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1. Message from the Chairman BOD and Executive Director

Dear Readers,

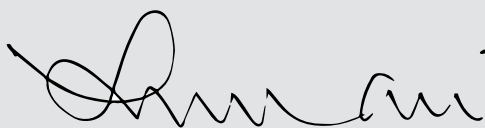
We are delighted to present to you our 21st Annual Report for the Year 2023, which summarizes the performance of the organization. As you know, the catastrophic flooding in 2022 dealt a deadly blow to the community's assets and wellbeing. During the year 2023, RDF, being a responsible citizen's organization, continued its relief and rehabilitation assistance to the survivors.

We are happy to share with you that in the year 2023, RDF has won a project under Public Private Partnership Node of the Sindh Education Department to manage **16** high schools in district Jacobabad. Through this project, around **10,000** students will pursue free and quality education in state-of-the-art buildings. Under our Education portfolio, the People's School at Mirpur Bathoro Sujawal, is providing free and quality education to around **800** poor students. Self-help approach program has been continued to capitalize Women's Self-Help Groups in Tando Allahyar and Sanghar districts to address structural causes of poverty and achieve the well-being of the children. In the year 2023, SHG members through the facilitation of their women federations, established more than **1300** self-developed enterprises, which

is quite an inspiring indicator for their economic wellbeing. Through our CR WASH Program, more than **20,000** poor people got access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation. Under TVET project, **850** youth have been provided with TVET courses and employability kits. Spate Irrigation project has been assisting the farmers of Nai Gaj in district Dadu to harness the potential of hill torrents for improving livelihoods. Urban Food Production project has been progressing well to address food insecurity challenges in the slum population of Hyderabad together with partners.

Last year, we were able to steer through the challenges effectively and achieve annual targets. We did this by keeping our commitment in following organizational vision and policies, focusing relentlessly on serving communities, and maintaining a strong collaborative approach.

On behalf of the General Body and staff members, we extend our profound gratitude to all our stakeholders for their active support and unshakable trust in our abilities to deliver on our promise.



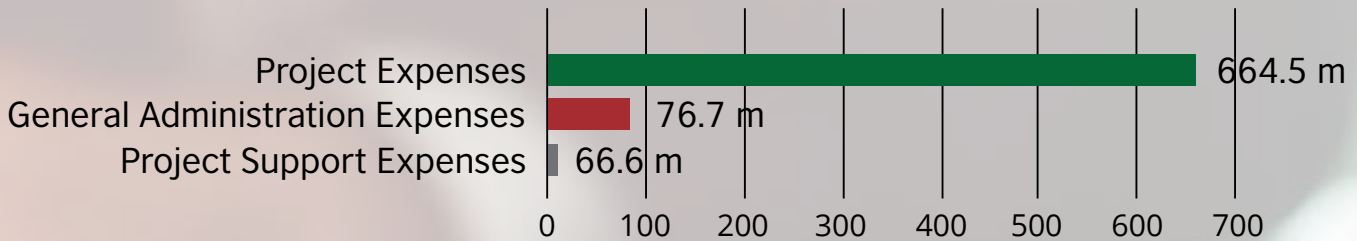
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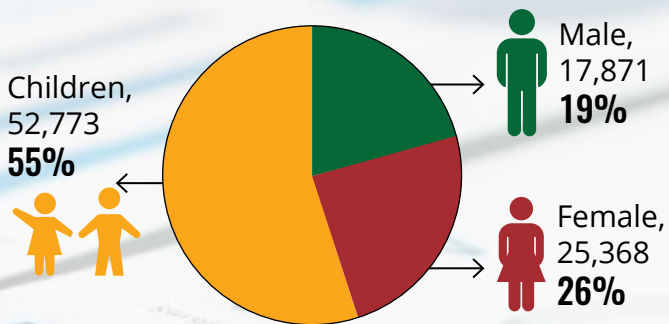
2. Year 2023 in Limelight

Financial Portfolio During the year 2023 in PKR Millions

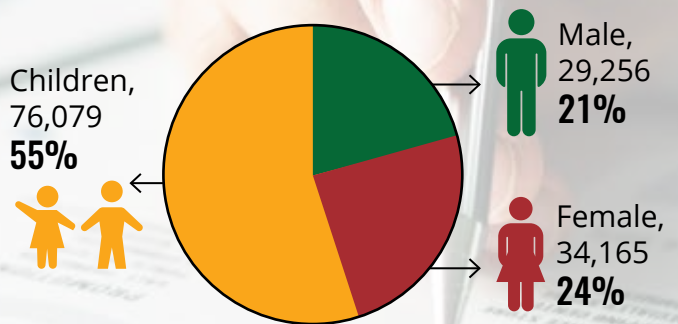


- Total Funding for Flood Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Projects in PKR. **474,507,239**
- Total Funding for Development Projects in PKR. **273,246,954**

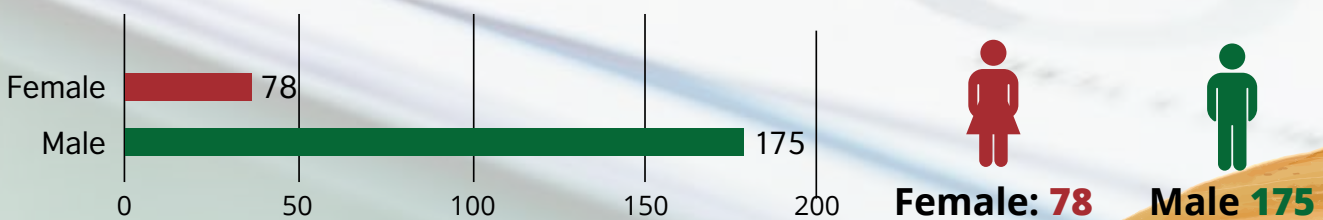
Beneficiaries Reached in 2023 Development Projects



Beneficiaries of Early Recovery & Rehabilitation Assistance



Staff strength during the year 2023



3. Our Commitment

RDF has been supporting communities in rural and semi urban areas of Sindh province to address challenges of food security, unemployment, quality education,

women empowerment, environment and disaster management at local level through community institutions and stakeholder engagement process.

Key Features of Our Work

1. Follow all national policies, rules and regulations in operations
2. Zero tolerance to malpractices and disciplinary matters
3. Resource efficiency and timely completion of targets
4. Respect to environment and cultural norms while execution
5. Transparency and delegation of authorities
6. Maintaining dignity at work
7. Transforming learning and program efficacy
8. Protection of the rights of vulnerable people
9. Accountable to stakeholders
10. Active stakeholders engagement

Our Vision

Equitable and Eco-Friendly World

Our Mission

Innovating Social Solutions and Building Social Institutions

Our Values

Value People, Value Integrity, Value Nature, Value Relationships, Value Creativity, Providing Equal Opportunities

Our Thematic Areas

- Agriculture and Livelihood Program
- Health, Water, Sanitation and Nutrition Program
- Community Resilience Building Program
- Education and Learning Program



4. Agriculture and Livelihood Program Achievements

4.1 Institutionalizing Women's Self Help Groups

Self-help approach programme has yielded sustainable results in Tando Allahyar and Sanghar districts, where RDF has been pursuing women empowerment through formation and strengthening of women self-help groups, CLAs and Federations to achieve targets of children wellbeing and improving household economy. This approach follows a bottom-up strategy to enhance peoples' existing capabilities and strengths. It does this by enabling them to participate in decision-making at the household, community, and macro level and to lift themselves out of poverty.

In year 2023, following three projects were continued:

1

Sustainable Empowerment of Women in Tando Allahyar

2

Women Empowerment through Self Help Groups, District Tando Allahyar

3

Child-focused Community Development with Self Help Approach, District Sanghar



Number of Self-Help Groups & Membership

■ Sanghar ■ Tando Allahyar

No. of Women Groups Formed in 2023	24	12
Total No. of Women Groups Since Inception	187	456
Group Membership in 2023	285	306
Total Group Membership	1,810	6,719

valuable knowledge and potentially opened up new avenues for economic empowerment.



