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MINISTRY OF STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS
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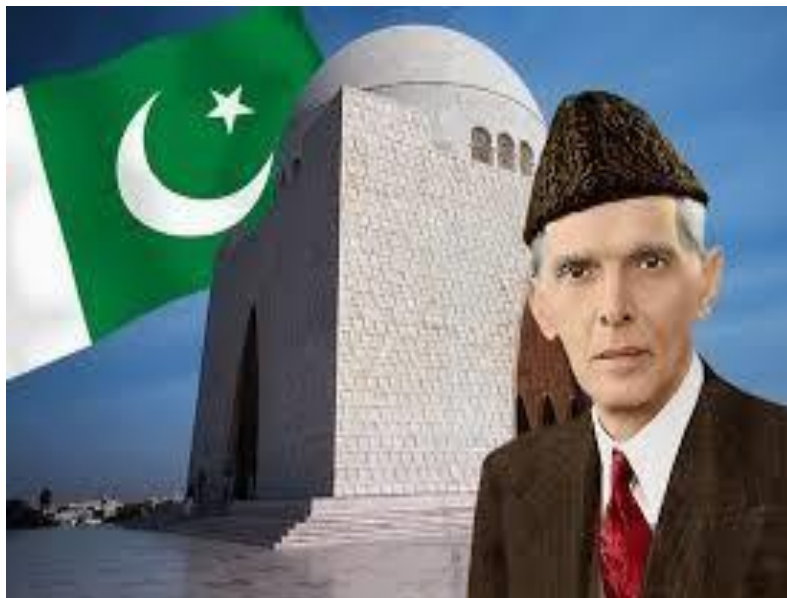
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**YEAR BOOK
2022-2023**

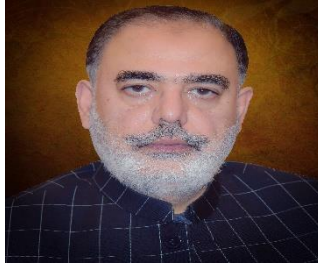
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The Quaid-i-Azam has instructed that the creation of a new Ministry which is to work directly under him should be announced to the Press to-night, and also gazetted immediately. The Quaid-i-Azam has decided that the new Ministry will be called “The Ministry of States and Frontier Regions”. The Quaid-i-Azam has further directed that unless there is any serious legal or other objection, it must be stated in the Press Note that the new Ministry will function under the direct control, guidance and direction of Quaid-i-Azam and Governor-General of Pakistan and this portfolio will be his special care.

**Sd/-A.S.B. Shah
Secretary to Governor General
03-07-1948**



MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL MINISTER SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MEHMOOD

It is my privilege to head a Ministry which was created under the specific instructions of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in 1948. The Ministry of States and Frontier Regions has the honour that initially it functioned under his direct supervision, guidance and control.

2. Existing situation of region has increased the sensitivities of the subjects dealt with by this Ministry and the requirements are critical in our national and foreign policy context. Thus, due diligence is required at each step. Ministry of States and Frontier Regions works in collaboration with all stakeholders in dealing with an extended issue of Afghan Refugees for the last 40 years. The Ministry continues to respond to the challenges in accordance with the policies of the Government. The Ministry is also responsible for matters relating to ex-States which merged with or acceded to Pakistan.

3. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the diligence and hard work of the officers and staff of the Ministry who have dealt with issues of national importance in an effective manner. I am sure that this Year Book will provide useful information to its readers with an insight into working and accomplishments of the Ministry and will be a source of reference.

(Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood)
Federal Minister for SAFRON

FOREWORD

The Year Book 2022-2023 of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) has been prepared in pursuance of Rule 25 (2) of the Rules of Business of 1973. This book contains information regarding objectives, functions, activities and achievements of the Ministry and its Organizations. This publication is also recognition of public's right to information.

2. The overall performance of the Ministry relating to the assigned functions is included in the Year Book. The Ministry was established on the specific instructions of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on 3rd July, 1948 and remains one of the oldest Ministries of the Federal Government. It continues to handle the function relating to ex-States which merged with or acceded to Pakistan. The subject of Afghan refugees was subsequently assigned to the Ministry and with millions of Afghan Refugees in Pakistan, it has remained challenging due its humanitarian and at the same time economic and security aspects. After the 25th Amendment in the Constitution, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) were merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2018. But Ministry of States and Frontier Regions is continuously facilitating the Parliamentary Committees in the transition process.

