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# Chairman's Statement



**Mr. Javed Sadiq Malik**  
Chairman RDF

I am pleased to note the strong progress made by the Rural Development Foundation during the last reporting period. The President's Report reflects commendable efforts in expanding RDF's development footprint, strengthening institutional systems, and building credible partnerships with national and international donors.

I appreciate the leadership and professionalism demonstrated by the management and staff in aligning RDF's programs with the Sustainable Development Goals, while moving steadily toward sustainable, community-centered, and climate-resilient development interventions. The growing trust of donors and participation in international platforms are clear indicators of RDF's evolving institutional maturity.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I acknowledge the valuable support of our partners and the dedication of the RDF team. The Board remains committed to providing strategic guidance and governance oversight to ensure RDF's continued growth, credibility, and long-term sustainability.

## President's Vision and Outlook



**Brig. M. Aslam Khan (Retd)**  
President RDF

Over the past eight months, the Rural Development Foundation of Pakistan (RDF) has advanced inclusive development, climate resilience, safe water access, women and youth empowerment, and institutional strengthening, guided by our mission and strengthened by strategic partnerships, we have delivered tangible results for vulnerable communities while laying the work for scalable impact and sustainability. We signed six MoUs with partners like Human Appeal, PWO, and Zain Energy Solution for clean energy, education, and resilience; sustained programs in vocational training, healthcare, and digital literacy while launching biogas plants (benefiting ~30 people) and hand pumps (serving ~2,800); achieved impacts including medical aid for 12,000 flood victims and skills training for 100 women. Submitted proposals for water projects and flood recovery to donors like TIKA, UNOCHA (PKR 26.8M budget); boosted international presence via UNGA, World Water Forum, and AWC; enhanced governance with policy updates, youth workshops, infrastructure like solar for zero costs, and 17 interns. Forward priorities: scale WASH/biogas, women's skills, community center, MEL, disability inclusion. I am very grateful to the chairman of the Board and all members for their guidance and support. All this work was not possible without dedication by the RDF High Motivated team.

# Founder Vision



**Dr. Sadiq Malik**  
Founder

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) of Pakistan, established in June 1978 by the late Dr. M. Sadiq Malik, is a non-political, non-profit, and non-governmental organization (NGO) with recognition at both national and international levels. Initially registered under the Societies Act XXI of 1860, RDF is now incorporated under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017. This year we consolidated the success of the Pilot Projects under taken in 2023. At the national level, RDF collaborates with grassroots organizations, including Village Organizations (VOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), as active members. It also maintains strong connections with various global and local NGO networks. RDF holds consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and is certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) for its exemplary practices in internal governance, financial management, and program implementation. Rural Development Foundation (RDF) of Pakistan is a trusted name in rural upliftment, established to bridge socio-economic gaps through impactful programs. Our focus spans education, healthcare, agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods. By fostering partnerships with local communities and stakeholders, RDF empowers people to transform challenges into opportunities, creating lasting change and resilience. RDF remains committed to addressing rural challenges through innovative solutions and community engagement. Our work emphasizes inclusivity, sustainability, and empowerment, aiming to create self-reliant communities. With decades of experience, we ensure that our initiatives align with the unique needs of rural populations, fostering growth, reducing poverty, and promoting social equity.

# 1. Executive Summary

The year 2025 marked a phase of strategic consolidation and high-impact implementation for the Rural Development Foundation (RDF), with strong alignment to Pakistan Vision 2025, the National Climate Change Policy, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). RDF advanced inclusive development across vocational skills, public health, clean water, renewable energy, humanitarian response, and evidence-based research.

RDF operated three fully functional Vocational Training Centres in Parial, Barakahu, and Gohdo, providing certified skills training to marginalized women and youth, while continuing essential community services through the Medical & Health Centre in Gohdo and the Computer Training Center for Girls.

A major milestone was RDF's entry into renewable energy programming through the installation of three biogas digesters in Parial in partnership with Zain Energy Solutions, supported by baseline studies, community engagement, and technical monitoring. RDF also strengthened its humanitarian response capacity, delivering flood relief in Narowal and Swat in coordination with national partners and district authorities.

To ensure evidence-driven programming, RDF conducted multiple needs assessments, baseline studies, and impact evaluations using digital and statistical tools, generating critical insights for program design and donor engagement.

Institutionally, RDF achieved significant international recognition, securing membership with the Asia Water Council, presenting at Korea International Water Week, and being selected as a Thematic Coordinator for the 11th World Water Forum. Domestically, RDF expanded partnerships through MoUs with Pak-Turk Maarif Schools, Zain Energy Solutions, and Pak Welfare Organization.

