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SOUTHERN PUNJAB POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECT (SPPAP) PHASE IV

(INTERNATIONAL FUND OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GOVT OF PUNJAB)

The Government of Punjab, with the generous financial support of the International Fund of Agriculture Development (IFAD), initiated the SPPAP project. The SPPAP Phase III implementation kicked-off in September 2020 in both North and South Punjab, and it was successfully completed in March 2023. As of 2023, 10,082 trainees have passed out in multiple trades. Training to the participants is given as per the market needs. SPPAP-VTO addendum to the agreement signed to implement SPPAP Phase-IV with target of 15,000 trainees. Project Budget is PKR 900 million and project duration is 5 years from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.



PUNJAB HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECT (PHCIP) **(WORLD BANK THROUGH GOVT OF PUNJAB)**

The Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPA) has received financial support from World Bank through Government of Punjab for execution of Punjab Human Capital Investment Project (PHCIP). The project aims to increase the access to quality health services, economic/social inclusion of the poor households and social protection service delivery platform in selected districts of Punjab. IRM in collaboration with National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) has been awarded the rights to carry out the Economic Inclusion (EI) component of the project in district Bahawalpur & Muzaffargarh (Package I) and district Rajanpur & Rahim Yar Khan (Package II). During the period, In Package I, 965 mentors have been identified, while 812 mentors have been trained, 26,995 project beneficiaries have been enrolled, 22,686 Labor market readiness training has been conducted for beneficiaries, Livelihood investment formation has been conducted for 20,884 and 9,117 tangible and intangible assets has been transferred.

During the period, In Package II, 1,198 mentors have been identified, while 787 mentors have been trained, 27,438 project beneficiaries have been enrolled, 23,262 Labor market readiness training has been conducted for beneficiaries, Livelihood investment plan formation has been conducted for 20,648 and 10,027 tangible and intangible assets has been transferred.

Google Career Certificates



GOOGLE CAREER CERTIFICATES

We are thrilled to inform you about the latest update on the program by Grow with Google in Pakistan. The program was initially launched online on September 22, 2022, followed by a successful in-person second launch on May 09, 2023, in Islamabad, Pakistan. Google introduced the Google Career Certificate in Pakistan for the first time as part of the global initiative "Grow with Google." As of 2023, IRM have provided 20,469 scholarships to both men and women across Pakistan, enabling them to pursue various fields such as IT support and automation, project management, UX design, data analytics, digital marketing & e-commerce, and more through IRM. During the month of May 2023, the addition of three new courses, namely Business Intelligence, Advanced Data Analytics, and Cybersecurity, showcases Google's efforts in addressing the evolving demands of the industry.

This endeavour has positively impacted numerous individuals throughout the country, including inspiring stories. Additionally, in May 2023, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the Institute of Rural Management and IBA (Institute of Business Administration) Karachi.

Since 2020, tens of thousands of Pakistanis have benefited from GWG's access to free training courses, tools, products, and programs. Google and IRM remain dedicated to accelerating economic recovery by assisting individuals in finding employment, advancing their careers, and fostering business growth. Through this opportunity, IRM aims to empower underprivileged youth and support their growth and development in today's competitive job market.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE EXPAND - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY (HDA) (PALLADIUM THROUGH USAID)

Imagine a world where every child has access to a quality education. That's exactly what IRM is striving to achieve with the Palladium/USAID funded NPI Expand, HDA project in District Dir Upper. By working with teachers, headteachers, academic supervisors, and PTC members, IRM is providing professional development opportunities to improve teaching standards, managerial and leadership skills. These efforts are benefiting the teachers and the students who will receive high-quality education. What's unique about this project is its focus on the Minimum National Standards for Quality Education (MNSQE) and the specially developed Quality Standards for Teacher Education by E&SED KP. Teachers are not only learning the best practices in teaching but also how to deliver it effectively. The project is operational in 103 girls' schools, including 89 primary and 14 middle/high schools, across 3-4 adjacent tehsils of District Dir Upper. With the project's help, these schools are transforming into centres of excellence in education, providing a brighter future for the children of the region. For the month of May, 13 teacher trainings were held with the participation of 237 female teachers.



IRM SMART Schools

IRM Smart School programme aims to provide primary education to out-of-school children in a multi-grade classroom setting. The Smart Schools are located in areas that are not served by government schools, and provide education to around 30 students per teacher. The schools follow the government syllabus and prepare students for board exams at the end of 5th grade.

IRM Pakistan is committed to providing the necessary resources and support to ensure the success of its Smart Schools. The organization provides teacher training on multi-grade teaching methodologies, as well as uniforms, stationary and other support to students. Additionally, IRM also provides regular medical check-ups to students, and new learning techniques and innovations to keep students engaged and motivated. At present, 107 schools are operational in Punjab, Sindh and Islamabad with a total of 3,781 students enrolled having a gender ratio of 53% girls and 47% boys.