Celebration of Universal Children's Day

Total Savings in PKR	
Sanghar in 2023	3,562,172
Sanghar as of 2023	3,656,346
Tando Allahyar in 2023	6,664,468
Tando Allahyar as of 2023	23,028,359

No. of Loans Borrowed	
Sanghar in 2023	4,500
Sanghar as of 2023	52,410
Tando Allahyar in 2023	1,999
Tando Allahyar as of 2023	4,905

Loans Amount PKR	
Sanghar in 2023	1,554,860
Sanghar as of 2023	5,040,540
Tando Allahyar in 2023	291,839,380
Tando Allahyar as of 2023	43,251,342

No. of Enterprises established	
Sanghar in 2023	72
Sanghar as of 2023	409
Tando Allahyar in 2023	1,247
Tando Allahyar as of 2023	3,425



Universal Children's Day 2023 was celebrated by RDF along with Women Federations in Tando Allahyar. The event aimed to raise awareness about children's rights within the community. Self Help Group members and government officials actively participated, engaging in discussions on the challenges encountered by children in rural areas.

16 Days Activism on Action against Gender-Based Violence

The two women-led federations jointly launched a campaign against gender-based violence in Tando Allahyar from November 25 to December 10 marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the International Human Rights Day. A total of eight events were organized by federations and cluster-level associations, drawing the participation of over 700 women and children.

Empowering Women through E-Commerce Training

A 15-day E-Commerce training was organized for 50 women of self-help groups in district Tando Allahyar. The participants went through comprehensive training, acquiring crucial skills in setting up and managing an E-Commerce business. This training provided them with

This campaign served to mobilize individuals, organizations, and governments to take decisive action in addressing the root causes of violence against women and girls, while advocating for gender equality and human rights.



Coordination with District Support Group (DSG) and Social Welfare Department



A District Support Group (DSG) meeting with the Women Federation was held to develop linkages between the Women Federation and different government institutions. The meeting was attended by the SSP Tando Allahyar, Assistant Director of the Child Protection Unit at SWD, a Social Welfare officer, as well as office bearers and members of the Women Federation. Another meeting was conducted with CLA members and stakeholders to introduce them to the SHA project and its performance.

Advocacy Efforts for Girls' Education and Women's Rights

A seminar focusing on girls' education and women's rights was organized in Tando Allahyar. The seminar provided a platform for policymakers, experts,

and youth to share their perspectives on girls' education and women's rights. Attended by over 100 community members, concerned government officials, and civil society representatives, the seminar facilitated discussions on crucial issues surrounding girls' education and women's rights.



SHG Women's Exposure to Cattle Farm and Participation at Hunar Handicraft Exhibition



Exposure visits for the women artisans of Federations were organized to link them with the market and assist in gaining first-hand information of the market trends and also to learn from best practices. Women members from the four federations visited SHGs in Muzaffargarh district. The expedition continued to Lok Virsa in Islamabad, where they immersed themselves in Pakistan's cultural diversity, gathering entrepreneurial insights. Another visit was arranged for SHG women members to District Umerkot, to enhance their awareness on crossbreeding in goats and sheep, offering opportunities to diversify livestock rearing and acquire new methods and techniques. The SHG

members also visited the 'Hunar' handicraft exhibition in Karachi, exploring the unique work of local artisans.



Participation in Sindh Craft Festival

Women members participated in the 'Sindh Craft Festival' organized by the Culture Department Government of Sindh at Port Grand in Karachi. The stalls setup by women members showcased a diverse range of traditional handmade crafts.



Building Capacity: Proposal Writing & Resource Mobilization Training

The training sessions on Proposal Writing and Resource Mobilization were organized for Sada Bahar Federation members, as they can develop project ideas and mobilize resources.



Adult Literacy Centers Established by Federations



A total of 182 women members have completed adult literacy courses, which were run by the women federations. These centers not only enhance basic literacy but also ignite a passion for continuous learning and growth among participants. Prior to the centers' establishment, literacy teachers underwent a rigorous three-day training program focusing on foundational literacy materials. Members displayed remarkable interest and dedication, actively engaging in classes with enthusiasm.

Enrollment Enhancement Campaign



To enhance the enrollment of girls in schools, Women Federations and RDF teams have organized campaign in Tando Adam Taluka. Rallies, corner community meetings and door to door visits were held to enroll out of school girls into the school. Motivational sessions were also held where girls shared their experiences, highlighting the impact of education on their lives and aspirations. Community outreach activities were conducted to spread awareness about the importance of girls' education and address societal misconceptions.

Campaign for Preparing CNICs and Child Birth Certificates

Mobile vans for CNIC (Computerized National Identity Card) registration arranged by Women Federation in target villages. These initiatives are often designed to reach populations that might have difficulty accessing government services.



Medical Camps by Women Federation



Medical camps were organized by the Sada Bahar Women federation in various villages, aimed at providing healthcare services to underserved communities. These camps often bring together medical professionals, volunteers, and necessary equipment to offer primary healthcare services, screenings, consultations, and sometimes even treatments to people who might not have easy access to healthcare facilities due to remote locations or financial constraints.

4.2 Climate Resilient Cotton Farming

RDF with the assistance of Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) has launched a project 'Better Quality Cotton Production through Climate Resilient Practices with the Inclusion of Women Farmers' in District Sanghar of Sindh province. The proposed project aims to improve the livelihood of small cotton growers in District Sanghar and their living conditions by expending the awareness on climate change, disaster preparedness, improvement in soil health management, best practices and women empowerment, child protection and raising of daily wages for women cotton pickers and cleaners.



Project staff, including 10 field facilitators, underwent a training on the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) principles to enhance their knowledge and training delivery in the field. The training was designed to enhance the capabilities of the field facilitators in understanding and applying the BCI principles to facilitate effective project implementation.

Capacity Building of Cotton Farmers on Crop Protection, Fibre Quality and Soil Health Management

Project team organized sessions for male and female farmers covering the orientation on the seven Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) principles. The main goal of these sessions was to enhance farmers' understanding, skills and expertise in managing soil health, crop protection and fibre quality to improve their agricultural practices.



Strengthening Farmer Linkages Through Collaboration between Irrigation Department, Agriculture Department, and Cotton Factories.



Coordination meetings of cotton farmers were conducted with the Agriculture Extension, Irrigation Department, Education Department, and Ginning Factories. The aim of these meetings was to foster improved relationships between farmers and a range of agricultural,

irrigation, educational, and ginning entities.

Promoting Safety and Health: Awareness Sessions for Cotton Producers and Workers



Comprehensive awareness sessions for farmers and workers were organized with the primary objective of instilling knowledge about safe working practices and reducing health risks associated with cotton cultivation. The overarching aim of these sessions was to elevate safety standards and safeguard the well-being of farmers and workers engaged in the cotton farming process.

Exposure Visits for Cotton Producers



Two learning visits were organized for 24 female and 48 male farmers to the Central Cotton Institute in Sakrand, to showcase the institute's operations and the different stages of cotton cultivation. Additionally, the visits aimed to demonstrate and promote effective pest management techniques in cotton farming to enhance the production of sustainable, high-quality cotton and improve the knowledge of small-scale farmers.

Championing Child Welfare in Cotton Cultivation

Awareness-raising sessions were conducted within female learning groups to address the critical issue of child labor and its detrimental effects on child health. These sessions were specifically tailored to emphasize the importance of promoting child education as a means to eradicate child labor practices in cotton cultivation. Additionally, 16 community-led campaigns were also organized to actively encourage the enrollment of children in schools, thereby discouraging their involvement as laborers in cotton cultivation.



SMEs involved in primary production, service provision, and value addition in and around selected clusters of production.

In partnership with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), RDF is implementing GRASP components in Thatta, Sujawal and Tando Muhammad Khan districts.

Rural Mobilization:

Rural mobilization is an awareness campaign for changing stereotype businesses into competitive production facilities with the adoption of innovative mechanisms keeping in view the green agriculture technology to mitigate climate change impact. Under this component 4089 primary growers/SMEs including 1915 men and 2174 women led SMEs identified and registered in GRASP MIS portal from all three districts.