3. This publication focusses on the assigned functions of the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions and it is hoped that it will serve as a useful reference book for public, scholars and researchers etc.



Pervaiz Ahmed Junejo
Federal Secretary

VISION

***To ensure implementation of Government's policies, regulations
and their enactment to the areas mandated to the Ministry***

MISSION

To administer affairs of the acceding and merged states and matters relating to Afghan refugees in Pakistan

FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

1. *Affairs of the former and acceding States*
2. *Matters relating to Afghan Refugees in Pakistan*
3. *Coordinating matters relating to ex-FATA for parliamentary Committees*

BUDGET 2022-2023

S.NO	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT (Rs. in Millions)
1.	Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (Main)	176.789
2.	Maintenance Allowances to Ex-Rulers	20.460
3.	Afghan Refugees (CCAR/CARS)	582.935
Total:-		780.184

FORMER ACCEDING/MERGED STATES OF PAKISTAN

In 1947, sovereign States of the Sub-Continent were given option either to merge with Pakistan or India or remain independent. The following States acceded to Pakistan by signing the Instrument of Accession.

i.	Bahawalpur	ii.	Khairpur
iii.	Amb	iv.	Chitral
v.	Dir	vi.	Swat
vii.	Kalat	viii.	Kharan
ix.	Lasbella	x.	Makran
xi.	Hunza	xii.	Nagar

2. The following States signed Instrument of Accession with Pakistan but could not be merged due to forced occupation by Indian:-

i.	Junagadh
ii.	Manavadar

BAHAWALPUR STATE:

3. Nawab Sir Sadiq Mohammad Khan Abbasi-V, signed an “Instrument of Accession” with Pakistan in 1947. In 1954, under the “Merger Agreement”, he conceded his sovereign rights of the State of Bahawalpur to the Government of Pakistan.

4. After his death in 1966, the Federal Government constituted various commissions for devolution and distribution of his private property amongst his 23 legal heirs. In 2001, the Supreme Court, while rejecting the various reports of the earlier commissions/committees, directed Ministry of SAFRON to proceed further in the light of its Judgement. Subsequently, the Government constituted a Committee under Justice (Retd.) Abdul Shakoore-ul-Salam in 2002 for the purpose. It submitted its report to the Government (Ministry of SAFRON) in 2002 which approved it.

5. Thereafter, the Government constituted an Implementation Committee under Justice (Retd.) Abdul Qadeer Chaudhry to implement the Distribution and Devolution of Property (Ameer of Bahawalpur) Order, 1969. Resultantly, as per recommendations, the Government issued S.R.O. 820(I)/2005 dated 03-08-2005, under which award of the land measuring 4,455 acre, as per revenue record, to the 23 legal heirs were made. The Committee while submitting its report (in September, 2004) had *inter-alia* recommended that the land, known as “*Shikargah*” measuring 312,440 acres might also be distributed amongst the heirs. The Implementation Committee in tandem with Cholistan Development Authority, Bahawalpur prepared a Mutation Plan for “*Shikargah*” measuring 277,974 acres.

6. Ministry of SAFRON in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 3 of the Acceding State (Property) Order, 1961 (President Order No. 12 of 1961) issued S.R.O. 436(I)/2006 dated 10th May, 2006 under which the above said land was devolved amongst 23 legal heirs. The remaining land measuring 34,466 acre could not be distributed because it had already been allotted to different schemes by the Government of the Punjab. Board of Revenue, Punjab, is to accommodate the heirs, either by compensation at market value or handing over the land adjoining land according to the heirs' choices, as per the recommendations of the Implementation Committee.

7. The matter of possession of land called “*Shikargah*” was in the Court of Chief Land Commission (CLC), Punjab but the heirs challenged the action of CLC Punjab in Lahore High Court, Lahore on plea that the Court of CLC have no jurisdiction to review the matter after decision of the Apex Court in Civil Appeal No.130/78. While accepting the above appeal, the Lahore High Court Lahore *vide* its Order dated 17-10-2011 declared the proceeding of *Suo Moto* Revision LR-11/1990 against the Judgment of Supreme Court. Against the Order, the Punjab Land Commission filed Civil Appeal No.883 to 886/2012 in Supreme Court of Pakistan.

