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In the midst of uncertainty, we unite to nurture enduring resilience. It goes beyond mere survival in the face of adversity; it's about flourishing in its aftermath.



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Fostering Sustainable Resilience for Stronger Communities

During the reporting period, the Fast Rural Development Program embarked on a comprehensive assessment of its operations and objectives, with a strong emphasis on sustainability and inclusivity. The quarter commenced with the review of the year ended and the finalization of the annual plan for 2023-2024, with a focus on governance, management, and team discussions centered on ensuring gender equity and social inclusion across all programs.

In its unwavering commitment to improvement, FRDP implemented robust plans for institutional capacity building. This encompassed strengthening the systems and capabilities of program and operation teams, adopting suitable technological solutions, and empowering them to operate more efficiently and have a more significant impact. FRDP actively sought out program partnerships with various institutions, firmly standing as an organization dedicated to contributing to the rehabilitation of flood-affected communities. This included empowering these communities with the resilience to confront future challenges and advocating for anticipatory actions at District and Provincial policy forums.

Throughout this period, FRDP offered local

community institutions the opportunity to cultivate their leadership and managerial skills. This empowerment is pivotal to enhancing the resilience of their local areas and ensuring long-term sustainability. Over this time frame, FRDP expanded its range of services in several impactful ways. The organization continued to provide solutions for safe drinking water, addressing a fundamental need for many vulnerable communities nationwide. FRDP also pioneered alternative sustainable livelihood options, aiding individuals and families in securing their financial future. Continued humanitarian assistance remained a top priority, with FRDP providing essential food rations to those in need, ensuring that no one in disaster-affected areas of operation went hungry. The commitment to improving public education institutions persisted, contributing to a brighter future for the next generation. Initiatives were undertaken to enhance Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene conditions in both urban and rural areas. The FRDP continued to support orphaned and Afghan refugee children with quality education and ongoing funding for their social and mental well-being, providing them with hope for a better future. The organization also sponsored widows, assisting them in sustaining and improving their monthly incomes and offering



support and dignity during challenging times.

FRDP maintained an unwavering focus on strategic resilience, making it an integral part of every service provided. This involved multiple interventions aimed at enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities during disasters and actively engaging stakeholders in anticipatory actions. During this time, FRDP conducted comprehensive assessments of hazards and vulnerability capacities at both the district and community levels. The organization actively sought global partnerships and networks to learn from their experiences and promote the exchange of expertise, aiming for long-lasting results at the community level. FRDP placed a strong emphasis on ensuring the safety of children, the vulnerable, and the wider community through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives. Recognizing the importance of food security and nutrition, FRDP worked to improve access to nutritious food while also raising awareness about nutrition-related issues, sustaining the food chain, and adapting local wisdom. FRDP made significant efforts to enhance institutional Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services, improving the overall well-being of communities. Together with its partners, FRDP invested in the construction and rehabilitation of

water supply systems, particularly in slum areas, to ensure access to clean and safe drinking water. In urban and peri-urban areas, FRDP focused on the construction and rehabilitation of public sewer systems, contributing to improved sanitation. FRDP worked to strengthen waste management systems, addressing environmental and public health concerns. The organization conducted information and awareness-raising campaigns, employing Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) methods to educate communities on WASH and nutrition-related issues.

The FRDP's approach during this reporting period revolved around comprehensive strategies to enhance resilience, promote community safety, improve access to essential services, and raise awareness about critical issues. These efforts were geared towards building resilience at the community level and fostering a proactive approach to disaster risk reduction. The endeavors undertaken from July 2023 to September 2023 underscore FRDP's dedication to sustainable resilience, gender equity, and social inclusion, as it remains committed to building stronger communities and a brighter future for all.

Program Outreach as of September 31,2023

Themes	Men	Women	Children	Total
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	193,940	133,413	111,691	439,044
Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihood	264,871	177,630	150,875	593,376
Emergency, Disaster & Risk Reduction	239,666	246,235	274,049	759,950
Education and Awareness	2,679	3,850	3,208	9,737
Youth and Women Empowerment	75,034	73,673	82,481	231,188

Sustainable Community Engagement

Villages: 3739

Districts: 28 Provinces: 04

Sustaining impact amidst adversity

FRDP has consistently remained at the forefront, even in the face of below-average monsoons of 2023. In the aftermath of the 2022 flood, people in dire need of shelter and water source repairs sought assistance desperately. In response, FRDP continued to support these communities by providing essential drinking water facilities and aiding in shelter rehabilitation and reconstruction. Strong partnerships with organizations like PAANI, Penny Appeal, CARE, WHH, and JTS further strengthened FRDP's efforts. FRDP established committees at the village level, and these committees played a vital role in several aspects. They assisted in the process of identifying who would benefit from the project. Moreover, they offered suggestions on how to best achieve the project's goals. The FRDP team held discussions at the village level to talk about the issues faced by the community and to come up with solutions. When it came to choosing who would benefit from the project, the selection was based on whether individuals and households already had access to similar services. Those who didn't have access were given preference. Additionally, special priority was given to women, children, and marginalized groups as they were considered key beneficiaries of the efforts made during the reporting period.

