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As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we acknowledge the pivotal role played by our partners, donors, and local communities in driving positive change and transforming lives. We express our sincere gratitude to each and every individual and organization involved in making our programs a resounding success. Looking ahead, we are committed to fostering continued collaboration and partnership as we work together towards a brighter future for all.



From
the People of Japan

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List of Acronyms

KnK Japan	Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi Japan
KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
GYA	Girls Youth Ambassadors
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
KPN	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
JPF	Japan Platform
ALP	Accelerated Learning Pathways.
INGO	International Non-profit Organization
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
PTCs	Parent Teachers Councils
NFIs	Non-Food Items
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
GGSS	Government Girls Secondary School
GCs	Girls Circle
IWBs	Interactive Whiteboards
CAG	Community Advocacy Group
GPCs	Group of Policy Champions
SNS	Social Networking Services
PYA	Provincial Youth Assembly
NYA	National youth Assembly
AIOU	Allama Iqbal Open University
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning
UFT	Ultrafiltration Plant
RO	Reverse Osmosis
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
BHUs	Basic Health Units
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MOI	Ministry of Interior
LOUs	Letter of Understanding
NDRMF	National Disaster Risk Management Fund
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IoT	Internet of Things

Message from the Managing Director

All children deserve the fundamental right to grow up in an environment that fosters safety and security. KnK is dedicated to creating such environments to ensure the healthy development of children, with a primary focus on the significance of education. In 18 years of interventions in the KP Province since 2005, we recognized the disparity in opportunities between girls and boys. In response, we actively reinforced the improvement of girls' access to education, advocating for every girl's right to knowledge and dignity. It is imperative that girls receive the same respect as their peers, and the adults in their lives should offer unwavering support as they struggle for personal growth and face challenges. Our interventions in the KP Province have produced positive impacts, creating persistent improvements in both schools and communities.

It is important that girls possess a unique power to voice their perspectives and dismantle the oppressive situations they have historically endured. Over the past two years, our collaboration with Girls Youth Ambassadors (GYA), comprising university graduates actively engaged in advocating for the improvement of girls' education, has been particularly impactful. These ambassadors serve as representatives, conveying the voices of grassroots communities to provincial and national forums. GYAs have demonstrated remarkable engagement with schoolgirls, parents, and communities, playing a pivotal role in establishing effective connections with other stakeholders. Their significance lies not only in their advocacy but also in serving as a reminder that individuals and societies can shed the biases that may cloud their perspectives. I firmly believe that the GYA program stands as a commendable model for effective advocacy,



applicable not only in any province of Pakistan but also in foreign countries.

The devastating floods of 2022 had a profound impact on the lives of children, families, and communities throughout Pakistan. In response, we extended our emergency relief efforts into 2023, focusing on Balochistan and Sindh. Our interventions, including providing shelter and improving access to clean water, played a crucial role in the initial stages of recovery. However, given the extent of the disaster, we have identified additional needs, particularly in the education sector. Therefore, our commitment to supporting the affected children in the same regions remains steadfast, and we will continue our efforts in 2024.

Once again, it is imperative that all children are provided with the respect and human dignity they rightfully deserve. To realize this vision, we aim to take another step toward creating a more nurturing society for children. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude once again to all the stakeholders who always provide us with invaluable support.

Ayako Otake
Managing Director Tokyo

Foreword

I am delighted to present KnK Japan's annual report, showcasing our achievements and efforts throughout the past year. We are excited to announce the renewal of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Interior (MOI), securing a three-year extension. Moreover, we've forged new connections by signing letters of understanding (LOUs) with the government departments of Sindh and Balochistan. Additionally, we have obtained accreditation from the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) and certifications in ISO 9001:2015 for quality management systems and ISO 26000:2010 for corporate social responsibility.

Furthermore, it brings me great joy to unveil the official launch of KnK Japan's website for the Pakistan chapter. In 2023, KnK Japan spearheaded initiatives to enhance education, promote environmental sustainability, foster gender inclusivity, improve infrastructure for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), and advocate for climate-friendly practices. Despite numerous challenges, our dedication to advancing/improving girls' education in underserved areas has remained steadfast. We have established new schools, bolstered existing ones, provided vital life skills training, conducted extensive awareness campaigns, engaged communities, and facilitated teacher training in KP.

Our relentless efforts have yielded tangible results, evident in the increased enrollment, retention, and academic achievements of thousands of girls. The transformative power of education has empowered these girls to pursue their aspirations and realize their full potential.

In response to the devastating floods of 2022 in Sindh and Balochistan, KnK Japan immediately mobilized emergency response efforts, prioritizing sustainability. We provided RO and ultrafiltration plants to ensure access to clean water, offered



shelter, promoted hygiene practices, and extended support to affected communities. Despite the challenges encountered, our dedicated team remains resolute, and we extend profound gratitude to our staff, volunteers, donors, supporters, and partners for their indispensable role in our transformative endeavors.

In 2023, KnK Japan Pakistan conducted a comprehensive assessment of 78 schools in Sindh and Balochistan to identify areas for improvement and ensure the efficacy of our programs. We are proud to highlight the impactful outcomes of projects KPN-III and JPF-II, which have significantly advanced our mission of promoting education, environmental sustainability, gender inclusivity, and inclusive infrastructure. These projects exemplify our holistic approach to sustainable development, empowering communities and effecting positive change.

As we look towards the future, KnK Japan remains steadfast in our vision of a brighter, more inclusive world. We express heartfelt gratitude to all our stakeholders for their unwavering support in realizing this vision.

Javed Iqbal
Country Representative

Memorandum of Understanding

Ministry of Interior - Government of Pakistan

Most Immediate

No. 4/2/2016-FATF/INGO
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Islamabad the, 11th January, 2023

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Subject: **RENEWAL OF MOU OF M/S KNK, JAPAN**

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to inform that MoU has been renewed between Government of Pakistan and M/s KNK, Japan for the period of 03 years subject to the following conditions:

- i. M/s KNK, Japan will work with those NGOs who have signed MoU/registered with Economic Affairs Division.
 - ii. The INGO will not employ any individual of Indian and Israeli nationalities/origin.
 - iii. The INGO shall not deviate in any form the approved location/partners/funding without prior approval from Ministry of Interior.
 - iv. INGO shall follow government policies and terms & conditions of the MoU in letter and spirit.
2. Duly signed MoU, in original is enclosed herewith.


Section Officer (FATF/INGO)

Certifications & Accreditation

KnK Japan's commitment to transparency and accountability is clearly demonstrated through its official registrations with the Ministry of Interior (MOI) Pakistan, Economic Affairs Division (EAD) Pakistan, and certification as a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) by the Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (PCP) and Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA). Furthermore, In the year 2023 KnK Japan's dedication to excellence is underscored by its accreditation and certification with esteemed organizations such as the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ISO-9001 Quality Management System and ISO-2600 Social Responsibility System. These accreditations reinforce KnK Japan's organizational capacity and unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards in humanitarian work.

In 2023, KnK also signed Letters of Understanding (LOUs) with the governments of KP, Sindh, and Balochistan, and the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MOI. This extensive portfolio of registrations and accreditations serves as a testament to KnK Japan's unwavering dedication to delivering effective and efficient humanitarian support, positioning them as a formidable organization in the field of disaster relief and humanitarian assistance.



Introduction

Overview of KnK Japan-Pakistan

KnK Japan is an international non-governmental organization (INGO) that works towards improving the lives of vulnerable communities in various regions. Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi (KnK), founded in Japan in 1997, is a global humanitarian organization dedicated to assisting underprivileged children and communities across seven countries, including Pakistan. With a focus on non-discrimination and inclusion, KnK has been actively partnering with the Government of Pakistan and its institutions in disaster response and rehabilitation since 2005. KnK responded to all major disasters in Pakistan such as the 2005 earthquake, the 2010 floods, the 2009 Swat crisis, the Mirpur earthquake, the COVID-19 emergency, and the 2022 floods.

The information provided in our annual report highlights our organization's accomplishments, including the successful implementation of three (03) major programs: Quality Education, Flood Emergency Response Program 2022- Extended for the victims of flood in Sindh and Balochistan, and Accelerated learning cum skill training Program (ALP). Improving the Access and Quality of Girls's secondary Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KPN Phase-III). Overall, these programs were successful in addressing the urgent needs of the target populations and contributing to their long-term recovery and resilience. The programs were implemented with the support of local communities and partners, and their impact was significant in improving the lives of the beneficiaries.



Vision and Mission

Statement of the organization's vision and mission

OUR VISION "Children Without Borders"

At KnK Japan, we envision a world where:

- Every child has the freedom to learn, dream, and thrive.
- Pakistan becomes Disaster resilient.
- Children are active stewards of a sustainable and inclusive future. Together, we're building a boundary-free world where each child realizes their potential amidst safety, diversity, and ecological harmony.

OUR MISSION

In alignment with our "Children Without Borders" vision, KnK Japan is committed to:

1. **Empowering Potential:** We are dedicated to providing inclusive educational pathways that empower children to learn, dream, and become active members of society. Our mission is to remove the boundaries that hinder a child's growth and unlock their full potential.
2. **Strengthening Resilience:** We strive to deliver targeted support to create communities that can withstand social and climate adversities. Our mission is to fortify these communities, ensuring they are resilient in the face of challenges and disasters.
3. **Nurturing Sustainability:** We are focused on cultivating environmental consciousness and inclusivity among children, thereby laying the groundwork for a more sustainable and equitable future. Our mission is to foster a sense of responsibility towards the planet and ensure a harmonious coexistence with nature.