8. In pursuance of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Lahore High Court Judgements, the Implementation Committee on devolution and distribution of private property of late Ameer of Bahawalpur headed by Justice (R) Faqir Muhammad Khokhar, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court has been reconstituted vide Notification S.R.O.688(I)2023, dated 13-06-2023 with the approval of the Federal Government.

JUNAGADH STATE:

9. His Highness Nawab Sir Mohabat Khan Rasul Khan was the ruler of Junagadh, who signed the 'Instrument of Accession' on 15th August 1947. He migrated to Karachi before the Indian forces occupied the State and the Talukas of Kathiawar. The Nawab died in 1959. The case of its accession is on the agenda of the United Nation Organization.

DEVOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY OF LATE NAWAB OF JUNAGADH:

10. After death of the Nawab, his eldest son Nawab Dilawar Khan Mahabat Khan was recognized by Government of Pakistan as the Nawab of Junagadh. Inheritance to the properties and assets of the late Nawab was disputed amongst his legal heirs. The Central Government (Ministry of States and Frontier Regions), appointed one Man-Commission under Mr. G.A. Madani, the then Commissioner, Karachi to resolve the issue, under Article 3 of the Acceding State Order 1961 (Presidential Order No.12 of 1961). Subsequently, the Government approved his recommendations and issued SRO No.383 (K)/63 called "The Devolution and Distribution of Property (Junagadh State) Order, 1963".

PRIVY PURSES / MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE TO RULERS/ DEPENDENTS OF STATES ACCEDED/MERGED WITH PAKSITAN.

11. During the year 2022-23, the maintenance allowances to the tune of Rs.42 million was granted to the rulers/dependents of the merged and acceded States:-

A. MERGED STATES

S.No.	Beneficiary
1.	Ameer of Bahawalpur
2.	Mir of Khairpur
3.	Notables of Chitral
4.	Dependents of Late Nawab of Dir
5.	Dependents of Late Nawab of Makran
6.	Dependents of Late Khan of Kalat

B. ACCEDED STATES:

S.No.	Beneficiary
1.	Nawab Muhammad Jehangir Khan, Nawab of Junagadh
2.	Nawabzada Dr. Fatehuddin Khan, Khan of Manavadar
3.	Mst. Mussarat Jehan Begum, Widow of late Nawab of Junagadh
4.	Princess Kishwar Sultana Alias Sultan Bakhte, Dependent of late Nawab of Junagadh
5.	Mst. Zainab Bibi widow of Jalaluddin Khan
6.	Sheikh Abdul Khaliq, Sheikh Sahib of Mangrol

AFGHAN REFUGEES

Introduction/Background

- The subject of “Afghan Refugees” has been assigned to the Ministry of States & Frontier Regions as per Rules of Business 1973 and is being dealt with by a separate 'Afghan Refugees Wing' of the Ministry in close coordination with the UNHCR, concerned Federal Ministries and Provincial Departments. For the purpose, an attached Department namely Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CCAR) in Islamabad and offices of Provincial Commissionerates for Afghan Refugees (CARs) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Baluchistan, Punjab and Sindh have also been set up for coordinated efforts to manage the temporary stay of Afghan Refugees in Pakistan and their repatriation on voluntary basis to their homeland.

Refugees' influx

- As a consequence of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, factional fighting in the post 1992 era, drought in 1999-2000 and post 9/11, 2001, over 4.4 million recorded Afghans sought refuge in Pakistan during the period 1979 to 2001.