In 2025, RDF also strengthened its business development portfolio, submitting development proposals worth PKR 96.18 million, focusing on WASH, youth skills, climate adaptation, and community resilience.

Overall, 2025 positioned RDF as a nationally credible and internationally emerging development organization, driven by strong partnerships, climate-resilient programming, and a sustained commitment to serving vulnerable communities across Pakistan.

## 2. Introduction

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) is a nationally and internationally recognized, non-political, non-profit, and non-governmental development organization committed to advancing inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development across Pakistan. Established in June 1978 by Dr. M. Sadiq Malik (Late), RDF has evolved into a leading institution in rural transformation, community empowerment, and integrated development programming. Initially registered under the Societies Act XXI of 1860, RDF is now incorporated under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017, reflecting its strengthened governance and organizational maturity.

At the national level, RDF maintains active partnerships with Village Organizations (VOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) while collaborating with government departments, universities, development networks, and private sector institutions. Internationally, RDF holds Consultative Status with the United Nations ECOSOC, affirming its global engagement and compliance with international development standards. RDF is further certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) for excellence in governance, financial management, and program implementation.

Over four decades, RDF has delivered diverse programmes across education, health, livelihoods, WASH, renewable energy, agriculture, climate resilience, solid waste management, and humanitarian response, working closely with communities to champion locally driven solutions. RDF's work is deeply aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), national development policies, and global humanitarian-development frameworks.

## **2.1 About RDF**

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) is committed to empowering rural communities to recognize and realize their collective potential, enabling them to lead their own development through participatory and inclusive approaches. RDF works to build long-term resilience, promote socio-economic empowerment, and advance sustainable rural development by focusing on:

- Capacity building of local communities
- Skills development initiatives for women and youth
- Improved access to quality health, education, clean water, and livelihood opportunities
- Climate-smart agriculture and environmental sustainability interventions
- Strategic partnerships with local and international institutions
- Evidence-based research and community-driven planning

Through an integrated approach that combines innovation, community ownership, and sustainable practices, RDF delivers impactful and lasting solutions in underserved and vulnerable communities.

## **2.2 Vision**

To empower rural communities to unlock their full potential, enabling them to lead lives of dignity, independence, and choice. RDF envisions a future where marginalized populations thrive through equitable access to education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, and climate-resilient development.

## **2.3 Mission**

To promote a people-centered, inclusive, participatory, and sustainable approach to rural development. RDF strives to uplift marginalized rural communities through education, health, climate action, livelihoods, and integrated development solutions, implemented in strong partnership with community institutions and development stakeholders.

## **2.4 Core Values & Principles**

RDF's work is underpinned by values that ensure ethical, accountable, and high-impact development programming:

## Core Values



### **Empowerment:**

Enabling communities to take ownership and lead their own development processes.



### **Inclusivity:**

Ensuring equitable participation of women, youth, minorities, and persons with disabilities.



### **Sustainability:**

Promoting long-term, environmentally and socially resilient solutions.



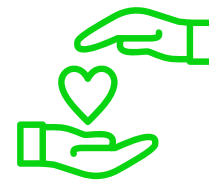
### **Integrity & Transparency:**

Upholding the highest standards of governance, ethics, and financial accountability.



### **Collaboration & Partnership:**

Leveraging collective expertise through strong local and global partnerships.



### **Compassion & Dignity:**

Placing people at the center of development interventions and respecting human dignity.

## 2.5 Thematic Areas of Work

- **Poverty Reduction & SDG**

Promoting sustainable livelihoods, social protection, and equitable access to basic services to reduce multidimensional poverty and strengthen the resilience of marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- **Agriculture & Food Security**

Enhancing agricultural productivity and entrepreneurship through kitchen gardens, organic fertilizer training, and agri-entrepreneurship initiatives.
- **Health & Well-Being**

Expanding access to healthcare via telehealth, maternal and child health services, and medical camps in rural communities.
- **Education & Literacy**

Supporting adult literacy, non-formal education, and digital skills through computer literacy programs.
- **Gender & Youth Empowerment**

Promoting economic independence and skills development through Vocational Training Centers (VTCs) and livelihood programs.
- **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)**

Ensuring safe water access through filtration plants, rainwater harvesting systems, and drinking water pumps.
- **Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**

Building resilience via plantation drives, school workshops, and community preparedness activities.
- **Solid Waste Management**

Managing community waste through the Gohdo waste management unit and coordination with relevant authorities (RDA).
- **Humanitarian Response**

Providing timely flood relief, food distribution, and emergency medical support.
- **Research & Development**

Conducting baseline studies, impact assessments, and community needs assessment.