Our Projects



The 2023 annual report of KnK Japan underscores the continuous extension of its projects from 2022, prominently showcasing the successful completion of three major projects that have left a profound impact on the lives of beneficiaries. The first project is in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province of Pakistan.

Focusing on the improvement of the access and quality of Girls' Secondary Education in the specified areas, the project has achieved remarkable success in its objectives. This accomplishment is attributed to the improvement of school facilities and the implementation of comprehensive training programs for teachers, parents, and Parent-Teacher Councils (PTCs). Beyond infrastructure and education, the project made significant improvements in fostering a supportive environment for girls through the establishment of girls' circles in schools. Moreover, students benefited from targeted training sessions covering life skills, health and hygiene, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).

In addition to its direct impact on educational aspects, the project played a pivotal role in community engagement. It effectively facilitated connections between policy champions, community advocacy groups, and the established

girls' youth ambassadors, contributing to a collaborative effort to improve girls' education. The multifaceted success of this initiative stands as a testament to KnK Japan's commitment to holistic development and empowerment within the communities it serves.

The second project is also implemented in the remote areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province focused on addressing challenges hindering children's education, particularly those unable to continue due to factors such as the unavailability of middle schools, cultural barriers, and access issues. KnK Japan, in collaboration with JICA, has introduced the Accelerated Learning Program (Middle Tech) to equip these dropout children with a combination of formal and non-formal education.

The third project is an emergency response to the 2022 floods, with KnK Japan aiming to "providing shelter and improving the quality of drinking water in Sindh and Balochistan." This initiative involves delivering shelter, non-food items (NFIs), training, and clean drinking water to flood-affected communities. WASH facilities are also provided to address the rising health concerns in the targeted areas, ensuring a comprehensive approach to meet the needs of the affected population.





Quality Education



Pakistan is facing a serious challenge to ensure all children, particularly the most disadvantaged, not only enroll in but also remain and thrive in their educational pursuits. While enrollment and retention rates are improving, progress has been slow to improve education indicators in Pakistan.

An estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 are out of school - UNICEF

Gaps in service provision at all education levels are a major constraint to education access. Socio-cultural demand-side barriers combined with economic factors and supply-related issues (such as the availability of school facilities), together hamper access and retention of certain marginalized groups, in particular adolescent girls. To fill this gap KnK Japan has initiated its project aiming at...

Improving Access and Quality of Girls' Secondary Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KPN-III)

In collaboration with the Friends Welfare Association as implementing partner and the E&SE Department KPK, KnK Japan initiated a transformative three-year initiative in November 2020, aligning closely with the KPK Education Sector Plan 2020-25's key objectives. Concluding in November 2023, this initiative targeted 10 girls' secondary schools in KPK Province, strategically addressing the pillars of the Education Sector Plan.

The interventions, designed to meet the plan's objectives, were diverse, including facility expansion and school upgrades to overcome access barriers, as well as teacher, Parent-Teacher Council (PTC), and Girls Circle capacity building to enhance educational quality and community involvement, aligning with the plan's second pillar. Moreover, the engagement of PTCs and university students as Girls Youth Ambassadors aimed to improve governance within schools and advocate for education policies at higher levels of government, reflecting the plan's holistic approach.

The overarching goal of this three-year endeavor was to bolster the efforts of the E&SE Department KPK and create a conducive environment for girls to pursue education beyond primary levels, promoting inclusivity and raising educational standards. Through collaborative efforts with the Friends Welfare Association and the E&SE Department KPK, this initiative served as a beacon of progress and empowerment in the realm of girls' education. Honorable Mohtasim Billah Shah Sahib, the distinguished Secretary, E&SE Department KPK, extended high praise for the efforts of KnK Japan during the Education Sector Plan 2020-25 review event.



Project Overall Highlights

School Expansion & Enhancement:

- Upgrading and expanding 10 girls' secondary schools to accommodate the growing student population.
- Providing essential amenities such as water supply, furniture, laboratories, toilets, playgrounds, and multipurpose halls.
- Integration of solar power systems to promote sustainable and renewable energy sources.
- Implementation of tree planting initiatives for environmental conservation around school premises.
- Improving ventilation systems to ensure healthier indoor air quality for students and staff.
- Ensured a safe and secure environment for 7,507 female students (ages 5 to 15).

Capacity Building:

- Conducting teacher training programs aimed at enhancing the quality of education imparted and 193 teachers across 10 schools.
- Empowering Parent-Teacher Councils (PTCs) to actively participate in school management and decision-making processes.
- Establishment of Girls' Circles to provide additional support and guidance to female students.
- Introduction of virtual classrooms to facilitate technology-based learning experiences for students and teachers alike.

Advocacy:

- Formation of a comprehensive network involving rights holders and stakeholders to advocate for girls' education.
- Advocating for the implementation of sustainable education policies through university youth ambassadors.
- Collaborative efforts with various stakeholders to uphold the rights of vulnerable children and ensure their access to education.

Total beneficiaries over the past years:

Direct
Beneficiaries:
7,507

Indirect
Beneficiaries:
61,100

Enrollment rate:
Increased
by 88%

Dropout:
Reduced
to 3.8 %

In Pakistan, 5 million children under 9 are not in school, a number that doubles to 11.4 million among 10-14 year olds, with stark disparities in education access based on gender, wealth, and location, and a significant drop in enrollment from primary to lower secondary levels.

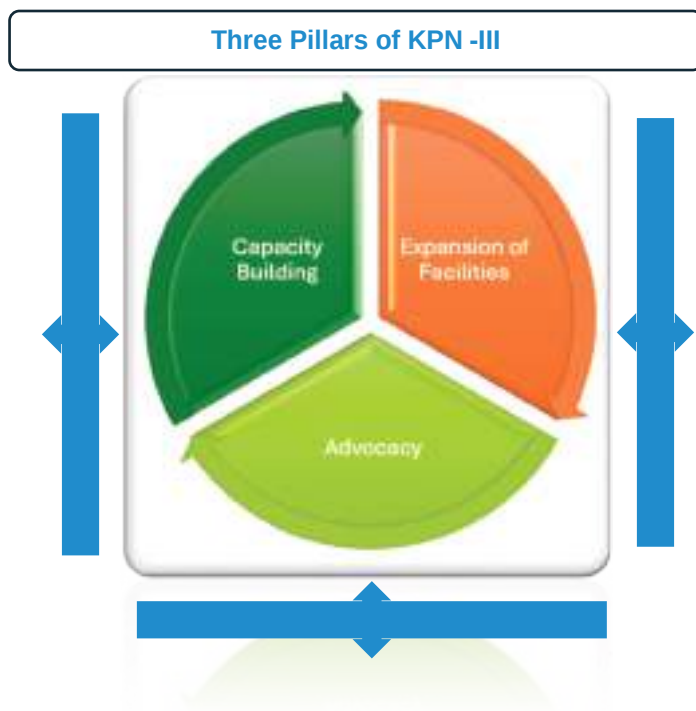
UNICEF



Enhancing Capacities for a Positive and Sustainable Future

In tandem with the construction of school buildings, this endeavor spearheaded by KnK Japan extends beyond mere infrastructure development. It encompasses comprehensive activity-based training sessions for teachers, sensitization programs tailored for Parent-Teacher Councils (PTCs), and the provision of essential life skills to female students, all aimed at enhancing the quality of secondary education.

Moreover, KnK Japan's vision for this project extends to facilitating increased girls' attendance in secondary education within the target districts. This is achieved through the reinforcement of collaboration among local communities, district education departments, and the provincial government. Additionally, advocacy efforts are undertaken, engaging a diverse range of stakeholders, including university students, to champion the cause of girls' education and ensure its sustainability and inclusivity.



At KnK Japan, we firmly believe that investing in teachers, coupled with the provision of essential resources and support, plays a pivotal role in elevating the overall quality of education and enriching learning experiences for students in Pakistan.

Trained a Total of
48 teachers
45 girls circle members
24 PTC members.

A GC Captain at GGSS Oghi, highlights the practical life-skills training's significant impact. Through interactive activities and role-playing exercises, I was able to directly apply my learning to real-life situations. This hands-on approach not only deepened my understanding but also empowered me and my other colleagues to actively implement these skills in our daily lives. Together we have taken the initiative to educate our family members, extending the positive impact beyond the school. With our continuous efforts, the daily attendance rate of the girls has increased, demonstrating the training's effectiveness in fostering a more engaged and committed student body.

Tooba Aziz
(Grade-10th student)



Green Education Initiative:

The "Climate Green Education" initiative, a joint commitment to environmental consciousness, aligns seamlessly with KnK Japan's dedication to advocating for safe and sustainable practices within schools and communities. This comprehensive training program, meticulously designed for both students and teachers, aims to cultivate awareness about the responsible utilization of existing resources.

The training sessions under "Climate Green Education" prioritize educating students in our targeted schools on the vital concepts of Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle. By instilling these principles, participants are empowered to adopt eco-friendly practices that contribute to waste reduction and resource conservation.

Moreover, the training underscores the significance of afforestation and reforestation. This aligns with KnK Japan's mission to nurture a sense of environmental responsibility in each child, emphasizing the pivotal role they play in the health and sustainability of our planet.

Through this integrated approach, both the "Climate Green Education" initiative and KnK Japan's commitment converge, fostering a shared ethos of promoting sustainable practices and instilling environmental awareness within schools and communities. Together, these endeavors contribute to building a more conscientious and environmentally responsible society.