In the Tharparkar desert, FRDP installed seven solar-powered wells for 16 villages across three union councils. In the neighboring Badin district, adjacent to Tharparkar, FRDP installed a remarkable 945 handpumps across six union councils and 34 villages. In district Mirpurkhas, the FRDP team installed 309 handpumps and initiated construction on 22 shelters in three union councils and 17 villages. In the desert region of Umerkot district, FRDP installed 151 deep handpumps in 13 villages spanning two union councils. Furthermore, in Khairpur Mir, 18 villages across six union councils received 400 handpumps. In Shaheed Benazirabad, the mission to support villages in need persisted, with the team installing 150 handpumps in 13 villages during the reporting period. Additionally, they initiated the construction of 18 shelters. The Head Office's Emergency Response Team (ERT) distributed PKR 25,000 to each of the 10 households that had been absent during the MPCA-MOIFA event previously. This project provided multi-purpose cash assistance to 376 targeted beneficiaries in the Jamshoro district. In the previous round, there were still



10 beneficiaries awaiting their cash grants. The team reached out to 23 individuals from the CIP database, ultimately validating 10 beneficiaries for MPCA. Ms. Paras from CARE International joined the disbursement event in the village of Golar, Tehsil Manjhand. FRDP ensured the presence of a visibility banner, CRM, and desk registration during the disbursement and recorded the attendance of beneficiaries. The VDC representative also endorsed the disbursement.

The Mirpurkhas team confirmed the location for the Vocational Training Center in Village Ghulam Nabi Jarwar, Union Council Dadah, Tehsil Tando Bago, District Badin. Their plan is to enroll girls and offer skills training in two shifts, both in the morning and evening, for the first five months. Impressively, they swiftly registered some 40 female participants for the Vocational Centre program in a very short timeframe.

Lifeline Restored

While our MEAL team visited Khairpur Mir's, one of our colleagues interviewed a widow, she shared that "I am Janul, I am 30-years old and resident of Inayatullah Kathore village in the Union Council of Bhugro, District Khairpur Mir's. My life has been a journey filled with challenges and unexpected turns". Continuing her story she said " Three years ago, tragedy struck my family when my beloved husband, Mr. Mehboob, the primary breadwinner of our household, passed away. His loss left us shattered, and we were left to pick up the pieces of our lives. Even before his passing, life was a daily struggle to make ends meet, but after losing him, our situation took a turn for the worse. My family, which included our two sons and two daughters, faced numerous difficulties".

One of the most significant challenges she encountered was the lack of access to clean water. It was a daily ordeal as they had to visit neighbors' homes ten to twelve times a day just to fetch water. This routine disrupted their daily lives and, even more painfully, made them feel inferior as they constantly relied on others for such basic necessities. She says "I knew that having our hand pump could alleviate our water woes, but it felt like an impossible dream. The financial burden, coupled with the loss of my husband, made the idea of owning a hand pump seem unattainable". However, a glimmer of hope entered their lives when a representative from FRDP following the recommendation of the newly formed Village Development

Committee visited their home. He asked and observed the situation, and conveyed the heartening news that a hand pump would be installed on our property, generously donated by PAANI. "This unexpected turn of events filled me with amazement and gratitude. Within a few days, our amazement turned into reality as a hand pump was installed within the boundaries of our household. This installation marked a transformative moment for us" she says. She continued "No longer did we have to endure the arduous and demeaning task of begging for water from our neighbors. The hand pump provided us with a convenient and reliable source of clean water right at our doorstep. It brought immense relief to our daily lives, allowing my children to focus on their education and overall well-being, rather than spending hours fetching water. The happiness in our home was palpable, as we now had our sustainable water source. We were no longer burdened by the daily quest for water.