Current Refugees' Population Profile

- At present there are approximately 2.9 million Afghan nationals living in Pakistan, with following three categories;

1.	Registered population (POR card holders)	1.3 million
2.	Newly documented (ACC holders)	0.8 million
3.	Un-registered (Estimated)	0.7 million

Policies regarding Refugees

- Pakistan is not the signatory to 1951 Convention and its 1967 protocol relating to the status of Refugees but deals with Afghan refugees issue on Humanitarian basis.
- Currently Afghan population is managed under National policy for Management and Repatriation of Afghans approved by the Federal Cabinet. However, for their repatriation Government of Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNHCR signed a Tripartite Agreement at Brussels on 17-3-2003 which is renewed from time to time. The Tripartite agreement embodies the principles of gradualism and voluntariness in repatriation. UNHCR provide repatriation package to each individual on their return inside Afghanistan.
- Policies regarding Afghan Refugees have also been framed under International Agreements mainly the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), a quadripartite initiative of Governments of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan in addition to the United Nations High Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (UNHCR) was endorsed by the international community in Geneva during

International Stakeholders Conference held in May, 2012 and was extended from time to time. Three main pillars of the strategy are as under:

- i. International support for voluntary repatriation
 - ii. Sustainable reintegration in Afghanistan
 - iii. Support for host communities
- To mobilize support for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), Support Platform was launched in 2019. Under this mechanism, a Core group of Support platform was constituted to approach traditional and nontraditional donors to secure maximum funding for Afghan refugees.
 - Ministry of SAFRON is also a part of Afghanistan Pakistan Action Plan for Peace & Solidarity (APAPPS) and leads the working group on Afghan Refugees Repatriation under this program which aimed at improving bilateral relation with Afghanistan and return of all categories of Afghans with mutual understanding and time frame.

Major developments 2022-23

- The Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees as an attached department of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions at the Federal level, alongwith Provincial Commissionerates, at the provincial levels dealing with UNHCR as a main counterpart for management and repatriation of Afghan Refugees living in Pakistan.
- Pakistan despite its economic and social pressures has demonstrated unparalleled generosity and hospitality in hosting Afghan refugees for more than four decades and adhered to the highest standards of protection and facilitation, which continued with more vigour during the pandemic.
- GoP provide same education and health facilities to Afghan refugees and other segments of Afghans as extended to Pakistanis. They have free enrolment in Govt. primary schools and access to higher and professional education with generous scholarships. Plentiful livelihood opportunities are open to them with permission to open banks accounts.
- It is almost 44 years now that we have extended utmost hospitality and generosity to them despite our own security and socio-economic challenges. Millions of Afghans are getting the best health and education facilities and plentiful livelihoods opportunities without discrimination.
- Issuance of birth certificates to the children of Afghan Refugees by NADRA has been resumed.
- In 2021, the Government of Pakistan and UNHCR have launched the Document Renewal & Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE) of Registered Afghan Refugees in Pakistan. The exercise has been completed on March 31, 2023 which has biometrically re-verified around 1.5 million refugees. The enriched and

updated information will help in their better management and would also benefit the country of origin in their resettlement and reintegration on their dignified return.

- The Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CCAR), the Ministry of SAFRON, and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), with the support of UNHCR, conducted a mandatory exercise, “Documentation Renewal and Information Verification Exercise” (DRIVE). In order to facilitate PoR DRIVE exercise NADRA established 40x sites across Pakistan.
- In November 2022, the Government of Pakistan with the support of UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has opened 11 Proof of Registration (PoR) card modification (PCM) centers across the country. To facilitate those ARs who could not appear during the DRIVE in 2021, DRIVE activities continued all 11 PCM centers till 31st March 2023. Below mentioned table highlights the details of DRIVE processing till 31st March 2023:

PoR DRIVE Processing- 31st March-2023									
Province/ Categories	Target	Conversion				Addition			Total
		PoR Card Holders	Under 5 yrs	Sub total	Achieved %	New Birth Register	UMR	Sub total	
	1,412,799	1,032,062	70,852	1,102,914	78%	201,749	145,716	347,465	1,450,379
KP	829,782	550,483	38,478	588,961	71%	100,801	61,545	162,346	751,307
Balochistan	315,642	248,746	14,081	262,827	83%	49,781	57,321	107,102	369,929
Punjab	160,118	143,783	6,088	149,871	94%	37,224	15,095	52,319	202,190
Sindh	65,886	54,959	3,680	58,639	89%	12,341	9,429	21,770	80,409
ICT & AJK	41,371	34,091	8,525	42,616	103%	1,602	2,326	3,928	46,544