## **2.6 Institutional Status & Governance**

RDF's governance structure comprises a dynamic Board/Council featuring development experts, academicians, health professionals, agricultural specialists, and social sector leaders. This governing body provides strategic leadership, oversight, and direction to the organization's multi-sectoral initiatives.

The organization operates through:

- Head Office in Islamabad
- Regional centers and VTCs (Parial, Barakahu, Gohdo)
- Field teams, project managers, technical specialists, and community mobilizers
- RDF's systems adhere to PCP standards for governance, HR management, procurement, financial transparency, M&E systems, and quality assurance.

## **2.7 Geographical Footprint & Beneficiaries**

RDF works across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad Capital Territory, and other rural districts, prioritizing vulnerable, remote, and underserved populations including:

- Women and adolescent girls
- Youth
- Smallholder farmers
- Persons with disabilities
- Low-income households
- Climate-vulnerable communities

## **2.8 Alignment with SDGs and National Policies**

RDF's strategic focus and interventions are fully aligned with:

- SDG 1 (No Poverty)
- SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-Being)
- SDG 4 (Quality Education)
- SDG 5 (Gender Equality)
- SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation)
- SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth)
- SDG 13 (Climate Action)
- SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)

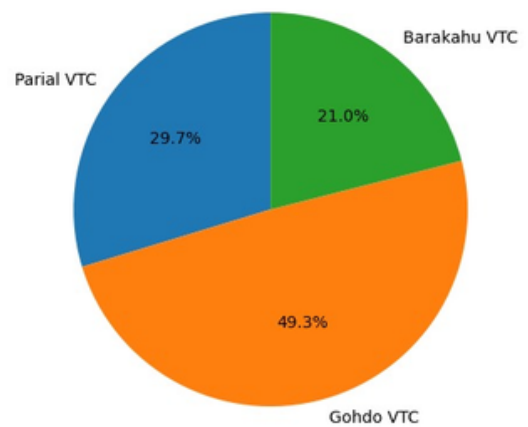
### 3. Ongoing Projects

#### 3.1 RDF Vocational Training Centers (VTCs)

RDF operates three Vocational Training Centers (VTCs) located in Gohdo (Taxila), Parial (Chakari), and Barakahu (Islamabad) at empowering youth, particularly women and marginalized groups through market-oriented income-generating skills. The centers provide practical vocational training and capacity building to enhance employability, support sustainable livelihoods, and promote inclusive community development.



- Gohdo VTC:** Offers training in knitting, sewing, embroidery, and glasswork, equipping students with diverse artisan skills.
- Parial VTC:** Focuses on sewing, enabling students to gain employable tailoring skills.
- Barakahu VTC:** Provides broader vocational training programs tailored to market needs.



#### 3.2 RDF Computer Literacy Centers

RDF operates Computer Literacy Centers in Gohdo, Taxila, District Rawalpindi, to equip youth, particularly women and marginalized groups, with essential computer skills. The centers aim to enhance employment opportunities, promote economic empowerment, and strengthen community development through digital literacy and capacity building. In 2025, 28 students successfully completed their 6-month Course.



### 3.3 Maternity and Child Health (MCH) – Gohdo

The Gohdo Center provides comprehensive Maternity and Child Health (MCH) services, aiming to improve maternal and child well-being. The program focuses on antenatal and postnatal care, family planning consultation, immunization, nutrition counseling, and health awareness. In 2025, the 2,085 patients were provided medical services, reflecting its significant role in delivering essential healthcare. In addition, EZ Shifa delivers critical medical services at the center, further enhancing access to quality healthcare. Through these integrated services, the center strives to reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality and promote healthier communities.



### 3.4 WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

RDF continues to support and provide safe drinking water to local communities through the installation of water filtration plants in the Gohdo (Taxila). These interventions remain a core pillar of RDF's community health and resilience programming. RDF promotes improved hygiene and sanitation practices with a focus on hand washing, safe water handling, menstrual hygiene management, and positive sanitation behaviors. Community-level hygiene awareness sessions were conducted to reinforce healthy practices. Approximately 9,000 beneficiaries were reached in this 8-month who get access to safe & clean drinking water through these water filtration plants.



