

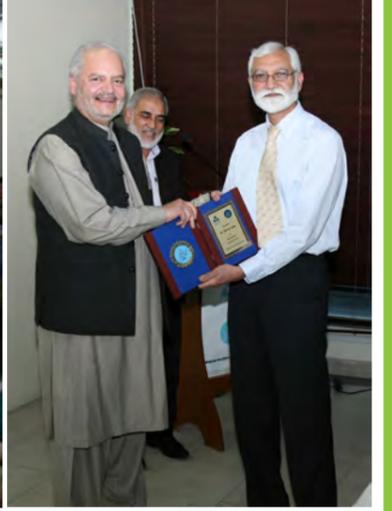
Overcoming the challenges of Climate Change

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A very thought provoking session was arranged for PPAF team on the emerging challenges of climate change. The external speakers including Dr. Parvaiz Naim, Country Advisor, KFW Development Bank and Dr. Sobaih Becker throw light on the implications of rapidly changing climate. The speakers explained the alarming situation in the context of Pakistan and stress on the urgency of proactive measures at multiple levels to tackle the situation. A strong link between poverty eradication and vulnerability reduction is simplified along with the adaptation of coherent mechanism for increasing the resilience at micro and macro level in the country. The session concluded with a good dialogue for a possible way forward to deal with the climate challenges through PPAF interventions.



Mr. Parvaiz Naim, Country Advisor, KFW Development Bank delivering presentation and receiving souvenir from Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa, CEO PPAF



Significance of Core Values

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A stimulant session was organized for PPAF team on the significance of five core values by an eminent expert Mr. Jawad Hamdani. Mr. Jawad explained in detail about the unique components of core values to transform behaviors not only at the institutional level but essentially at the societal and community level. The in-depth understanding and measured actions in connection to core values helps to achieve desired level of objectives. The expert shared some of the content from recently developed booklet for mainstreaming PPAF core values in current programming. A series of sessions are planned to review and to internalize the core values for PPAF team, partner's organizations and for relevant stakeholders.



Mr. Jawad Hamdani speaking on core values at PPAF office

Recertification of ISO 14001:2015

An external evaluator after extensive audit recommended PPAF for ISO 14001:2015 re-certification for ensuring high standards of Environmental Management System (EMS). A very proud moment for entire team of PPAF especially the main units for their commitments and dedication to position organization for recertification. A number of units involve for effective contribution including ISO Green Force, Administration, HR, Procurement, C&M and the ISO & ESM Unit. The new version of ISO 14001:2015 launched in September 2015 and team updated its EMS policies, manuals, systems and procedure as per the requirement of new system.

PPAF won "ARE" Award 2018

PPAF won "ARE" Award 2018 from Alliance for Rural Electrification in "Best Off grid Project" category. This is a proud moment for the PPAF team and especially the excellent team work of Renewable Energy unit for the effective implementation of solar mini grid project. The community run solar mini-grid provides energy access to rural population in Pakistan and is benefiting many communities.

Congratulations to Team PPAF

Restoring hope-An amazing story of change

Murad Ali- PPR

In a recent field visit to Gwadar, PPR team met with beneficiaries and came across the amazing story of Rahim Baksh. Rahim Baksh a simple man, fisherman by profession, residing in Gwadar. He belongs to a poor fishermen community of village Kasba Ward. Burdened with so many responsibilities, he was the sole bread winner of largest family including seven children and his wife.

His average weekly income is quite low. He used to assist a local fisherman on daily wages. Therefore, the family was living in miserable state and none of his children got a chance to go to school due to poor source of income. Despite of having good fishing skills, Rahim Baksh lacked financial resources to buy a proper boat and net for fishing. His life transformed thoroughly when the local community organization identified him as an asset transfer beneficiary based on his low PSC. Rahim Baksh had been provided with fishing assets worth Rs.50000 (small boat and fishing net) to start his own business. The particular support really helps to improve his economic condition by increasing his weekly income from Rs.1500 to Rs.3000.

"I am very grateful to Government of Italy, PPAF and NRSP for extending support to protect our fishing livelihood" and improving our lives- Rahim Baksh
Rahim Baksh was very pleased to share about his improved economic status and the biggest achievement of enrolling his children into school.



PPR beneficiary Rahim Baksh with his new equipment to improve his livelihood

Distribution of Solar Mini Grid Systems

Farah Raza - Renewable Energy

PPAF team including Mr. Shazad ul Haq, Mr. Naeem Haider and Mr. Khalid Khan from renewable energy unit and Mr. Fakhir Mehdi from IT & MIS unit completed field visits in district Karak. In a final trip the team of PPAF handed over 27 solar mini grid systems among beneficiaries. Of these 19 were distributed to villages Shamshaki and 8 were dispersed in village Sarobi Ida Khel with total installation capacity of 132 KW. In addition to this, the team of PPAF capacitated beneficiaries on operational mechanism.