4.3 Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress-GRASP



The Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) project contributes to the reduction of poverty through the development of rural micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Sindh and Balochistan provinces of Pakistan. The project enhances the productivity and profitability of

Matching Grants for the SMEs:



Under the project, there is a matching grant facility, which was awarded to selected SMEs through a fair selection process. The matching grant categories are the following:

- 1) Matching Grant Scheme for small/ primary producers/small BIOs (2 matching grants per UC - PKR. 500,000 per grant): 16 matching grants awarded to the SMEs in target districts
- 2) In-kind matching grants facility (1 matching grant per district PKR. 2,500,000 per grant): 05 matching grants awarded to the SMEs
- 3) Matching Grant Scheme for medium SMEs in each value chain (2 matching grants per Cluster - 30 million per grant) : 01 matching grant awarded to the MK Banana Grower and cold storages SMEs

District-level FMC/SMEs Business Linkage Hackathon:



RDF project team organized District Level FMC/ SMEs Business Linkages Hackathons in all three districts. District-level events aimed to linking FMCs/SMEs, with the value chain actors, market players, and enabling environment institutions. Purpose of the event was to create essential business connections, fostering FMC/ SME development, growth, and profitability. Active participation in economic activities will contribute to overall empowerment and socio-economic development. Senior district and provincial officials and private sector participated in these events.

Matching Grant Awarded SMEs Started bi-products and their Marketing:

Matching grants awarded SMEs of all categories established their business set-ups as per approved business plans, and started proposed bi-products such as Banana Chips, Onion Frying, Butter, *DESI Ghee* and Cheese making, Dairy Shops, Tomato paste and puree etc. RDF business development staff supported them for

marketing, linkages, record keeping, product registrations with concerned departments and production enhancements.



Facilitating Collaborative Efforts with GRASP's Partners

RDF facilitated GRASP partners in identification and registration of 124 Farmer Climate Business School FCBS groups (30 members/SMEs in each group) and after validation handed over to UN-FAO for further process and establishment of Farmers Schools.

RDF team also facilitated field visits, training, events organized by UN ITC, PPAF and SMEDA and continued engagement with all stakeholders at UC and District level.



Participation in EXPOs:



51 SMEs including 26 men and 25 women SMEs participated in the EXPOs organized by TDAP at Expo Center Karachi and Lahore, where SMEs interacted with different businesses, exporters and enabling institutions. Also established stalls and got opportunities of marketing and business support.

4.4 Technical and Vocational Skills Program for the Youth



A development program is being implemented in Sujawal, Thatta, Badin and Jamshoro to provide training to the youth and assist them in gaining decent employment. The program also supports technical institutions to improve the infrastructure facilities, aiming to be accessible for all. The project has made following progress:

TVET training and Business start-up Assistance for the Youth



RDF identified youth from targeted districts through engaging with civil society actors and community forums, social marketing tools. Later, provided them the professional training at selected institutions of STEVTA. So far, 844 youth has been trained in various employable skills. The courses offered were identified through the market assessment.

Name of Trade	# of Trained Youth
Certificate in Information Technology	148
Web designing	75
Freelancing	50
Electrician	100
Plumber	25
Driving	23
Machinist	25
Mason and Tile Fixer	25
Mobile Repair	25
Motorbike Mechanic	49
AC and Refrigerator	24
Beautician	150
Tailoring	125
Total	844

RDF provided business tool kits to 523 youth who completed their training courses at designated STEVTA centers. The kits will assist the youth to kick off their businesses.

TVET Infrastructure Improvement



A technical survey of the infrastructure of technical institutions was conducted to identify improvement needs as to make them accessible for all. Based on the survey, the project has

constructed ramp at the entrance (for Disable persons), renovation of wash rooms, provision of drinking water facilities, installation of fans at seven technical training institutions of the Government.

Provision of Career Counselling, Life Skills and Mental Well-being Sessions.



The project has organized career counselling sessions for the students in the STEVTA Institutions as to enlighten them with the career choices and available market and skills to enter the market. STEVTA officials delivered these career counselling sessions. These sessions have been very helpful for the youth to get oriented on the available job opportunities nationally and internationally.

Certification of Trained Youth



The project has signed MOU with the Trade Testing Board (TTB) for the certification/ accreditation of the trained workforce as to fortify job opportunities and increased wage rate for them. So far, TTB has certified 719 youth in various trades.

Engagement with Civil Society for Promotion of TVET Services

The project has been providing learning and training opportunities to the selected small CBOs/NGOs in the targeted districts to promote TVET services for resilience building and decent income earning for the youth. So far, training and mentoring support has been provided to ten CSOs on TVET Systems, Mobilization for TVET and organized exposure visits.



4.5 Urban Food Production Project for the Slum Population of Hyderabad



RDF has launched an innovative intervention on promoting Urban Food Production and marketing in slum areas of Hyderabad district together with Welthungerhilfe e.V to support the underserved urban/peri-urban population of slum settlements to increase local food production and processing, thus improving the

nutritional and income situation of particularly vulnerable and marginalized groups. The project has made following progress in the year 2023:

Demonstration and Promotion of Water/Space Efficient Micro Gardening



The project has been demonstrating urban farming in the slum areas with innovative techniques of micro gardening as to utilize the space and water availability. So far, the project has assisted 200 households with the provision of training, assistance, seeds and plant pots/ planters. Another 400 households will be added later, bringing total target to 1000 households. These households are growing vegetables at their rooftops and available small spaces in their houses, increasing the nutritional food intake and the income. For the better growth of vegetable plants, the project has also provided compost bags of 40 kgs to each household in 20 urban slum areas. Drip system is also provided to the selected households for the efficient use of water.

Provision of Poultry and inputs to Slum Communities



To promote backyard poultry to address households’ nutritional needs, the project has provided healthy chicken birds and cages for rearing to 300 household, which include 8 hens and one rooster with 40 kg feed. They are also provided with the training in poultry management to enhance the family income. Vaccinations are also arranged timely to avoid any outbreak.

Livestock Vaccination campaigns



In the selected 10 slum areas, the project has conducted ten vaccination campaigns together with the Government Livestock Department to reduce the risk of seasonal diseases. The activity has supported around 178 livestock farmers.

Linking Communities with Social Safety Net Programs

The project is instrumental in linking beneficiaries with social safety programs, as they can get assistance from the service providers to come out of the poverty bracket. A series of meetings and coordination forums are held under the project, where officials from BISP, Pakistan Baitul Maal Govt of Pakistan, Sindh Social Welfare Department, Women Development Department and the Department of Persons with Disability shared their programs, criteria and benefits with the communities.



4.6 Spate Irrigation Management

'New Water Rights for Basin Management and Inclusivity in Spate Irrigated Areas of Pakistan', is a spate irrigation management project, being implemented on the Nai Gaj in the Dadu district, which strives for building partnerships between upstream and downstream farmers and ensure equal distribution and management of floodwater. The project is designed to enhance farmers' capacities, increase the marketability of minor crops grown in the area, and strengthen crop management practices. Following were the key project achievements during the year 2023:



Improving Livelihood Opportunities and Agroeconomic Potential



The project successfully introduced field trials of four improved crop varieties, such as Mung Beans, Chickpeas and Pearl Millet that directly benefited 40 farmers across 17 villages located in the upstream, midstream and downstream areas of Nai Gaj spate irrigation system. The 40 farmers were selected for their proactive engagements and enthusiasm, but also their ability to communicate their experiences, which is essential for upscaling. To ensure sustainability of the benefits gained, the farmers were trained on best farming practices (crop rotation, seed

selection and preservation, tillage, etc.) as well as integrated pest management. In addition to these good agronomic practices, several other livelihood improving initiatives are being promoted. These include wells with boreholes for good quality and affordable drinking water supply, livestock vaccinations.

Installation of Solar Powered Water Facility



Solar powered water facility has been installed in village Lashkar Khan Bhurgri, UC Pat Gul Muhammad in District Dadu, for drinking purposes and livelihood improvement. Around 225 families are benefited through the facility.

