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SERVING GRASSROOT COMMUNITIES

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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The new year 2025 brought fresh enthusiasm and commitment, with our teams making significant and louder contributions to disaster resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and community empowerment across Sindh. FRDP management enhanced coordination efforts and expanded partnerships, strengthening and sustaining our impact.

MITIGATED RISKS OF LIGHTENING IN THARPARKAR, SINDH

Recognizing the increasing threat of lightning in the desert regions, FRDP secured funding from HOIFA to implement mitigation strategies in Tharparkar, Umerkot, and Mirpurkhas. The HOIFA project team conducted community dialogues and district/provincial conferences to address lightning incidents, myths, and preventive solutions. In collaboration with PDMA Sindh, high-risk hotspots were identified for Early Streamer Emission (ESE) device installations. To enhance early action and information dissemination, an Emergency Response Team (ERT) was formed. Additionally, awareness campaigns were launched through radio broadcasts, village-level orientations, and school sessions.



DELIGATES FROM DG ECHO VISITED BRAND PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD - DADU

FRDP hosted a delegation from DG ECHO in Qubo Qalandar, District Dadu to assess disaster preparedness initiatives. The delegation commended our anticipatory actions and engaged in discussions on the benefits of multi-purpose cash assistance. Ms. Grafe, representing DG ECHO, was accompanied by a delegation including Mr. Baber Ali, Sector Advisor – Humanitarian; Mr. Mohammad Ali Noman, Risk Advisor at WHH; and Mr. Naeem Gul, Program Officer at DG ECHO Pakistan. During the visit, the Village Disaster Committee presented detailed insights on local hazards, mitigation strategies, and collaborative disaster prevention efforts. Mr. Azhar Ali, a sub-engineer from the irrigation department, also provided a briefing on the significance of pole gauges and the role of institutional cooperation in early warning systems. His presentation highlighted how these mechanisms contribute to enhancing community preparedness and resilience against future natural disasters.



OUR STAFF PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING ON BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION, VISIBILITY, AND ADVOCACY IN ISLAMABAD

As part of the ToGETHER 2.0 initiative, a two-day training session was organized by WHH, focusing on “Building Institutional Excellence in Communication, Visibility, and Advocacy.” This training served as a crucial platform for strengthening the capabilities of partner organizations, equipping them with essential skills to effectively showcase their initiatives, engage with the public, and advocate for their causes with greater impact. Through interactive discussions and hands-on exercises, participants explored strategies to enhance their outreach and communication efforts, ensuring their messages resonate more powerfully with stakeholders.



COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING

FRDP took an active role in the Country Steering Committee (CSC) meeting, where the overall progress of the HOIFA project was reviewed in the presence of key implementing partners. Under the ToGETHER Project, FRDP has emerged as a frontrunner in Pakistan by spearheading the development of a groundbreaking Peer Mentoring Policy.



This initiative, undertaken in collaboration with other partners, enhanced knowledge sharing and mentorship within the humanitarian sector. A policy was finalized and disseminated among stakeholders, marking a significant step toward institutionalizing peer support mechanisms. Further reinforcing its commitment to capacity building, FRDP has announced an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of Peer Humanitarian Partners (PHPs), inviting local organizations to collaborate and contribute to the initiative. FRDP also played a pivotal role in the Communication Technical Working Group, actively participating in the development and finalization of the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for Communication and Visibility.

DISASTER RESILIENT HOUSING AND MODEL RESILIENT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT IN SINDH

FRDP identified a flood-prone village in the Mirpurkhas district where residents were frequently forced to evacuate to safer locations during heavy rains 2022. After engaging with the community, the team worked collaboratively to find sustainable solutions. The villagers recommended constructing homes on elevated platforms with resilient structures to replace their traditional thatched material houses, which were highly vulnerable to flood disasters.



BROUGHT SAFE DRINKING WATER TO 66,513 PERSONS ACROSS PAKISTAN

FRDP's WASH as Flagship Program has ensured easy and safe drinking water access for over 66,513 people across Islamabad, Mirpurkhas, Badin, Jamshoro, and Tharparkar districts. This achievement was made possible with the generous financial support of the Joint Together Society, Droplet of Mercy, Penny Appeal, PAANI, Ehsas Trust, Gift Australia, Waseela Foundation, and Refugee Girls Worldwide, enabling FRDP to reach underserved communities.



ASSISTANCE TO POOR FLOOD AFFECTED FARMERS IN BADIN DISTRICT

Under the Improving Livelihoods of Poor Flood-Affected Farmers of District Badin project, funded by Refugee Girls Worldwide, FRDP assisted small farmers by organizing farmer committees and distributing essential agricultural inputs, including fertilizers and tools. Additionally, in partnership with the Livestock Department, livestock vaccination drives were conducted. Training sessions were held on climate-smart agriculture and improved marketing strategies to support long-term sustainability.



WASH ASSISTANCE TO SLUM POPULATION IN HYDERABAD

As part of the Urban Food Production Project, FRDP distributed solar-powered water systems to over 1379 households, promoting clean energy solutions, reducing costs, and enhancing water access. A KAP Midline Survey was conducted to assess urban food production and nutrition practices. Additionally, 290 rooftop gardening and poultry management beneficiaries received solar plates and batteries along with training and maintenance guidance. Sanitation improvements were implemented in five new slum areas, with 150 environmental guards trained in safety protocols and equipped with PPE kits for waste management in healthcare facilities.



EDUCATION SUPPORT TO ORPHAN AND AFGHAN REFUGEE CHILDREN

FRDP provided educational support eight orphans and distributed 1462 food packs among vulnerable communities. Ahead of Ramadan, 110 Afghan refugee families received two months' worth of rations. Additionally, 250 children were given clothes, shoes, and Eidi gifts. In Nowshera, 30 Afghan refugee children successfully transitioned into the formal education system, while Aisha Academy enrolled 25 new students in Early Childhood Education.



STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS

On International Women's Day, FRDP celebrated working women and recognized their invaluable contributions. We also strengthened collaborations with PDMA-Sindh, WHH, Cesvi, and academia for disaster resilience. Further partnerships were established with Human Concern International, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Action for Humanity, and Mercy Corps for future joint ventures.

MEDIA PERSON TRAINING

A training was organized for media professionals to strengthen their role in disaster risk communication and community awareness. Recognizing the role of media during emergencies, the training aimed to enhance journalists' understanding of disaster preparedness, early warning systems, and risk-sensitive reporting. Participants were sensitized to the importance of accurate, timely, and responsible information dissemination before, during, and after disasters. This training aligns with the BRAND Project's broader goal of enhancing institutional capacities and promote a culture of preparedness and resilience in vulnerable communities.



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