## 4. New Projects

### 4.1: Clean Drinking Water in Rural Communities of District Charsadda Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

RDF, in collaboration with Salamat Foundation and IHH Belgium, implemented a project to install seven hand pumps across high-need villages in Charsadda. The initiative was executed through Creeco (Pvt) Ltd. and prioritized communities with strong commitment to operation and maintenance. The project provided safe groundwater access to 1,225 beneficiaries, significantly reducing water collection time, improving water quality, and lowering the incidence of waterborne diseases. To ensure sustainability, seven Water User Committees



were established, with trained supervisors overseeing community-led operation and maintenance of the hand pumps. The project directly contributed to SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) enhancing public health, community resilience, and overall quality of life. The collaboration demonstrated the effectiveness of multi-stakeholder partnerships in delivering impactful, sustainable water solutions.

### 4.2 Clean Energy Project (Biogas – Parial)

RDF, in collaboration with ZES, successfully installed three biogas units under the Biogas Pilot Project in Village Parial with active community participation.

The primary objective of the Biogas Pilot Project is to provide clean, affordable, and sustainable energy solutions to rural households by reducing reliance on firewood. The project aimed to improve household health and safety, reduce environmental degradation, and promote climate-friendly energy practices through community-managed biogas systems.

A Community Energy Committee (CEC) was



established to support project oversight, operation, and long-term sustainability. The committee comprises five members, including representatives from beneficiary households and the wider target community. This project will be scaled up and replicated in other households of this locality and project area after the improvements and lesson learnt.

### **4.3 Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EBA) in Hazara, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)**

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) signed the teaming agreement with Pak Welfare Organization (PWO) to implement a 77-day institutional strengthening consultancy under the GIZ-funded Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) project in the Hazara region, covering Haripur, Mansehra, Abbottabad, and Battagram. The assignment aims to enhance PWO's governance systems, human resource capacity, financial



accountability, and operational readiness for effective delivery of climate-resilient, ecosystem-based interventions. It is fully aligned with global frameworks including the SDGs, UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework, as well as national and provincial climate policies. Key components include developing core organizational manuals, strengthening HR and administrative systems, building staff competencies, improving internal controls, ensuring legal and regulatory compliance, and enhancing donor engagement. Through assessments, participatory workshops, and structured capacity-building, the consultancy will equip PWO with stronger institutional systems and improved accountability, enabling effective implementation of the EbA project and future development initiatives.

## **5. Research & Development Activities**

RDF's Research & Development efforts focused on generating reliable field-based evidence driven researches to guide program decisions and improve development outcomes. Through need assessments, baseline studies, and impact evaluations, RDF strengthened the effectiveness, accountability, and sustainability of its interventions.

### **5.1 Multi-Sectors Need Assessment of Village Salargah**

In June 2025, the project team conducted a need assessment in Village Salargah, (Union Council Garhe Sikandar, Tehsil Taxila, District Rawalpindi) to assess community needs and inform evidence-based project planning. The survey employed both quantitative and qualitative methods, including household interviews, key informant discussions, and focus group consultations, to gather comprehensive insights on local conditions.

The exercise aimed to identify priority areas for targeted interventions, enhance understanding of community challenges, and support the design of programs that effectively promote socio-economic development and well-being.



## 5.2 Baseline Survey of Biogas Project (Parial)

The RDF project team carried out a baseline field survey entitled "Empowering Rural Communities Through Clean Energy" in Village Parial (near Chakri, District Rawalpindi) on July 29, 2025, as part of the planning phase for the proposed Biogas Project. The study assessed household energy practices and socio-economic conditions to inform project design, focusing on fuel sources and energy costs, health impacts of indoor air pollution, cow dung availability and management, household demographics, income and time burdens, and community awareness of and willingness to adopt biogas technology.

A mixed-methods approach was applied, combining structured household interviews with qualitative tools, including a key informant interview and a focus group discussion. While the intervention area had already been identified, the baseline analysis concentrated on assessing household vulnerability.



The findings will guide the development of targeted, context-specific interventions and support the future scale-up and refinement of the project.