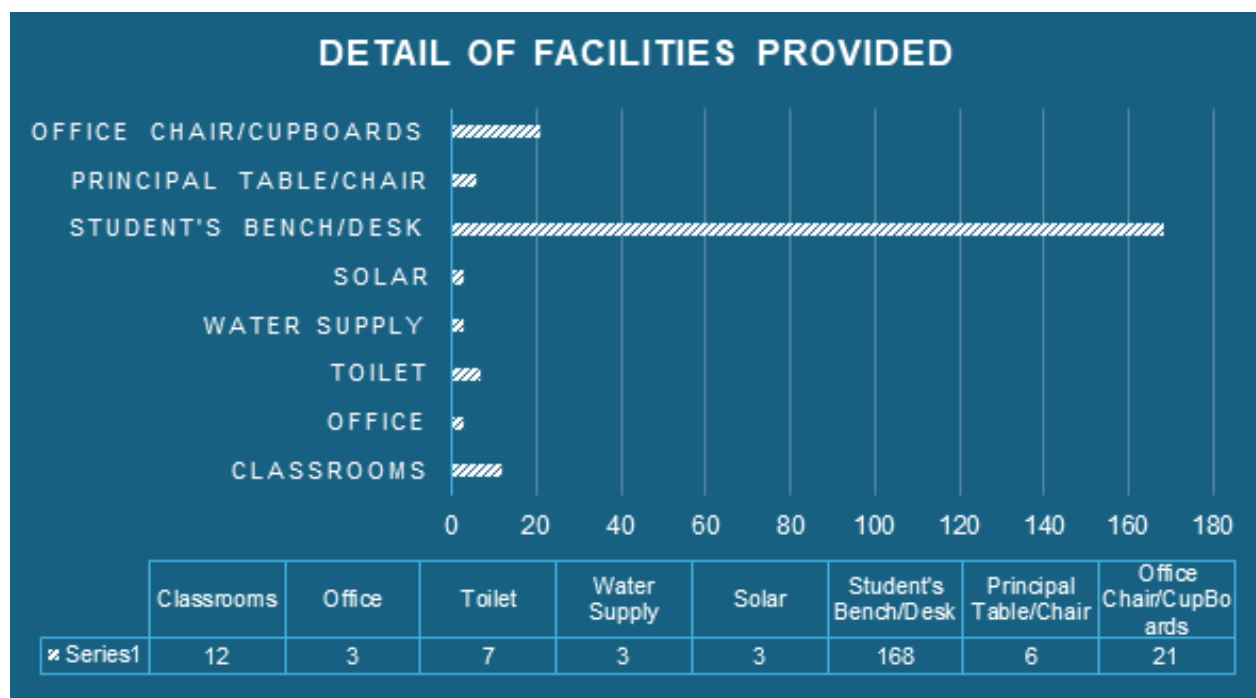
Climate Green Education

"Embarking on a journey of climate green education is our shared commitment to safeguarding our planet. Together, we champion the preservation of green spaces, advocate for responsible forestation, and raise awareness about the critical issue of deforestation. Let's embrace the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle, turning waste into a dynamic force for positive change. With a focus on waste recovery, we empower ourselves to actively contribute to a sustainable future, each of us playing a pivotal role in nurturing our environment."

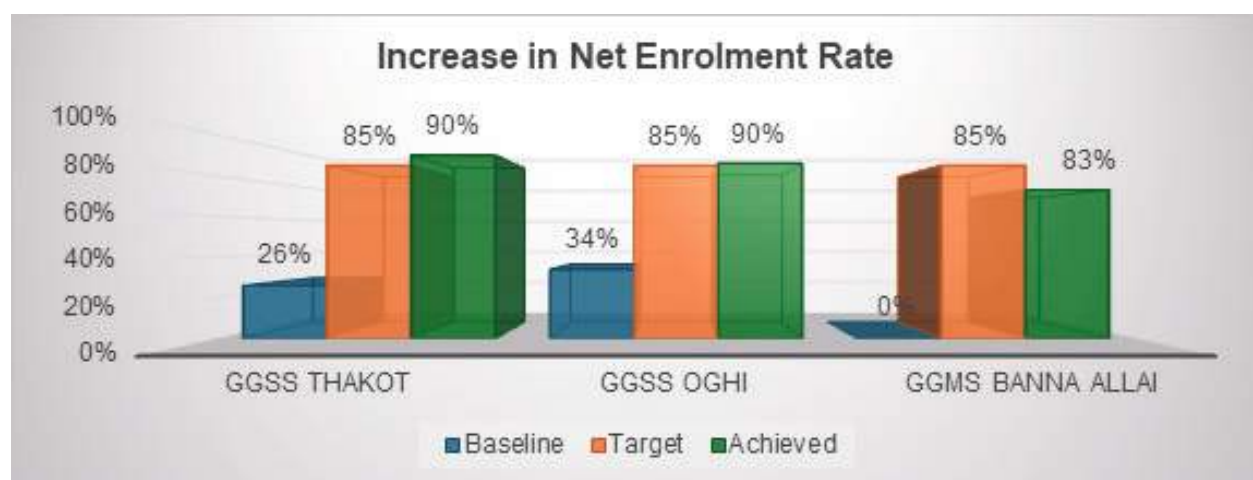
*Kainat Masood
Environment & Social
Safeguard Specialist*

KPN-III Overall Highlights

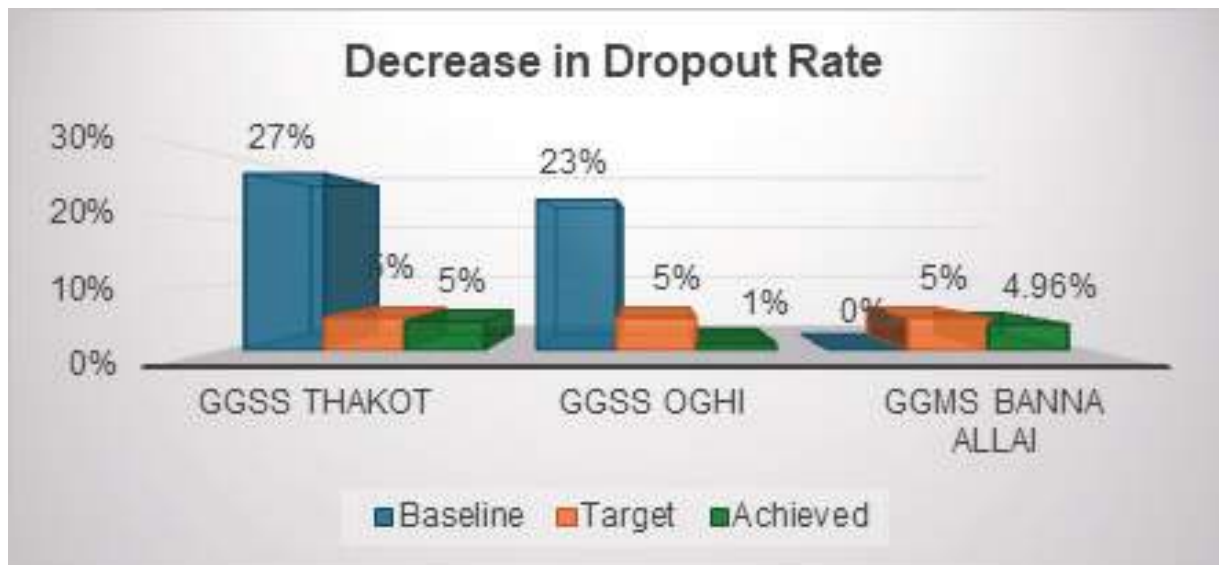
In the third phase of the KPN project, 1,957 female students (ages 10 to 15) from three supported schools have a safe and secure environment to focus on their studies. During the phase 3rd of the KPN project in 2023, targeting 03 schools comprising of 12 seismic resistant classrooms along with offices, toilets and all requisite amenities were constructed. A detail of facilities provided is given below:



The Net Enrollment Rate (NER) within the supported schools witnessed a substantial improvement, soaring from an average of 30% to an impressive 87% during the academic year 2023-2024. The remarkable increase in NER across each individual supported school is detailed below:



- The dropout rate within the supported schools saw a significant decline, plummeting from an average of 25% to less than 5% during the academic year 2023-2024. This remarkable reduction underscores the effectiveness of the interventions implemented to ensure sustained student retention and engagement.



- 840 girls, previously outside the educational system at the secondary level, have been successfully enrolled in the supported schools during the academic year 2023-2024, marking a significant step towards inclusivity and educational access.
- Students' academic performance flourished, showcasing a commendable improvement in marks of up to 70%. This significant advancement is directly linked to the enhanced capacity of teachers in modern pedagogy, fostering dynamic approaches such as activity-based learning and project-based learning.
- Strengthened capacity of Parent-Teacher Councils (PTCs) has resulted in the successful execution of 78% of the action points delineated in the School Development Plans within the supported schools.
- Student attendance rates have shown remarkable improvement, reaching 88% at the supported schools during the academic year 2023-2024, indicating a tangible impact on student engagement and participation.
- The Girls' Circles established in supported schools have played a crucial role in fostering confidence and life skills among students, with 70% of the action plans devised by these circles successfully implemented to enhance student development within their respective schools.
- Girl's Youth Ambassadors (GYAs) have actively advocated for girls' education rights, collecting 1540 signatures/petitions in support of girl's education across Abbottabad, Mansehra & Battagram districts. These GYAs have further amplified their impact by registering with the Provincial Youth Assembly KP and presenting a resolution in support of girls' right to education in the KP Youth Assembly, demonstrating their commitment to effecting real change at the policy level.