While concluding she extended her heartfelt gratitude to PAANI and FRDP, who brought about this transformative change in their lives. Access to clean water is not just a convenience; it's a symbol of hope and a reminder that kindness and support can transform lives





Urban Food Production - Building Resilience for Poor Households

The Fast Rural Development Program (FRDP), Research and Development Foundation (RDF), in partnership with technical collaborator Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and financial support from the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany), have been diligently implementing the project "Urban Food Production - Building Resilience for Poor Households and Youth from Marginalized Neighborhoods in Hyderabad, Sindh, Pakistan. The project aims to empower the residents of 20 marginalized urban and peri-urban slum settlements in Hyderabad to enhance their food security and incomes through newly acquired expertise and access to improved infrastructure. During the reporting period, the Urban team organized five community awareness sessions, providing essential information about the project's activities and addressing health and hygiene concerns. The team celebrated World Breastfeeding Week, emphasizing the importance of breastfeeding timing and childcare. RDF organized six Broad-Based Community Meetings (BBCM) in selected areas, where FRDP team members actively participated. BBCMs facilitated comprehensive and inclusive dialogues with community members, fostering open communication and participation. These meetings helped in identifying potential beneficiaries for project-related components. The Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) officer conducted house-to-house field visits to verify the selected beneficiaries. A total of 310 beneficiaries were verified during

the quarter for agriculture and poultry initiatives. The list of 200 verified beneficiaries was shared with WHH's representative, who participated in a verification visit alongside RDF and FRDP teams, validating the beneficiary selection process and project implementation.

FRDP's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) engineer conducted feasibility studies for two key aspects, the first one was the assessment of the selected areas and developing Bills of Quantities (BOQs) for thirteen areas. These areas were validated and approved, with detailed reports and BOQs shared with WHH for feedback and approval. These assessments and feasibility details were also shared with the Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) for No Objection Certificates (NOCs) and review.

The second aspect was the consortium partner initially assessed 200 beneficiaries for the agriculture component, and then technical assessments and feasibility reports were prepared. BOQs and scope of work were submitted to WASA for review and NOC. Water tests were conducted in various households to assess parameters like pH, turbidity, and total dissolved solids (TDS). The FRDP team collaborated with the Pakistan Council of

Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) to conduct random water tests in fifteen different areas. A total of 75 samples were collected and analyzed, and the results have been received.

FRDP identified waste collectors from different areas for informal waste collection. These individuals will undergo training on waste management and recycling, and PPE kits will be provided to them. The list of PPE equipment has been submitted to the local Government for approval. The FRDP team conducted coordination meetings with various stakeholders, including educational institutions, water and sanitation authorities, and local government representatives. These meetings aimed to secure support and technical assistance for project activities and gain approval for planned initiatives.

In July, the District Coordination Committee for Nutrition meeting was held. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and the prioritization of food production and nutrition. All relevant stakeholders expressed confidence in the successful

implementation of food production, nutrition, and WASH initiatives. The FRDP team drafted Terms of Reference (TORs) for hiring of Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) consultant to lead information and awareness campaigns on WASH and nutrition issues. These TORs were approved by WHH, and proposals were submitted by various consultants and consultancy firms. Following presentations by two consultancy companies, the FRDP team is in the final stages of selecting the consultant, with an expected hire in October. While making substantial progress, the project encountered some challenges, Meeting with stakeholders and obtaining their support and approvals for activities proved time-consuming, The verification and assessment of water supply lines in urban areas were challenging due to difficulties in locating residents. Despite these challenges, the Urban Food Production project continues to make strides in building resilience among marginalized communities in Hyderabad, Sindh, with a focus on improving food security and income levels.

S.No	Activity Details	Activities conducted	Beneficiaries reached
01	Conducted a Community Awareness Session.	5	73
02	Verified Beneficiary Information.	20	324
03	Engaged in the Broad-Based Community Meeting (BBCM).	06	310
04	Assessed the Feasibility of Water-Led Infrastructure.	20	200
05	Collected Water Samples and Submitted Them to PCRWR (Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources).	15	75
06	Provided Support to MEAL WHH for a 10% Beneficiary Verification.	01	20
07	Facilitated a Coordination Meeting with Focal Persons to Identify Waste Collectors.	12	35
08	Conducted a DCCN Meeting (District Coordination and Communication Network).	01	39
09	Our WASH Engineer Conducted Water Quality Testing.	15	75
10	Completed Feasibility and Technical Assessments in 13 Areas for Public Sewer Line Installation.		

Change is on the horizon,

A neighborhood in Hyderabad, Ghira Bhashti, is often synonymous with hardship and is given the name Kachiabadi due to the prevailing dire conditions. In this tough environment, meet Pholna, a resilient resident who has endured years of struggle in this tough neighborhood. Pholna, a member of a financially needy family of seven, coped with the absence of WASH facilities and limited economic opportunities. Her willpower led her to engage in pottery selling and trading most of the time barter system, an important source of livelihood in the community.