### 5.3 Impact Assessment of all VTCs (Barakahu, Parial, Gohdo)

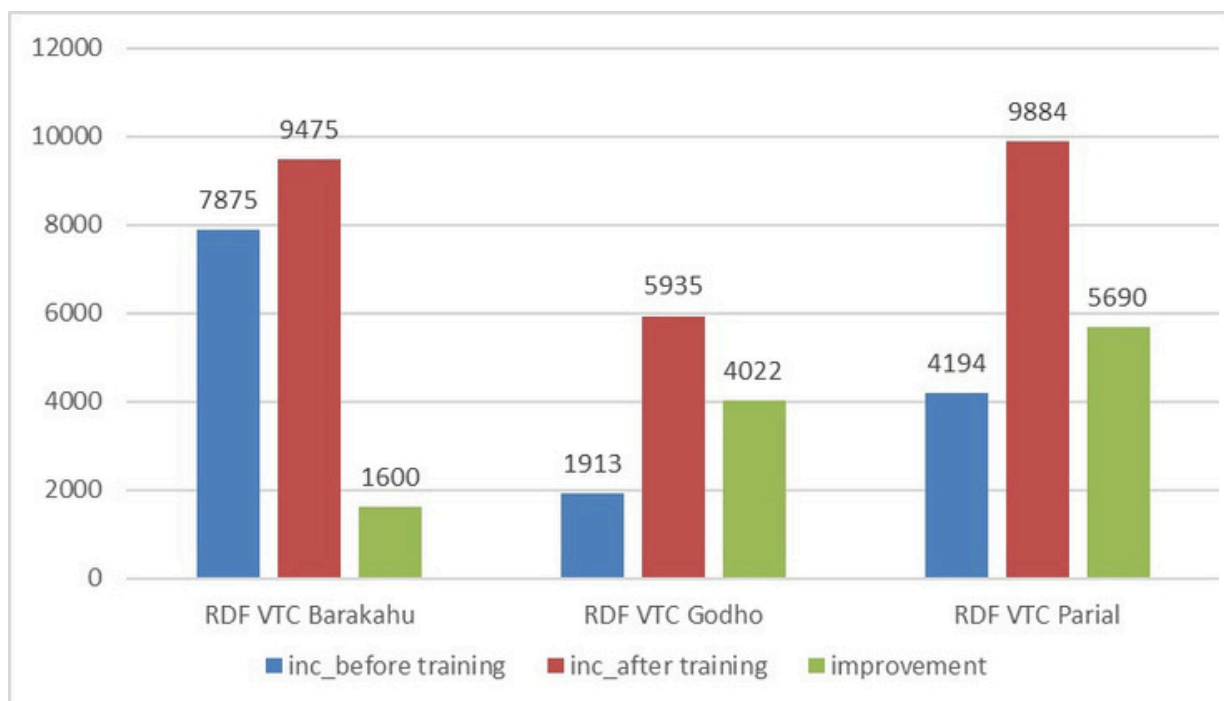
In November 2025, RDF Team conducted an impact assessment study entitled "Women Empowerment Through Economic Growth" to assess its Vocational Training Centers in Barakahu, Parial, and Gohdo, Taxila, evaluating 30 students from each center who completed 3–6 month and 1-year vocational courses.



The assessment measured how effectively the programs enhanced students' skills, employability, economic participation, and socio-economic empowerment. Data was collected via Digital Esperanto (DE) App and analyzed with Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

The assessment highlighted key outcomes of the project in terms of strengthened vocational skills, driving decent employment and economic growth (SDG 8) of local community. It also highlighted the active engagement in income-generating activities fostering poverty reduction and gender equality (SDG 1 & SDG 5). The result indicated that it increased self-confidence and community participation, demonstrating tangible personal and social empowerment.

#### Pre-and Post-Training Income Analysis of RDF VTCs



## 6. Coordination & Strategic Partnerships

RDF actively engaged with key government bodies, development organizations, and humanitarian partners to strengthen coordination, align interventions with national and global priorities, and maximize development impact. These engagements facilitated strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and collaborative planning for integrated, sustainable, and SDG-aligned initiatives.

### 6.1 Coordination with Sector Partners

Coordination Meeting with Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: In August 2025, RDF hosted a meeting with Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Engr. Ahmed Karim Kundi and his team from the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to discuss key thematic areas of development and explore future collaboration. Both parties reviewed high-impact opportunities in Dera Ismail Khan, emphasizing alignment with the SDGs. Strategic recommendations included improving communication through a Government of KPK directory, conducting systematic needs assessments, pursuing a partnership with Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC), and mobilizing joint donor support. The meeting strengthened partnerships and laid the foundation for coordinated, impactful development initiatives.



### Coordination Meeting with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

RDF participated in a high-level coordination meeting of sector partners in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in September 2025. The meeting focused on aligning RDF's initiatives with national disaster management priorities and exploring opportunities for future collaboration.

RDF presented its progress and thematic expertise, while NDMA expressed support for RDF's engagement and proposed facilitating coordination with other NGOs to strengthen joint disaster response efforts. NDMA also recommended connecting RDF with the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) to discuss collaboration on climate resilience and sustainable development. The meeting reinforced NDMA's commitment to building partnerships with RDF and other organizations to promote integrated and coordinated humanitarian interventions.