Driving Women's Economic Empowerment (BRITISH ASIAN TRUST)

Driving Women's Economic Empowerment (DWEE) project is to promote economic empowerment among women through vocational training. This project is specifically designed to empower women by equipping them with the necessary vocational skills, knowledge, and Business Development Services to enhance their employability and entrepreneurial capabilities. Here are descriptions of activities conducted during the month of May 2023.

Ongoing vocational training: IRM is currently providing vocational skill training to 130 women at five designated centers.

Completion of an end-line survey for batch 1: As part of the DWEE project, a survey was conducted at the end of the training program for the first batch. This survey aimed to evaluate the progress and impact of the vocational training received by the women participants.

Development of a comprehensive end-line database: Following the end-line survey for batch 1, a detailed database was created. This database contained valuable information and insights obtained from the survey. The data was shared with British Asian Trust (BAT).

Partner's meeting/Learning Forum: To encourage collaboration, knowledge sharing, and mutual learning, a meeting or learning forum was organized for project partners. Various stakeholders came together to discuss and exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices.

Mobilization sessions conducted by IRM staff at training centers. These sessions aimed to engage and motivate the participants by emphasizing the importance of market connections, generating business ideas, and clarifying the purpose and goals of the training program.



Water for Life

Under the initiative "Water for Life," the Institute of Rural Management (IRM) has been actively involved in supporting people living in water scarcity areas. Recently, IRM successfully implemented the installation of two hand pumps in the communities in district Jamshoro. These hand pumps have significantly alleviated the hardships faced by the people by providing them with accessible drinking water and fulfilling their household needs. Prior to this intervention, the women and children in the community had to travel a distance of 2 kilometers to a canal to fetch water for their households. IRM ensured that water is safe for drinking, for this purpose IRM get the certificate from PCRWR - water quality testing laboratory.

With the installation of these hand pumps, approximately 250 community members will benefit directly from the availability of water in close proximity to their homes. This intervention not only addresses the water scarcity issue but also contributes to the safety and well-being of children and women, as they no longer have to travel long distances for water, reducing potential protection concerns.

IRM signed MoU with Fatima Jinnah Women's University



IRM signed MoU with Institute of Business Administration Karachi



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PROJECT SUMMARY

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Sr. No.	Training	Project	Client	Section	Duration		Target	Ongoing	Achieved	Achievement%
					From	To				
1	Adda Work & Hand Embroidery	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	142	-	142	11%
2	Beautician	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	559	-	559	44%
3	Building Electrician & Solar Installation	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	16-Feb-23	16-May-23	73	-	73	6%
4	Computer Application	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	42	-	42	3%
5	Dress Designing & Applique work	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	360	-	360	28%
6	Driving	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	55	-	55	4%
7	Mobile Phone Repairing	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	36	-	36	3%
8	Motor Cycle Repairing	VTO-Phase-3	IFAD Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	23-Feb-23	23-May-23	16	-	16	1%
Sub Total							1,283	-	1,283	100%
1	1st teachers training (Phase-I)	Palladium NPI-Expand Human	USAID Through Palladium	PDP	18-May-23	20-May-23	80	-	80	34%
2	2nd teachers training (Phase-I)	Palladium NPI-Expand Human	USAID Through Palladium	PDP	22-May-23	24-May-23	68	-	68	29%
3	3rd teachers training (Phase-I)	Palladium NPI-Expand Human	USAID Through Palladium	PDP	27-May-23	28-May-23	89	-	89	38%
Sub Total							237	-	237	100%
1	Asset Transfer	PHCIP-P2	WB Through GOVT of Punjab	LEP	01-May-23	31-May-23	1541	-	1541	100%
Sub Total							1,541	-	1,541	100%
Grand total							3,061	-	3,061	

PROJECTS

Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project (SPPAP) Phase IV:

In this project the main objective is to increase the income of the target population by enhancing their employment potential in which participants are being given vocational skills trainings as per market demand.

Punjab Human Capital Investment Project (PHCIP):

The project aims to increase the access to quality health services, economic/social inclusion of the poor households and social protection service delivery platform in several districts.

Google Career Certificate:

Google career certificate project has equipped thousands of Pakistani youth with free access to training courses, tools, products and programs. It helps people to prepare to be job-ready in less than 6 months at their own pace. It is designed to prepare jobseekers and underprivileged communities.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE EXPAND - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY (HDA):

This project is to improve access and quality of education in selected primary and middle schools of Punjab. It is aimed to enhance the instructional practices of teachers through capacity building sessions on multiple learning and assessment strategies.

IRM SMART Schools:

As we all know education helps us to be healthy, save many lives, boost economic growth, earn money, raise quality crop, promote peace in the society so, the main objective of these schools is to provide primary education to street children in a multi-grade classroom setting and prepare them for board exams.

IRM SMART STEP:

Smart step is an initiative to provide an opportunity to marginalized women from slum areas of Pakistan. The main objective is to mainstream unnoticed marginalized women through the provision of low-cost but quality vocational training, entrepreneurial skills and life skills.

Driving Women's Economic Empowerment:

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