Accelerated Learning cum Skill Training Program

Accelerated Learning Program- Middle Tech



In KP province, 2.5 million children are out of school, with 1.678 million being girls. Notably, 82.2% of these out-of-school children are aged between 10 to 16 years, necessitating focused attention and inclusive strategies. Barriers like the lack of middle schools and cultural issues lead many learners, after primary education, to surpass the right age for enrollment, hindering access to formal schooling.

JICA has launched a broad-based program Alternative Learning Program "ALP-MiddleTech" which is a blend of education and vocational skills as a pilot testing initiative to address the inclusion of overage learners, particularly girls, in an educational and skill training program. The program aims to empower graduated learners to secure respectable livelihoods by integrating vocational skills into the ALP-Middle curriculum, thereby increasing its value and acceptance.

In the KP province, KnK Japan, in collaboration with its local partner Friends Welfare Association, is executing the ALP-MiddleTech program. The pilot phase has commenced with the establishment of two centers in the rural areas such as village Karg and Bateela Allai of district Battagram. The program focuses on imparting area-appropriate, marketable, and employable skills, not only providing trade-specific vocational expertise but also creating an avenue for continued education and training in advanced vocational or technical skills.

The ALP-MiddleTech course spans eighteen months, divided into three semesters of six months each. It adopts a blended mode of

instruction, incorporating both distance learning and face-to-face engagement. Two (02) Semesters have been completed and now learners are in the third and final semester after which they will be graduated from this program. Certification, accreditation, examination, and curriculum responsibilities are entrusted to Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU). This initiative not only equips learners with essential skills but also lays the foundation for their sustained educational and professional growth.

"Empowering girls today not only paves the way for a safer and inclusive tomorrow but also forms the cornerstone of genuine gender equality. As a Gender and Safety Coordinator at KnK Japan, I urge you all to break barriers and open doors, ensuring that every girl's dream becomes a beacon of hope for a harmonious world. In our dedicated pursuit of 'Children Without Borders,' let's be the architects of change, championing the cause of gender equality. Educated girls aren't just scholars; they are catalysts for resilience, fortifying communities in the face of challenges. Let's weave inclusivity into the fabric of our mission, fostering a boundary-free world that resonates with the principles of safety, diversity, and ecological harmony."

*Ramisha Siddiqui,
Gender and Safety Coordinator,
KnK Japan*



Results Achieved:

- At the two ALP-MiddleTech centers in district Battagram, KP province, 72 overage girls were enrolled. Remarkably, 90% of these girls successfully completed the initial two semesters, progressing to the third and final semester.
- 72 learners received education and vocational training through a blended mode of distance learning and face-to-face engagement.
- Each of the 72 learners was provided with Self Learning Kits, Tablets, mentoring, and assessment support at the targeted ALP-MiddleTech centers, enhancing the overall educational experience and outcomes.

KnK Japan utilizes a meticulous MEAL system for precise project tracking. Transparent output monitoring enhances accountability, and learning-level insights drive continuous improvement. Our real-time, cloud-based MEAL system reflects a steadfast commitment to excellence, ensuring responsible resource use and maximizing benefits for the communities we serve, in line with our mission for positive change

*Ijaz Mehmood Qureshi
Director MEAL- KnK Japan*

Pakistan Flood 2022

Emergency Response Program (Extended)



Providing Shelters & Improving Quality of Drinking Water for Flood Victims in Sindh & Balochistan

Promptly responding to severe flooding in Pakistan during 2022, KnK Japan mobilized resources to address immediate needs in affected areas of Sindh and Balochistan.

The initial phase of the Emergency Response Program for the Pakistan Floods 2022, named "Shelter Assistance and Hygiene Promotion for Flood Victims in Sindh and Balochistan," focuses on disaster relief in the Jacobabad district of Sindh, and Jaffarabad and Sohbatpur districts of Balochistan. The program's core objectives are providing essential non-food items, shelters, and daily necessities, and installing shared latrines for those affected. Hygiene awareness sessions complement these efforts, aiming to empower communities to maintain a sanitary environment. The primary goal is to improve the lives of disaster victims who have lost livelihoods, facing heightened public health risks due to flood repercussions. This involves ensuring immediate physical safety and livelihood protection post-disaster, with hygiene sessions targeting preventive behaviors, especially among children.

Recognizing the ongoing need for additional support, KnK Japan expanded its emergency response program to the subsequent phase, targeting the recovery period of the flood disaster.

This second phase, titled "Providing Shelter and Improving Quality of Drinking Water for Flood Victims in Sindh and Balochistan," the projected located in Jacobabad, Qambar Shahdadkot districts



In the aftermath of the 2022 floods in Sindh and Balochistan, recognizing the urgency of basic needs, we initiated a project to uphold the fundamental rights of every individual. Our mission focuses on providing essential support—food, nutrition, clean water, shelter, and non-food items. By addressing these basic needs, we aim to restore a sense of normalcy and dignity to the affected communities.

*Saif Ullah Kiyani
Program Manager-KnK Japan*

of Sindh, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur and Usta Muhammad districts of Balochistan, concentrates on delivering Non-Food Items (NFIs), shelter provisions, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities, and communal toilets to aid the rehabilitation of flood victims towards normalcy. Additionally, the program emphasizes capacity building within local communities and conducts awareness sessions on personal hygiene.

The floods underscore the urgent need for Pakistan to invest in better infrastructure and early warning systems to mitigate future natural disasters. KnK Japan's collaborative efforts with the government reflect dedication to providing relief and support.

Shelter and Non-Food Items

The second phase of the Emergency Response Program had a primary focus on providing shelter and improving the quality of drinking water for the flood victims. The provision of shelter played a crucial role in this phase, with KnK Japan undertaking significant initiatives. Within this component, KnK Japan implemented the construction of a total of one hundred (100) transitional shelters and provided a hundred (100) family tents.

Additionally, the program involved the repair and restoration of forty (40) houses across all five districts of Sindh and Baluchistan. This intervention aimed to directly address the fundamental needs of the flood victims, facilitating their return to normal daily life and empowering

In addition to the aforementioned initiatives, KnK Japan further enhanced the capacity of beneficiaries under this component by distributing essential toolkits designed for both agricultural activities and reconstruction purposes. Recognizing the importance of empowering the affected communities, the program incorporated comprehensive training sessions. These sessions were specifically tailored to provide beneficiaries with valuable skills in shelter construction and the proper installation of family tents. By equipping the beneficiaries with the necessary tools and knowledge, the program aimed not only to address immediate needs but also to foster self-reliance and resilience among the affected individuals.

This project component brought tangible benefits to a total of 240 households, encompassing men, women, other genders, and children. The direct beneficiaries, numbering 1680 individuals, experienced firsthand improvements in their living conditions and resilience. Furthermore, considering the ripple effect within the communities, the indirect beneficiaries reached a total of 6720 individuals, amplifying the positive impact across a broader spectrum.



Transitional Shelters: 100
Family Tents : 100
House Repair: 40

Households: 240
Direct Beneficiaries: 1680
Indirect Beneficiaries: 6720

Provision of Non Food Items to Households: 240

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Recognizing the urgent requirement for clean drinking water in Sindh and Balochistan, KnK Japan, as part of the second component of its extended flood emergency response program, undertook a crucial initiative to ensure the provision of safe drinking water for the flood victims. This effort commenced with the thorough testing of water quality from fifteen (15) different locations within the targeted area. Guided by the results of these tests, KnK Japan strategically installed Ultrafiltration (UFT) and Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants in both Sindh and Balochistan, addressing the critical need for access to clean and potable water in the affected regions.

Installation of Ultrafiltration Plant (UFT):

The primary objective of the ultra-filtration plant project was to provide safe and pure drinking water to communities within the targeted districts. In regions where the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) level measured approximately 500 mg/liter, KnK Japan implemented ultrafiltration solutions. This initiative involved the installation of cutting-edge ultra-filtration plants designed to purify water, rendering it suitable for consumption. These plants were equipped with advanced technologies such as membrane filtration and chlorination systems, ensuring that the water underwent thorough treatment, thereby eliminating harmful bacteria and viruses.

Installation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants:

Based on the results of water quality tests, KnK Japan implemented Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants in areas where the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) level measured around 5000 mg/liter. RO plants use reverse osmosis to purify water, employing specialized membranes to remove impurities, bacteria, viruses, and dissolved solids. The chlorination system further ensures water safety. Highly efficient, RO plants are effective where Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) levels are high, significantly improving water quality and community health. Despite generating some wastewater, proper disposal is crucial for sustainability. Installing RO plants provides reliable access to safe drinking water, especially in areas with contaminated natural sources, positively impacting public health.



KnK Japan provided solutions for regions where water sample tests revealed high level of total desolve particles (TDS), total suspended solids (TSS) and sulfates.



Incorporating ultrafiltration and RO plants into the emergency response program, KnK Japan established 15 water management committees to oversee the maintenance of these facilities. These committees, comprising both men and women, underwent specialized training to efficiently maintain the ultrafiltration and RO plants. Beyond installation, ensuring the continuous functionality of these water purification systems is crucial for sustaining access to clean drinking water in the targeted areas. The formation and training of these committees reflect our commitment to community engagement and long-term impact.