## Coordination with National Rural Support Program (NRSP)

RDF holds coordination meetings with NRSP and Human Appeal to explore joint ventures possibilities on safe drinking water initiatives. Discussions with NRSP focused on co-financing mechanisms, joint project design, community mobilization through LSOs and VSOs, technical input, and monitoring support. Both parties agreed to formalize future collaboration through a clear framework once RDF submits a proposal. These meetings strengthened the strategic partnership between RDF, Human Appeal, and NRSP, establishing a roadmap for innovative, sustainable, and high-impact water interventions.



RDF team hold a follow-up meeting with Mufti Shahid Naim Khan, CEO of Pak-Aid Welfare Trust (PAWT), and his team at RDF Headquarters on October 2025. The meeting focused on reviewing prior discussions and exploring future collaboration across key development sectors.



Both organizations discussed opportunities for joint initiatives in water, renewable energy, and other priority areas, and planned the development of joint project proposals to leverage combined expertise and resources for high-impact interventions. Mechanisms for coordinated implementation and follow-up on collaborative projects were also established.

## Coordination Meeting with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Pakistan)

The project team of RDF hold a coordination meeting with Mr. Hassam Abbasi (Technical Manager) and his team at the WWF Regional Office, Islamabad in November 2025. The meeting focused on potential collaborations on the biodiversity-focused “Water Conservation” project. Both teams agreed to develop and submit a joint proposal to a Japan-based donor in which RDF will be the Implementation Partner and WWF as a lead partner for this three-year project. Discussions also explored future initiatives



beyond biodiversity and water conservation. The project aligns with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 15 (Life on Land), promoting sustainable water management, community resilience, and biodiversity protection. The meeting reinforced the commitment of RDF and WWF to collaborate for effective community engagement, sustainable outcomes, and scalable impact.

### **Coordination Meeting with Sitara Textile Industries Limited (STIL)**

The President of RDF, Brig. Muhammad Aslam Khan (Retd.), hold a meeting with Mr. Mian Muhammad Anees, Chairman and CEO of Sitara Textile Industries Limited (STIL) Faisalabad. The discussion focused on exploring the possibilities of potential funding under CSR from the Sitara Textile for the construction of the Parial Vocational Training Center (VTC) and Maternity & Child Health (MNCH) facility. Potential collaboration and support were explored to enhance community health services and vocational training opportunities in Parial. The meeting reinforced RDF's commitment to engaging the private sector for sustainable development and community welfare projects.



### **The Leaders Talk on Climate Change in Faisalabad**

Brig. Muhammad Aslam Khan (Retd.), President of the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) was invited as a chief guest in the workshop entitled leaders talk on Climate which organized by the local youth forum on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Circle Club Faisalabad. Mr. Aslam Khan



emphasized emerging climate risks and practical strategies for resilience, adaptation, and emergency preparedness in vulnerable communities. The workshop featured in-depth discussions on climate risk management, community-based preparedness, sustainable use of natural resources, and effective coordination among institutions and local communities. RDF's participation strengthened its institutional visibility and contributed to the exchange of knowledge, lessons learned, and best practices in climate emergency response and disaster risk reduction.

## **6.2 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)**

### **Pak-Turk Maarif International Schools**

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) formalized a strategic partnership with Pak-Turk Maarif International Schools and Colleges through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Renowned for its academic excellence and innovative teaching practices, Pak-Turk Maarif brings valuable expertise to this

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this collaboration.

Together, RDF and Pak-Turk Maarif aim to expand access to quality education, foster youth development, and implement inclusive, community-centered initiatives across Pakistan. The partnership prioritizes enhancing learning opportunities in underserved regions and empowering communities through education, aligning with national education priorities and contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG 5 – Gender Equality, and SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities).



### **Zain Energy Solution**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Mr. Sheeraz Nasim Khan (Managing Director of Zain Energy Solution) and Brig (Retd.) M. Aslam Khan, President of the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) on 21 May 2025. Under this partnership, Zain Energy Solution and RDF will collaborate to install biogas plants in RDF project areas, providing clean and sustainable energy solutions. The initiative aims to protect women’s health, mitigate environmental degradation, enhance climate resilience, and deliver broader socioeconomic benefits to rural communities.



The project aligns with national and provincial priorities on renewable energy, environmental protection, and community well-being, contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

### **Pak Welfare Organization (PWO)**

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) and Pak Welfare Organization (PWO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 15 August 2025 for the formalizing a strategic partnership to promote inclusive and sustainable development across Pakistan. The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to advancing education, youth empowerment, healthcare, food and water security, renewable energy, and community rehabilitation.