Floodwater Distribution and Management Structures



An earthen bund (around 12 meter wide, 9 meter high and 3 km long) with the potential to command 3000- acres was constructed in Nai Gaj with substantial resources mobilization (material and financial) by the Sawro Union Council farmer group. The 1800 farming households across the 16 villages in the Council covered 75% of the Rs. 3.5 million (about €16,000) cost of the earthen bund. The project supplemented the remaining 25% as well as provided technical design guidance and supervision of the construction work in close collaboration with the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA).

5. Community Resilience Building Program Achievements

5.1 Clean Energy and Climate Resilient Housing in Rural Sindh, Pakistan

Clean Energy and Resilient Housing Project is being implemented in district Sanghar and Tando Allahyar to promote clean energy and resilient infrastructure. It supports 7250 people to improve their livelihoods and sources of income of rural communities through the use of renewable energy and resilient infrastructure as well as strengthen the local adaptation measures. The project also assists community members and youth on renewable energy in the context of the SDGs and build market mechanisms in rural areas for the maintenance and repair of solar and climate resilient infrastructure.



Awareness Seminars on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Awareness-raising seminars on SDGs were conducted at Union Council levels and taluka level, wherein around 1056 participants, including members of women self-help groups, community organizations, teachers, students, and local authorities participated. The primary objective was to sensitize attendees on SDGs, energy conservation and sustainable built environments.

Exhibition on Clean Energy and Climate-Resilient Technologies



In an effort to advocate for clean energy technologies and climate-resilient housing structures, the project organized two exhibitions on clean energy and climate-resilient technologies. The project is actively seeking the participation of representatives from solar and climate-resilient companies, and SMEs, aiming to increase community access to renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure-related technologies and engage

with SMEs. These events were attended by over 4,500 participants, featured expert insights on solar technologies, pricing details, and business loan advice from banks, fostering a united effort among officials and locals for a greener and sustainable future.

Technical Assessment on Housing and Living Conditions



The project has initiated a comprehensive technical survey of the villages in collaboration with Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology in Karachi. Through the essential data on housing pattern, living styles, community needs and recommendations were gathered and interpreted, specifically addressing local needs related to energy-efficient houses, water, and sewage systems. Findings of the technical survey has formed the basis for the construction of energy-efficient and climate-resilient houses and infrastructure in areas impacted by floods and droughts.

Consultation Meeting with Wholesalers and Retailers

In pursuit of establishing the Association of Wholesalers and Retailers for sustainable energy products in Sindh, the initiative has successfully conducted its first consultation meeting with wholesalers and retailers in Tando Allahyar. During consultative meeting with district authorities and trade associations in Tando Allahyar, the primary focus was to discuss the project and the formation of an alliance for the promotion of resilient housing and clean energy through market-led interventions and connectivity with buyers.

Policy Seminars and Stakeholder Consultative Meetings on Clean Energy and Resilient Infrastructure Development and Market in Sindh



A day long 'Stakeholder Consultative Meeting' was held on clean energy and resilient infrastructure development and market in Sindh. It introduced participants with the challenges and opportunities pertaining to energy needs for rural areas. The event included a panel discussion addressing challenges and solutions, with insights from experts including Mr. Mohammad Fazal Noor, Architect and Planner at Sir Syed University, Eng. Faheemullah Shaikh, Assistant Professor at MUET Jamshoro, Dr. Saima Kalwar, City and Regional Planning Department MUET Jamshoro and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan General Manager SIDA.

A policy seminar was organized on renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure in Hyderabad. Mr. Fazal Noor, Architect and Planner, and Engineer Fahimullah Shaikh, Associate Professor from MUET, discussed the impacts of climate change and the challenges in Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Sindh from a policy perspective. More than 100 representatives of academia, civil society, microfinance institutions (MFIs), small and medium enterprises (SMEs), solar companies, and community leaders attended the event.

LoU Signing with Sindh Education Foundation Government of Sindh

RDF and Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) inked a Letter of Understanding to collaborate on promoting a green school environment,

integrating environmental education, raising children awareness in the selected SEF-assisted schools in Sanghar and Tando Allahyar districts. This collaboration aims to capacitate children and teachers on climate responsiveness and working on green schools.



School Environment Clubs

During the year 2023, members of School Environment Clubs in 10 selected schools actively participated in various activities and learnt basics of climate change. They participated in awareness sessions, tree plantation, water conservation, children protection, essay writing competitions, speech competitions, video sessions on climate impacts, and quiz competitions. These initiatives sensitized children, recognizing them as the first and worst affected by any disaster. Five events of quiz competitions and learning visits were organized in which children enthusiastically participated.



Community Awareness Raising Seminars on Climate Change

Awareness raising seminars on climate change, operation and maintenance of clean energy

products and environment conservation were organized for local community leaders, government officers, teachers, students and media to sensitize and educate them on the impacts of climate change and how a togetherness approach can mitigate them. Teachers and students of 10 schools also participated in these seminars.

Study Visits for the Students



Members of the school environment clubs visited the 'Jhampir Wind Power Plant' and the 'Danzoo Bahria Foundation' in Karachi. They also joined in a cleanliness campaign and a rally at the Keenjhar Lake in Thatta. This visit aimed to teach the students about the cleanliness, nature conservation, and science in a hands-on way. The students had a great time, and the trip helped them learn more about the environment and science.

Green School Initiatives



In an effort to enhance the school environment, a development of the green belt initiative was undertaken, planting trees and creating lush green lawns in schools. The initiative aimed

to promote a sustainable atmosphere for students. RDF planted a total of 1,340 trees in ten schools as part of green school program.

Waste collection bins were also provided in ten schools. Each school now has a large bin for paper and plastic waste material. Furthermore, small waste bins have been placed in classrooms to encourage responsible disposal habits. This initiative aims to enhance waste management practices for sustainable and eco-friendly educational spaces.

Playground accessories have also been installed in selected schools.

Playgrounds not only enhance students' interest in the school but also benefits their physical, mental, and social growth, enhancing their self-confidence.

5.2 Strengthening Resilience of Flood Affected Communities in Pakistan



RDF exhibited its unwavering commitment to community resilience building in flood affected villages of district Mirpurkhas, through the DRR infrastructure schemes, community leadership and networking initiatives, community level DRR training, promoting 1000-days window of opportunities, adaptation of resilient agricultural practices, water efficient kitchen gardening and enterprise restoration, which played a pivotal role in transformations in the lives of flood prone communities.

Improved Food and Nutrition Security of Flood-Affected Households from on Farm off-farm Sources



Under this outcome, a cohort comprising 1,291 women and 2,108 men, drawn from 3,399 households, reaped tangible benefits from the project's multifaceted interventions, underscoring the visible efficacy and far-reaching impact on the designated target communities.

S.#	Name of Activity	No.	Sex wise Pax	
			Male	Female
1	Staple Production	625	573	52
2	Fodder Production	825	748	77
3	Land Reclamation	150	137	13
4	KG Training & Assitance	599	0	599
7	Cash Grant Assistance	900	650	250
Grand Total		3399	2108	1291
%age of Beneficiaries		100	62.02	37.98

Successfully executed the distribution of agri-inputs, including seeds and fertilizer, to 625 households with the aim of supporting staple production. Each household received a comprehensive agri-input package tailored for the cultivation of one acre of cultivable land.

RDF conducted training sessions in collaboration with the agriculture extension department, reaching out to 600 women organized into 24 groups from different villages. The training covered various aspects, including the manual for vegetable cultivation, a vegetable calendar, climate-resilient and smart agriculture practices, land preparation, sowing

methods, water conservation practices for kitchen gardening, and the nutritional values of the vegetables. Further, these women were also facilitated through tool kit and KG seeds.

150 acers uncultivable land of 150 farmers was reclaimed through the mechanical methods. RDF facilitated the disbursement of RS. 18,000/- (eighteen thousand only) to each of the 150 beneficiaries through Jazz Cash, with transaction IDs provided for verification. Beneficiaries were able to withdraw the allocated amounts from the designated franchises. Continuous follow-up activities were conducted to oversee and support the cultivation of staple crops in the reclaimed land.

