

ITA's CEO Baela Raza Jamil attends a lively Maker {Futures} International Networking Event

ITA's CEO Baela Raza Jamil attended the transformative Maker {Futures} International Networking Event hosted by the University of Sheffield (UK) from June 10th to 12th, 2024, at the WAVE sustainable building. Led by Dr. Alison Buxton and Dr. Louise Kay, the event brought together global academic and non-academic stakeholders to advance maker and STEAM-based education. This collaboration, initiated by Ms. Saman J. Qarni in Karachi in 2023, aligned with the Pakistan Learning Festival (PLF) and Kitab Gari/Mobile Learning van. The event aimed to forge strategic alliances, explore the challenges of school-based makerspaces in diverse contexts, encourage interdisciplinary collaborations, and create professional development resources. Highlights included meeting partners from Nigeria,

Australia, Indonesia, Italy, Pakistan, UK primary schools, and the Sheffield School of Education, with a strong interest in replicating the Learning Festival. The Leather Dude, PLF's partner Mr. Junaid Vohra, led a warm-up activity from the "Leather for Kids" kit. Baela also connected with ITA's UK friends, including Dr. Monazza Aslam, Dr. Pauline Rose, Dr. Irfan Muzaffar, Ms. Saba Saeed, and Ms. Lalarukh Shams.



In June 2024, Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) held virtual consultations with stakeholders in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi to examine how political settlements impact foundational learning policies in Pakistan. These discussions aimed to engage young politicians in facilitating the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey in their constituencies, promoting accountability and healthy competition. Key meetings included discussions with Education Ministers Rana Sikandar Hayat (Punjab), Murad Ali Shah (Sindh), Faisal Khan Tarakai (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), and an MPA of Lower Dir, as well as a session with Mr. Rafi Ullah Kakar at the Planning Commission. These leaders expressed strong support for the initiative, highlighting a collective commitment to enhancing educational policies through data-driven accountability mechanisms. The ASER survey will have a baseline in 2024, a midline in 2026, and an end line in 2028.

In June, ITA made significant strides in District Okara and District Toba Tek Singh (TTS). We conducted 24 Village Forum (VF) meetings in Okara and 32 in TTS, making 150 referrals in TTS and 120 in Okara, ensuring 100% service access. We resolved 28 early warnings on gender-based violence, child marriage, and social cohesion. Additionally, we registered 62 women, 15 transgender individuals, and 41 men in the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), and enrolled 5 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Hamqadam program. We organized 20 video screening sessions on Aawaz II thematic areas and hosted a successful visit by representatives from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UNICEF Pakistan, UNFPA Pakistan, and the British Council Pakistan to District TTS. This visit highlighted our achievements and strengthened partnerships, showcasing the impact of Aawaz II's initiatives.



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Young Omang successfully led the "Period Pride" menstrual health awareness campaign in various cities through selected youth-led CSOs. In partnership with "Embrace," ITA received additional donations, which were distributed among community members during awareness sessions. Planning meetings with CSOs are ongoing to organize a second round of training on advanced menstrual health management concepts.