The partnership emphasizes integrated, community-driven interventions that align with national priorities and contribute directly to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action). This MoU established a framework for collaborative planning, resource mobilization, and coordinated implementation, ensuring measurable impact and sustainable outcomes for marginalized communities.



### **Pak-Aid Welfare Trust**

RDF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pak-Aid Welfare Trust on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, establishing a strategic partnership to advance inclusive and sustainable development across Pakistan. The collaboration focuses on education, youth empowerment, healthcare, food and water security, renewable energy, and community rehabilitation, promoting integrated, community-centered interventions. The MoU aligns with national priorities and contributes to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action). It will provides a framework for joint planning, resource mobilization, and coordinated implementation, ensuring sustainable impact for marginalized communities.



### **Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP)**

The Rural Development Foundation of Pakistan (RDF) and Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 to formalize a strategic partnership. This collaboration aims to promote inclusive development, support persons with disabilities, and strengthen community-based interventions through evidence-based initiatives, capacity building, and multi-sectorial engagement. The partnership will facilitate knowledge sharing, enhance skill development opportunities, and foster innovative approaches to empower marginalized communities. Both the Organization will be working together for inclusive and accessible mosque in the rural communities.



## 7. Flood 2025 Emergency Humanitarian Response

RDF implemented timely emergency humanitarian interventions in flood-affected district Swat of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Narowal of Punjab to address urgent health and protection needs of vulnerable communities. Through mobile medical camps, strategic partnerships, and coordination with district authorities, RDF provided lifesaving healthcare services while strengthening community resilience and disaster preparedness.

### 7.1 Health Emergency Response in Swat (KPK)

The Rural Development Foundation (RDF) along with its local partners took an urgent action for the provision of emergency health services to most vulnerable flood affected population of district Swat. In collaboration with WRC and PRSP, RDF organized mobile medical camps to deliver immediate healthcare support. The camps provided essential medicines and treatment for skin infections, fever, respiratory illnesses, and waterborne diseases, which commonly surge following floods. The initiative was facilitated and endorsed by the Deputy Commissioner



Swat, enabling swift logistical support and uninterrupted service delivery. This intervention demonstrated RDF's capacity for timely, coordinated, and community-centered emergency response, while contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 13 (Climate Action) through strengthened disaster resilience in crisis-affected areas.

### 7.2 Emergency Mobile Health Camps in District Narowal -Punjab

In response to the Riverian Floods of 2025, the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) launched rapid emergency interventions to support flood-affected communities. RDF, in collaboration with Human Appeal and local authorities, provided critical medical assistance, mobile health services, and preventive health awareness to vulnerable populations.

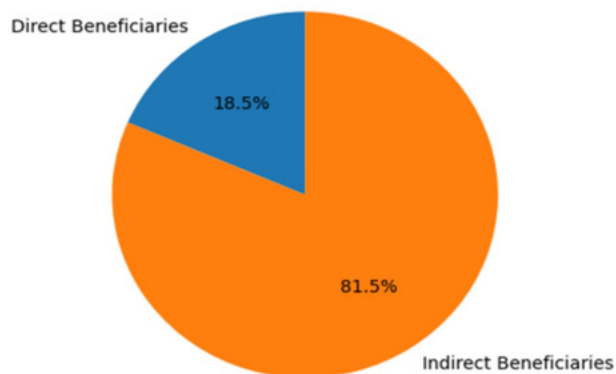
Over the response period, RDF organized 10 mobile medical camps and awareness sessions, delivering consultations, essential medicines, hygiene and nutrition education,



and referrals for critical cases. The intervention reached thousands of individuals, enhancing community resilience, hygiene practices, and disaster preparedness.

RDF's actions during the Riverian Flood 2025 demonstrate its commitment to timely, coordinated, and community-centered disaster response, contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

Distribution of Total Beneficiaries (12,032 Individuals)



## 8: Projects in Pipeline

RDF is advancing a portfolio of strategic initiatives focused on water security, climate resilience, and targeted humanitarian support. These pipeline projects, developed in collaboration with institutional and development partners, are positioned for timely implementation to maximize impact and promote sustainable, community-centered outcomes.

### 8:1 Rainwater Harvesting Project – Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi

Team of RDF hold coordination meeting with the Country Director of TIKA Ms. Saleha to discuss upcoming initiatives, focusing on two key water-related projects. Following these discussions, the Rainwater Harvesting Project in collaboration with Fatima Jinnah Women University City Campus, Rawalpindi, has been prioritized. Aligned with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), the project aims to promote sustainable water management, rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge. The project is planned with a budget of USD 80,000, which will be provided by TIKA to facilitate the program activities of the Project.



