
1	SPO AALTP Rahimabad Main	Driving	31
2	SPO AALTP Rahimabad Sub	Tailoring/Embroidery	36
3	SPO AALTP Tagiyal Narriwal	Driving	20
4	SPO AALTP Tagiyal Narriwal	Honey Bee	19
5	SPO AALTP Sher Khan Solangi	Tailoring/Embroidery	37
6	SPO AALTP Abdullah Chawro	Tailoring/Embroidery	20
7	SPO AALTP Gharibabad	Tailoring/Embroidery	20
8	SPO AALTP Husri	Tailoring	33
9	SPO AALTP Husri	Chicken Farming	34
10	SPO AALTP Husri	Electrician	30
11	SPO AALTP Digri	Chicken Farming	26
12	SPO AALTP Digri	Parrot Farming	26
13	SPO AALTP TMK	Honey Bee	29
14	SPO AALTP TMK	Tunnel Farming	28
15	SPO AALTP TMK	Tailoring/Embroidery	60
16	SPO AALTP Gaheja	Tailoring/Embroidery	51
17	SPO AALTP Dargahi Warayo	Tailoring/Embroidery	24
18	SPO AALTP Kot Mirus Landhi	Tunnel Farming	38
19	SPO AALTP Jhalurri	Tailoring/Embroidery	38
20	SPO AALTP Ali Talpur Town	Hair Cut/Skin Care/Bridal Makeup	58
Total			658

The year 2023 witnessed substantial infrastructure development, marked by the establishment of six audio-visual rooms and the renovation of six buildings. In addition, efforts were directed towards creating an enriched learning environment, with the establishment of skill development labs in fourteen centers promoting hands-on education and facilitating practical learning experiences.

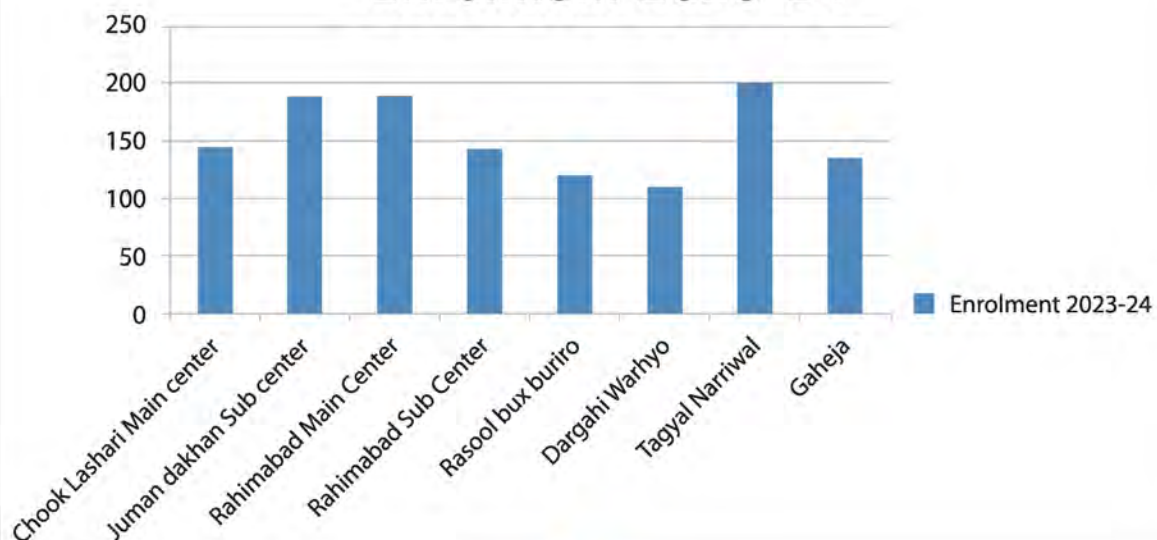
Current Status AALTP (North)



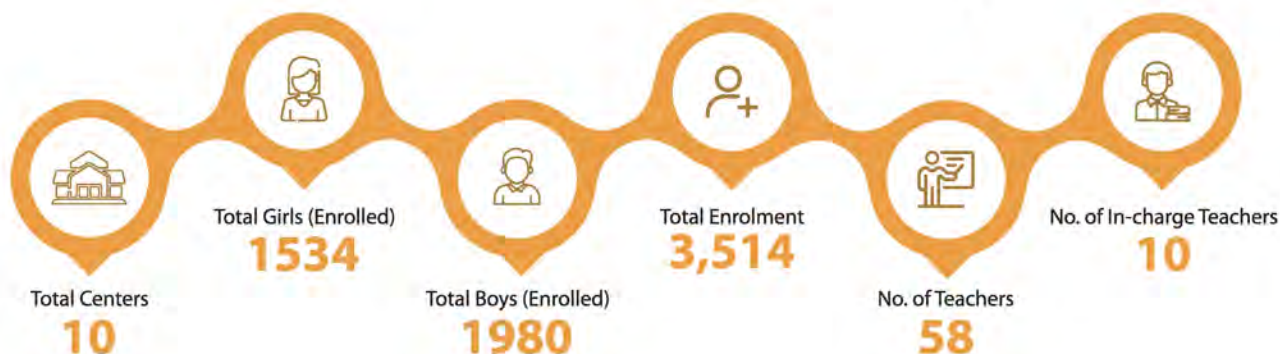
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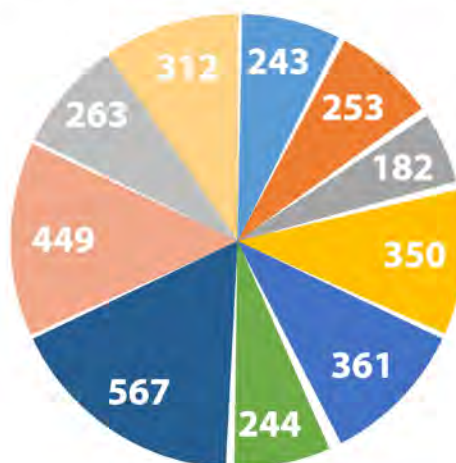
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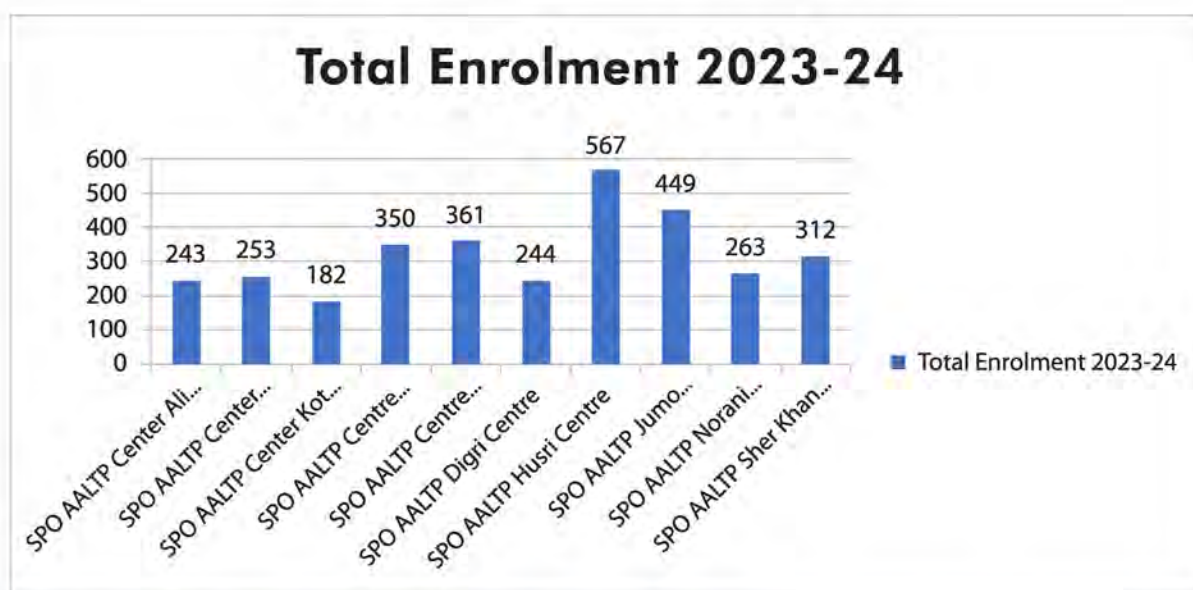
Current Status AALTP (South)



Centerwise Enrolment status of AALTP (South)



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| ■ SPO AALTP Center Ali Talpur Town | ■ SPO AALTP Center Jhuluri City |
| ■ SPO AALTP Center Kot Mirs Landhi | ■ SPO AALTP Centre Abdullah Chawro |
| ■ SPO AALTP Centre Ghariabad | ■ SPO AALTP Digri Centre |
| ■ SPO AALTP Husri Centre | ■ SPO AALTP Jumo Mangrio Centre |
| ■ SPO AALTP Norani Basti Centre | ■ SPO AALTP Sher Khan Solangi Centre |



