



Annual Report 2023-2024



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# **UMEED ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS**



**Education**



**Democracy**



**Skills Training**



**Peace Building**



**Human Rights**



# **INTRODUCTION**

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) has been registered under Societies Act 1860 with registration # 764 on 18 April 2001 at Quetta and it is entitled to work nationwide. It is also registered with Baluchistan Charities Registration and Regulation Authorities Government of Baluchistan with registration no. BCRA-114349 on January 12, 2021.

UPP is multi faith and is a humanitarian organization committed to work for the development and promotion of human and political rights. In the year 2000 UPP initially started working in Baluchistan tribal areas and then its activities spread rapidly among the desert communities of Southern Punjab and rural areas of central Punjab Pakistan.

Umeed Partnership exists to provide opportunities through education and vocational, human and political rights trainings to vulnerable and disadvantaged girls/women, men and street children across Pakistan. This project is directly aligned with Umeed's vision and mission, as this is the prime jective of the organization to increase awareness among women on participation in the general and local bodies elections and with the human rights institutions for the promotion and protection of their political rights.

Umeed has sufficient experience of successful projects related to women's rights and empowerment especially in mobilizing rural communities and women for an effective engagement with local bodies and human rights institutions. The proposed initiative aims to enhance the local ownership towards the local political and human rights systems in place.

## Goal

To facilitate formal and non-formal education and human rights at all levels irrespective of caste, creed or gender.

## Mission

## Vision

The vision of Umeed Partnership is to see educated, skilled and talented youth, improved gender equality, poor people liberated from all forms of slavery and oppression and human rights promoted among the oppressed masses.

- To reach out to those who lack basic human needs with the aim of restoring dignity and respect irrespective of caste, creed or gender.
- To promote basic Human Rights and democratic processes within oppressed communities.
- To provide opportunities to young people to improve their talents, abilities and leadership qualities.

Human Rights: →

Umeed's Focal Sectors

← Development:

- Human Rights and democratic education
- Empowerment of women and elimination of gender disparities
- Capacity enhancement of women's' groups and civil society organizations
- Research and documentation

- Promotion of entrepreneurship and development of small business skills
- Formal and non-formal education
- Socio-economic empowerment of the poor
- Assisting women in distress through free legal aid



# **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

**Shamim Gulzar**



As we reflect on the journey of the past year, we are reminded of the transformative power of education, skills training, and democratic engagement in shaping a brighter future for displaced and the most disadvantaged women in Baluchistan and the Punjab. At our NGO, we have been steadfast in our mission to empower these women, providing them with the tools they need to reclaim their dignity, secure sustainable livelihoods, and become active participants in their communities.

In Baluchistan and the Punjab, where economic hardship and displacement have strained the lives of many women, our programs have aimed to bridge the gap between vulnerability and

opportunity. Through our education initiatives, we have seen women gaining not only literacy and numeracy skills but also the confidence to pursue further education and professional opportunities. We are proud of the growing number of women who are now able to send their children to school, becoming role models of resilience for future generations.

Skills training has been at the heart of our work. We have focused on equipping displaced and vulnerable women with marketable skills, whether in sewing, computer literacy, or small-scale entrepreneurship. These skills have provided them with a sense of purpose and self-sufficiency, which is vital in breaking the cycle of poverty. Moreover, many of our graduates have gone on to establish their own small businesses, creating jobs not just for themselves but for others in their communities.

One of the cornerstones of our approach has been the promotion of democratic values. In a region where women's voices are often marginalized, we have prioritized creating spaces where they can engage in decision-making processes. By fostering leadership skills and encouraging political participation, we are seeing more women take active roles in local governance and community advocacy, contributing to the growth of a more inclusive and democratic society.

While much has been accomplished, the road ahead is long. We remain committed to continuing our efforts and expanding our reach, ensuring that no woman is left behind. The unwavering dedication of our team, the invaluable support of our partners, and the resilience of the women we serve are what make this work possible. Together, we are building a future where displaced and vulnerable women not only survive but thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your support fuels our work and propels us toward achieving a more equitable and empowered tomorrow for all women in Baluchistan and Punjab.