However, the benefits of this trade were distributed disproportionately, with business owners taking more while tail-enders struggled to make ends meet. In an attempt to improve her family's economic crisis, Pholna set up a home shop managed by her younger son. Despite their hand-to-mouth survival, Pholna dreamed of providing quality education for her children, especially her son, Ishwar, who had a strong desire to learn. Ishwar's aspirations for education were hampered by the family's financial challenges. The burden of supporting a household overshadowed his desire for a formal education, temporarily halting his dreams.

The community expressed that no one had ever come forward to solve the long-standing problems of their community. Through collaborative group efforts, the community highlighted significant challenges, focusing on WASH facilities and economic limitations. Access to proper WASH facilities within the community was a primary concern, leading to unsafe practices, open defecation and sometimes paying charges to get WASH facilities. The journey

began with their involvement in a BBCM meeting dedicated to empowering Ghira Bhashti residents. Here, they were introduced to an innovative project that promised to change their lives.

The community expressed that nobody had previously come to resolve the longstanding issues afflicting their community. The urban team not only listened to their concerns but also valued the solutions proposed by the residents themselves. The involvement of the community in the project empowered them to utilize available spaces, converting them into productive kitchen gardens, and providing space for washrooms and WASH facilities, to improve economic conditions and well-being. Recently, an FRDP technical person, working with the community and WASH engineers, visited Ghira Bhashti to assess the feasibility of the proposed improvements. This review was conducted when the community jointly requested washing facilities and pledged to change their lives.

Pholna's journey and the collective struggles of the Ghira Bhashti community exemplify resilience in the face of adversity. The engagement of the urban food production team and the community's voice paved the way for potential solutions, addressing critical issues like WASH facilities and economic challenges. The story itself proves that by advocating for change and promoting sustainable solutions, joint ventures will always empower communities like Ghira Bhashti to overcome their challenges and strive for a better future.



Early Recovery Support for the Flood-Affected Families in Pakistan

FRDP partnered with CARE International in Pakistan to carry out a range of initiatives in the region. The project titled “Early Recovery Support for Flood-Affected Families in Pakistan” has achieved significant progress in the areas of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and Nutritious Food during this quarter. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication and hard work of the FRDP team working in partnership with CARE International in Pakistan. Throughout this quarter, the Fast Rural Development Program has sustained its efforts to provide assistance to families affected by floods in

A Hazard, Vulnerability, and Capacity Assessment (HVCA) was conducted, resulting in the selection of 10 schools and 3 health facilities for the construction or rehabilitation of WASH facilities. In order to enhance the safety and protection of children and communities, the team, following HVCA, has planned Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) interventions in 3 schools in collaboration with the District Education Department. This involves the functionalization of School Disaster Management Committees (SDMCs) and regular monthly meetings with SDMCs to identify the scope of work for DRR intervention. Furthermore, some water courses have



Taluka Khairpur Nathan Shah and Taluka Mehar, District Dadu, Sindh Province, Pakistan. The project’s primary focus includes contributing and promoting key areas such as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and raising awareness about Nutritious Food. Under the theme of Hygiene Promotion and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Activities, the project team identified villages, created Information, Education, and Communication materials, established community organizations within the project villages, and conducted beneficiary assessments following health and hygiene criteria. They also procured mosquito nets. The team formed Women WASH Committees to ensure the smooth execution of project initiatives.

been identified for rehabilitation. With the goal of improving access to Nutritious Food and raising awareness, the project team identified beneficiaries and established Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the Agriculture Department for their participation in Kitchen Gardening initiatives. They also conducted “Nutrition Awareness and Kitchen Gardening Training” for the beneficiaries, and Kitchen Gardening kits are currently being procured and prepared for distribution to the trained cadre.