PROMOTING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN RURAL SINDH PROGRAM

The Promoting Private Schools in Rural Sindh (PPRS) Program is being implemented in the following schools;

- Achar Khan Kandrani, Taluka Thull, District Jacobabad
- Abdul Rehman Kandrani, Taluka Thull, District Jacobabad
- Badlo Khoso, Taluka Thull, District Jacobabad
- Madad Khan Domki, Taluka Thull, District Jacobabad
- Abdul Majeed Hanbi (Elementary), Taluka and District Jacobabad
- Ghulam Nabi Jakhrani, Taluka and District Jacobabad

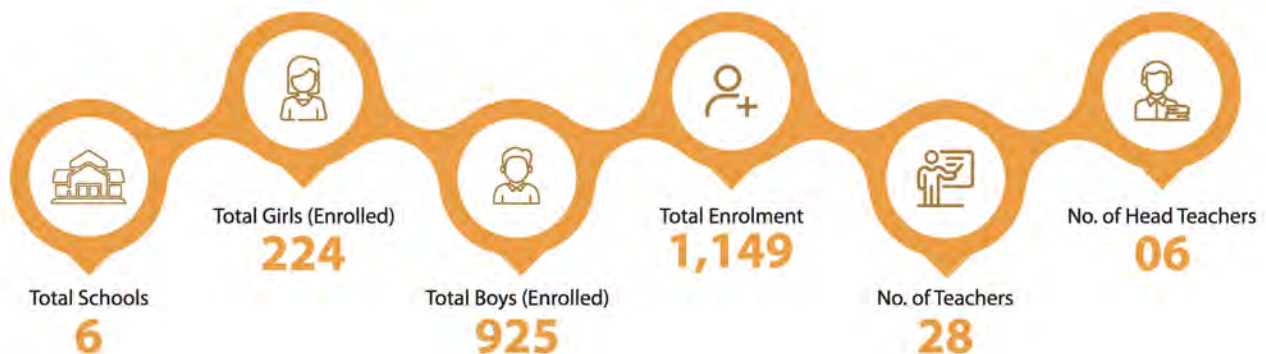
During this fiscal year, a total of 1,419 children including 224 girls and 925 boys were enrolled in eight schools operating under the PPRS. Efforts were made to enhance the quality of education with the provision of comprehensive capacity development of teachers in subjects including IT, English, Math, and Science. This capacity development initiative was conducted in collaboration with the SEF, and aimed at equipping teachers with the necessary tools and knowledge to provide an all-inclusive educational experience for the students.

This year, we also focused on providing essential learning materials and implementing classroom development initiatives to support the learning process and create a conducive environment for effective teaching and learning. Additionally, we extended support to promote sustainability by installing solar systems and alternative energy solutions for the schools and reducing their dependence on conventional energy sources.

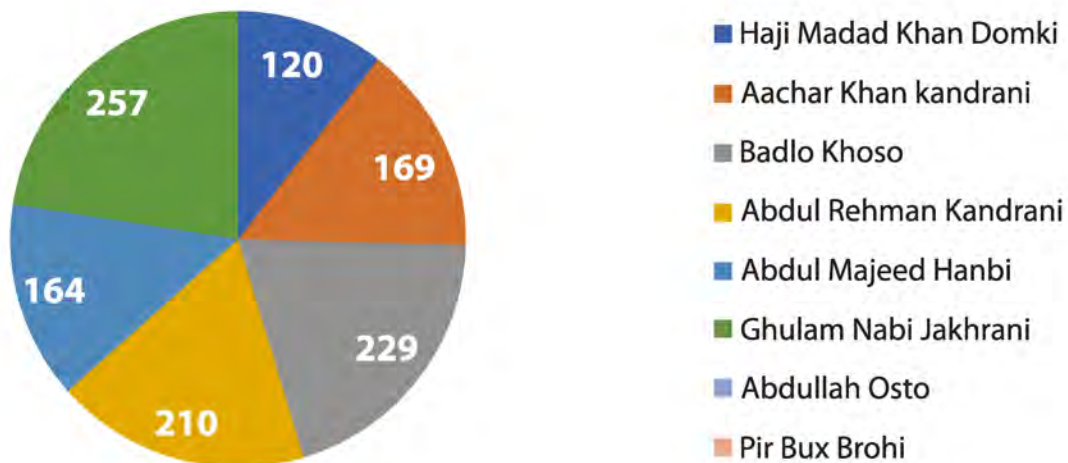
Acknowledging the importance of a conducive learning environment, we distributed school uniforms among the children, ensuring equality and inclusivity within the PPRS schools. Furthermore, in 2023, two PPRS school buildings, namely 801795 and 801789, underwent complete repairs, including the replacement of doors and windows, alongside the installation of solar panels, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing the infrastructure and sustainability of the educational institutions.

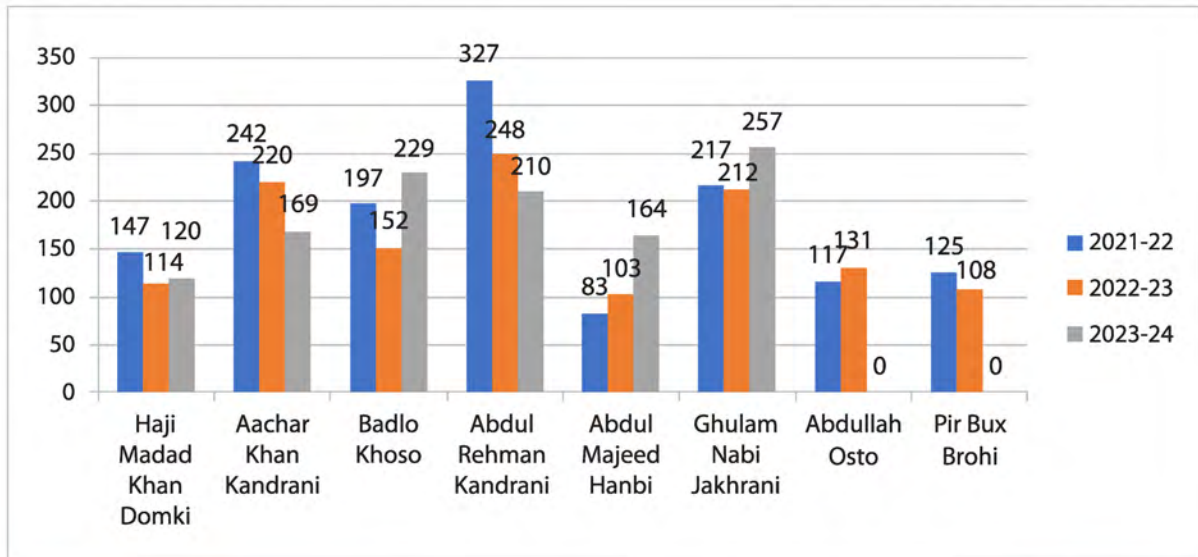


Current Status of PPRS



PPRS Enrolment 2023-24





Regional Director - SEF, Mr. Nawab Zafar Ali, and Regional Manager SPO Sindh, Mr. Amjad Baloch, at the Audio-Visual Room in the SPO AALTP School

SEF SUCCESS STORIES

A PENCIL AND A DREAM CAN TAKE YOU ANYWHERE



Hina at IBA School Ubbauro, Ghotki, Sindh

Hina, a diligent 5th-grade student at SPO EMS School Gaheja in District Shikarpur, hails from the financially challenged village of Arain in Madeji. Her father runs a local grocery store to make ends meet. Despite facing economic hardships, Hina has displayed remarkable dedication to her studies. Her academic excellence has earned her a fully funded scholarship at Community College Ubbarro, Ghotki, Sindh offered by the prestigious IBA.



Hina holds IBA Scholarship Letter

This significant achievement not only serves as a source of encouragement for Hina but also fills her parents with immense pride. With dreams of pursuing higher education, Hina's aspirations receive a boost through the SPO-SEF initiative in 2023, providing her with the invaluable opportunity for free education. This timely assistance has become a crucial support system, enabling her to pursue her academic goals and pave the way for a promising and brighter future.

EDUCATE A CHILD FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHILD, FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Fazal Rehman's remarkable journey from SMHS Muhammad Pannah Channa Thull to securing a fully funded scholarship at Cadet College Larkana for the academic session of 2023-24 is inspiring. His story demonstrates the power of dedication, hard work, and the transformative impact of education.

Throughout his time at the school, Fazal exhibited unwavering commitment to his studies, laying the foundation for his future success. His desire to serve in the Army fueled his determination, leading him to actively pursue and achieve the prestigious scholarship opportunity at Cadet College Larkana, made possible with the invaluable support of SEF.