Rehabilitation of Damaged Infrastructure in the Sectors of Agriculture, Livestock, Nutrition and WASH



In a significant stride towards achieving the outcome, the rehabilitation of community physical infrastructure through the Cash for Work program has been actively pursued. Project has directly benefited to 3020 households through the community physical infrastructure schemes in 20 project villages in 2023. The 60 Lead-line hand pumps were installed and facilitated with somehow safe drinkable water access to 660 household. Similarly, 04 protect water pond were constructed in 04 project villages and 563 household has easy access with drinking water. 941 households were facilitating to small growers and on-farm labour through 161 irrigation channels/ outlets. 53 culverts were constructed in 14 project villages and 856 households from the project areas are getting benefit from these culverts.

Improving Capacities of Actors of the Civil Society with Gender-Sensitive Approaches

To capacitate the community-based organization, RDF collaborated with the 1122 department of the Government of Sindh to conduct training for CBOs in first aid and disaster risk reduction (DRR) measures. Leveraging the 1122 department's experience in health and disaster management at the community level, the training aimed to introduce resilience concepts, including Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, Gender and Diversity, and Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction approaches. The practical and engaging training, conducted in Mirpurkhas over four days, saw the active participation of 102 men and women from the 60 CBOs and further provided the village level DRR kits to 60 CBOs. Another one training was also conducted the Leadership skills to the 96 CBO members.



5.3 Road Safety Drive



The Road Safety Drive was a joint effort by United Energy Pakistan and Research and Development Foundation, to raise awareness about road safety among the public, empowering them to follow safety rules and reduce accidents.

The campaign took place in various districts, including Sanghar, Badin, Tando Muhammad Khan, Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Khairpur, Mehar/Dadu, Sukkur, Qambar Shahdadkot and Hyderabad. To reach a wide audience, different methods were used. This included conducting sessions on road safety at schools and colleges, where around 7500 students were reached out. The aim was to make an impact by directly engaging with students and teaching them about the importance of road safety.

The campaign took place from September 2023 to December 2023, providing a significant amount of time to make a lasting impact. Through the combined efforts of Research and Development Foundation and United Energy Pakistan the aim was to promote a sense of responsibility and adherence to road safety practices among the public.

Mass Mobilization and Awareness on Road Safety



To spread the message, awareness walks were conducted with students from educational institutions, creating a visible presence and raising awareness in the community. Road safety van sessions were also held at different

locations in the districts, allowing direct interaction with the public.

To maximize the reach and impact, billboards were strategically placed in key areas, catching the attention of drivers and pedestrians. Video messages from government officials and public figures were shared to emphasize the importance of road safety and encourage responsible behavior. Furthermore, a comprehensive communication campaign was launched on electronic media platforms, ensuring that the message reached a wider audience.



Messages Dissemination by Dignitaries and celebrities on Road Safety



To further the cause of the road safety awareness and mass mobilization, RDF teams approached and engaged with the key district authorities, dignitaries and celebrities and managed to record their video messages on the Road Safety and disseminated them on the social media and local TV Cable Channels to motivate the public. Messages from the Vice Chancellors of SAU Tando Jam, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, SABS University Jamshoro, Senior Superintendents of Police in district Tando Mohammad Khan and Hyderabad and some famous TV actors were obtained, which resulted in popularizing the campaign as well as left a positive message on road safety measures in Sindh.

6. Health, Water, Sanitation and Nutrition Program Achievements

6.1 Climate Resilient WASH Program in Sanghar

The CR WASH project in district Sanghar has benefited total 21980 individuals in the year 2023 through provision of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene assistance.



Community Solar Powered Water Facilities



The project has taken significant measures to ensure that the targeted people get access and use safe drinking water. To achieve this outcome, the project has installed three disaster-resilient solar powered water supply schemes. These schemes are providing an easy access to 395 families (2250 individuals) to safe drinking water at their doorsteps. The schemes have the capacity to fetch water from a distance of more than 2000 feet through the lead line and can store 8,000 liters of water and it can be filled twice a day as per need.

Rain Water Harvesting Facilities



In the desert areas of Sanghar, the project has constructed 41 rainwater harvesting wells/ponds in three villages to support communities store rain water for domestic purposes.

Installation of Resilient Hand Pumps

36 new resilient direct borehole hand pumps have been installed in 20 villages where

communities were facing challenges in accessing safe water for their domestic and drinking purposes. These hand pumps are benefiting 776 families (4239 individuals) by ensuring they have convenient and reliable access to safe water. Additionally, 35 existing dysfunctional hand pumps were rehabilitated also, which are now benefiting 791 families (4442 individuals) in 19 villages.



Rehabilitation/Construction of Public Water Supply Scheme and Storage Ponds



The project has taken all its measures to provide safe drinking water to the targeted people. It has rehabilitated Public Water Supply Scheme Sinjhor, which is owned and operated by Public Health Engineering Department Govt of Sindh. This water supply scheme is providing safe drinking water to 7910 individuals of 1238 families.

In addition, the project has constructed a resilient water storage pond in a village in Sanghar, which has the size of 40 X 40 ft with total area 8000 CFT. It benefits 98 families of the village.

Water Quality Analysis

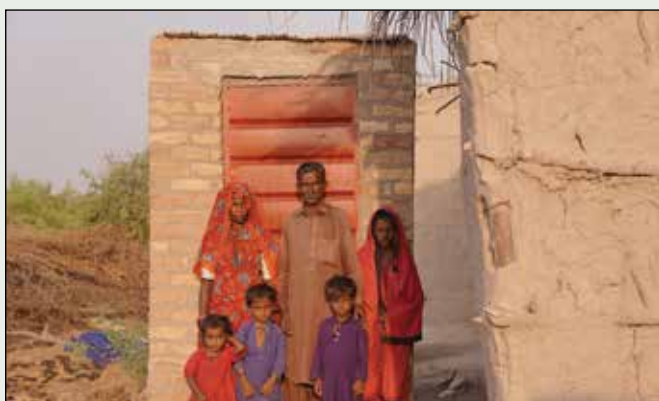


RDF technical team collected 288 water samples and analyzed the essential water parameters including Total Dissolved Solids -TDS, Potential of Hydrogen -pH, and Electric Conductivity -EC on the site. Resultantly, 115 water samples were revealed fit for drinking purposes.

Provision of Low-cost, User-friendly Sanitation Facilities using Component Sharing Model

As per pre-Knowledge Attitude and Practices-KAP survey, 83% of communities did not had their own latrine facility and out of 83%, approximately 3% of the community was using neighbors' latrines and 80% of the community were practicing open defecation and 67% had no appropriate knowledge of harmful effects of open defecation practices.

This situation is mitigated by the project, as now 160 low-cost, user-friendly sanitation facilities with a component-sharing model were constructed in villages, which are being used by 2809 individuals who were facing inadequate sanitation facilities.



Health and Hygiene Promotion Sessions and Awareness



Health and hygiene promotion sessions have played a crucial role to improve the hygiene practices in the project area. The project conducted 222 health and hygiene sessions with 6642 individuals, who were educated on the major topics such as, proper hand washing with soap in critical times, personal hygiene, domestic hygiene, and environmental hygiene.

Village Cleanness Campaigns

The project conducted 22 village cleaning campaigns in collaboration with the village development organizations through PRA (Participatory Reflection and action) tools and engaging communities in cleaning their houses and communal places, draining out the stagnant water, and covering the breeding sites of flies and mosquitoes with mud/soil to reduce the health hazards.



6.2 Safe Drinking Water Program



RDF with the philanthropic assistance from local individuals, took efforts to provide safe drinking water to the communities in its targeted areas, particularly for the students. During the year, it has installed six hand pumps with lead lines and WASH facilities in 11 schools of Dadu

and Badin with focus on construction of water facilities with the lead line and solar powered pumping system.

Six hand pumps were installed by engaging women federations in district Tando Allahyar and Sanghar during the year 2023.