S No	Activity	Total targets	Progress for the Quarter
01	BBCM	20	15
02	Village profiling	27	17
03	VO Formation	20	15
04	Follow-up orientation session with VO/VDCs	20	20
05	School identification	20	31
06	No. of Schools/Health facilities assessment for WASH facilities	20	20
07	No. SDMCs identified/functionalized	20	20
08	No. of Meeting with Schools Committee	33	33
09	Validation of Institutes/schools/health facilities	31	31
10	No. of Finalize the Schools/Health Facilities for WASH facilities	13	13
11	Development of BoQs for WASH facilities in Schools/Health Facilities	13	10
12	No. of beneficiaries assessment for hygiene & IPC sessions & mosquito nets	2193	2193
13	Beneficiary Assessment for New Born Baby Kit & Mother Winter Kit	1000	400
14	No. of Women Wash Committee formation	13	11
15	Development of IEC material for Health & Hygiene promotion sessions	1	1
16	Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (HVCA).	1	1
17	Identification of Water Courses	12	4
18	No. of Youth Committees formed at schools	13	10
19	MoU with Agriculture Department	1	1
20	Training Manual	1	1
21	Beneficiaries' assessment for Kitchen Gardening	832	1029
22	Follow-up orientation session with KG Committees	20	19
23	Nutrition awareness and kitchen gardening training	832	606

Rising Resilience for a Brighter Tomorrow

While conducting the Hazard, Vulnerability, and Capacity Assessment (HVCA), our team had a poignant experience. During the assessment, we examined vulnerabilities and capacities to respond, visited schools, and saw the challenging conditions faced by children and their dedicated teachers, particularly the female educators who travel long distances from their homes. These schools had frail and vulnerable structures, lacking adequate ventilation, subjecting students and staff to oppressive heat in one of the hottest regions of our homeland. It was disheartening to observe that neither district nor provincial authorities had advocated for more suitable and resilient school structures capable of withstanding shocks and disasters. It's astonishing that, even in the 21st century, basic facilities such as solarization, provision of learning materials, green spaces, and the implementation of summer hours to reduce children's exposure to extreme heat have not been proposed or demanded.

School Management Committees were formed to oversee and manage schools at the local level, regularly update authorities with ground realities,

and address issues through public-private partnerships. However, almost all of these SMCs only served to access meager funds, which were often insufficient for even one month of school maintenance. The funds were not released regularly, none was to follow-up so interest was lost and these SMCs were dormant, members were unaware of their roles and responsibilities. In our commitment to building community resilience against natural disasters, FRDP has activated all forums that serve the people and were "of the people" including the School Management Committees. We successfully reinvigorated the School Management Committees of 20 schools in Taluka Khairpur Nathan Shah and Taluka Mehar, District Dadu, through mobilization and lobbying with the District Education Officers and local school staff in August 2023. These SMCs had been dormant for years, and



their role in school development was practically nonexistent. We also engaged with the members of these dormant SMCs, organizing them through monthly meetings. These reactivated SMCs are now actively involved in project activities, especially those related to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). They have significantly enhanced their role in school development and enrollment campaigns. Thirteen out of these 20 SMCs are currently undergoing training in Safe School Concepts, Disaster Risk Reduction, Child Protection, and Gender Sensitivity. These SMCs have now become an integral part of village-level organizations, mobilizing their communities to lead in all development initiatives designed for their benefit.

It's clear that these resilient communities are determined to remain in their homes, regardless of how many challenges they face due to nature's harshness. Even after 76 years of independence, they may not receive the respect and opportunities they deserve in urban areas, and their customs and traditions may be disregarded in the process of relocating to safer locations. However, regardless of how many times they rebuild after losing their hard-earned possessions, they remain steadfast in these regions marked by natural hardships. What is needed is trust in their intentions, providing a platform where they can voice their concerns and jointly decide on the resolution of their long-standing issues. Once empowered, they will undoubtedly declare, We are the ones who can bring resilience, proper recovery, and sustainable rehabilitation to our society and economy.

Building Institutional Capacity and Resilience Against Natural Disasters (BRAND)

The newly added project "Building Institutional Capacity and Resilience Against Natural Disasters (BRAND)," which is funded by ECHO/-AS/BUD/2023/91017, is a collaborative effort involving the consortium partners WHH, CESVI, and FRDP. The project is carried out in Mirpur Khas and Dadu districts, with the primary objective of enhancing the existing governmental disaster risk management operations to enable early response to various hazards.

The project mainly focuses on three thematic sub-sectors including Contingency planning and readiness for response, Information dissemination, communication, and public awareness. Hazard and risk analysis, and establishing and improving early warning systems.

So far under the project the project team hosted and participated the Two-Days Joint Planning Workshop involving WHH, CESVI, and FRDP at FRDP Office Hyderabad. The Project Coordinator also participated in a "Table Talk Exercise" organized by UNFAO to involve stakeholders in riverine flood anticipatory actions. This event took place at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner in Dadu. Apart from this, in continuation with the coordination meetings, the Project Coordinator attended the district-level DRR Forum Coordination meeting at District Dadu.