The implementation of RO and Ultrafiltration plants not only ensured the supply of clean water to the communities but also played a pivotal role in supporting Basic Health Units (BHUs) in the target areas. The availability of purified water led to a significant reduction in waterborne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea. This positive impact underscores the critical link between access to clean water and public health outcomes, demonstrating the effectiveness of our intervention in enhancing community well-being.

Direct
Beneficiaries:

8,792

Indirect
Beneficiaries:

43,960

Clean drinking water is a fundamental need in Sindh and Balochistan.

Recognizing its vital importance, we believe in the basic right of every individual to access safe water.

Committed to this cause, we have implemented RO and ultrafiltration plants, ensuring communities have reliable sources of clean water.

*Omaima Nazeer
Deputy Director Finance*



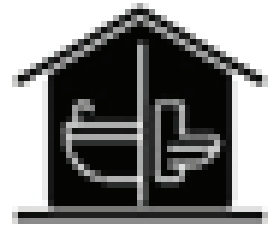
Sanitation

Provision of Low-Cost Group Toilets

As a crucial component of the Flood Emergency Response Program, cost-effective group toilets were installed in various districts of Sindh and Balochistan, including Jacobabad, Qambar Shahdadkot Sohbatpur, Usta Muhammad, and Jaffarabad. A total of 8,170 beneficiaries were able to access these group toilets, designed to be affordable and constructed easily with locally available materials.

The implementation of these low-cost group toilets had a profound impact on the flood-affected communities. The provision of proper sanitation facilities significantly reduced the risk of waterborne diseases and the spread of diseases due to open defecation. It also ensured the safety and dignity of women and girls. Additionally, it played a vital role in fostering improved hygiene practices among the population, contributing to their enduring recovery and resilience.

In summary, the introduction of low-cost group toilets was a crucial intervention within the Flood Emergency Response Program, effectively addressing the pressing sanitation needs of communities affected by the floods in Sindh and Balochistan. This initiative played a pivotal role in their sustained recovery and resilience. It underscores the importance of ongoing investments in such interventions to safeguard the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable populations during emergencies and disasters.



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Hygiene

As part of the Flood Emergency Response Program in Sindh and Balochistan, training sessions were conducted to enhance hygiene practices among the flood-affected communities. These sessions aimed to create awareness about the crucial role of maintaining proper hygiene in preventing waterborne diseases, prevalent diseases during floods.

The hygiene awareness sessions covered various aspects, including handwashing techniques, safe water storage, water treatment methods, and appropriate sanitation practices. Delivered by trained personnel, these sessions targeted both adults and children of all genders in the affected areas. Emphasizing behavioral change, the sessions aimed to encourage the adoption of healthy hygiene practices. This focus was pivotal, recognizing that merely providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities is insufficient if not accompanied by proper usage.

The hygiene awareness sessions constituted a vital component of the Flood Emergency Response Program in Sindh and Balochistan. They played a key role in raising awareness among the flood-affected populations about the significance of adopting proper hygiene practices, thereby contributing to the prevention of waterborne diseases. The program also aspired to instill long-term behavioral changes, ensuring the sustained impact of hygiene interventions beyond the immediate emergency response phase.

Direct
Beneficiaries:
10,000

Indirect
Beneficiaries:
38,000

Promoting personal hygiene is crucial for health and well-being in Sindh and Balochistan. We believe it's a fundamental right for everyone to access knowledge on maintaining personal hygiene. Committed to this belief, we have initiated comprehensive training programs, empowering communities with the skills and knowledge needed for proper hygiene practices.

*Mariyam Junaid
Deputy Director Admin & HR*







Nazia Gul's Journey: Overcoming Adversity to Reclaim Education

Nazia Gul's remarkable story is a testament to resilience, determination, and the transformative power of education. Hailing from the picturesque valley of Mansehra, Nazia's early aspirations were anchored in academic success. However, her life took an unexpected turn when she was compelled to drop out of school in the 8th grade due to an early marriage. This story explores Nazia's extraordinary journey as she defied societal norms and reignited her educational aspirations after a two-year hiatus.

Nazia was a bright and ambitious student with a deep passion for learning, she excelled in her studies. However, her life was marked by challenges. At the tender age of 7, her father passed away, leaving her mother to provide for Nazia and her siblings through stitching clothes at home. Nazia's dream of education faced more obstacles when she was married off at the age of 14, a common practice in her community.

Nazia's early marriage brought forth numerous challenges. As a young bride, she found herself with little autonomy, particularly in matters concerning her education. Residing in a different village with her husband's family limited her access to schooling and regular attendance became a struggle. Additionally, the cultural norms and social stigma attached to a married woman pursuing education placed her under immense societal pressure to conform. Nazia also faced domestic challenges, her husband and mother-in-law who were opposed to her educational aspirations.

Despite these adversities, Nazia's thirst for knowledge persisted. After two years of navigating married life, she mustered the courage to discuss her educational aspirations with her husband and in-laws. Unfortunately, they initially refused, but with unwavering determination and the support of her mother, she pressed on.



Her Mother's Support played a pivotal role in her re-entry, offering emotional and motivational backing. Supported by her mother, Nazia sought the help of her community's judicial system, the Jirga, to address domestic violence and eventually secured a divorce. Nazia re-enrolled in the 9th grade at GGSS, where the school accommodated her unique circumstances. Nazia's story inspired other young brides in her village to consider returning to school and challenging traditional norms.

Nazia excelled academically upon her return to school and became an inspiration to her peers. She is skilled in clothing stitching and aspires to become a fashion designer. Additionally, she plans to pursue a short computer course to bolster her income through freelancing and support her family through financial difficulties.

Nazia Gul's journey exemplifies the power of education to empower individuals to overcome adversity and pursue their dreams. Her courage, backed by her mother and community, rekindled her educational journey and inspired hope. Nazia's story serves as a beacon of light, showcasing the transformative influence of education and individual determination, as she aspires to empower women in her community and beyond.

Nazia Gul's story stands as a beacon of hope, illustrating how education can empower individuals to transcend adversity and chase their dreams. Her courage, bolstered by the unwavering support of her mother and community, has reignited her educational journey and paved the path for other young girls to envision a brighter future.



Empowering Through Education: A Tale of Transformation

Meet Sara, a resilient 13-year-old girl whose dreams were initially constrained by family resistance to education, embedded in the belief that it fosters societal immorality. Despite these challenges, the introduction of ALP Middle Tech became the catalyst for a remarkable journey of change.

When ALP Middle Tech emerged, Sara seized the opportunity and courageously approached her family, highlighting the availability of free education at Alp. With this newfound assurance, she gained permission to embark on a transformative educational journey.

Over the following three months, ALP Middle Tech provided Sara with not only timely academic resources but also invaluable sessions on awareness and social behavior. The inclusion of monthly parental meetings further engaged her family in her educational pursuits.

The combined efforts bore fruit as a profound transformation unfolded within Sara's family. Witnessing the positive changes, her parents not only embraced the importance of education but also became staunch supporters of Sara's academic journey. The once hesitant girl not only excelled in her studies but soared to the top of her class.

Today, Sara stands as a testament to the power of education and the transformative impact of initiatives like ALP Middle Tech. Her family, once skeptical, is now unwavering in their commitment to supporting Sara's continued education. This success story underscores the potential for positive change when educational initiatives address not only academic needs but also contribute to broader societal awareness and transformation.



Rebuilding Lives: Khair Muhammad's Path to Prosperity

Khair Muhammad's journey to prosperity began against all odds. Hailing from a humble, blue-collar background, his life was marked by challenges from a young age. Raised by a single mother after his father's passing, he shouldered the responsibility of caring for his four siblings. Financial instability was a constant companion, and matters took a turn for the worse when his mother succumbed to cancer, leaving him as the sole provider.

In the province of Sindh, the second-largest and resource-limited region in Pakistan, high illiteracy rates (37%) and limited opportunities posed significant barriers for individuals like Khair Muhammad. His struggles reached a pinnacle when the devastating 2022 flood destroyed his home and threatened his very survival.

Amidst these hardships, Khair Muhammad found a ray of hope in KnK Japan. KnK provided him with a repaired house and a toolkit, empowering him to establish a sustainable source of income. Seizing this opportunity, Khair Muhammad opened a shop, transforming his life from one of uncertainty to stability.

Khair Muhammad's story is a testament to the transformative power of KnK Japan's support. From a life marked by adversity, he now looks forward to a promising future. The intervention not only repaired his house but also provided him with a means of sustainable income, which was especially crucial following the 2022 flood disaster.

Khair Muhammad extends his heartfelt gratitude to KnK Japan and their collaboration with Japan Platform. Their support not only sheltered him but also paved the way for a stable livelihood. This partnership goes beyond one individual, and showcases the remarkable outcomes of joint efforts under the project "Providing Shelters and Improving the Quality of Drinking Water for the Flood Victims in Sindh and Balochistan".



KnK Japan's Clean Water Initiative: Transforming Lives in Sindh and Balochistan

KnK Japan's impactful initiative has revolutionized the quality of drinking water in Sindh and Balochistan, leaving an enduring mark on the lives of over 50,000 individuals across diverse communities and Basic Health Units (BHUs). This transformative project represents a paradigm shift in public health and community well-being.

In regions long struggling with unsafe water quality, KnK Japan initiated its intervention. The introduction of ultrafiltration and Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants indicated a new era, significantly enhancing drinking water quality and instilling a renewed sense of optimism among local residents.

The impact of this initiative is both profound and manifold. Beyond providing access to clean and safe drinking water, it has effectively diminished the prevalence of waterborne diseases. Communities that once faced the constant specter of such illnesses now revel in a healthier and more secure existence.