In a heartfelt reflection on his journey, Fazal expressed deep gratitude to SPO and SEF, acknowledging the pivotal role they played in shaping his path to success. He highlighted the achievements of other students who, like him, had secured the esteemed Abdul Qadeer Khan scholarships in previous sessions, showcasing the consistent track record of excellence nurtured at his school.

Fazal credited his teachers and his School for bringing the opportunity to his doorstep, making quality education accessible and proving that dreams could be realized regardless of one's background. His success stands as a testament to the belief that with the right guidance and resources, individuals can overcome challenges and achieve tremendous goals.

Ever humble in his victory, Fazal used his success as a platform to motivate his classmates. In an impassioned address, he urged them to strive for excellence, encouraging them to set ambitious goals and work tirelessly towards achieving those. Fazal emphasized the importance of lifting the reputation of his school, showcasing how collective success can propel an entire community forward.

Fazal Rehman's success story not only inspires his peers but also highlights the transformative impact that education and determination can have on an individual's life. As he embarks on his academic journey at Cadet College Larkana, Fazal carries with him not just a scholarship but a beacon of hope for others to follow.



**Cadet College Larkana Scholarship,
Fazal Rehman - Cadet College
Larkana, Sindh**



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN EMERGENCY CONTEXT





Project Title	Education Early Response for Emergency in Sindh
Project Partner	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Region	Sindh
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Phase I: Khairpur, Thatta, Larkana and Qambar Shahdakot Phase II: Khairpur, Dadu, Larkana and Qambar Shahdakot
Project Duration	Phase I: September 2022- March 2023 Phase II: April, 2023- December, 2023
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 - June 2023

TEMPORARY LEARNING CENTRE IN THE FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS

DISTRICT KHAIRPUR, SINDH – 2022



PROJECT DETAILS

SPO with the support of UNICEF is implementing this project to provide comprehensive support to children affected by 2022 floods, ensuring their access to education and holistic development. This includes establishing 250 Temporary Learning Centres (TLCs) and operational schools from early childhood education (ECE) up to secondary school level, with a focus on girls' education. Activities encompass regular monitoring, validation, and rehabilitation of schools, alongside capacity-building initiatives for staff, teachers, School Management Committees (SMCs), and youth club members. Coordination meetings at provincial and district levels facilitate effective implementation, while community engagement sessions and dissemination of educational messages promote learning and inclusion.

During the year 2022-23, we established 291 TLCs and enrolled 25,712 learners in those TLCs in the Phase-I. In the Phase-II of the project, we established 180 TLCs and 120 Rehabilitation Centres in the flood-affected areas of the target districts in Sindh. We also distributed educational supplies, recreational kits, School-in-a-Box Kits, Learning Schools Kits, Hygiene Kits, MNH Kits, blackboards with stands, watercolors, and floormates.

In total, 23,541 affected children including 10,760 girls and 12,781 boys were provided with safe learning opportunities. In addition, the project improved the learning environment at TLCs through the capacity building of teachers and conducting health and hygiene sessions. Low-cost shelters of climate-resilient, child-friendly TLC structures were also established by using local low-cost materials at the fully damaged schools to provide easy access to education for students, especially girls. Similarly, climate-resilient, child-friendly TLCs were established through the installation of High-Performance tents, which were provided by UNICEF. Cleaning and dewatering and minor repairs of schools for children to resume formal education in schools were also ensured.

Project Beneficiaries during 2022-23:



Project Title	Emergency Relief for Humanitarian Response to Flood Emergency in district Sohbatpur, Balochistan
Project Partner	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Region	Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Sohbatpur
Project Duration	October 2021 - December 2023
Reporting Timeline	October 2022 - June 2023

MULTIPURPOSE CASH DISTRIBUTION CAMP

DISTRICT SOHBATPUR, BALOCHISTAN – JANUARY 2023



PROJECT DETAILS

The district of Sohbatpur in Balochistan was severely affected by heavy rainfall and floods in 2022, resulting in damage to crops, livestock, and infrastructure in the communities. Floodwaters overwhelmed the area, completely destroying mud huts and crops. A Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) was conducted in the district using a participatory approach involving local communities to determine the extent of the disaster, identify immediate needs, and assess the number of people affected by the flood.

This project aims to enhance healthcare and community resilience in disaster-affected areas through medical camps and Women and Child-Friendly Spaces (WCFS). It includes outreach facilitators, distribution of dignity kits, and district-level referral mechanisms, along with community training and awareness campaigns. Additionally, it addresses infrastructure needs by allocating resources for water pipeline repairs and debris removal, ensuring holistic support and rehabilitation.

5 WCFS were established in targeted union councils to provide relief to the affected communities, including the provision of Non-Food Items (NFIs) and cash grants.

The project successfully achieved its objectives of providing emergency support to the flood-affected people. The establishment of WCFS was a significant accomplishment of the project as it catered to the needs of vulnerable families affected by the flood. The WCFS provided a safe and supportive environment for women and children, who are among the most vulnerable groups during such disasters. It served as a center for various activities and services, including counseling, educational support, recreational activities, and access to essential resources. Additionally, under WASH facilities, 5 water schemes were provided benefitting 3,040 women and 2,312 men, and 5 medical camps were set up to address the immediate needs of the affected areas benefitting 627 women and 311 men. These initiatives played a crucial role in minimizing health risks and promoting the well-being of the flood-affected communities.

MEDICAL CAMP

DISTRICT SOHBATPUR, BALOCHISTAN – DECEMBER 2022



PROJECT SUCCESS STORY

SURVIVAL OF FLOOD-AFFECTED FAMILY OF ZAINAB


In the wake of a devastating flood that left countless families stranded and struggling, a beacon of hope emerged in the form of a free medical health camp. Among the beneficiaries were Ms. Zainab, a resilient woman hailing from a poor, flood-affected family and ill due to widespread water and airborne diseases in the affected area. The flood had wreaked havoc on her community, leaving them with scarce resources and a dire need for assistance. Zainab and her family having lost their home and livelihood, faced the additional burden of trauma affecting their overall well-being. Upon arriving at the free medical health camp, Zainab and her family were met with compassion and expertise. The camp provided a spectrum of medical services, ranging from basic check-ups to specialized treatments. The medical professionals not only addressed their physical ailments but also created a supportive environment for them to share their stories and challenges.



**Zainab at the Medical Health Camp in district Sohbatpur,
Balochistan – January 2023**

Beyond the immediate medical attention, the camp extended its services to include counseling and emotional support, acknowledging the profound psychological impact that disasters can inflict.

As days turned into weeks, Zainab's health showed signs of improvement. The medical camp, acting not only as a provider of physical care but also as a source of renewed hope, played a pivotal role in her recovery. With the backing of the medical team and the community, Zainab regained her strength and commenced the journey of rebuilding her life. Once burdened by the aftermath of the flood, Zainab's family discovered solace in the kindness of strangers who



had joined forces for their well-being. Today, Zainab stands as a towering symbol of resilience and the transformative power of compassion. Her transition from a flood-affected victim to a triumphant survivor is a testament to the positive change that unfolds when a community unites for a shared cause. The success of the flood relief initiative and its enduring impact on Zainab's life continues to inspire acts of kindness and generosity, reaffirming that even in the darkest times, the human spirit can radiate brightly.

Project Title	Emergency Support to Meet the Immediate Needs of Flood-affected Communities in Balochistan
Project Partner	Mercy Corps
Region	Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Jaffarabad
Project Duration	September 2022 – March 2023

MOBILE HEALTH CAMP DURING EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE

JAFFARABAD, BALOCHISTAN – OCTOBER 2022



PROJECT DETAILS

The project aims to alleviate the hardships faced by the most vulnerable flood-affected households in Balochistan by providing immediate emergency assistance. This includes multi-purpose cash transfers, support for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), healthcare services, shelter and settlements assistance, as well as interventions to enhance food security and livelihoods, ensuring a comprehensive response to address urgent needs in the aftermath of the floods.

We implemented this project to contribute to reducing the suffering of the most vulnerable flood-affected households in Balochistan with the provision of immediate emergency support. In this project, we identified the basic and urgent survival needs of the communities and provided multipurpose cash assistance, improved access to WASH services, access to health care services, and shelter support.

We successfully processed the identification, assessment, and verification of 1,000 flood-affected individuals and provided them with multipurpose cash assistance of Rs.25,000 for each beneficiary. We installed 15 water collection points at different vicinities of district Jaffarabad and provided clean water to the communities through the rehabilitation of 350 existing and the installation of 70 new water sources and systems. Furthermore, the installation of 76 ventilated improved pit household latrines benefitting 305 women and 204 men, and the distribution of 400 dignity kits were also among the key project interventions. Moreover, we established 14 portable handwashing stations with pit latrines and two gender-segregated sanitation facilities at the Diarrhea Treatment Center (DTC). SPO successfully organized 20 mobile health camps, treating a total of 4,301 patients. one DTC in the target district was established and 4,678 patients were treated at the DTC during the project duration where free medicines were provided to the patients.