The project team obtained a no-objection certificate from the PDMA. The team also worked on revising the Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) based on slight changes agreed upon during the workshop.



Preparation for the provincial-level Inception Workshop which is scheduled for October, including the drafting of invitation letters and coordination meetings. The team jointly with the Finance section finalized the budget forecasting and submitted a fund transfer request. The recruitment process has also been initiated to hire the remaining staff required for the BRAND Project.

Assistance to Afghan Refugees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

FRDP in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the reporting period revamped the Tandoor project, after thorough documentation and negotiations with technical experts, was handed over to the local community. The project aimed to enhance food security and ensure the availability of fresh meals and bread for the residents. The team KPK facilitated the construction of a mosque serving 100 houses and a Madrasa for over 100 children, designed to benefit the deprived and marginalized community, the newly constructed facility is managed by a 10-member committee. During the reporting period, the Nowshera FRDP team distributed 75 food packs to deserving Afghan refugee families, having identified them through door-to-door visits and with the assistance of SHORA MEMBERS. The Team KPK carried out a situation analysis of the Kheraabad Muhajir Camp in Nowshera, KPK, the Food Ration Support is funded by Peacetrain/FRDPI. For destitute Afghan Refugees. During this assessment, the team held a meeting with the

SHORA (camp elders) with the aim of informing them about the established criteria and guidelines for beneficiary selection and the procedures for food distribution activities. The FRDP team visited various mosques and the homes of potential beneficiaries within the camp, as well as conducted meetings with members of the local community.

The Aisha Academy celebrated several international days, including Teacher's Day, World Literacy Day, International Day of Peace, and World Teachers' Day. Activities included honoring teaching staff, book readings, donation drives, educational events, and teacher recognition. Infrastructure and resource enhancements at the Aisha Academy included classroom renovation, resource allocation through an inventory audit, and collaborative efforts to decorate classrooms with educational materials. Aisha Academy organized various programs for students' holistic development, including sports competitions, creative writing contests, science fairs, and career guidance workshops. Student well-being was prioritized through counseling services and awareness campaigns. Teacher development sessions were held to enhance the capabilities of the teaching staff.

The FRDP Nowshera KP Team identified new areas for program expansion and is developing integrated development plans for these areas. These efforts collectively contribute to the improvement of students and educators.



Shadows or Light

In the pursuit of sustainable resilience and community development, education emerges as a cornerstone. Aisha Academy, founded with a vision to empower the underprivileged through education, has made remarkable strides in this endeavor. This report delves into Aisha Academy's commitment to nurturing stronger communities through education. To illustrate the transformative power of quality education and productive community engagement, let us introduce you to Usman, a young boy who lost access to education due to family circumstances and financial constraints.

Usman's journey was marred by adversity. He forfeited his access to education due to his family's struggles, leaving his dreams hanging in the balance. His situation was compounded by societal pressures and prejudices. Usman spent his days in arid fields, tending to animals that he used to take for grazing. He was a young shepherd who had reluctantly given up on his dreams to care for the forlorn herds. His face bore the marks of the tough life he led, marked by determination and a deep yearning for something more. In a village where dreams had withered away like dried leaves, Usman was more than just a shepherd; he was an Afghan refugee who had left his homeland in search of safety. However, financial challenges had forced him to relinquish his education, a decision

that weighed heavily on his young shoulders. Usman's grandmother used to say, "Education is the light of hope," and those words echoed in his heart. Yet, hope often felt distant, like a fleeting glimpse of a world beyond the horizon. It was amid this desolation that Aisha Academy emerged as a radiant glimmer of hope. Its founders, recognizing the plight of children like Usman, ventured into the village with a mission - to rekindle the extinguished flames and restore the lost dreams.

The team FRDP with books in hand and determination in their hearts, knocked on Usman's door, both metaphorically and literally. They introduced themselves as messengers of opportunity, bearers of the keys to the world of knowledge. With a gentle yet persuasive touch, they convinced Usman and his family to give education a second chance. Usman hesitantly accepted their offer, as if cautiously stepping into an unknown ocean. Aisha Academy provided him not only with textbooks but also the nurturing environment and guidance he had yearned for. The Academy's educators, known for their dedication and firm belief in idiomatic expressions such as "knowledge is power" and "the pen is mightier than the sword," showed him the path to enlightenment. Thanks to Aisha Academy, he emerged from the shadows of despair, ready to embrace a future filled with the promise of light.