- The DRIVE exercise will result in the issuance of new biometric smart cards to registered refugees and will collect essential data and information on registered refugees that will also support sustainable voluntary repatriation. Data gathered through this joint exercise (including socio-economic profiles, vocational/livelihood skillsets, educational qualifications, sources of income, places of origin in Afghanistan, etc.) will enable the Governments of Afghanistan, Pakistan and UNHCR to further calibrate voluntary repatriation activities, and importantly, to better target concrete reintegration interventions in PARRs in Afghanistan. The Government of Afghanistan and UNHCR have agreed to increase the number of PARRs upto 35. Reinvigorated financial support and development investments for the PARRs will be mobilized through the Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) to help create conditions conducive for sustainable return and reintegration.
- During the previous years, it has been indeed of immense value in addressing the key questions related to welfare of refugees by adopting GRF across the globe and launching of Support Platform under SSAR at regional level. A number of meetings have been held to finalize preparations for the upcoming 2nd meeting of the GRF to be held in December 2023.

- Nine Ambulances procured and handed over to Health Department Government of Balochistan by the Honorable Federal Minister for SAFRON GoP Mr. Talha Mehmood during his visit to Quetta.
- Under Support Platform of SSAR we have proposed five areas of interventions and project proposals have already been submitted to UNHCR for considerations. The expectations and the pledges made have never got materialized. The limited ones are far to less to cater for the needs. Thus, defeating the concept of burden and responsibility sharing. The proposed 132 projects are prepared under Education, Health, livelihood, energy and Wash but we feel that environmental protection activities are equally important. This is not only as per the vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan but also our obligation towards the new generation and the generations to come.
- There were only 04 Proof of Card Modification (PCM) centres working in main cities of the country to facilitate the Afghan refugees in case of their lost cards or any modifications in Proof of Registration (PoR) cards. However, the number of PCM has been increased to 11 and are working w.e.f December 13, 2022. Refugees in the far-flung areas are unable to approach these centres and were repeatedly requesting different forums for establishing PCM centres in their nearby areas. These centres will also cater for verification of UMRF cases as and DRIVE residual caseload processing alongwith necessary modification in POR cards.
- During the year 2022, the Government of Pakistan in close collaboration with UNHCR, continued providing facilitation and assistance to Afghan refugees to ensure their dignified and safe return and to find durable solutions for Afghans living in Pakistan.
- On 12 December 2022, the Quadripartite Steering Committee, hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran in Tehran, discussed progress, challenges and the way forward in the implementation of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees to Support Voluntary Repatriation, Sustainable Reintegration and Assistance to Host Countries (SSAR). The Hon. Abdullah Mobini, Deputy Minister and Head of the National Migration Organization, Ministry of Interior, represented the Islamic Republic of Iran and chaired the meeting; Hon. Saleem Khan, Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugees, represented the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; and Maulvi Abdul Rahman Rashed, acting Deputy Minister (Professional), Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation, represented Afghanistan. UNHCR was represented by Mr. Indrika Ratwatte, Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. The next meeting of the Quadripartite Steering Committee will be convened in the third quarter of 2023 and, per rotation, will be hosted by Afghanistan.
- The voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees will remain as most preferred solution of the protracted Afghan refugee situation in Pakistan. It has been

proposed on many for a that repatriation cash grant may be enhanced to USD 400 so that voluntary repatriation may be increased. UNHCR has enhanced the repatriation grant for registered POR card holders from **250 USD to 375 USD per returnee w.e.f. 1st August, 2022.**

- Media and advisory centres established in CCAR/CARs has provided information/ latest update regarding the policies launched by Afghanistan and Pakistan for returnees to make them well informed decision for their return. Similarly, help lines for facilitating and addressing the issues of Afghan Refugees have been established in Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees as well as its sub-ordinate Provincial Offices i.e. CARs.
- The extension in the validity of POR cards and tripartite agreement was granted upto June 30, 2023. A series of meetings (Inter-Ministerial, AICC) have been held with relevant key government counterparts and their recommendations have been forwarded to the Federal Cabinet for consideration extension in the validity of PoR cards.
- The voluntary repatriation will remain the major component of the policy however as a big challenge, grand jirgas, corner meetings with elders, shoras have been conducted by CCAR/CAR office to facilitate the returnees and spread awareness among them so they may take informed decisions.
- To facilitate the Afghan refugees for opening of Bank Accounts, the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Feb 25, 2019 has allowed registered Afghan Refugees residing in Pakistan to open bank accounts so that they can participate in the formal economy of Pakistan. The ministry of SAFRON, after expiry of POR cards intimated the State Bank of Pakistan for not blocking their accounts till decision by the Federal Cabinet. Currently, 17,719 bank accounts have been opened by Afghan Refugees with deposit of Rs. 1,898,209,873 on the basis of PoR cards as per June 30, 2023.
- The CCAR office/SAFRON will participate in the Ex-Com session to be held in Geneva in October 2023 for highlighting the protracted refugees issue and fund raising for initiatives to be taken inside Afghanistan for reintegration of returnees.
- CCAR office continued verifying the POR cards of refugees' children to get admission in educational institutes at federal level whereas the provincial CARs processed cases/application of Afghan Refugees students for admission against reserved seats in professional institutes for registered Afghans.
- Issuance of birth certificates to the children of Afghan Refugees by NADRA has been resumed which was suspended due to installation of additional security checks by NADRA.