Project Title	Flood Recovery and Response – A Community-wide Approach
Project Partner	Oxfam
Region	Sindh and Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Mirpurkhas and Sanghar, Sindh - Sohbatpur and Jaffarabad, Balochistan
Project Duration	January 2023 - December 2023
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 – June 2023

SAFEGUARDING AND SAFE PROGRAMMING AWARENESS SESSION

MIRPURKHAS, SINDH – JUNE 2023



PROJECT DETAILS


The project was aimed to provide adequate and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the vulnerable communities of Sindh and Balochistan with special attention to the social and economic needs of women, children, and PWDs.

During the year 2022-23, several significant targets and activities across different sectors and communities were accomplished. The formation of Village Committees in the targeted districts, totaling 20 committees, ensuring local representation and community involvement in decision-making processes were established through a participatory process. Furthermore, a thorough Real-Time Review (RTR) was conducted, with a focus on the progress and challenges within the flood-affected regions, exemplifying the commitment to continual evaluation and improvement.

Efforts to enhance the well-being of the communities were evident in the distribution of NFI Kits, with 900 kits distributed. Additionally, the distribution of 4,000 Winter Kits, significantly contributed to mitigating the challenges posed by harsh weather conditions.

Infrastructure development initiatives included the installation of latrines, emphasizing the importance of sanitation facilities for the communities. Moreover, the installation of hand pumps across the regions has proven instrumental in providing access to clean and safe water, significantly improving the quality of life for the communities, particularly those in remote or underserved areas of Sindh and Balochistan. Following are the key achievements of the project under FES, WASH and Protection components:

Description	Women	Men	Total
Food and Economic Security (FES)			
Seeds, fertilizers, and farming tools to flood affected	64	92	134
In-kind assistance provided to women for women-led kitchens	17		17
Vaccination and deworming services provided to 5,117 livestock			
Wash			
112 direct bore handpumps installed	408	376	784
700 water filters (Nadi/Bio sand) distributed	2,548	2,352	4,900
48 HH/Family shared latrine constructed	1,398	1,290	2,688
29 HH-shared bathing facilities constructed	844	780	1,624
370 handwashing stations for HH and Community constructed	13,468	12,432	25,900
22 village cleaning campaigns organized	2,957	3,203	6,160
Protection			
55 Village & District Community-Based Protection Committees (CBP) formulated	543	40	583
1 Training conducted on supporting Disaster Preventive Measures and Protection against Future Disasters, in collaboration with DDMA	5	29	34



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS FOR IMPROVED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS





Project Title	Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP)
Project Partner	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)
Region	Turbat, Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Districts Kech and Panjgur
Project Duration	August 2021 to June 2024
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 to June 2023

MS. TAKO - GRASP WOMAN ENTREPRENEUR OF GOAT FARMING

KECH, BALOCHISTAN – NOVEMBER 2022



PROJECT DETAILS

With the assistance of GRASP, SPO is strengthening micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in value chains related to dates, livestock and dairy products, poultry, and onions by providing matching grants. Over the two-year project duration, mapping is to be conducted across 10 targeted union councils to identify MSMEs and primary producers. The project focuses on developing 36 Farmer Market Collectives (FMCs) and other platforms, as well as providing and facilitating financial literacy and business planning capacity-building trainings for MSMEs, along with establishing linkages with markets and relevant stakeholders. The GRASP project offers matching grants in three categories: 25 grants valued at PKR 0.5 million, 10 grants at PKR 2.5 million, and 3 grants at PKR 30 million. Additionally, capacity building initiatives include financial literacy and business planning training for 52 SMEs, as well as training and exposure sessions for borrowers, SMEs, and staff as part of the project.

During the year 2022-23, the project achieved several milestones including identification and orientation of 210 SMEs, with 77 women and 133 men entrepreneurs actively engaged in GRASP value chain. We launched the application process for the 2nd cycle grants, receiving a significant response. Evaluation committees shortlisted SMEs following strict criteria, thus ensuring a transparent and competitive selection process. Under the 1st cycle of the PKR 0.5 million matching grants, we distributed a total of 10 cheques to four female and six male SMEs. Additionally, one male SME received a cheque of PKR 2.5 million. Nine beneficiaries including three female and six male received the cheques of PKR 0.5 million under the 2nd cycle of matching grants. Four male SMEs received the matching grants of PKR 2.5 million and one SME received the grant of PKR 30 million under the 2nd cycle category.

Overall, SPO distributed 19 cheques of PKR 0.5 million, 5 SMEs received the matching grant of PKR 2.5 million, and one SME received PKR 30 million matching grant in the 1st and 2nd cycles. All supported 25 SMEs with matching grants of 0.5 million (for 19 SMEs), 2.5 million (5 SMEs), and an SME with 30 million are strengthening their businesses and generating income directly. We registered 57 businesses with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). With this registration, SMEs are now eligible to access financial institutions and have market access all over Pakistan. Similarly, we supported a total of 25 SMEs with matching grants in various categories. One of the main project objectives for these grantee SMEs is to increase their business by 30%, thereby creating job opportunities for the community. This marks the initial phase, and as a result, SMEs are expanding their businesses through value addition to their products to meet market demand. Grantees are also required to create job opportunities for the community.

Description	Women	Men	Total
2 orientation sessions conducted of SMEs	17	32	49
Matching Grants provided in 2nd Cycle (PKR 2.5 Million)	0	4	4
Matching Grant provided in 2nd Cycle to Medium-Sized SME (PKR 30 million)	0	1	1
Matching Grants provided to small producers in 3rd Cycle (PKR 0.5 Million)	3	6	9
2 session conducted on Financial Literacy and Business Plan Development (26 SMEs per districts)	17	32	49
SMEs Registered their businesses with SECP through the support from SPO	3	24	27
Wheat Seed bags (337,500 KGs) distributed among local farmers	777	5,973	6,750

In the reporting year, SPO continued its wheat seeds distribution activities in Districts Panjgur and Kech as part of the Flood Response Contingency Program initiated by the ITC/EU and supported by PPAF. A total of 6,750 farmers including 777 females and 5,973 males received 337,500 KGs of wheat bags in both targeted districts.



SUPPORTING WOMEN THROUGH MAINSTREAMING AND EMPOWERMENT







Project Title	Gender Based Violence Mitigation in Flood Emergencies
Project Partner	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Region	Punjab
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur
Project Duration	November 2022 – July 2023

PROJECT DETAILS

During the year 2022-23, our project undertook a comprehensive approach to empower women and girls in District DG Khan and Rajanpur. This initiative focused on various aspects, including healthcare access, safe spaces, and coordination to combat GBV.

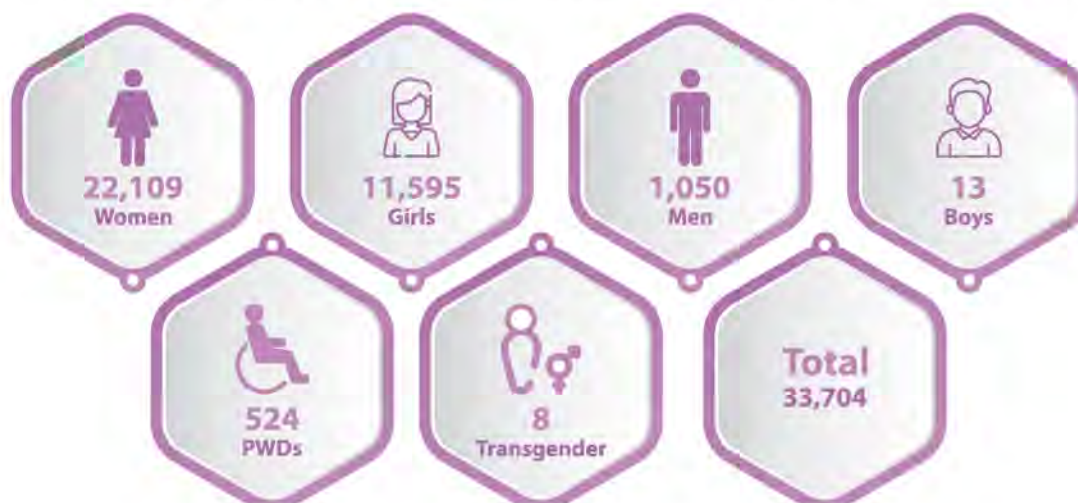
The cornerstone of our efforts was the organization of 27 medical camps within local communities, providing more than 1,800 women and girls a platform to access vital healthcare services. We emphasized sexual and reproductive health alongside general well-being, aiming to enhance their overall quality of life.

We established three Women and Girls Friendly Spaces (WGFS), providing access to more than 30,000 women and girls who visited these WGFS. These spaces provided more than physical security; and offered a nurturing environment for women and girls to express themselves freely. Beyond emotional support, the spaces facilitated skills development and knowledge sharing, contributing significantly to the personal growth and self-confidence of women and young girls.