When Vulnerable are sheltered

Throughout the reporting period, FRDP maintained its unwavering commitment to providing ongoing support for orphans and widows. The team diligently identified and registered additional families with orphaned children, further increasing the total to 300 orphans. Additionally, they identified 25 widows in need and ensured they received monthly food ration support.

In partnership with local schools, the team established Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for the enrollment of orphaned children. With the generous support of sponsors, FRDP covered the educational expenses for all sponsored students and equipped them with essential learning materials, including syllabus and stationery. The team continued to facilitate connections between non-sponsored children and individual philanthropists to meet their daily household needs. On International Charity Day, the team organized a special event at Shehwar Public School, where they distributed Essential Education Kits to 16 orphaned children. This initiative aimed to provide these children with the tools they needed for their education.

Regular education assessments were conducted for the sponsored orphans to monitor their academic progress and overall well-being. These assessments played a crucial role in ensuring that the sponsored orphans received the necessary educational support and that any specific needs or challenges they faced were promptly addressed. FRDP's commitment to these assessments demonstrated its dedication to the holistic development of these vulnerable children. The organization's ongoing efforts in supporting orphans and widows have not only provided essential assistance but have also instilled a sense of hope and resilience within these communities. By increasing the total number of supported orphans to 300 and providing much-needed support to widows, FRDP has made a significant impact on the lives of those facing adversity. The partnerships formed with local schools, as well as the generous contributions of sponsors, have further strengthened FRDP's ability to provide educational opportunities to orphaned children. By covering educational fees and supplying learning materials, FRDP has helped create an environment in which these children can thrive and pursue their dreams.

Elevation to the Stars

Ayan Ali, a young orphan in the 5th grade, was facing a future overshadowed by financial constraints. He lived with his mother, grandmother, and sister, and despite his natural brilliance in his studies, his dreams seemed subjugated by the harsh circumstances that surrounded him.

In the face of adversity, Ayan's family shared his struggles. They, too, felt the weight of their financial limitations. However, at a turning point in Ayan's life, a ceremony held by FRDP opened the door to a brighter future. The support team from FRDP, who understood the potential of this young boy, decided

to sponsor all the required educational materials for Ayan.

With newfound hope and support, Ayan's transformation was remarkable. The once-subdued young boy began to radiate confidence and enthusiasm. His passion for learning ignited like never before, and he embarked on a journey of self-discovery. Ayan's dedication and hard work not only paid off academically but also earned him a well-deserved position at the top of his class. He says "My dreams were stars for me, but now I believe I can reach all the goals set for success".