- The CCAR office received cases from various courts/LEs for verification the necessary information in respect of registered Afghan Refugees. The CCAR office after being verified from NADRA, sending the report to the courts so that the Afghan Refugees are facilitated efficiently.
- Pakistan has always recognized provision of education to refugee children as an imperative element of efforts to invest in the future human capital of Afghanistan. As such, and despite the challenging education context in Pakistan, the Government has generously encouraged and supported access of Afghan children to public and private education institutions in Pakistan. For registered Afghan refugee students there are reserved seats in professional colleges/universities across the country. In addition to enhance Education facilities for Afghan refugee students, the Ministry of SAFORN / CCAR has approached all educational institutions / universities across the country through Higher Education Commission (HEC) to allocate and reserve the seats in different disciplines for Afghan Refugees living in Pakistan. Till date, 32 universities have responded, among which 20 Public and Private universities have confirmed the 1,734 seats in different disciplines. The confirmation process is under progress and hopefully the reserved seats will increase. Currently, 1199 seats have been confirmed by 12 universities.
- The CCAR office attended various meetings of the National Assembly, Senate Standing Committees on issues raised by the honourable MNAs and senators related to Afghan refugees.
- Cash assistance among PoR card holders and ACC holders will continue in collaboration with IOM in 2023.

Project Implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

GIZ is active in Pakistan on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office and Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). GIZ is helping Pakistan to improve its management of refugees. As part of its cooperation with Government of Pakistan GIZ is currently implementing three projects in Pakistan.

- 1. Refugee Management Support Program (RMSP):** RMSP is supported by German Federal Foreign Office, it currently supports the Ministry of SAFRON and the CCAR through two main areas of work:
 - a. Stabilization projects in the refugee hosting areas of Baluchistan and Sindh** through supporting local public institutions in the delivery of services to Afghan refugees and host communities and DAFI Plus scholarship initiative.

- b. **Urban refugee programme for refugee and host communities:** Responding to the needs of refugee and host communities through Urban Cohesion Hubs (UCHs), in selected urban areas including Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Karachi, Chamman and Quetta,
 - c. **Sanitation for Million:** Access to safe sanitation and hygiene improvement particularly for disadvantage and vulnerable groups.
- 2. Social Support for vulnerable Afghan Refugees and Host Communities (SSARC) Project:**

The SSARC project is supported by Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). SSARC supports the Government of Pakistan in developing psychosocial support services – locally adapted, gender-sensitive, easily accessible and consequently low-threshold – for vulnerable Afghan refugees and members of host communities.

3. Strengthening Education and Health Services for Refugees and Host Communities (EHS) Project:

EHS project is supported by Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project aims to support the Pakistani partners to strengthen access to public education and health services in refugee-hosting communities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project focuses on improving the access to public services for vulnerable groups including Afghan refugees, women, children, youth and persons with disabilities.