2,175 Dignity Kits were distributed among women and girls across both districts with over 250 recipients including physical challenged women and girls. These kits were more than material provisions; they symbolized respect, care, and inclusivity, aiming to meet diverse needs and restore dignity.

In summary, our project made substantial strides in empowering women and girls in District DG Khan and Rajanpur, Punjab. We created a holistic impact through medical camps, WGFS, coordination meetings, and Dignity Kit distributions. Our multifaceted approach catered to health, safety, and coordination needs, fostering a more empowered and resilient community.

Beneficiaries for WGFS, Medical camps and dignity kits for year 2022-2023



Project Title	Enforcement of The Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence (Amendment) Act 2022
Project Partner	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Region	Punjab
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	All districts
Project Duration	January 2023 - December 2023
Reporting Timeline	January 2023 -June 2023

DISTRIBUTION OF DIGNITY KITS AT WGFS IN DISTRICT

DG KHAN – FEBRUARY 2023



PROJECT DETAILS

The Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence (Amendment) Act 2022 is a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of women in Punjab, Pakistan. The Act aims to protect women from domestic violence and, more widely, to create an enabling environment for women to freely play their due role in the society'. To strengthen the implementation of this law, SPO, in collaboration with Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) and UNFPA is implementing the project, which combines policy advocacy, awareness raising, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement to promote the effective implementation of the Act.

During the year 2022-23, efforts were made to enhance the legal framework and provided clearer guidelines for addressing cases of violence through the development of the Rules and SoPs of the Act. This strengthened the mechanisms in place and ensured a more robust response to instances of violence and a more comprehensive approach to women's protection in Punjab. Additionally, efforts were made to increase the awareness and visibility of the Women Protection Centers across Punjab, resulting in a notable increase in the registration of cases. This increased visibility helped women better understand the available resources and support systems, encouraging them to seek assistance when faced with violence or abuse.

To promote accurate and ethical reporting on the implementation of this Act, the capacity of 44 journalists was enhanced through effective reporting on the nuances and intricacies of the Act. This fostered increased informed and sensitive public discourse on the issue of women's protection. Furthermore, the activation of District Women Protection Committees across Punjab played a pivotal role in strengthening the referral mechanism. This ensured timely assistance and facilitated access to justice for women facing violence. The initiative supported the establishment of a comprehensive network that catered to the immediate needs of 305 direct beneficiaries and an additional 2,135 indirect beneficiaries.



PUNJAB GENDER PARITY REPORT

Overview

The Punjab Gender Parity Report is a comprehensive analytical study of the status of women in Punjab. It illustrates the socio-economic well-being of women in Punjab, through an examination of more than 250 indicators spanning all the significant areas of a woman's life.

Significance of PGPR

The importance of PGPR is manifold. As a report published by the Government it is a continuous effort towards transparency in data projection. The report does not shy away from showcasing data that truly highlights the plight of women in the province.

Dissemination and Launch of PGPR

The report is formally launched at an event where all international and national organisations, government officials and key stakeholders. The event serves as an annual reminder to the government of the ongoing need to actively pursue the women's rights agenda. By showcasing data relevant to women's socio-economic status and challenges, the event encourages a continuous commitment to gender equality, making it an indispensable tool for advocacy and policy development.



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR THE FUTURE OF PAKISTAN



The goal of this thematic area is to develop thoughtful and responsible behaviors amongst stakeholders. SPO facilitates and advocates for:



During the year 2022-23, SPO continued to highlight the challenges and impact of climate change on the people of Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab and KP with the support of its partners Oxfam, NCA and continued an ongoing Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative in water rights and inclusivity in spate-irrigated areas in Balochistan, in collaboration with Meta-Meta Research.



Project Title	New Water Rights in Basin Management 'Inclusivity of Spate Irrigated Areas of Pakistan'
Project Partner	Meta Meta
Region	Balochistan
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	District Bolan - Tehsil Bhag and Sub Tehsil Bala Nari
Project Duration	May 2023
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 - June 2023

HEALTH AND HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTIONS IN SCHOOLS

BOLAN, BALOCHISTAN – MAY 2023



PROJECT DETAILS

SPO is contributing towards the improvement in agricultural and water management practices in Bhag Nari that is one of the remotest areas of Balochistan and its surrounding villages through community engagement and implementing comprehensive initiatives. In the fiscal year 2022-23, we collaborated with farmers in Bala Nari to identify the project's scope, ensuring alignment with local needs. This participatory approach empowered the local community by involving them in the decision-making process. The successful completion of water rights and water use in eight villages of Bolan District demonstrates our commitment to addressing essential water resource management issues. Our continuous engagement reflects ongoing efforts to ensure equitable water distribution and usage, benefiting agricultural production and local livelihoods. Several initiatives were taken during this year, including 11 trainings focusing on health and hygiene practices catering both 180 women and 189 men. Additionally, a trial distribution of milk churners distributed among 200 women, along with thorough training targeted 140 households, while 60 more households awaited selection, with a specific emphasis on rural areas. 2,500 health and hygiene kits were distributed among school and college girls. Similarly, 20 shallow wells constructed for 4,160 women and 3,840 men.

As our charitable efforts, food packs were distributed to 145 households during the month of Ramadan. Infrastructure development was also a key focus, as the construction of Lower Nari channels and Wahs was successfully completed. Furthermore, eight field offtake structures were built, contributing to enhanced agricultural efficiency and irrigation systems. SPO also rehabilitated 10 existing water ponds benefitting 728 women and 672 men, and excavated 7 new water ponds for 510 women and 470 men.

Our commitment to community empowerment was evident in various endeavors, including the procurement and distribution of 20 sewing machines to the social welfare department. Trials for the testing of plant health measures, specifically Zinc and Iron spraying for Chickpea, resulted in a significant yield increase ranging from 15% to 25%. Moreover, the acquisition of improved water storage tanks culminated in their successful handover to the chairpersons of the Municipal Committee Bhag.

Other project initiatives included the completion of site identification for the construction, desilting, and widening of Bala Nari Wah. Additionally, 10 progressive farmers were provided with new and improved seeds for Mung Bean, Sorghum, and Gobar, facilitating agricultural experimentation and progress within the farming community.

Project Title	Faith in Action for Sustainable Climate Resilience (FASCR)
Project Partner	Norwegian Church Aid, Pakistan (NCA)
Region	Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	District Umerkot, Sanghar and Peshawar
Project Duration	2020 to 2024
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 to June 2023

MUSLIM CLERIC AND HINDU PRIEST WORKING TOGETHER IN CLEANING CAMPAIGN

UMERKOT, SINDH – JUNE 2023



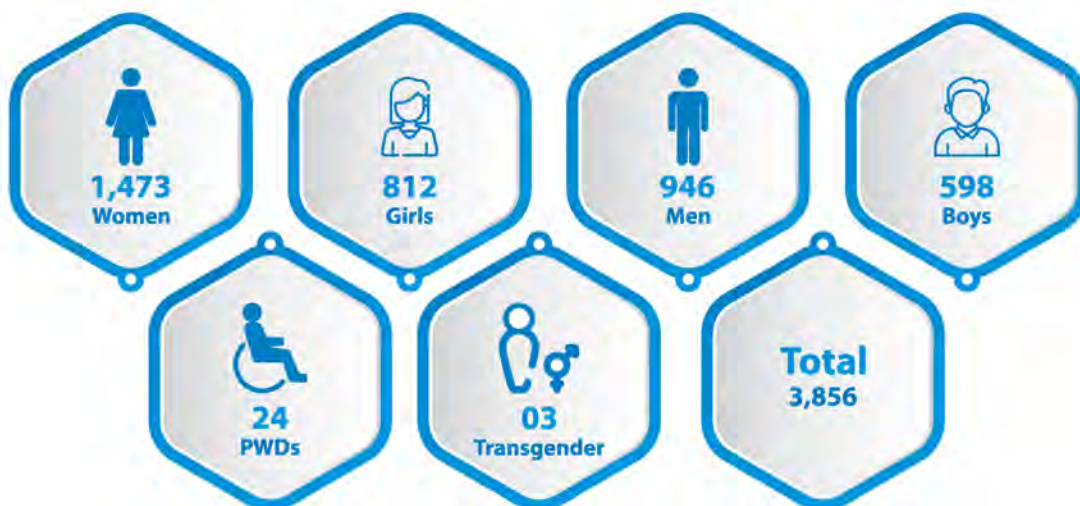
PROJECT DETAILS

During the year 2022-23, we established 38 Women Self-Help Groups in Umerkot and Sanghar Districts of Sindh promoting grassroots empowerment. We prioritized gender inclusivity by ensuring the representation of 27 women from marginalized areas in government structures.