The success of this initiative underscores KnK Japan's steadfast dedication to enhancing lives. By addressing the critical need for clean water, KnK Japan has not only elevated public health but has also set a precedent for how targeted interventions can unleash a cascade of positive changes.

The narrative of KnK Japan's Clean Water Initiative transcends mere technological implementation; it embodies a story of resilience, hope, and the potency of collaborative efforts. It stands as a shining example of how unwavering commitment and innovative solutions can uplift communities, safeguarding the well-being of thousands and illuminating the path toward a brighter, healthier future in Sindh and Balochistan.

Impact of KnK Japan Projects



Improvement of Girls' Secondary Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province

Infrastructure Development:

Upgraded and expanded 10 Girls Secondary Schools in KP Province and provided essential amenities to accommodate the growing number of school going population that enhanced the learning environment in the designated school.



57 classrooms

05 Offices

27 Toilets

90% Increase in Net Enrollment Rate

Teacher and Parent Training:

Conducted training sessions for teachers and Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) members in each targeted school, implemented life skills training for Girls' Circle members leading to increased student participation, installed interactive whiteboards (IWBs) at targeted schools, and provided solar systems to support the second shift policy. As a result 100% of Girls' Circle actively initiated their activities.



193 Teachers Trained

10 Girls Circle

01 Examination Hall

85% Teachers Applied Teaching Methods

Climate Green Education Initiative:

Implemented a comprehensive "Climate Green Education" program emphasizing the principles of Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle, while highlighting the significance of afforestation and reforestation, in alignment with KnK Japan's commitment to environmental consciousness.



06 Accomplished Trainings on Reuse Reduce & Recycle

Advocacy Activities:

Community Advocacy Groups (CAGs) were established and a petition was signed by students & Teachers in the targeted districts. Organized policy advocacy events resulting in formulated recommendations favoring girls' higher education, and engaged social media for ongoing advocacy activities, achieving significant reactions.



1540 Resolution Passed Petitions Signed

Safe Havens, Parental Engagement, and Policy Change:

GYAs actively advocated for safe spaces, resulting in the establishment of secure environments for girls' education. Collaborated with community groups to engage parents and promote support for girls' education, successfully contributing to local policy changes addressing cultural barriers and advocating increased funding for girls' schools.



10 Schools in The Respective Districts



Emergency Response Floods 2022



Flood Response in Sindh & Balochistan Provinces

The Extended Emergency Response Program for Pakistan Flood 2022 by KnK Japan addressed the immediate and long-term needs of flood affected communities in Sindh and Balochistan. The comprehensive program, consisting of Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs), Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities, and hygiene promotion, aimed to provide relief, rehabilitation, and promote resilience among the affected populations.

1. Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs):

Transitional Shelters and Family Tents:

Transitional shelters and family tents were constructed, directly benefiting households with both direct and indirect beneficiaries. This intervention facilitated the return to normal daily life and empowered flood victims to seek livelihood opportunities.

Shelter and Basic Needs:

The provision of shelters and repair of damaged houses offered immediate relief to families affected by the floods, providing them with safety and security during a critical time.

House Repair:

The repair and restoration of houses in Sindh and Baluchistan played a crucial role in addressing the fundamental needs of flood victims, contributing to improved living conditions.

2. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):

Ultrafiltration (UFT) and Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants:

Installation of UFT and RO plants in targeted areas ensured access to clean and potable water. A total of 15 water management committees were established, involving men and women, ensuring the continuous functionality of these water purification systems.

Sanitation - Low-Cost Group Toilets:

12,255 beneficiaries accessed low-cost group toilets, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and contributing to improved hygiene practices.

Health and Hygiene:

The installation of water purification systems and sanitation facilities, coupled with hygiene education, significantly improved the health conditions of the affected communities, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and enhancing overall public health.



Impacted
12,485
People



Impacted
52,752
People



3. Hygiene Promotion:

Hygiene Awareness Sessions:

Training sessions targeted adults and children in the affected areas, covering handwashing techniques, safe water storage, water treatment methods, and sanitation practices.

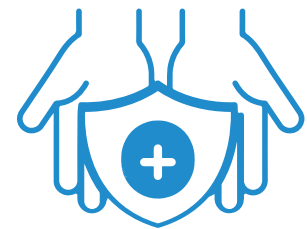
4. Change in Lives:

Stability and Recovery:

Families who received shelters and essential supplies were able to regain a sense of normalcy and start rebuilding their lives post-disaster. The assistance played a crucial role in helping them transition from emergency conditions to more stable living situations.

Long-term Health Benefits:

The focus on clean water and sanitation has had a lasting impact on community health. These interventions have not only provided immediate relief but also contributed to the long-term well-being and resilience of these communities against future health risks.



Impacted
48,000
People

KnK Japan's projects achieved a multifaceted impact, notably enhancing girls' education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province with improved enrollment, teacher capacities, safe learning environments, and policy changes. The ALP-MiddleTech program addressed overage girls' needs, promoting enrollment, retention, and vocational skills for sustainable livelihoods.

In emergency response, KnK Japan provided immediate relief with Shelter and NFIs, ensuring safety and resilience. Clean water access and low-cost group toilets reduced diseases, and hygiene awareness sessions fostered long-term behavioral change. The Extended Emergency Response Program showcased a commitment to comprehensive support, emphasizing resilience-building in flood affected communities. Overall, KnK Japan's projects profoundly impacted beneficiaries by addressing needs, fostering empowerment, and creating positive changes.

Procurement & Logistics

In the meticulous planning of 2023, KnK Japan's procurement and logistics team went above and beyond in selecting their vendors and contractors. The teams conducted extensive background research, delving into each potential partner's portfolio, past projects, and client feedback. KnK Japan's representatives personally visited their facilities to ensure they met stringent quality standards and had the capacity to handle KnK Japan's demanding requirements.

Moreover, teams engaged in detailed negotiations with each vendor and contractor, discussing timelines, pricing, and quality assurance measures. They didn't settle for anything less than the best, negotiating contracts that included strict performance metrics and penalties for any deviations.

Throughout this process, the teams maintained open lines of communication, fostering strong relationships built on mutual trust and respect. They collaborated closely with their chosen partners, providing clear guidelines and expectations while also soliciting input and feedback to optimize project outcomes.

This comprehensive approach underscored KnK Japan's unwavering commitment to excellence and ensured that every aspect of their projects was meticulously planned and executed to perfection.



Capacity Building of Local Partners

As Director of Administration and Finance, I'm deeply committed to capacity building, which drives our efforts to empower implementing partners in using ERP software effectively. In today's tech-driven world, this integration is vital for organizational optimization. We've focused on comprehensive training, workshops, and ongoing support to achieve this. Our approach includes tailored training sessions covering essential modules like finance and HR, alongside collaborative workshops for problem-solving and peer learning. Continuous support ensures partners feel confident in using the software daily.

Our capacity-building efforts have yielded significant outcomes, including improved efficiency, streamlined processes, and increased productivity. Real-time data access and advanced analytics have enhanced strategic planning, while collaborative features foster better teamwork. Partners have also achieved cost savings through optimized resource allocation. In essence, our commitment to capacity building ensures partners are equipped to navigate modern software solutions and achieve sustained success.

Abeera Manzoor
Director Admin & Finance
KnK Japan Pakistan

Stakeholders Engagement & Collaboration

At KnK Japan, we prioritize collaboration as essential to project success. We provide financial and technical support, ensuring high-quality outcomes and Impact of our projects. Our collaborations extend beyond projects, establishing a sustainable framework.

Working closely with government departments ensures our initiatives align with national policies, fostering a unified approach and shared goals. These partnerships foster trust, sustainability, and commitment to addressing challenges. Our network includes local communities, NGOs, and academic institutions, leveraging diverse expertise and resources.

We cultivate effective relationships and shared visions with stakeholders, ensuring project success and sustainability. Our commitment to collaboration enables us to adapt to challenges and develop tailored, sustainable solutions. As Director Program, I am proud of the impact we've made, leaving a lasting positive change.

Maryam Parvez Durrani
Director Program
KnK Japan Pakistan

Expatriate Staff Visit

In August 2023, Ms. Ayako Otake San, an expatriate staff member of KnK Japan, paid a visit to assess the progress and impact of the Girls Secondary Education project in the districts of Mansehra and Battagram. The primary objectives of the visit were to evaluate the project's effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

During her visit, Ms. Otake Ayako San engaged with project staff, students, teachers, community members, girls' youth ambassadors, and the community advocacy group. The purpose was to collect valuable feedback on the program's efficiency. Site visits to project schools were conducted to directly observe the quality of education and the tangible effects of KnK Japan's interventions.

This visit played a crucial role in pinpointing both the successes and potential areas for enhancement within the project. Ms. Otake Ayako San provided insightful recommendations to project staff, drawing from her observations and interactions. These recommendations contributed significantly to enhancing the overall effectiveness and impact of the project.

In a parallel effort, Mr. Kyo San visited the Girls Secondary Education project in the districts of Abbottabad, Torghar, Mansehra, and Battagram in November 2023. His visit aimed to assess the project's intervention and its impact. Mr. Kyo San engaged with local officials, teachers, students, and community members, emphasizing the importance of girls' education. A noteworthy meeting with the Deputy Commissioner of Torghar included a detailed discussion on the significance of advancing girls' education.