7. Quality Education and Learning Program Achievements

Promoting quality education for all is one of the major thematic priorities of RDF, which it is committed for. It continued its program activities in district Sanghar and Sujawal during the year 2023. Major accomplishments are presented below:



7.1 Improving Girls Education



RDF has been supporting Shaheed Benazir Girls Higher Secondary School in Tando Adam, district Sanghar through teachers training, children activities and provision of missing facilities, benefiting around 878 girls. During the year 2023, following activities were accomplished in the year 2023:

Provision of Missing Facilities to the School



On the basis of joint assessment of needs during school development planning, the physical support on part of the project was duly outlined. The main purpose of this activity was to facilitate students get a quality education and facilitate teachers to become regular. As per the plan, the project provided student chairs and fixture in the school. It has improved the learning environment in the school.

Seminar on Girls Right To Education

RDF has been continuing to promote education for girls in rural areas. A number of awareness

raising and lobbying activities were carried out to increase enrollment of the girls and reduce their drop out. A one-day seminar on Girls Right to Education was organized on 13th December 2023 with stakeholders including members of the women federation, SHGs, Education Department Officials and students. Speakers highlighted issues pertaining to girls education and suggested solutions to overcome these issues to promote access of the girls to quality education.



Post-School Education Supplement Centers:



To provide 'after school time' learning to the students, the project team established 10-child learning centers in SHG villages area. The SHA cluster association and SHG facilitated the learning centers. The young women were hired to provide students with learning opportunities. The child learning centres received establishment support in the form of basic furniture and fixtures for the centers. Total 266 students are supported with the supplement education after their school time at these centers.

7.2 People's School Program Mirpur Bathoro, District Sujawal



RDF is managing Sindh Government and Sindh Education Foundation's assisted 'People's School Mirpur Bathoro', which is being run in the state-of-the-art purpose-built building. People's School has made significant progress in student enrolment, academics and teacher education during the year 2023. Total student enrolment has reached 739.

60 Hours Credit Course on Pedagogy and Assessment

A seven-day training on 'Pedagogy and Assessment' spanned over 60 credit hours was organized from July 17 to July 23, 2023, at Hyderabad in order to further improve the ability of teachers to meet the educational requirements of the modern era. It enabled teachers to learn basic concepts and techniques of teaching, student assessment, classroom management, tech-based applications and teaching innovation. Learned faculty of the Education Department of Sindh University and STEM conducted the training.

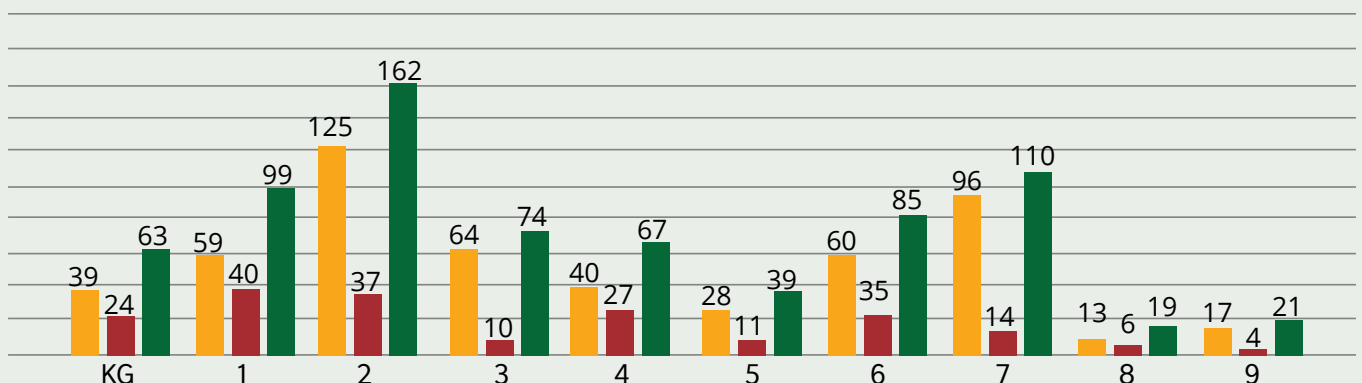


Teachers Recognition Day

The teachers of PSP Mirpur Bathoro, district Sujawal were awarded appreciation certificates and souvenirs for their encouragement and souvenirs for their encouragement based on their excellent performance. The event was held on July 22, 2023 at RDF Head

Class-wise Enrollment Status

Boys Girls Total



office Hyderabad, attended by RDF senior management and the Principal.



Independence Week Celebration



People's School Mirpur Bathoro celebrated a week full of activities regarding Independence Day. On August 18, 2023 a grand concluding ceremony was held at PSMB. The celebrations started with flag hoisting and tree planting. Children dressed in white and green performed national songs and speeches. Representatives from Sindh education Foundation, the Executive Director RDF Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed Soomro and various local social workers attended the event.

Establishment of Student Library



The library of People's School Mirpur Bathoro, was inaugurated on August 18, 2023. The library was named after the renowned local writer and poet 'Sain Ghulam Hussain Rangrez'. SEF regional Head Hyderabad and District Head Thatta-Sujawal inaugurated the library on the eve of Independence Day celebrations.

Psp Lecture Series



We have started a Lecture Series at the People's School Mirpur Bathoro this academic year. The first lecture session of this series was organized on the occasion of World Teachers Day. Mr. Fazal Noor, Associate Professor, Architecture and Environmental Design Department, Sir Syed University and Engineering Technology, was the guest speaker. Dr. Fazal Noor delivered an inspiring lecture on "21st Century Skills for Students. He emphasized the importance of critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability in the modern world. In a separate lecture, he addressed the Changing Dynamics of Teaching and how teachers can adapt to the evolving educational landscape.

Celebrations of National and International Days



At PSP Mirpur Bathoro, students and teachers have commemorated various days, events of national and international significance including EID-Milad UI Nabi S.A.W on the eve of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal, World Teachers' Day, Global Hand Washing Day on October 13, 2023, Allam Iqbal Day on November 9, 2023 and World Children Day on November 20, 2023.

Speech Competition



Student Speech Competition was held on October 14, 2023, to nurture our students' public speaking skills, boost their confidence, and encourage critical thinking. Our talented participants showcased their eloquence and creativity, addressing diverse topics of interest. It is with great pride that we congratulate the winners and all the participants for their outstanding performances. The competition was a testament to our students' dedication and hard work.

Oral Health Awareness Activity

In collaboration with Colgate Palmolive Pakistan, an oral health awareness activity was conducted on November 3, 2023 to educate our students about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene. Dental care kits were also distributed to the students.



Student Educational Excursions

Students were given an opportunity to visit the Jhampir Wind Turbine Plant, where they gained insights into sustainable energy practices. Additionally, a thrilling tour of Bahria Town Danzoo provided them with an immersive learning experience about wildlife conservation.



Students of PSP Mirpur Bathoro also actively participated in the vibrant atmosphere of the Latif Mela held at the Sindh Museum in Hyderabad by Sindhi Language Authority. This cultural event allowed our students to showcase their talents and learn more about the rich heritage of Sindh.

Sports Activities



Promoting student participation in sports activities is paramount for their physical, mental, and social development. By encouraging students to actively partake

in sports, we are nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with essential life skills that will benefit them both in their academic pursuits and future endeavors.



Awareness Session On MHM

An awareness session was organized for the female students, focusing on menstrual hygiene. Mothers of the students also actively participated in this session, enhancing the impact and ensuring that the knowledge is shared and reinforced at home.



Parent - Teacher Meeting

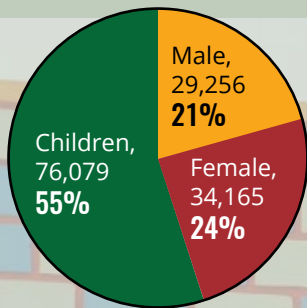
Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM) is a routine part of the school's yearly calendar. It is an opportunity to exchange observations of a child with each other and provide a wider prospect for parents and teachers to plan, prepare, and execute planning for a better learning outcome for a child. The parent teacher was successfully conducted at People's School Mirpur Bathoro on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Parents participated in this meeting and showed keen interest in the academic progress of their children.



