

Welcome to the latest edition of the Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) September Newsletter!

ITA is a nonprofit organization, certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy and tax-exempt, dedicated to advancing education and driving social reform in Pakistan.

Since its inception in 2000, ITA has spent 24 years working tirelessly to improve the quality of education, promote literacy, and advocate for critical policy reforms. Through research, training, and community mobilization, ITA remains committed to achieving its mission.

Explore our work to see how we're making a lasting impact in these essential areas!

Annual Status of Education Report

In September, Team ASER Pakistan/ITA achieved several key milestones. They met with the Deputy Commissioner of Umerkot, gaining approval to conduct a longitudinal study in his constituency. We also signed a contract with the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) to carry out surveys across eight constituencies. Additionally, the team attended an international online webinar on the International Common Assessment of Numeracy (ICAN), completing the ELANA survey for the PAL Network.

Conducted in-house training and pilot focus group discussions were conducted to refine the political constituency study, focusing on education, equity, political awareness, and community involvement in multiple cities of Pakistan.



Multi Year Resilience Program

In September, under the MYRP initiative, mentoring visits were conducted in key districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to support and guide educational efforts. To enhance the capacity of consortium partners, comprehensive Education in Emergencies (EiE) training sessions were organized, equipping participants with crucial skills to manage education in crisis situations. Additionally, significant progress was made in preparing for a provincial consultation with Education Officers, aimed at fostering collaboration and aligning strategies to address the educational needs in the region.



AWAZ II IMPACT IN Numbers

- 139 referrals made to various departments in TTS and 127 referrals in Okara, ensuring 100% service access.
- 9 early warnings on gender-based violence, child marriage, and social cohesion in TTS resolved
- 7 early warnings on similar issues in Okara resolved
- 49 women, 15 transgender individuals, and 18 men registered in the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).
- 7 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) enrolled in the Hamqadam programme.
- 21 video screening sessions on Aawaz II thematic areas were organized in villages of TTS and Okara.

A total of 266 referrals were made to different departments, with 100% service access achieved. 16 early warnings related to gender-based violence, child marriage, and social cohesion were successfully resolved. In addition, 49 women, 15 transgender individuals, and 18 men were registered in BISP, and 7 PWDs were enrolled in the Hamqadam programme. The project also successfully organized 21 video screening sessions and hosted a delegation visit from prominent international organizations, strengthening partnerships and showcasing the impact of Aawaz II's initiatives.

Pakistan Learning Festival

Pakistan Defence Day (September 6th):

We proudly celebrated Pakistan Defence Day, honoring the bravery and sacrifices of our armed forces. Activities were held to instill a sense of patriotism in students, reminding them of the significance of this historic day.



International Literacy Day (September 10th):

In celebration of International Literacy Day, team PLF organized a range of activities that highlighted the importance of multilingualism and climate literacy. Students participated in multilingual storytelling sessions, learning about different cultures through stories. The climate literacy activities educated students about environmental issues, emphasizing the importance of understanding climate change and its impact on our future.



Smog Awareness Campaign:

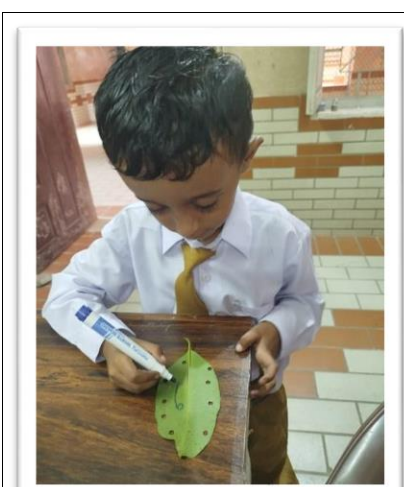
Throughout September, we conducted smog awareness sessions in schools to educate students about air pollution and its harmful effects on health. These sessions were crucial in raising awareness about the importance of protecting the environment and ensuring a healthier future for all.



Numeracy and Literacy Week Updates!

During the numeracy and literacy week, Kitab Gari engaged children in a fun, hands-on activity of counting leaves!

They created patterns with a punch machine, sharpening their counting skills and building confidence through creative learning.



K-Electric Awareness Sessions

In light of the persistent rains in Karachi, Kitab Gari is organizing crucial awareness sessions to educate people on how to stay safe while using electricity and appliances during the monsoon.

Today, we taught children about the hazards of electricity through a story, highlighting a real incident in which a child was injured due to a loose electrical wire at home.

*These sessions are made possible with the generous support of K-Electric



Celebrating World Literacy Day with Kitab Gari!

Promoted [#LiteracyForAll](#) through the power of multilingual education, we brought stories to life for our young learners. They discovered new words, spelled them, and shared their meanings in their native languages, creating a beautiful tapestry of linguistic diversity.

By translating their sentences into Urdu, they bridged language gaps and fostered mutual understanding. Together, we're building a more inclusive and literate world, one story at a time!

*This session was made possible with the generous support of HABIBMETRO Bank



Sindh Early Learning Enhancement Through Classroom Transformation (SELECT Project)

ITA, in its role as a technical support and material development firm for the [Reform Support Unit, SELD](#) - PMIU unit, conducted the second round of a 4-day Material Development Workshop on Early Grade Reading Material (EGRM) for Sindhi and Urdu under the [World Bank Pakistan](#)'s SELECT Project. This workshop focused on creating Urdu and Sindhi Read Alouds and Levelled Readers for classes 3, 4, and 5, involving government-appointed members of the Provincial Material Development Committee for Urdu and Sindhi, with each language expert dedicated to developing supplementary reading materials for these grades.



ConnectEd

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the ConnectED Project, a training session was held for 13 teachers and facilitators working with 160 students in Bahawalpur and Kasur. The session focused on standardizing the administration of Endline Assessments and leveling students based on their numeracy skills. It emphasized data-driven assessments, providing step-by-step guidance on conducting the Endline Assessments, leveling students in core math skills, and collecting accurate data. Facilitators were also trained to engage with caregivers to share student progress and offer feedback for home support. This training is vital to our monitoring and assessment framework for tracking the project's impact.



PEF/PIEMA Schools

In our PEF/PIEMA schools, the team celebrated important events such as Defence Day, Quaid-e-Azam's Death Anniversary, Eid Milad-un-Nabi, and Literacy Day.

The first term of School-Based Assessment (SBA) was successfully completed across all schools. The management team visited several schools in PEIMA, Bahawalpur, to monitor progress, focusing on student learning and teaching methods. During library periods, new reading techniques were introduced, and students showed great enthusiasm in participating.



Young Omang

The Young Omang Phase 2 awareness campaign, "Period Pride," is at its peak. Selected CSOs, "Dastak" and "STREET," are actively conducting activities through their field teams in various districts. "Dastak" is leading the campaign under the name "ماہواری سواری" in cities like Lahore, Gujranwala, Multan, Skardu, and Rawalpindi, while STREET is heading the campaign in Balochistan. Our teams also participated in the "National Youth Peace Festival" organized by the CDA in Lahore, with support from Young Omang. In the monthly meeting, all partners shared their plans to conduct training for Phase 3 CSOs in October/November.