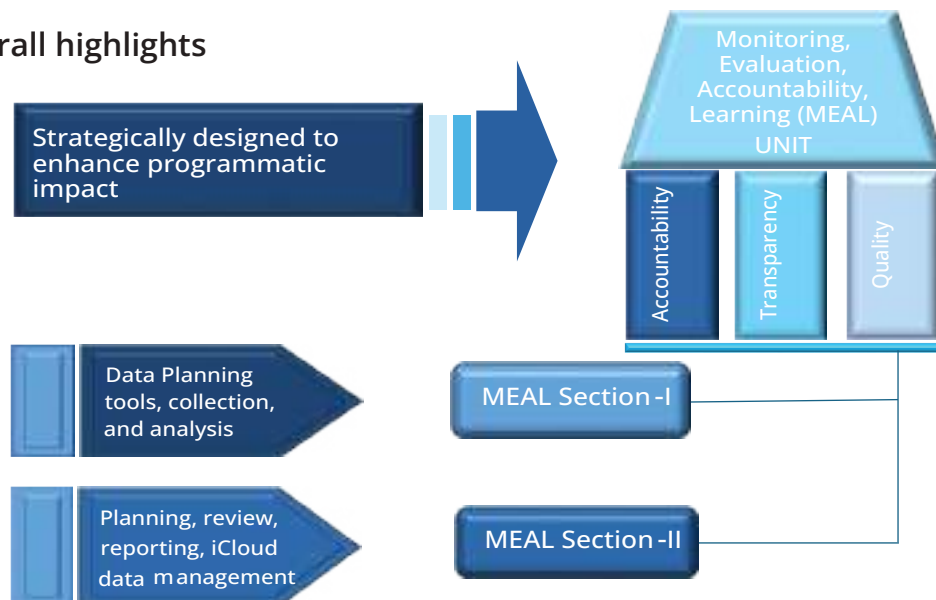
Mr. Kyo San's visit played a pivotal role in ensuring the continued success and positive impact of the Girls Secondary Education project.



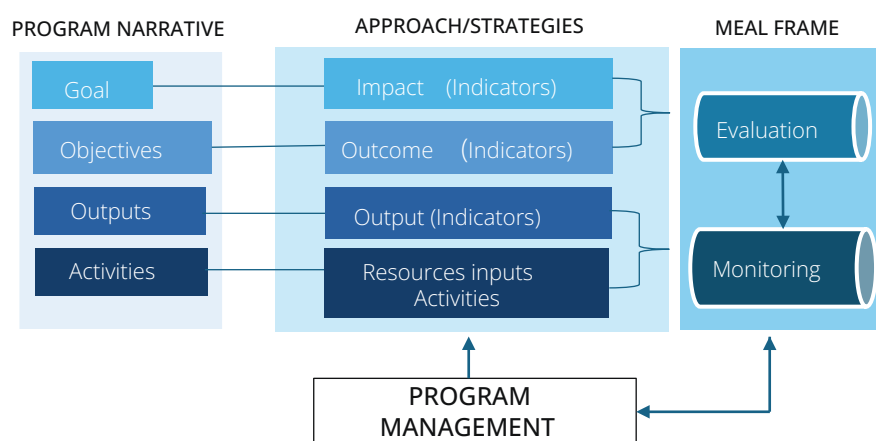
Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)

KnK Japan's top priority is to ensure transparency, accountability, and quality within project constraints. A Strategically designed Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) department, comprises of a professional MEAL Unit and a real-time cloud-based monitoring Management Information System (MIS) called Activity Info achieves this goal. The MEAL Unit is involved from design to data analysis, and planning to reporting based on reviews, continuously updating to the program team and program development unit. KnK Japan's MEAL system stands as a fortress of accountability and learning, fortified by robust feedback circles, complaint channels, and responsive mechanisms. Complaints are not just welcomed but meticulously addressed, enriching our continuous improvement. KnK Japan consistently completes projects within timelines, meeting quality standards and beneficiary needs due to the well-established MEAL framework.

KPN-III overall highlights



MEAL Framework



Monitoring and Evaluation





Major Events and Achievements

In the eventful year 2023, KnK Japan achieved significant milestones and garnered noteworthy recognitions:

Renewed Collaborative Commitments:

- ◆ KnK Japan successfully renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Interior (MOI), solidifying its commitment to collaborative endeavors.

Strategic Partnerships Established:

- ◆ Entered into Letters of Understanding (LoUs) with the governments of Sindh and Balochistan, showcasing KnK Japan's dedication to tailored initiatives in these regions.

Quality Assurance and Social Responsibility Acknowledged:

- ◆ Attained ISO certifications 9001 and 26000, affirming KnK Japan's commitment to quality management and social responsibility.

Accreditation from NDRMF:

- ◆ Secured accreditation from the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), validating KnK Japan's competence in disaster response and mitigation.

Successful Project Completion:

- ◆ Accomplished two major projects:
- ◆ Enhanced access and quality of girls' secondary education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).
- ◆ Executed a flood emergency program in Sindh and Balochistan, showcasing KnK Japan's multifaceted impact on diverse communities.

Media Recognition:

- ◆ Received appreciation from various media platforms for the successful completion of projects, underscoring KnK Japan's positive impact on communities.

Comprehensive School Assessment:

- ◆ Achieved a significant milestone by successfully assessing 78 flood-affected schools in Sindh and Balochistan, further highlighting KnK Japan's dedication to addressing the immediate needs of affected communities.



These achievements underscore KnK Japan's commitment to excellence, collaboration, and community-focused initiatives. The organization's dedication to quality education, disaster response, and social responsibility has not only earned it certifications and accreditations but has also been widely recognized and appreciated by diverse stakeholders.



Comprehensive School Assessment

In the year 2023 KnK Japan conducted an in-depth evaluation of educational facilities across two regions, Balochistan and Sindh, with a focus on structural integrity and educational adequacy. The assessment aims to highlight areas of concern and suggest improvements to enhance the learning environment for students.

Findings of the Assessment

The structural evaluation of the schools has unveiled significant shortcomings, including:

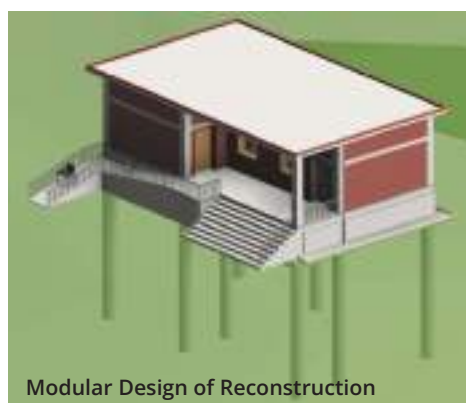
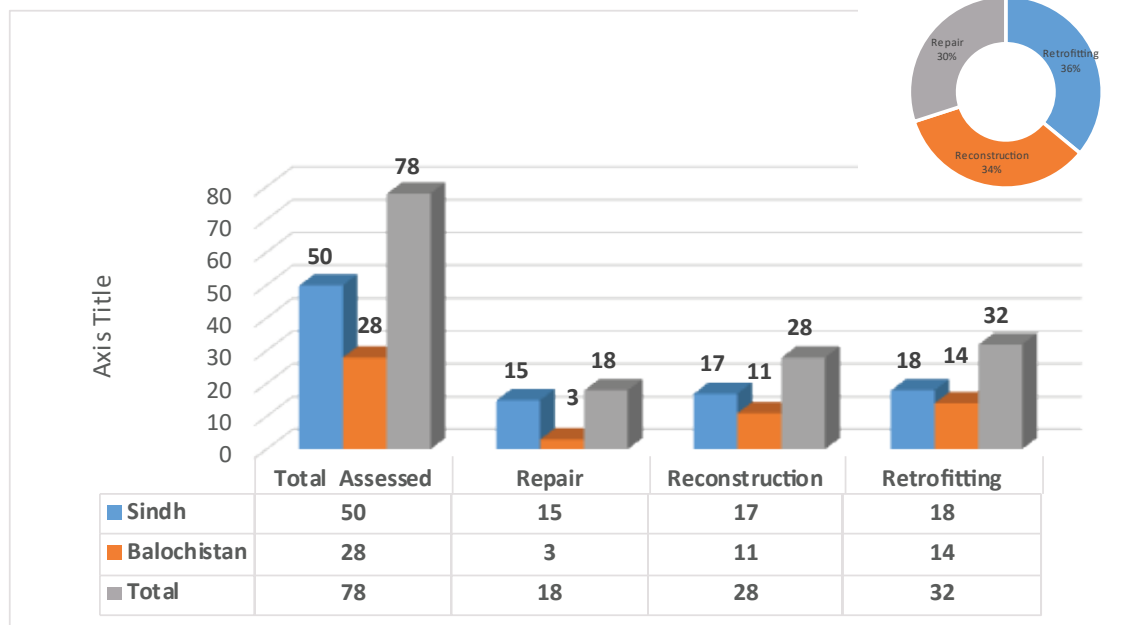
- A lack of disaster protection measures, posing risks during natural calamities.
- Reinforcement corrosion in saline environments, which compromises building stability.
- Substandard concrete quality affecting the longevity of the structures.
- Absence of waterproofing in the foundation, leading to water ingress and wall cracking.
- Lower floor elevation may be susceptible to flooding.
- Deterioration of doors and windows, diminishing the security and functionality of the facilities.
- Inadequate drainage system and insufficient plinth protection against water damage.
- Unlevel ground that can lead to structural issues and accidents.
- Use of saline water in mortar and concrete, which accelerates structural degradation.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The assessment underscores an urgent need for retrofitting and reconstruction of school infrastructure in both Balochistan and Sindh. It is imperative that the concerned authorities implement disaster protection, improve construction materials and practices, ensure adequate waterproofing and drainage, and maintain the structural integrity of the school buildings. These measures will not only provide a safer environment but also foster better learning conditions for students.