With gratitude and hope,  
Shamim Gulzar  
Director – UPP

# FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

## A. Formal Education

- a. Umeed Middle Schools

## B. Non-formal education

- a. Adult Literacy Program (ALP)
- b. Socio-economic empowerment of displaced women Quetta sponsored by UN Women.

## A. FORMAL EDUCATION

### UMEED MIDDLE SCHOOLS

In Pakistan Umeed Partnership provides education at all levels irrespective of caste, creed or gender. The rate of education among the communities Umeed serve is the lowest in the world. These communities in urban areas live on the fringes and peripheries of the cities forming miserable slums and in rural areas live outside of the main villages and towns where there is no access to any type of development. They have no schooling, no health care, no sanitation facilities, no roads and no facilities for socialization.

Umeed started two middle schools for dalit and most disadvantaged communities of Cholistan desert, district Bahawalpur, Southern Punjab Pakistan where there was 100% illiteracy rate. In 2007 a middle school was started for the community of village 18/BC Bahawalpur and in 2009 another middle school was started for the community of village. 52/DB Yazman. Both the schools continue providing quality education to about 300 students both girls and boys. The schools for their day-to-day running are funded totally by Umeed since the pupils are unable to pay anything for their education.



## **B. NON-FORMAL EDUCATION**

### **a. Adult Literacy Program (ALP)**

#### **CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY BAHAWALPUR REGION**

Graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 13 (February to October 2023) was held during November 2023 at Chak no.18/DNB district Bahawalpur. 220 women students received their certificates. The honourable guest Mr. Nasir Justus ALP project In charge and Mr. Yousuf Jalal Gill project coordinator UPP grace the occasion. The whole community of chak no.18/DNB and the communities from the surrounding villages participated in the program. It was a joyful occasion for them and were pleased to participate in the ceremony. UPP ran 80 Adult Literacy centres in each centre 20-25 women students participated during 2023 in Punjab and Baluchistan. This was 9 months training program.



**Congratulation**



## **CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY QUETTA REGION**

Graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 13 (February to October 2023) was held during November 2023 at Quetta. 210 women students received their certificates. The honorable guest Mr. Nasir Justus ALP project In charge and Mr. Yousuf Jalal Gill project coordinator UPP grace the occasion. It was a joyful occasion for the successful women students to participate in the ceremony. UPP ran 80 Adult Literacy centres in each centre 20-25 women students participated during 2023 in Punjab and Baluchistan. This was 9 months training program.



The education and empowerment of women throughout the world cannot fail to result in a more caring, tolerant, just and peaceful life for all.

— Aung San Suu Kyi —



# INAUGURATION OF ADULT LITERACY CENTERS

## BAHAWALPUR DISTRICT

Under the project "Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 14 (February - October 2024) funded by Pakistan Bible Society Lahore UPP inaugurated 70 adult literacy centres (each centre 20-25 students) for illiterate women/girls in Punjab and Baluchistan. UPP conducted training session for teachers and supervisors during the month of February 2024 for the Cholistan villages district Bahawalpur.



A good education is the most important gift we can give our young people

Nicola Sturgeon

## QUETTA DISTRICT

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**TRY NOT TO HAVE A GOOD  
TIME... THIS IS SUPPOSED  
TO BE EDUCATIONAL.**

CHARLES M SCHULZ



## **b. Socio-economic empowerment of displaced women Quetta sponsored by UN Women.**

### **ORIENTATION SESSION**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" the UN Women team conducted orientation session with UPP Project staff on 26th October 2023 at auditorium Hall Jan Luxury hotel Quetta. Thanks to the UN Women team for conducting such an informative and inspiring session.



**Training is not an  
expense, but an  
investment in  
human capital.**

**Roy H. Williams**

**ORIENTATION AND PROJECT BRIEFING SESSION WAS HELD FOR 30 TEACHERS AND TRAINERS ALONG WITH PROJECT STAFF**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" a full day orientation and project briefing session was held for 30 teachers and trainers along with project staff on 27th October 2023 at auditorium Hall Jan Luxury hotel Quetta. The facilitators for the session were Shamin Gulzar Director UPP, Yousaf Gill project coordinator and Hamida Hazara project supervisor. The topic covered during the session were:

Skills and business development

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

Secondary Traumatic Stress/Compassion

Secondary Trauma





## **2-DAY ADULT LITERACY TRAINING**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 2-day Adult Literacy Training was held for teachers and supervisors on 28th-29th October 2023 at Umeed Partnership Pakistan's office Quetta. The facilitator for the training was Shamin Gulzar Director UPP.