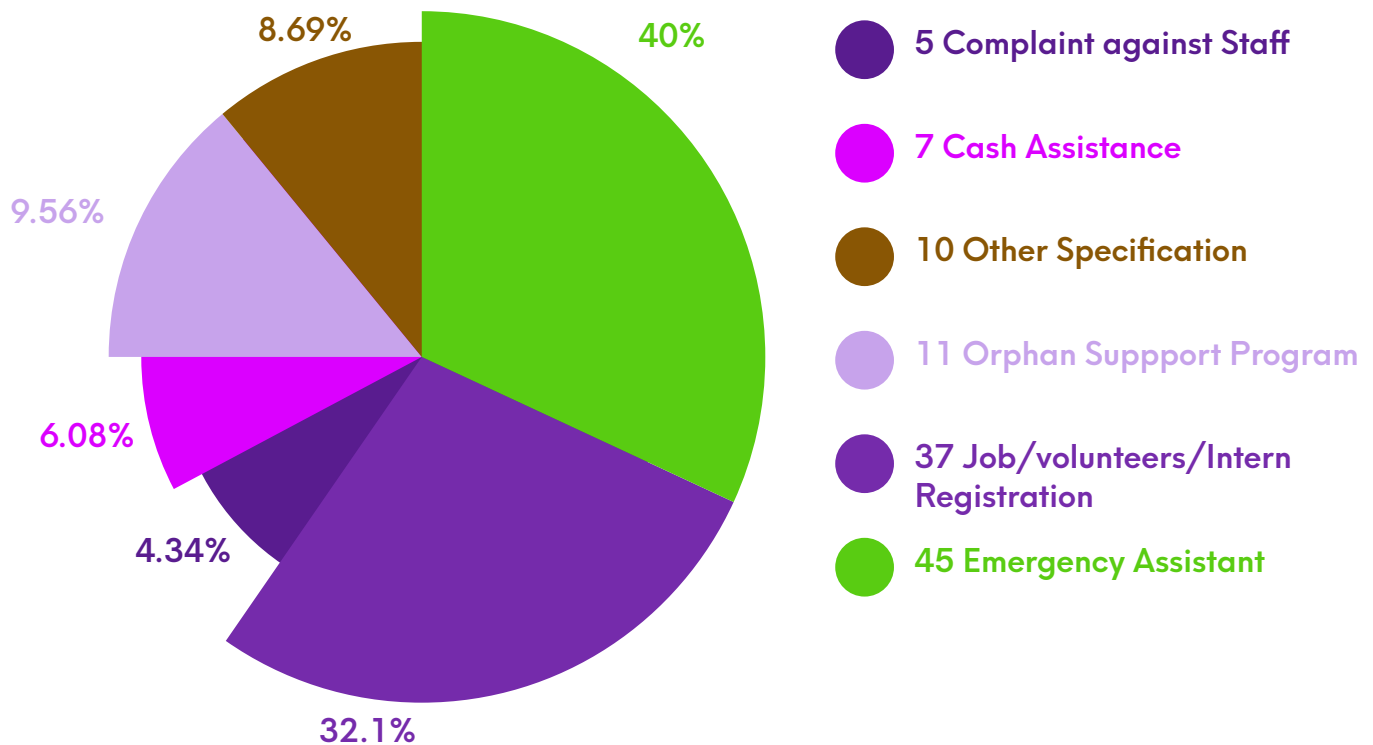


Resilience through Community-Centric Response

The FRDP community response mechanism functions as a bottom-to-top system, encouraging active participation from recipients who provide suggestions, and feedback, and register complaints. FRDP's CRM mechanism is a cornerstone of organizational commitment to serving the community, incorporating their input, and promptly resolving their concerns. This quarterly report sheds light on the nature of these complaints and the actions taken to address them.

Approximately 60% of the inquiries came from individuals in urgent need of assistance. Some of these highlighted critical shortages of essential resources like food and clean drinking water in flood-affected villages. Simultaneously, others were seeking opportunities for employment, volunteering, and internship registrations, reflecting the community's strong interest in participating in our programs and services. Concerns were also raised about deteriorating infrastructure, including damaged roads and bridges that impeded daily life and access to essential services.

Total Number of Calls 115



A significant number of individuals reached out to inquire about the orphan support program, which aims to assist orphaned children in our community. Families and individuals contacted FRDP CRM seeking financial support, underscoring the need for economic assistance. These requests encompassed various needs, including financial assistance for food rations, support during periods of inflation, and calls from widows supporting their families. Notably, a substantial portion of these calls came from widows facing financial challenges following the loss of their spouses.

A remarkable 90% of the inquiries received responses on the same day, demonstrating FRDP's commitment to addressing urgent matters promptly. Another 8% received responses within twenty-four hours, ensuring a swift resolution for the majority of cases. Only 2% were redirected to the relevant department for further consideration when devising specific program inputs, reflecting our dedication to providing a thorough response to community needs. FRDP believes that addressing

urgent matters efficiently and ensuring active participation is a key aspect of providing effective support and building trust within the community. FRDP's commitment to transparency and accountability extends beyond just response times. It also includes efforts to listen to the community, acknowledge their feedback, and incorporate their suggestions into programs and services. FRDP management views the community as an active partner in the organizational mission, and their valuable input plays a pivotal role in shaping sustainable initiatives. As the organization moves forward, the team will continue to assess the evolving needs of the community and adapt programs accordingly. FRDP remains focused on improving the lives of those we serve, whether it's by providing immediate assistance during emergencies, enhancing infrastructure, offering job and volunteering opportunities, or supporting vulnerable groups like orphans and widows.

Some Key events



The Quarterly Review & Planning Workshop at FRDP Head Office!



FRDP aspires to contribute to the policy-level discussions and share ground realities with stakeholders. Participated in the Orientation Workshop on "Strengthening Disaster Preparedness in Sindh, Pakistan."



Mr. Nadeem Tahir (CEO, FRDP International) and Mr. Shahid Ali (Ex-Executive Director, Fast Rural Development Program Pakistan) attended the launching ceremony of the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2022 report at Ramada Hotel Islamabad.



Hazara Express faced a tragic derailment, and community members, along with the committed FRDP team, swiftly took action. Amid the turmoil, they saved the wounded, providing solace and encouragement.



FRDP teams celebrate 16 years of making a positive impact and to the many more ahead!



The KNH team visits FRDP Program area and conducts a partnership assessment.



International Charity Day was arranged with orphans at Shahwar Model High School in Hyderabad, Pakistan.



The FRDP team participated in the Family Health Fair organized as part of the Accelerated Action Plan (AAP) in Tando Jam.



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