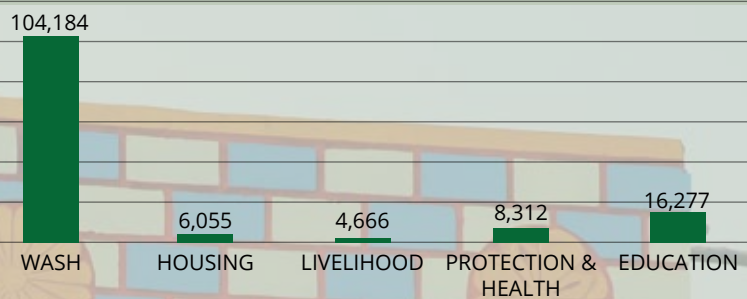
8. Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Support to Flood 2022 Affected People

After extending relief assistance to around 350,000 flood 2022 affected individuals, RDF, through its unwavering efforts and strategic initiatives, has been a cornerstone in the early recovery and rehabilitation support to floods 2022 affected communities. Early recovery and rehabilitation assistance have been extended in WASH, shelter, health and livelihood sectors, aiming not only to restore facilities but also to fortify the resilience of communities.

Beneficiaries of Early Recovery & Rehabilitation Assistance



Number of Beneficiaries of Intervention



8.1 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Assistance



Storms and heavy monsoon rains in Pakistan caused widespread flooding and landslides across the country in the year 2022. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), approximately 33 million people were affected by the floods. A total of 90 districts were labelled by the Government of Pakistan as 'calamity-hit'. It impacted the whole fabric of life, but the damages to households' assets, shelter and WASH facilities were immense.

RDF is taking swift actions to rehabilitate community WASH facilities, imbedding with capacity building initiatives.

Rehabilitation of Water Facilities



To address the rising risk of waterborne diseases, RDF took significant steps by identifying and rehabilitating 216 water facilities in targeted districts. Furthermore, 80 water storage tanks, each with a capacity of 500 liters, were restored at the village level. Three water treatment units have also been successfully installed in targeted areas.

RDF has installed 63 hand pumps through

active participation of the WASH Committees in the villages. These initiatives ensures improved access to safe clean water for the communities, resulting significant reduction in the waterborne diseases.

Installation of Latrines:



A total of 278 latrines were constructed in the flood affected areas, following the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) principles. In some areas, latrines with septic tank are constructed and, in some areas, pit latrines were constructed, where appropriate.

Distribution of Hygiene Kits, Mosquito Nets and Jerry Cans

13,075 hygiene kits have been distributed along with promoting health and hygiene education among men, women and children through 1406 sessions. In addition, 37,250 Jerry Cans were distributed to the flood-affected families for water storage at the household or tent level.

A total of 14,530 mosquito nets were distributed among the most affected vulnerable communities, aimed at mitigating the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, providing significant relief to the most affected and vulnerable communities.



Vector-Borne Disease Control Sprays & Debris Cleaning Campaign

The affected areas became the mosquito breeding grounds due to stagnant water. RDF teams together with Health Department authorities in respective districts initiated fumigation campaigns in villages to control vector-borne diseases. Successfully completing 234 vector-borne disease control spray campaigns, this comprehensive effort aimed to eliminate breeding sites and effectively reduce the risk of diseases such as Malaria and Dengue in flood-affected areas.



RDF launched 73 debris cleaning campaigns as part of village reconstruction initiatives, which included provision of debris cleaning kits, organizing campaigns and planting trees.

MHM And MHPSS Awareness Session



As part of the assistance to the affected people, RDF has continued building capacities of the

mothers and adolescent girls on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). It has distributed 1660 MHM kits distributed among the target. Additionally, 160 MHM awareness sessions were conducted, surpassing the initial target. These sessions focused on educating and empowering women and girls, promoting good hygiene practices, and creating a positive impact in the targeted villages.

During the emergencies it is very common that people in crisis suffer from mental health and psychosocial problem to minimize the mental health issues of affected area. RDF started mental health & psychosocial support to flood affected communities. During the reporting period, a total of 51 sessions have been conducted on MHPSS.

8.2 Shelter and Housing Reconstruction

RDF brings in rich experience of housing and infrastructure construction, particularly in flood prone areas, contributing to resilience building to climate change. In response to housing reconstruction in flood 2022 affected areas, RDF took efforts to design environmentally appropriate and low-cost model house which is best suit to the community needs as well as resilient to flood. Based on the experience and research, RDF finalized three designs and housing reconstruction approaches to assist flood affected people and constructed 615 houses in the year 2023:

- **Permanent One Room House**
- **Semi Permanent One Room House**
- **Basic One Room Kaccha/Mud Made Shelter**



Permanent One Room Houses



The permanent one room houses having internal size of 12 X 14 ft were constructed with bricks and cement and T-Iron roof. The houses were constructed above the natural ground level, to make sure that the next flooding does not much affect the house foundation and plinth. RDF has constructed total 255 such houses in Badin, Tando Allahyar, Dadu, Sanghar and Mirpurkhas districts, underscoring its commitment to providing essential support to those in need. Permanent shelters were provided to flood-affected families, promoting durability, safety and community resilience.

Semi-Permanent One Room Houses



The other design which RDF used in house reconstruction was the semi-permanent houses, which has the size of 12 X 14 ft, having wooden and thatched material roof and mud bricks walls. Total 157 one room semi-permanent houses were constructed in flood affected villages in district Dadu, Badin and Mirpurkhas.

Basic One Room Kaccha/Mud Made Shelter



In accordance with the community practices and preferences, RDF designed an appropriate shelter, which has the size of 12 X 14 ft, having a brick cement foundation and thatched material walls and conical shaped roof. This special type of shelter is being constructed in some indigenous communities in Sanghar and Mirpurkhas districts of Sindh. Total 203 such houses are constructed with proactive participation of the beneficiary household.

8.3 Food and Nutrition Assistance



Sessions on Nutrition

To improve intake of nutritious food, RDF teams conducted 922 sessions on nutrition in the communities, targeting pregnant, lactating women and children under 5 years. Nutrition assistants and community health workers, conducted these sessions.

Backyard Poultry Farming

The agricultural input activities are seasonal, and after consulting with the community, it was decided to support 183 women in backyard poultry farming. A five-day training program, organized in collaboration with the Poultry Production Unit, Livestock & Fisheries Department, Sindh, aimed to orient clients on poultry health, care, and feeding practices for optimal egg production. This initiative not only enhances livelihoods and income generation but also provides supplementary support for the nutritional needs of farming families.

Rehabilitation of Productive Infrastructure in Flood Affected Villages



RDF has restored link roads, small bridges, culverts, and drainage systems through cash for work activities, contributing to improved infrastructure in the respective flood affected areas.

Livestock Vaccination Drives

RDF teams carried out livestock vaccination drives in collaboration with the Livestock Department Govt of Sindh in district Badin, Mirpurkhas, Tando Allahyar and Sanghar. Through the collaborative efforts, total 75300

small and large animals were vaccinated in 61 villages, benefiting around 2830 farmers.



8.4 Emergency Health Assistance and Protection

Rehabilitation of Health Facilities

An MOU has signed with the Health Department Govt of Sindh for the rehabilitation and provide assistance to 6 health facilities in Badin District. Out of these six health facilities, three are the BEMOC facilities whereas three are the primary health facilities. Rehabilitation work was initiated in the reporting year, which will complete in first quarter of 2024.

Free Medical Camps for the Flood Affected People



Twenty medical camps were organized in Badin in collaboration with Health Department, reflecting a commitment to community health and well-being. These camps served as crucial

platforms for providing medical assistance, promoting health education, and addressing healthcare needs in diverse areas. The initiative aimed to enhance access to healthcare services and contribute to overall community welfare.

Establishment of Women and Girls Safe Spaces-WGCS

RDF team established 7 safe spaces in affected villages with a total enrolment of 1639 including 750 women and 889 children (457 girls & 432 boys). Sessions on GBV, MHPSS, Protection, Socio psycho support on mental health being were also delivered in these spaces. Games, physical activities were also organized in these spaces. These spaces improved Life skills of women on hygiene, learning.