It's not about perfect. It's about effort. And when you bring that effort every single day, that's where transformation happens. That's how change occurs.

**Jillian Michaels**

## **6 SEWING/TAILORING AND 6 ADULT LITERACY CENTRES**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 6 sewing/tailoring and 6 Adult Literacy Centres are being run among displaced women at various parts of Quetta. The training course is for 7 months.



**Only those who have  
patience to do simple  
things perfectly ever  
acquire the skill to do  
difficult things easily.**

James J. Corbett



## **3-DAY TRAINING OF TRAINERS**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 3-day Training of Trainers was organized by UPP from 6 - 8 March 2024 at Quetta to build the capacity of 16 WHRDs from 8 NGOs and organizations of Quetta as facilitators to replicate the same training among 600 women trainees of 30 skill training centres run for Afghan and Hazara displaced women of Quetta. The facilitators were trained to help women trainees to develop and strengthen their vocational and business skills, guiding them in starting and managing small scale business. Provide women with the managerial and productive skills to begin or enhance a home and market based business. Explaining women who entrepreneur is, why people go into business, the key skills requirement for an entrepreneur and the generation of business ideas, why business get failed and the basics of customer care. The second section of the training was psycho-social support, self-care wellbeing, mental health and stress management skills.



## **6 COMPUTERS TRAINING CENTRES**

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 6 computers training Centres are being run among displaced women at various parts of Quetta. The training course is for 7 months. The project is funded by UN Women.

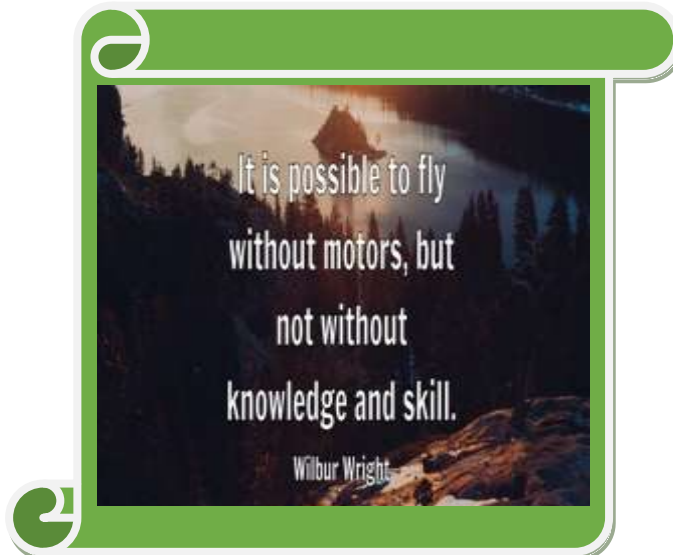


**“**  
The real power of  
computer science  
is that it gives you a  
language to help you do  
stuff you want to do.”  
**”**  
—June Mark, EDC



## 6 CULTURAL SHOE AND DECORATION PIECES MAKING TRAINING CENTRES

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 6 Cultural shoe and decoration pieces making training Centres are being run among displaced women at various parts of Quetta. The training course is for 7 months. The project is funded by UN Women.



## 6 EMBROIDERY TRAINING CENTRES

Under the project title "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Displaced Women in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan" 6 embroidery training Centres are being run among displaced women at various parts of Quetta. The training course is for 7 months. The project is funded by UN Women.



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*Be a lifelong student.*

The more you learn, the more you earn and more self confidence you will have.

Brian Tracy



## 6 ADULT LITERACY CENTRES

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Upon the subject of education... I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## 6 SEWING/TAILORING TRAINING CENTRES

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Skill is the unified  
force of experience,  
intellect and passion  
in their operation.

