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## 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 quarter, In Package I, 816 mentors have been identified, while 667 mentors have been trained, 22,774 project beneficiaries have been enrolled, 2760 Labor market readiness training has been conducted for beneficiaries, Livelihood investment formation has been conducted for 16,551 and 7,592 tangible and intangible assets has been transferred.

During the quarter, In Package II, 1,085 mentors have been identified, while 109 mentors have been trained, 22,700 project beneficiaries have been enrolled, 8141 Labor market readiness training has been conducted for beneficiaries.



## NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE EXPAND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY



IRM in coordination with Palladium Pakistan, is conducting projects to improve educational quality in Buner and Dir Upper as part of the USAID-funded NPI EXPAND HDA programme. To ensure the success of this project, the KPK Department of Education, the Directorate of Secondary and Elementary Education, the Directorate of Curriculum and Teacher Education (DCTE), and the



District Education Offices are working closely together. The initiative offers professional development opportunities for teachers in ECE, Urdu teaching, English teaching, mathematics teaching, and science teaching. Whereas, head teachers and academic supervisors are being prepared to assume the role of competent leader and manager in increasing educational quality. Members of parent teacher councils (PTCs) are also being trained to act as champions for increased quality and access in their community, particularly for females. Through these programmes, IRM educates stakeholders about gender discrimination in education and assists them in taking corrective action to close the gender gap. During the quarter, 5<sup>th</sup> orientation meeting of head teachers and academic supervisors was conducted with 99% attendance. 406 teachers (100%) completed 2<sup>nd</sup> phase training. Orientation of 105 PTCs completed for 818 members out of which there were 423 women and 395 men.



## DRIVING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (BRITISH ASIAN TRUST)



Institute of Rural management (IRM) in partnership with British Asian Trust launched a 3-year programme “DRIVING WOMENS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (DWEE)” in Hyderabad, Sindh. Primarily, the purpose of the project is women empowerment and development which seeks to improve the quality of life of the marginalized strata of society by stimulating and diversifying livelihood opportunities. The



program is aligned with the SDGs which intend to contribute towards poverty alleviation and inclusive economic growth. It aims to up lift the women from extreme poverty by ensuring them inclusion in decision making process, financial literacy and gender equality which will lead our society towards financial stability and economic sustainability. During the quarter, a total of 103 participants have been trained.



## IRM SMART SCHOOLS



IRM SMART schools aim to bring street children back to school and at present 106 schools are operational in Punjab, Sindh and Islamabad with a total of 3,732 students enrolled having a gender ratio of (1755) 53% girls and (1977) 47% boys. During the quarter, 24 SMART School students from Kotri, Sindh appeared in Grade-V exams and were enrolled in Grade-VI with 100% results. PEPSI CO. in collaboration with IRM has established 5 new SMART Schools in 4 different villages of Kasur district, all of them are functional since 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022.





## GOOGLE CAREER CERTIFICATES (GOOGLE)



Since 2020, Google Career Certificates has provided tens of thousands of Pakistanis with free access to training courses, tools, products, and programs. Ever since, we've continued our efforts to accelerate economic recovery by helping people find jobs, advance their careers, and grow their businesses. It is designed to prepare jobseekers and underprivileged communities to be job-ready with in-demand skills within 6 months; this program offers the tools to advance your career at a rapid pace. The program has been successfully launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. President of Pakistan and other keynote speakers addressed the launching ceremony. During the quarter, 15,000 participants have enrolled for the programme.





## **SOUTHERN PUNJAB POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECT (SPPAP) PHASE III** (INTERNATIONAL FUND OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GOVT OF PUNJAB)



The Government of Punjab with financial assistance of International Fund of Agriculture Development (IFAD) launched Phase III of SPPAP project which is to be carried out in 10 districts of South and North Punjab. The districts include; Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Muzaffargarh, DG Khan, Rajanpur, Rahimyar Khan, Layyah, Bakhar, Khushab and Mianwali. Implementation for Phase III kicked-off in September, 2020 and will continue till March, 2023. During the quarter, 1029 participants have been trained. These trainings are organized, keeping in view of the market needs.





**BoD MEETING**



**STRATEGIC PLANING MEETING 2022**





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