One of the key highlights of the project was facilitating 12 women in Umerkot District to access essential referral services. We also fostered collaboration with faith actors in joint climate change social action, training 30 individuals in Umerkot and Peshawar. Standardized sermons on climate change were delivered across religious locations, effectively spreading awareness. In Peshawar and Umerkot, we engaged 762 individuals in activities enhancing climatic resilience. Through tailored trainings for faith actors and Community-Based Organization (CBO) members, climate-resilient action plans were developed in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Successful advocacy efforts with KP's departments resulted in the appointment of a focal person for the Climate Change Policy review.

.During the 2022 floods, our active participation in DDMA-DRR forums contributed to robust contingency plans. We installed CRM boxes in schools, providing contact numbers for Women Protection Cells, ensuring over 10,000 girls felt protected. Mass mobilization, public rallies, and press conferences sensitized 750 individuals to climate adaptation, while 12 gender-based violence cases were referred to women's protection cells. Sindh Climate Action Network (SCAN), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Climate Action Network (KPCAN), FACE initiated the promotion of climate change adaptable measures, people got aware in both provinces.

Project Beneficiaries During 2022-23





DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMATION



Our primary focus in Digital Knowledge Transformations encompasses two key areas:

Community Level: Our integrated approach aims to bridge the digital gap, particularly in the education and health sectors, by utilizing diverse tools, techniques, and approaches in our projects supported by SEF and PPIF. Our overarching working philosophy and utilization of digital platforms encompass all thematic areas, ensuring the transfer of digital knowledge and technology for the greater good of society.

Institutional Level (Internal and External): Internally, we are devoted to establishing structures, systems, and policies that cultivate a digital-friendly environment, thereby amplifying the visibility of SPO's work and strengthening our communication with multiple stakeholders and audience. Externally, we collaborate with stakeholders to equip them with digital tools and knowledge, fostering sustainable development that ultimately benefits communities.

Project Title	Improving family planning knowledge, positive attitudes and practice through systematic and evidence-based Social and Behavior Change Communication Interventions (Digital Technologies)
Project Partner	Punjab Population Innovation Fund (PPIF)
Region	Punjab
Geographical Coverage (Districts)	Rajanpur, Jhang, Sargodha, Okara, Sheikhpura and Sialkot
Project Duration	1st September 2022 - 31st October, 2024
Reporting Timeline	July 2022 - June 2023

ORIENTATION OF PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS ON HUMRAAH APPLICATION

SIALKOT, PUNJAB – JUNE 2023



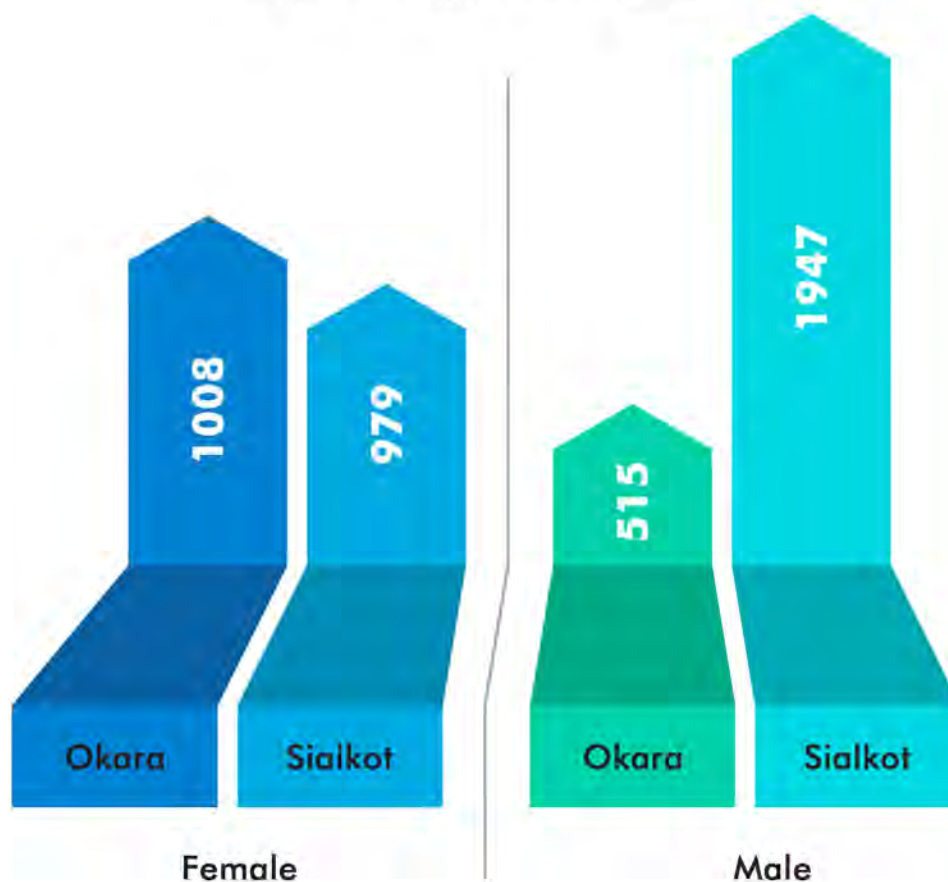
PROJECT DETAILS

The project aims to address information gap and limited availability of contemporary family planning services in various districts. This project seeks to enhance Family Planning (FP) knowledge, promote positive attitudes and practices. The strategy involves implementing Social and Behavior Change Communication Interventions using mobile health (mHealth) technologies and a dynamic Social Media campaign, alongside comprehensive training and capacity building initiatives.

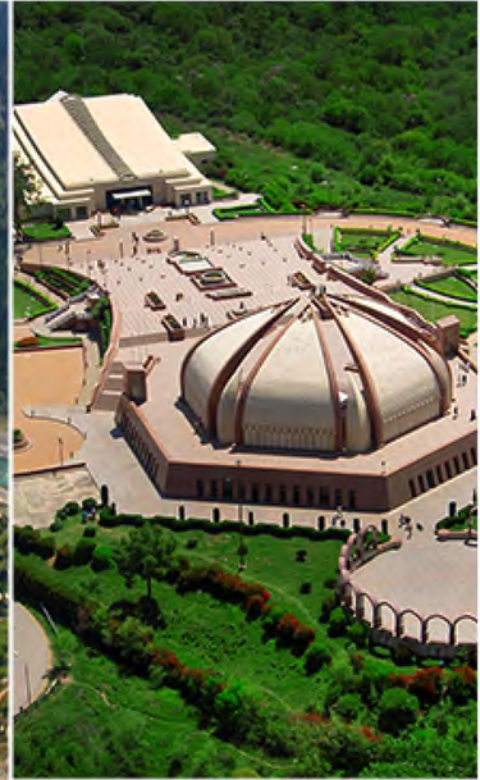
In the fiscal year 2022-23, the project referred 5,000 Married Women of Reproductive Ages (MWARs) for Family Planning Services. The project also trained over 1,075 individuals including 690 females and 385 males through youth, volunteers, and service providers, and sensitized more than 8,000 MWARs and men about the features and functionalities of the developed Humraah Mobile application.

This outreach has yielded tangible results, particularly in the increased adoption of the Humraah Application. Throughout the year, the application recorded 6,500 downloads, indicating growing interest and engagement among the target audience. Moreover, the impact of the application goes beyond mere awareness, as 300 MWARs directly availed family planning services through the Humraah Application. Furthermore, the comprehensive social media campaign has further extended its reach, with over 15,000 MWARs and men being reached and engaged. This collective effort signifies a substantial step forward in promoting and ensuring accessible healthcare services for the community.

Humraah Application Users



CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROMOTION



We endeavor to enrich citizens' knowledge of Pakistan's cultural heritage using both conventional and digital resources. Our primary strategy involves raising awareness within communities about responsible tourism, ensuring easy access to cultural tourist sites and festivals. The overarching goal is to deepen the appreciation of Pakistan's diverse cultural heritage among its people, foster its preservation by local communities, and generate economic opportunities through cultural tourism. Furthermore, we have integrated our Cultural Heritage and Tourism Promotion Programme with Climate Change Adaptation initiatives to effectively address the challenges posed by climate change in Pakistan.

SPO has garnered extensive experience and success in cultural community-based projects throughout Pakistan. These initiatives include organizing educational visits for youth to various World Heritage sites and promoting diverse cultural and religious festivals. The organization has also developed educational programs and materials documenting Pakistan's diverse cultural heritage, collaborating with various government departments on similar initiatives.

In the year 2023-24, we are committed to promoting our rich cultural heritage through an innovative Cultural Heritage and Tourism Promotion plan. This plan recognizes the intrinsic connection between cultural diversity and tourism appeal in Pakistan. Our objective is to showcase our country's unique traditions, historical landmarks, and artistic expressions through projects and interventions that reflect our community. By forging strategic partnerships, offering immersive experiences, and implementing targeted project interventions, we aspire to attract a diverse audience while nurturing a deeper appreciation for our cultural legacy. This initiative aligns with our mission not only to preserve our heritage but also to contribute to the sustainable development of Pakistan.