John Ruskin



**MS. SABA ABBASI FROM UN WOMEN VISITED SOME OF OUR CENTRES**

Ms. Saba Abbasi from UN Women visited some of our centres in Quetta on Monday 18 March 2024 to see and check the progress and the quality of trade and skills being taught in these centres. She was very pleased to see the great work being done in these centres for displaced women of Quetta for their future financial independency as skilled workers and entrepreneurs. Ms. Saba also visited UPP office in Quetta and had a wonderful meeting with the project staff.



## 15 SESSIONS

During May 2024, 15 sessions were facilitated by trained facilitators on economic empowerment, mental health, self-care and well being for 600 displaced women from 30 centres of swing, embroidery, cultural shoe and decoration pieces making, computer training and adult literacy centers being run at different parts of Quetta. The sessions aimed to equip these women with essential skills and knowledge to excel in business and entrepreneurship. each session was attended by more than 40 participants and lasted for more than 3 hours during which the following topics were covered:

Mental health, physical exercises, legal aspects of business, customer care, entrepreneurship, requirements to establish, run and flourish business and marketing strategies.





## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES (CC & I) QUETTA** **VISIT**

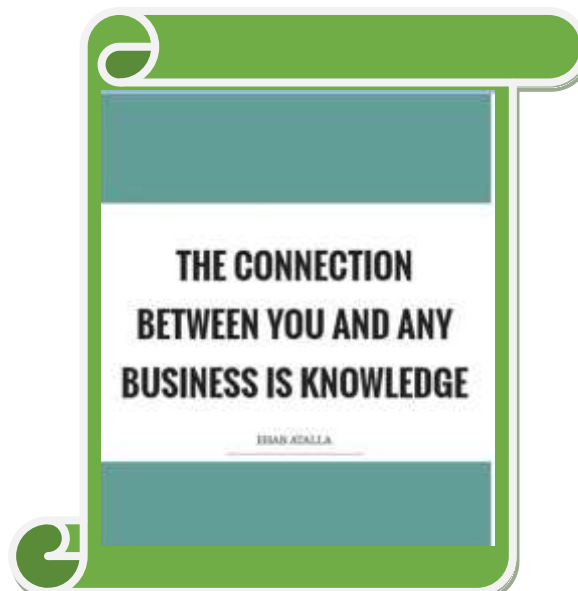
From 21-23 May 2024, 360 women from various trades i.e. sewing, embroidery and cultural shoe and decoration pieces making visited the Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CC & I) Quetta for three days in groups. Each group of trainees spent whole day from 11 am to 5 pm at CC&I welcomed and facilitated by senior assistant director Mr. Aga Gul of CC&I, president Ms. Mehvish Kenval Janjua of WCC&I, senior vice president Ms. Huma Baluch of WCC&I and the serving staff. The CC & I administration was thrilled to see so many women entering their institution for 3 days. They expressed that in the history of CC & I they never saw so many women together due to cultural, gender and religious restrictions. However, they were pleased to have them in their institution and said that it will be a great honour and success of CC & I registering so many women businesses in the near future. They said that the doors of CC & I will always be opened for them to come and get assistance from the staff of the institution. The staff will always be there to assist them and provide them with all possible help and support to make them entrepreneurs and business owners.





## **MARKET VISITS**

From 06-13 June 2024, 360 women from various trades i.e. sewing, embroidery and cultural shoe and decoration pieces making (18 Centres) visited various markets of Quetta in small groups where they showed their samples to the shopkeepers who liked them and promised to place orders or to purchase their finish products.





**Come and join Umeed:**

Become partners of Hope  
 Hope for a better and just world;  
 Hope for men and women's equality;  
 Hope to strengthen the hopeless and those in despair.  
 Hope for the better democracy among the disadvantaged communities.

**Join us to support our program of**

Human Rights Training for women and street children (Just Society)  
 Economic freedom for women and street children (vocational)  
 Girls' & boys' education (schools)  
 Rehabilitation of women in distress (Legal Aid)  
 Talent Development (Youth)  
 Peace building and interfaith harmony (tolerant society)

**Help Umeed in providing:**

Administrative and skills-based support  
 Tools and materials (in-kind)  
 Financial support  
 Support as volunteers

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