Establishment of Vocational Centers within Women & Child Friendly Spaces



To improve the earning of the flood affected women, vocational training and stitching centers were established within the seven 'Safer Space' in Badin district, as to provide them the opportunity regain economic self-sufficiency aftermath of flood 2022.

Dignitary Kits Distribution to Women

Dignitary kits, including solar lamps and NFIs were efficiently distributed to 1050 women. This underscores our commitment to meeting diverse needs within the community, ensuring a comprehensive and impactful response.



8.5 Rehabilitation of Schools



Improving education and learning in rural and semi urban areas has been a priority of RDF since its inception. Therefore, it takes every effort to resume educational activities and schooling for the children in disaster affected areas. It has reconstructed WASH facilities in 59 primary and elementary schools in Dadu, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Tando Allahyar and Badin districts of Sindh. The intervention has been benefiting more than 7500 children and 80 teachers.

9. Visits of RDF Projects and Participation at International Forums

Participation at European Microfinance Platform, Luxembourg

Mr. Ashfaque Soomro, Executive Director RDF participated as panelist to talk on the financial inclusion of FDPs at the European Microfinance Platform week, which was held from 15th to 17th November 2023 at Luxembourg, hosted by e-MFP. It was one of the top events in financial inclusion and served as a unique meeting point for microfinance and financial inclusion professionals working worldwide. EMW brought together all sectors of the inclusive finance industry including consultants & support service providers, investors, multilateral & national development agencies, NGOs and researchers.



Three other panelists from UNHCR, AFI and ILO also talked on the issues, challenges and recommendations for the inclusion of forcibly displaced people. **Mr. Craig Churchil**, the Director at ILO in Geneva moderated the sessions. The session was followed by the question and answers by the participants.

Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week



Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week was held on Dec 11-13, 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand, where humanitarian actors shared their work, experiences, challenges and way forwards. RDF together with the NCA Pakistan team participated in this forum and networked with humanitarian actors. It was organized by the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), the Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN), Community World Service Asia (CWSA), and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA).

Participation at the C4C Virtual Annual Meeting



RDF is an endorser to the Charter for Change (C4C) and it has been actively participating to promote localization. Ashfaque Soomro, Executive Director RDF participated in its annual meeting, held virtually on 8th December 2023, where he presented multi-purpose cash transfer experience, modalities & challenges along with KNH.

Participation of Young Climate Advocates in an International Conference on Climate Change, Germany



Our young climate activists, Fateh Mohammed and Zainab, hailing from District Sanghar, represented RDF & Pakistan at an International Youth conference on Climate Change in Germany, organized by our collaborative partner Kindernoethilfe (KNH).

Fateh Muhammad addressed a huge gathering in Duisburg, Germany, presenting Pakistan's climate case globally. These climate champions have also visited several schools across Germany, engaging in enlightening discussions with students about the pressing climate issues that demand global unity and action. They also presented their initiatives which they have taken to combat Climate Change in Pakistan.

Participation of RDF Young Climate Activists at COP28

Young climate activist Fateh Muhammad from a small village of District Sanghar highlighted Pakistan's climate challenges at COP28 in Dubai. In a virtual panel at the Boosting Youth Participation Conference hosted by the German Federal Government, he shared insights on climate impact and his role as a youth activist.

10. Financial Statement 2022-23

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT JUNE 30, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	4	19,571,874	3,202,200
CURRENT ASSETS			
Advances, deposits, prepayments and other receivables	5	10,003,679	1,581,025
Receivables from donors	6	7,951,684	6,570,408
Cash and bank balances	7	250,228,335	108,227,493
		<u>268,183,699</u>	<u>116,378,926</u>
		<u>287,755,573</u>	<u>119,581,126</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred capital grant	8	19,571,874	3,202,200
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued liabilities	9	49,391,496	15,228,304
NET ASSETS			
		<u>218,792,203</u>	<u>101,150,622</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Restricted fund		218,792,203	101,150,622
		<u>218,792,203</u>	<u>101,150,622</u>
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	10		

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**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
INCOME			
Grant income	11	743,213,919	159,388,445
Deferred capital grant recognized	8	4,540,274	2,338,752
		<u>747,754,193</u>	<u>161,727,197</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Project expenses	12	(664,445,737)	(140,057,310)
General and administrative expenses	13	(76,703,388)	(19,084,089)
Projects' support expenses	14	(6,605,068)	(2,585,798)
		<u>(747,754,193)</u>	<u>(161,727,197)</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus for the year		-	-
Adjustments for non-cash and other items:			
Depreciation	4	4,540,274	2,238,752
Amortization	5	-	100,000
Deferred capital grant recognized during the year	8	(4,540,274)	(2,338,752)
		-	-
(Increase) / decrease in current assets			
Advances, deposits, prepayments and other receivables		(8,422,654)	3,997,139
Receivables from donors		(1,381,276)	(6,570,408)
		(9,803,930)	(2,573,269)
(Decrease) / increase in current liabilities			
Accrued liabilities		34,163,192	5,046,269
		34,163,192	5,046,269
Net cash flows generated from operating activities		<u>24,359,262</u>	<u>2,473,000</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property and equipment and net cash used in investing activities		<u>(20,909,948)</u>	<u>(2,037,624)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Funds received during the year		866,978,346	221,072,965
Funds utilized during the year		(728,426,818)	(151,227,975)
Net cash flow generated from financing activities		<u>138,551,528</u>	<u>69,844,990</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		142,000,842	70,280,366
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		108,227,493	37,947,127
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	<u><u>250,228,335</u></u>	<u><u>108,227,493</u></u>

The annexed notes from 1 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements. ^{B/26}



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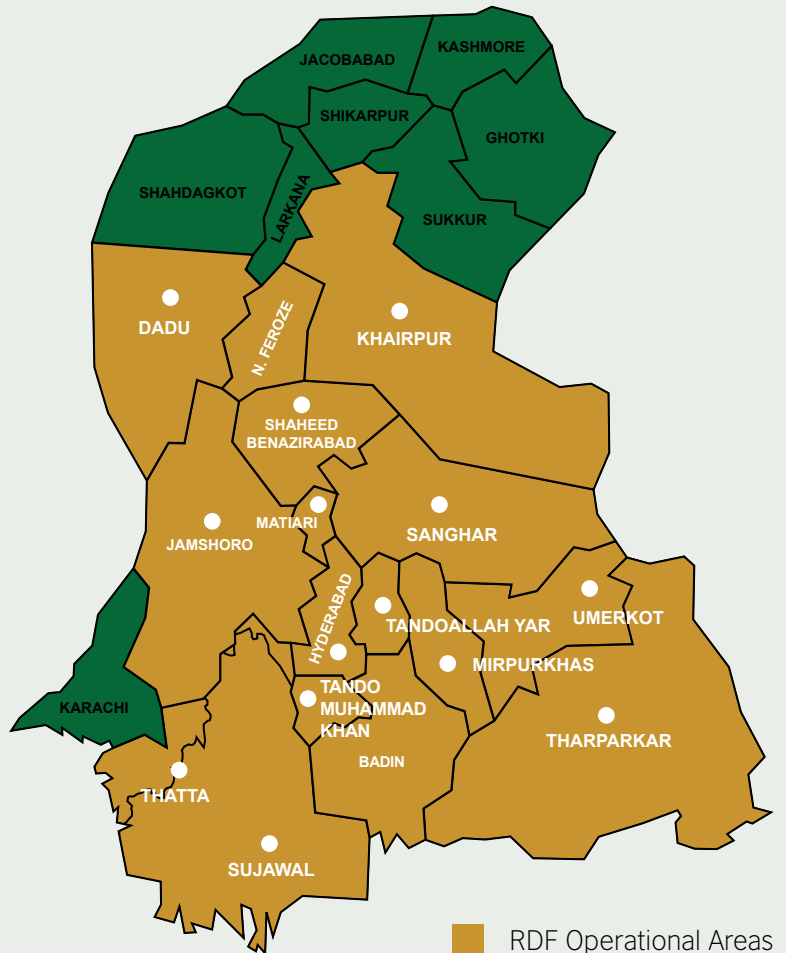


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