Another initiative under discussion is the Rehabilitation of Water Schemes in District Swat, aligned with SDG 6, SDG 11, and SDG 13 (Climate Action), focusing on enhancing reliable water supply systems, strengthening community resilience, and developing climate-resilient infrastructure.

## 8.2 Direct Aid Program-Australian High Commission Islamabad

RDF submitted a proposal to the Direct Aid Program (DAP) of the Australian High Commission, Islamabad entitled “Climate-Resilient Community-Based Safe and Clean Drinking Water Supply Project for Marginalized Rural Communities in the Arid Zone of the Pothohar Region (Districts Rawalpindi and Jhelum).”The initiative is designed to strengthen equitable access to safe drinking water while enhancing climate resilience in water-scarce rural settings.

The project will be implemented through a multi-stakeholder partnership involving RDF, NRSP, Local Support Organizations (LSOs), and the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). NRSP, through its active LSOs, will lead community mobilization, ensuring meaningful participation of households in planning and implementation.

Local communities will co-contribute through water meter costs, reinforcing ownership, accountability, and long-term sustainability. RDF will provide a financial contribution of PKR 3.5 million, demonstrating institutional commitment and strengthening joint coordination and resource integration. The proposed intervention directly advances SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), while contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and national/provincial priorities on climate-resilient WASH service delivery.

## 8.3 Establishment of Technical Skill and Computer Training Center in Parial

RDF and Pak Aid Joined hands to establish a NAVTTC-aligned vocational and computer training facility in Parial for Women Empowerment through Economic Growth. The initiative has been formalized through a duly executed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and implementation agreement, ensuring robust governance, accountability, and full alignment with NAVTTC quality standards. The centers will provide market-responsive, certified vocational and digital



training, designed to enhance women’s employability, income-generation potential, and economic participation, while simultaneously expanding opportunities for youth from marginalized communities. By fostering sustainable livelihoods, reducing economic vulnerability, and strengthening socio-economic resilience, this initiative exemplifies a transformative approach to community development and human capital empowerment.

## 9. International Outreach and Partnership

### 9.1 AWC Membership

The President of the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) represented the RDF at the 23rd Board Meeting of the Asian Water Council (AWC) in Hanoi, Vietnam. During the meeting, he presented RDF's work in water governance, community-based water management, and climate-resilient WASH interventions across Pakistan, highlighting alignment with AWC's strategic priorities. He further highlighted the RDF's potential role in fostering collaborative water solutions in the region. Following the discussions, the Membership application of the RDF was submitted to AWC Secretariat which was unanimously approved as an official AWC member, representing Pakistan within the Council.



### 9.2 Korea International Water Week (KIWW/WWCF) 2025

President of RDF participated in Korea International Water Week (KIWW) 2025 and presented a case study titled "Smart Water Management in the Twin Cities at the World Water Cities Forum. The presentation showcased innovative approaches, digital applications, governance practices, and practical solutions for urban water management in the rapidly growing twin cities. This engagement strengthened RDF's international profile and contributed to global discussions on sustainable and integrated water management solutions.




### 9.3 Thematic Coordinator 11th World Water Forum(WWF)

The Asia Water Council (AWC) and the Secretariat of the 11th World Water Forum have formally appointed Mr. Aslam Khan, (President of the Rural Development Foundation) as a member of the Topic Coordination Group for the Forum's Thematic Process. This prestigious appointment recognizes his expertise and leadership in water governance and sustainable development. As a Topic Coordination Group member, he will contribute to shaping the Forum's thematic outcomes, support the development of concept notes, and participate in global-level thematic planning. The Forum Secretariat expressed high expectations for his role and extended appreciation for his commitment to advancing international water-sector collaboration.



## 9.4 Visibility of RDF At Global Platform

The activities report of the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) was formally submitted to the Secretariat of the Asia Water Council



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- Essential healthcare services to flood-affected and vulnerable populations in District Narowal, Punjab Pakistan during flood 2025
- Safe Water Access & Disease Prevention Initiative, Charsadda – Hand Pump Installation by RDF with Support from IHH Belgium.
- Green Energy for Resilience – Biogas Plant Completion Initiative in Parial to Reduce Emissions and Enhance Rural Energy Security

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(AWC), Republic of Korea. Following RDF's recognition as an official member organization of AWC, the report was reviewed and subsequently published in the AWC Newsletter, Volume 34 (December 2025). This publication underscores RDF's institutional engagement and substantive contributions in the water, sanitation, and sustainable development sectors, and reflects its expanding role within the Asia Water Council's regional platform for water governance, policy dialogue, and knowledge sharing.

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