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND GOVERNANCE

LINKAGES AND NETWORKING

As part of its consistent commitment to facilitating networks of individuals and institutions collaborating to strengthen democratic voices, perceptions and practices, SPO maintains its active membership in relevant forums, serves as the focal point for several major national and international networks.

At the national and local levels, SPO continues to establish networks in thematic and regional areas where there is a visible disconnect between the State and citizens. These networks are designed to bridge the gap by empowering them to act as intermediaries between citizens and the government. SPO actively participates in 27 national and 21 provincial networks and played a key role as one of the founding members of the National Humanitarian Network (NHN) in Pakistan and is running the secretariat. During the recent elections SPO's Chief Executive has been elected as the Chair of NHN's Central Executive Committee and Co-Chair of NHN.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Programme Development Department at SPO plays a pivotal role in aligning our organization with its mission, vision, and values. During the reporting period following the significant floods in 2022, our focus remained on the humanitarian and climate-resilient sectors.

Within the Programme Development Unit, our dedicated team is committed to innovation, drawing upon valuable lessons learned from past endeavors. We are determined to create projects that leave a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

Our department's key areas of focus include identifying potential sources of funding, shaping donor strategies, and leading the development of high-value proposals, concept notes, and expressions of interest. As we pursue our mission, we remain steadfast in our commitment to social and environmental safeguarding.

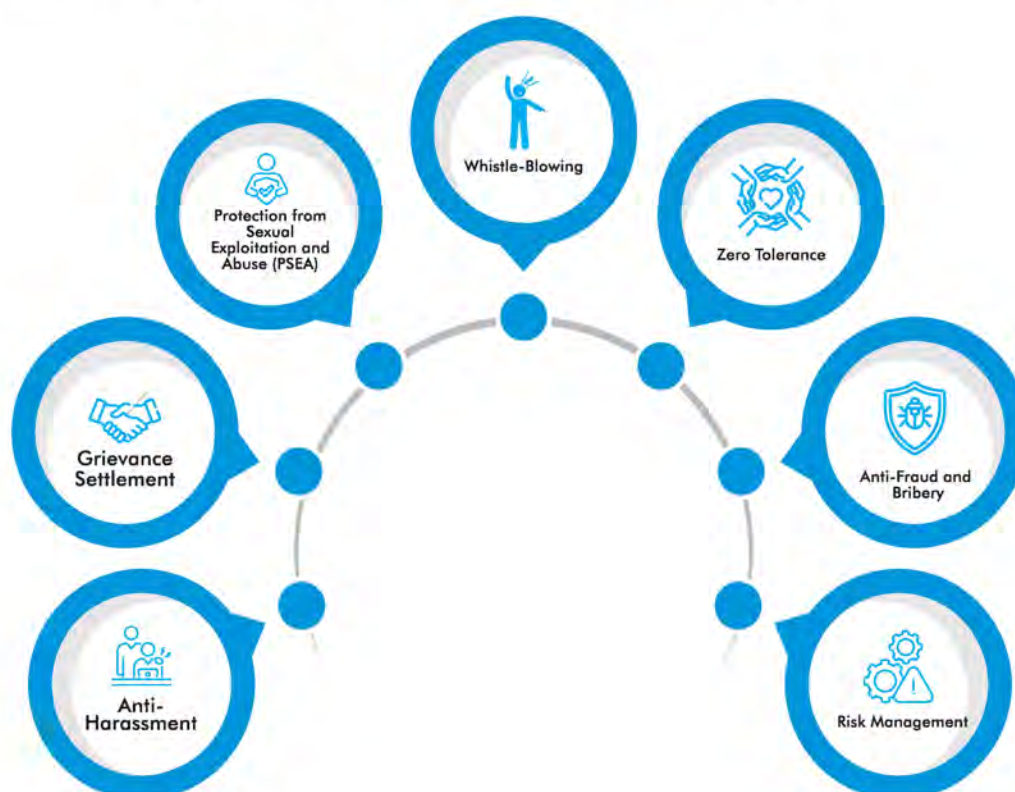
Our engagement with donors is characterized by a desire to build robust partnerships that contribute to the growth and overall success of our organization. Together, we strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, staying true to our organizational values. In the past year, we explored 20 projects with a successful win percentage of 50. These projects focused on areas such as advocacy, behavior change, and the rehabilitation of flood-affected communities focusing on areas like advocacy, behavior change, and rehabilitating flood-affected communities.



Percentage rate of winning projects this year: 50%

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (HRM)

SPO's Human Resource Management plays a vital role in strategically aligning the Organization's vision and mission. This is achieved through the provision of diversified services for organizational development and reforms, using effective Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Terms of Reference (ToRs), strategic recruitment, capacity building training programs, and efficient planning. These services are tailored to meet the specific requirements of SPO's clients/partners, taking into consideration their respective resources and capacities.



THE JOURNEY TOWARDS STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

To safeguard the fundamental objectives of SPO, HRM is dedicated to serving as a strategic partner for sustainable development, growth and improvement. Our goal is to contribute to the long-term betterment and progress of all stakeholders. HRM prides itself in consistently delivering support to all SPO departments and employees through guidance, coaching, advice and consultative processes. . Currently, HRM is transitioning from service delivery to Strategic Human Resource Management.

HRM provides a range of services for organizational development and reform. These include implementing effective SOPs and ToRs, strategic recruitment, capacity-building training programs, and efficient planning.

Affirmative action was implemented through the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Policy with the aim of promoting a secure working environment for women workers, female teachers, and students, as well as ensuring regular attendance at school. The unwavering commitment and dedication demonstrated by all SPO team members, coupled with the active support from the Board and General Body members, served as the driving force behind the ongoing success of SPO during the fiscal year 2022-23.



MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

Our MIS is designed to provide managers and decision-makers with the necessary information to support decision-making and control efficiently and effectively. It serves as a vital tool for archiving essential organizational documents such as project proposals, donor reports, research studies, M&E reports, financial data, partners' profiles, thematic profiles, and project fact sheets, thus contributing to improved knowledge management.

The MIS generates various types of reports and dashboards that support managers with the information required for informed decision-making. These reports can be either routine or customized, depending on specific requirements, making it a valuable asset for organizations. This tool empowers managers to make data-driven decisions, enhance efficiency, reduce operational costs, and gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Moreover, as technology continues to advance, we are continuously evolving our MIS to incorporate features such as real-time data processing, predictive analytics, and cloud-based solutions to meet the ever-changing needs of businesses.

MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING (MEAL)

SPO's Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning section aims at ensuring transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of our programs and projects. The MEAL section focuses on embedding transparency and accountability into all program and project activities throughout the organization.. This commitment to transparency is crucial for building trust with stakeholders, including communities, civil society institutions, and staff.

The MEAL section employs continuous monitoring as a proactive approach to extend support to the program, closely monitor the project activities in real-time.. This allows for the early identification of issues and timely corrective actions. The MEAL team conducts assessments at multiple levels, including process, output, outcome, and impact. This comprehensive approach enables a thorough understanding of program/project performance and its broader effects.

Our MEAL team places a strong check on the quality of deliverables, as well as the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and projects, ensuring optimal resources utilization and the achievement of intended outcomes. Throughout the year, the SPO's MEAL section has developed assessment tools, conducted door-to-door household assessments, carried out Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice (KAP) surveys, developed an Android-based Post Distribution Monitoring tool, created an online costed work plan, and implemented a reporting tracker among other initiatives. Regular reporting from monitoring and evaluation activities is pertinent for discussing the findings and taking necessary actions through monthly review meetings with project teams and senior management. This ensures course correction and continuous improvement. Overall, the approach of SPO's MEAL Department aligns with best practices in program and project management, emphasizing transparency, accountability, stakeholder engagement, and data-driven decision-making. This approach not only enhances the quality of our organization's work but also enables us to effectively adapt and respond to changing circumstances and challenges.

SPO COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Unit plays a crucial role in enhancing the organization's image, activities, programs, and initiatives with various stakeholders, partners, government entities, and national and international organizations. It offers comprehensive support and acts as a liaison between the organization, the public, and the media. The Unit ensures that SPO's image and activities are highly visible and effectively contribute to brand building, image enhancement, and public affairs.