Refugee Affected and Hosting Area (RAHA)

In the year 2022, 52 projects were implemented in KP (27) and Baluchistan (25). Out of these 52 projects, 42 were implemented by Govt. Line Departments and 10 were Directly Implemented (DI) by UNHCR. Sector wise detail of projects is as follows:

Province	Education		WASH		Health		Total	
	Proj	Sum	Proj	Sum	Proj	Sum	Proj	Sum
KP	22	401.86	2	64.45	3	80	27	546.31
Baluchistan	25	446.39					25	446.39
Total	47	848.25	2	64.45	3	80	52	992.7

Projects Implemented by International Organization for Migrants (IOM)

IOM under its livelihood assistance program implemented two programs, (i). Multi-purpose Cash Assistance Programme and (ii) Individual Livelihood Assistance (ILA)

Multi-purpose Cash Assistance Programme (MPCA)

IOM Pakistan registered 28,495 Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC) holders and Undocumented Households to be supported with cash grants in 7 districts. *18,000 ACC holders were selected for the first round of Multi- Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)* through the pre-developed vulnerability criteria to fulfil their basic needs. Under MPCA each household was supported by an amount of Rs. 14,540/=.

Individual Livelihood Assistance

Under ILA, IOM selected 900 beneficiaries (30 % host, 70% Afghans) and trained them in entrepreneurship. After the successful completion of training each individual was given an assistance aid up to \$1700/-

PICTOGRAPHY SECTION



The co-chairs of the meeting, Mr. Abbas Khan, [Commissionerate Afghan Refugees, KP](#) and Mr. Gayrat Ahmadshoev, the Head of the UNHCR Sub-Office in Peshawar. With the participation of 83 partners, UNHCR and [Commissionerate Afghan Refugees, KP](#) discussed the 2023 Regional Refugee Response Plan for the Afghanistan Situation during the Provincial Refugee Consultative Forum to find solutions for refugees and host communities.



Islamabad: 20 June, 2023: Govt of Pakistan and UNHCR marked World Refugee Day by paying tribute to the resilience and courage of people who are displaced due to conflict or persecution across the world. The Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees, Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan spoke on the occasion. At the event, Afghan children presented a cultural performance. An art exhibition and handmade products made by Refugees were also put on display.



Haripur: Minister for SAFRON, Senator Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood along with Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan inaugurating Urban Refugees Support Unit in Haripur.



Meeting of the Minister for SAFRON, Senator Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Secretary SAFRON, Pervaiz Ahmad Junejo, Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees, Mr. Saleem Khan, Commissioner – HQ, Mr. Faridullah Jan, Director Mr. Muhammad Zakirullah with the Deputy High Commissioner UNHCR alongwith Director UNHCR Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Indrika Rattwate, Country Representative UNHCR Pakistan Ms. Noriko Yoshida. Secretary Housing, Dr. Imran Zeb Khan also attended.



Mr. Faridullah Jan, Commissioner – HQ is receiving award from Deputy Representative UNHCR Pakistan during International Conference on "Mental Health of Afghan Migrants: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions for all Stakeholders" held on 15th March 2023 in Serena Hotel Islamabad.



Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees alongwith Chief Coordinator Mr Kamal Khan attended DAFI Plus Networking Event at the National Incubation Centre (NIC) Islamabad on 21st June, 2023 to celebrate the successes of former and current DAFI Plus trainees. The event was organized by Inspire Pakistan and GIZ Pakistan.



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Commissioner Afghan Refugees – HQ Islamabad pays visit to the Urban Cohesion Hub being established for facilitating Afghan Refugees in Rawalpindi. The Hub assists refugees & host communities with courses, skills training, health, counselling & legal support.



Mardan: Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan alongwith Chief Coordinator RAHA KP are inaugurating Urban Refugees Support Unit in Mardan.



Mr. Kamal Khan, Chief Coordinator, CCAR/SAFRON Islamabad graced the graduation ceremony as guest of honor at Urban Cohesion Hub Karachi organized by Inspire Pakistan. 236 Students representing Afghan Refugees and Host Community are graduated, marking an important milestone in their careers.



Islamabad, 07 June, 2023: The Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan meeting with elders of Afghan Refugees in Islamabad.

Individual Cash Assistance (ILA) Program Cash Distribution Event



Balochistan: Distribution of cash by Commissioner Afghan Refugees Balochistan, Mr. Arbab Talib among Afghan Refugees under ILA project.



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Islamabad, New verified smart PoR card is being delivered to the Afghan Refugee by the US Refugee Coordinator in DRIVE center. Commissioner – HQ, representatives of M/o Interior, NADRA and Country Representative UNHCR Pakistan also attended. Govt of Pakistan in collaboration with UNHCR renewed the PoR cards under DRIVE exercise.



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