Structural Health Assessment Schools Sindh & Balochistan Provinces

SHA Analysis of Schools-Sindh Province



Modular Design of Community Housing

Media Coverage

Emily Lopes Karmani, the journalist, and Marion Peehe, the photographer, from Le Monde Des Ados News channel visited the area of interventions of KnK Japan in Sindh and Balochistan. During their visit, Emily and Marion had the opportunity to witness firsthand the impact of KnK Japan's initiatives in the intervention areas. They were particularly appreciative of the work done by KnK Japan and expressed their admiration for the positive changes these initiatives have brought to the lives of the communities.



In the year 2023, KnK Japan has significantly expanded its outreach and communication efforts by launching an informative website and establishing a vital online presence through various social media channels, including Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. These strategic digital engagements are designed to enhance our connectivity with a broader audience, allowing us to effectively share updates, engage with stakeholders, and increase public awareness of our humanitarian as well as development efforts. This approach not only broadens our impact but also fosters a deeper level of interaction and support from the community and partners around the globe.





Collaborative meeting with DAI



Collaborative meeting with Human Appeal



Collaborative meeting with Solidarities International



Collaborative meeting with Mercy Malaysia



Collaborative meeting with Save the children



Collaborative meeting with Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)



Meeting with NHK World -Japan (NEWS Channel)



Meeting with Relief International



Meeting with INGO's



Meeting with Legal Rights Forum (LRF)



Meeting with NDRMF



Meeting with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)



Meeting with Managing Director KnK Japan



Future Prospects

At KnK Japan, we anticipate broadening our intervention in Pakistan by branching into essential sectors like smart agriculture, horticulture, early warning systems, and climate change mitigation. These areas are crucial for Pakistan's growth and ecological stability, given its agricultural foundation and climate change vulnerability.

Smart Agriculture and Horticulture: We foresee introducing advanced agricultural methods to boost crop yields, minimize waste, and bolster food security in Pakistan. By incorporating technologies like precision farming, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and data analytics, we aim to help local farmers enhance water usage, fertilization, and pest control, which would lead to more sustainable and economically viable agricultural practices. In horticulture, we plan to promote the cultivation of high-value crops and modernize crop management and post-harvest processes, potentially increasing the earnings of smallholder farmers.

Early Warning Systems: Acknowledging Pakistan's risk to natural disasters, such as floods and earthquakes, we intend to establish advanced early warning systems. These systems would use the latest technology and real-time data analysis to forecast and mitigate the impacts of natural calamities, saving lives and reducing economic losses.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: As climate change is a critical concern for Pakistan, we are committed to initiating projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advocate for renewable energy sources. We also aim to assist communities in adapting to climate change through sustainable land and water management practices, thereby improving resilience to extreme weather events.

Addressing Contemporary Issues: We are also prepared to confront current challenges like urbanization, water scarcity, and air pollution. By developing sustainable urban and rural planning projects, promoting water conservation techniques, and improving air quality through green infrastructure and policy advocacy, we strive to make a significant impact.

By diversifying our activities into these domains, we at KnK Japan are set to contribute to Pakistan's sustainable development, enhancing our relevance and efficacy as a non-profit organization. This strategic expansion is designed to tackle immediate and long-term challenges, positioning KnK as a leading entity in supporting resilience and prosperity in Pakistan.

Lessons Learned:

A vital lesson learned from our Education Project underscores the significance of community engagement and ownership. Through close collaboration with local communities, we successfully discerned their unique needs, enabling us to tailor our programs accordingly. Crucially, involving parents and caregivers in the educational process emerged as indispensable for the success of our initiatives. This inclusive approach fostered a supportive and conducive learning environment, empowering children to stay in school and thrive academically.

Moreover, our Flood Emergency Response imparted valuable lessons on preparedness and adaptability. Recognizing the unpredictable nature of disasters, we learned that immediate responsiveness is paramount. Flexibility in adapting our interventions to the evolving needs of affected communities proved essential, ensuring our assistance remained effective and relevant. For instance, addressing immediate needs such as temporary shelter, house repair and clean water enabled us to provide timely support to those impacted by floods.

In line with our commitment to community engagement, our education project now integrates School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Green Education. This proactive approach ensures that schools become centers for disaster preparedness and environmental sustainability. Simultaneously, we extend our focus to Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in flood emergency response efforts, recognizing the pivotal role communities play in mitigating and responding to disasters at the grassroots level.

Additionally, our ongoing efforts address the pressing issue of food insecurity in Pakistan, particularly in Sindh and Balochistan. We recognize the unique challenges these regions face and are dedicated to implementing targeted interventions that address the root causes of food insecurity. Through comprehensive strategies that encompass education, sustainable agriculture, and community empowerment, we strive to create lasting positive impact and contribute to the overall well-being of these communities.

The lessons derived from both the Education Project and Flood Emergency Response-Extended in 2023 have fortified our dedication to community engagement, preparedness, and adaptability. Grateful for the learning opportunities, we remain steadfast in applying these insights to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of our programs in the future.





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE OF KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI (KNK) JAPAN

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI JAPAN (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of changes in funds, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cashflows for the year then ended in accordance with approved accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code), and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and the requirements of Companies Act, 2017(XIX of 2017) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Board of directors is responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.



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Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Organization for the year ended December 31, 2022 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion dated May 09, 2023.

The engagement partner on the annual audit resulting in this independent audit report is Atif Riaz.

ISLAMABAD

DATED: 05 APR 2024
UDIN: AR202310060zOCkqG6c1


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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI (KnK) JAPAN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Operating fixed assets	4	1,591,746	1,212,867
CURRENT ASSETS			
Advance to implementing partner	5	-	17,330,145
Advance tax		189,580	180,552
Advances and prepayments	6	227,845	234,888
Cash and bank balances	7	2,038,193	66,533,535
		2,455,618	84,279,120
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>4,047,364</u>	<u>85,491,987</u>
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Restricted funds	8	1,657,533	82,909,464
Deferred capital grant	9	1,591,746	1,212,867
		3,249,279	84,122,331
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accrued liabilities	10	576,905	1,369,656
Payable to implementing partner	5	221,180	-
		798,085	1,369,656
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		<u>4,047,364</u>	<u>85,491,987</u>
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	11		

The annexed notes from 1 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI (KnK) JAPAN
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
INCOME			
Amortization of restricted funds	8	217,273,777	162,886,329
Amortization of deferred capital grant	9	279,790	221,623
		<u>217,553,567</u>	<u>163,107,952</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Direct program cost - Local Partner	12	191,871,926	141,392,268
Program support cost - KnK Japan	13	19,389,707	17,319,254
Administrative support cost - KnK Japan	13	6,291,934	4,396,430
		<u>217,553,567</u>	<u>163,107,952</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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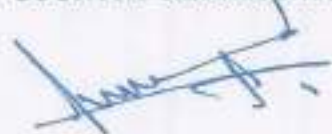


**KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI (KnK) JAPAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	GENERAL FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
	-----Rupees-----		
Balance at January 01, 2022	-	9,897,503	9,897,503
Grants received during the year	-	235,789,057	235,789,057
Bank profit for the year	-	248,233	248,233
Grants amortized during the year	-	(162,886,329)	(162,886,329)
Deferred grant:			-
Operating fixed assets	-	(139,000)	(139,000)
Balance as at December 31, 2022	-	82,909,464	82,909,464
Grants received during the year	-	136,627,708	136,627,708
Bank profit for the year	-	52,807	52,807
Grants amortized during the year	-	(217,273,777)	(217,273,777)
Deferred grant:			
Operating fixed assets	-	(658,669)	(658,669)
Balance as at December 31, 2023	-	1,657,533	1,657,533

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**KOKKYO NAKI KODOMOTACHI (KnK) JAPAN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

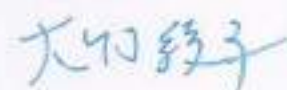
	Note	2023 Rupees	2022 Rupees
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		-	-
Adjustments for non-cash charges and other items:			
Restricted grant recognized	8	(217,273,777)	(162,886,329)
Deferred capital grant recognized		(279,790)	(221,623)
Depreciation		279,790	221,623
Operating loss before working capital changes		(217,273,777)	(162,886,329)
Working capital changes:			
Decrease / (Increase) in current assets:			
Grants to implementing partner		17,330,145	(9,025,113)
Advances and prepayments		7,043	(101,888)
Advance tax		(9,028)	(36,128)
		17,328,160	(9,163,129)
Decrease in current liabilities:			
Creditors and accrued liabilities		(792,751)	980,433
Payable to implementing partner		221,180	-
		(571,571)	980,433
Net cash used in operating activities		(200,517,188)	(171,069,025)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Addition in operating fixed assets		(658,669)	(139,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		(658,669)	(139,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Grant received during the year	8	136,680,515	235,789,057
Net cash generated from investing activities		136,680,515	235,789,057
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(64,495,342)	64,581,032
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		66,533,535	1,952,503
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	2,038,193	66,533,535

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17 DATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUE

These financial statements were authorized for issue on 04 APR 2024 by the Country Representative and Managing Director (Tokyo, Japan) of the Organization.

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The figures have been rounded off to the nearest Rupee. 

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