ANNEXURE

LIST OF PROJECTS 2022-23

Sr. No	Project Title	Thematic Area	Partner	Geographical Region	Target District
UN Agencies					
1	Advance gender equality and respond to gender-based violence in development and humanitarian settings	Gender Mainstreaming	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Punjab, Balochistan and KP	Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar
Public-Private Partnerships					
2	Improve Family Planning Knowledge, Positive attitudes and practice through systematic and evidence-based social and behaviour change communication interventions (Digital Technologies)	Health	Pakistan Population Innovation Fund (PPIF)	Punjab	Rajanpur, Jhang, Sheikhpura, Okara, Sialkot and Sargodha
3	SEF Adolescents & Adults Learning and Training Program (AALTP)	Education	Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)	Sindh	Sukkur and Jacobabad
4	Foundation Assisted Schools (FAS)	Education	Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)	Sindh	Sukkur and Jacobabad
5	SEF Middle and High School Programme (SMHS)	Education	Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)	Sindh	Sukkur and Jacobabad
6	Promoting Private Schools in Rural Sindh (PPRS)	Education	Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)	Sindh	Sukkur and Jacobabad

INGOs/NGOs					
7	Strengthen and scale-up of quality TB diagnosis and treatment through a public-private mix approach	Health	Mercy Corps (Global Fund)	Balochistan	Sibbi, Pashin, Jaffarabad, Kech, Panjgoor, Lasbela
8	Digitalization of TB Data to support the scale-up of private provider engagement for TB in Pakistan	Health	Mercy Corps (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)	Balochistan	Sibbi, Pashin, Jaffarabad, Kech, Panjgoor, Lasbela
9	Faith in Action for Sustainable Climate Resilience Project	Climate Change	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)	KP and Sindh	Peshawar, Umerkot and Sanghar
10	Women Voice Leadership (WVL)	Gender Mainstreaming	Oxfam GB (Global Affairs Canada)	Punjab, KP, Sindh and Balochistan	Lahore, Multan, Bahawalpur, Mardan, Peshawar, Lower Dir, Karachi, Mirpurkhas, Quetta, Ghizer, Jaffarabad, Islamabad, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi
11	AAWAZ - II - DSP	Gender Mainstreaming, Youth Empowerment	British Council	Punjab	Khanewal and Vehari
12	AAWAZ - II - Resource Partner	Gender Mainstreaming, Youth Empowerment	British Council	Punjab and KP	KP and Punjab
13	Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP)	Socio-Economic Development	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)	Balochistan	Panjgur and Kech
14	Influencing Climate Change Preparedness & Resilience	Climate Change	Oxfam GB	Punjab and KP	
15	Increased locally led actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters in selected high-risk countries of Asia	Humanitarian/ Disaster	Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)	KP, Punjab, Sindh & Balochistan	-

16	New water Rights for Basin Management and Inclusivity in Spate Irrigated Areas of Pakistan	WASH	Spate Irrigation Network (MetaMeta)	Balochistan	Bolan
Corporate Sector					
17	Uplifting of Public Park and Establishment of Women Fitness Centre at Shikarpur, Sindh	Recreational	Engro Energy Limited	Sindh	Shikarpur
Humanitarian Response					
18	Education Early Response for Emergency in Sindh	Humanitarian/ Disaster	UNICEF	Sindh	Qambar Shahdadt, Larkana, Khairpur & Thatta
19	Flood Recovery and Response - A Community-wide Approach	Humanitarian/ Disaster	Oxfam	Sindh and Balochistan	Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Sohbatpur and Jafarabad

TRIBUTE



Dr. Karamat Ali

(passed away on 13th July 2022)

Former twice Chairperson of SPO and long-serving Member of the General Body and Board of Directors,

Dr. Karamat Ali was a respected economist by profession, with a wealth of knowledge in development economics and sociology. He obtained a Master in Economics and Sociology and PhD in Economic Development at Vanderbilt University, USA.

His areas of expertise encompassed economic development in developing countries, rural support programmes, strategies for education in developing countries, and development and political economics. He worked with the Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in various capacities including as Meritorious Professor Economics. In addition, he also served as Chairman, Department of Economics at the University of Bahawalpur. Dr. Karamat was also associated with NUML Multan Campus as the Professor of Management Sciences. He was a consultant with SEBCOM Pakistan and HTSPE United Kingdom. He made a valuable contribution to SPO's governance and provided numerous insights and guidelines to foster best practices.

Dr. Karamat was the author of forty-one research papers published in national and international journals. Two books comprised (i) Pakistan: The Political Economy of Rural Development, and (ii) Pakistan: The Political Economy of Human Resource Development.



Ms. Parveen Akhtar

(Date of Demise:
25th December 2022)

Former Member of the Board of Directors of SPO (for three terms) elected from KP, Ms. Parveen Akhtar was a leading legal practitioner. She took a special interest in women-related cases and in helping protect women's rights in cases at family courts. She successfully practiced law for 35 years, during which she also served in the High Court and its subordinate Courts.

Ms. Parveen Akhtar worked with the Free Legal Aid of PAWLA (Pakistan) and was also an active member of the Provincial Bar Council of KPK till 2014. In addition, she was associated with the Cantonment Board, Peshawar, as a Member for 10 years and Vice President for 1998-99. She was also elected as General Secretary of the Peshawar Bar Association.

As part of her voluntary services for SPO , she served as Member of the Board of Directors of SPO's affiliate, the Social Development Enterprise (Pvt) Ltd .



Ms. Ferida Sher

Date of Demise:
3rd February 2023

Ms. Ferida Sher, d/o Late Brigadier (r). Qayyum Sher was one of the three Co-founding Members of SPO --- with Dr Tariq Banuri and Senator (r) Javed Jabbar in 1994. Obtained an M.A. in Social Work (Pb) and M.A. Economics (Development Studies) from Manchester University, UK.

She possessed over 25 years of extensive experience in teaching, and in working as Programme Manager in the Population Planning sector and for Grassroots Development. She was a highly respected Gender Consultant and Resource Person, Project Analyst, Lead Trainer in Gender Orientation workshops, Training of trainers workshops, and other capacity-building forums.

For over 30 years, Ms. Ferida Sher was one of the country's most prominent civil society activists and courageously advocated the cause of women's emancipation. She served as Member, Board of Directors, SPO from 1994 to 2009 and as Vice Chairperson SPO from 1997 to 2000.

Ms. Ferida Sher passed away in February 2023 in Lahore after a long and brave battle with cancer.

SPO TEAM

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY ORGANIZATION

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the annexed financial statements of Strengthening Participatory Organization (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2023, and the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in general fund, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and we state that we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the statement of financial position, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in general fund and the statement of cash flows together with the notes forming part thereof conform with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and give the information required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), in the manner so required and respectively give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at June 30, 2023 and of the deficit, the other comprehensive income, the changes in general fund and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditors report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be

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materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and the requirements of Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Board of directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Based on our audit, we further report that in our opinion:

- a) proper books of account have been kept by the Company as required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);
- b) the statement of financial position, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in general fund and the statement of cash flows together with the notes thereon have been drawn up in conformity with the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and are in agreement with the books of account and returns;
- c) investments made, expenditure incurred and guarantees extended during the year were for the purpose of the Company's business; and
- d) no Zakat was deductible at source under the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980).

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors report is Iffat Hussain.

ISLAMABAD

DATED: 29 OCTOBER 2023

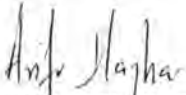
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**STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT JUNE 30, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	5	278,118,454	220,744,101
Investment property	6	21,867,250	21,217,725
Intangible assets	7	55,773	32,561
		<u>300,041,477</u>	<u>241,994,387</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Advances	8	1,754,001	1,024,645
Deposits and short-term prepayments	9	6,297,731	5,533,932
Tax refunds due from the government	10	20,487,341	34,269,540
Grants receivable	11	57,308,334	56,682,893
Other receivables	12	121,465,810	32,644,886
Short-term investments	13	177,813,047	157,278,989
Cash and bank balances	14	221,862,886	38,646,623
		<u>606,989,151</u>	<u>326,081,508</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>907,030,628</u></u>	<u><u>568,075,895</u></u>
FUNDS, RESERVE AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS AND RESERVE			
Unrestricted funds		345,992,345	361,564,944
Revaluation reserve		112,033,781	80,108,412
		<u>458,026,126</u>	<u>441,673,356</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred capital grant	15	9,140,802	7,579,567
Deferred grant against operating activities	16	369,581,918	89,495,908
		<u>378,722,720</u>	<u>97,075,475</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued and other liabilities	17	70,281,782	29,327,063
TOTAL FUNDS, RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		<u><u>907,030,628</u></u>	<u><u>568,075,895</u></u>
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE


DIRECTOR

**STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
INCOME			
Grants	19	1,244,345,423	546,166,541
EXPENDITURE			
Programme activities:			
Programme expenses	20	(653,649,829)	(387,910,826)
Grants to Community Based Organizations (CBOs)/Others	21	(630,619,832)	(184,222,721)
		(1,284,269,661)	(572,133,547)
Administrative expenses	22	(10,932,585)	(9,017,530)
Other operating income	23	26,723,209	51,876,634
Net (deficit) / surplus for the year		<u>(24,133,614)</u>	<u>16,892,097</u>

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DIRECTOR

**STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(24,133,614)	16,892,097
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	<u>(24,133,614)</u>	<u>16,892,097</u>

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