Installed solar mini grid systems at village Shamshaki-Karak

Exposure visit for Academia

Aftab Ahmed Shah- Renewable Energy

An exposure visit for academia was organized by PPAF team to collaborate extensively on joint initiatives for quality research to enhance the renewable energy programming. A group of students and faculty members from Mechanical Department of NED University, Karachi, travel toward district Thatta to visit the site of solar-mini grid project. The delegation visited two mini-grid projects at villages Ishaque Jokhio (16.6kW) and Bachoo Kolhi (12.5kW) and oriented well about the technical details of devices and about their operating mechanisms.



Mr. Aftab Ahmed Shah, PPAF along with students and faculty members of NED University at District Thatta

Engaging Youth for sustainable Change

Saadia Tariq-PPR

PPR with its innovative approach is mainstreaming PPAF core values by focusing more on the participation of youth for the various ventures through social mobilization. A number of young activist both female and male were engaged to take several initiatives to promote the cohesiveness among communities. Recently a musical show (Tang Takoor program) was organized with the help of young activist in village Sirsinai of UC Barabakhel (district swat) where local artists and musician entertained various audiences. The event bring closer people from diverse group including elected representatives, civil society members, teachers, students and LSO/VOs and COs members.



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Upcoming Event

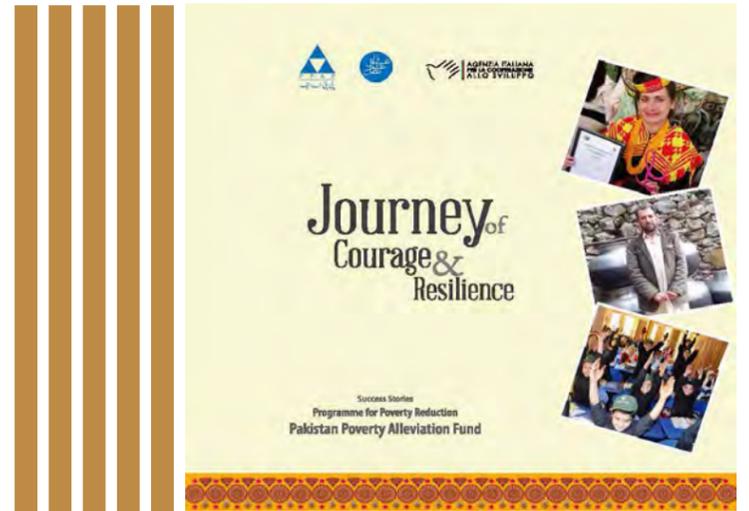
International Women's Day & 7th Annual Amtal ul Raqeeb Award

PPAF is organizing "7th Annual Amtal Raqeeb Award" on March 8th, 2018 to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of women at the grass roots level. Every year PPAF calls for nominations through partner organization for identifying the women of courage to receive this award. The event provides a great platform to PPAF community change makers to share their stories of change with vast audience and to be appreciated and encouraged for their incredible role.

PPR stories of Interest

Zartasha Niazi- Communication & Media

PPR (Programme for Poverty Reduction) documented the stories of change title "Journey of Courage and Resilience" to communicate the considerable impact on the lives of marginalized with the effective implementation of program at grass root level. A new booklet for a good read is available in soft and hard form to see the positive outcome and to disseminate with key stakeholders. The booklet contains stories of 25 change champions from PPR project areas who are taking valiant moves to fight with poverty and setting examples in their respective communities with unique initiatives.



LACIP field visits

Shaheen Akhtar- LACIP

In a recent visit LACIP team including Mr. Nasrullah, Mr. Sakhi Marjan and Mr. Abdul Ghaffar visited Swabi, Naushera and Haripur districts. The team met with beneficiaries and documented succes of their improved economic status. The partner orgnization arranged number of other consultation meetings for PPAF team with community menebers to evaluate the impact of infrastructure projects.



Muhammad Anwar, LACIP beneficiary, with a given asset of sewing machine, living in Alfalah Village Gawari UC Kotehra



Muhammad Aslam, running his own shop with LACIP support at Alfalah Village Gawari UC Kotehra

New additions to Team PPAF

Rafea Ahmed-HR



Congratulations

Mr. Muhammad Sajid, Climate Change & Adaption Specialist-NPGP
 Mr. Muhammad Awab Us Sibtain, Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Specialist-NPGP
 Ms. Zartasha Niazi, Assistant Manager-Communication & Media
 Ms. Tayyaba Rafique, Senior Management Executive - Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Unit
 Mr. Sajid Ali, Program field officer-NPGP
 Ms. Nayab Awais, Intern - Human Resource
 Ms. Iqra Nawaz Abbasi, Intern - Communications & Media