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Strengthening Community–Government Coordination for Disaster Preparedness





On 1 September 2026, a district-level coordination meeting was held in Umerkot under the chairmanship of ADC-I Mr. Javed Dahri, with participation from government departments, rescue services, NGOs, CSOs and community representatives. RDF presented its work on climate change, disaster risk reduction and management, and early warning systems, including Rescue 1122 drills, emergency response team kits, evacuation drills, multi-hazard awareness sessions and community emergency response groups. The meeting also promoted stronger linkages between community representatives and district disaster management platforms. RDF highlighted tree plantation and Hurree Plantation as measures to address climate risks, including drought. The ADC-I and Social Welfare Department appreciated RDF's efforts and encouraged regular drills and stronger community coordination.

Project : **Climate Resilient WASH in Sanghar and Umerkot** | Funded by: **Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)**

Green Skills Project Promotes Stronger Coordination in Thatta





On 3 September 2026, the Green Skills Project team attended a coordination meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Thatta. The meeting brought together the district administration and representatives of approximately 22 development organizations working across the district. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohammad Sadiq Memon, Member of the National Assembly; the Deputy Commissioner, Thatta; the Assistant Commissioners of District Thatta; Mr. Khuda Bux Baharani, Additional Director of the Social Welfare Department; and representatives of participating organizations. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the contributions of development organizations in supporting communities across the district. Discussions focused on strengthening coordination, avoiding duplication of interventions and ensuring the effective use of available services. Mr. Mohammad Sadiq Memon also emphasized the importance of maintaining close and continuous coordination with the district administration to improve service delivery, strengthen collaboration and expand outreach to communities in need.

Project : **Skill Up Plus |** Funded by: **Welthungerhilfe (WHH)**

OUTLOOK

Skilled Women Begin Earning Through Tailoring Orders





Women trained at the Bheel Colony Stitching Center have started receiving stitching orders, marking an important step toward sustainable livelihoods. By applying their tailoring skills, they are generating income, strengthening their financial independence and contributing more actively to their families' economic well-being.

E-Bike Technician Trainees Complete Written and Practical Tests







On 4 September 2026, Sir Aftab Akhund conducted a monitoring visit to the E-Bike Technician Training at The Hunar Foundation in Tando Allahyar. During the visit, trainees were undertaking their viva assessment after completing their written and practical tests. The visit provided an opportunity to review the trainees' progress and reaffirm the importance of quality skills training in preparing young people for employment and livelihood opportunities in the emerging e-mobility sector.

Project : **Clean Energy Project** | Funded by: **Kindernotehilfe (KNH)**

Strengthening Institutional Collaboration for Environmental Conservation




On 31 August 2026, Prof. Syed Zia-ul-Hassan Shah, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Umerkot Campus, visited RDF's NCA CR-WASH & CES Kunri Office. He reviewed and appreciated the project's progress and ongoing activities. Discussions focused on tree plantation, environmental conservation and the Hurree Plantation initiative. Building on the existing MOU and collaboration between RDF and SAU, both sides also explored plans for joint programmes and initiatives in the coming period.

Promoting Sustainable Waste Management and Fuel-Efficient Cooking





On 31 August 2026, RDF's NCA CR-WASH & CES teams conducted community activities in Sanghar and Umerkot. In Sanghar, community members were sensitized on proper solid waste management and the importance of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds for sustaining WASH facilities. Women also received training on fuel-efficient stoves and learned how these stoves can reduce firewood use, cooking time, smoke, fuel costs and the risk of fires and burns while protecting the environment. The team also documented community experiences related to menstrual hygiene management and village cleanliness as case studies. In Kunri, community members participated in practical training on preparing and using fuel-efficient stoves.

Strengthening Institutional Partnerships for a Greener Future






On 3 September 2026, RDF, under the NCA CR-WASH & CES Project, conducted tree plantation and environmental awareness activities at Government Girls Degree College, Kunri, and Sindh Agriculture University, Umerkot Campus. The activities were implemented with the valuable support and collaboration of both institutions, promoting environmental protection, community participation and climate resilience while strengthening partnerships for a greener future.

Strengthening Coordination with District Leadership and Academic Institutions




On 3 September 2026, RDF held a coordination meeting with Ms. Sarah, Deputy Commissioner of Umerkot, to discuss project progress, ongoing activities and the upcoming field plan. RDF also met with Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khoro, Director of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sanghar Campus, to discuss coordination and planning for an upcoming tree plantation activity at the university. These engagements strengthened institutional linkages and supported joint action for climate-resilient development.

Project : **Climate Resilient WASH in Sanghar and Umerkot** | Funded by: **Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)**

Strengthening Sustainable Cotton Practices Through Farmer Engagement



On 31 August 2026, RDF Better Cotton Project Coordinator Dr. Aftab Ahmed conducted a PU Support Visit in Paryo Bubbar, Tando Adam. The visit brought cotton farmers together to discuss field-level experiences and challenges while reinforcing Better Cotton principles, sustainable production, efficient input use, water management, soil health, worker safety and proper record keeping.

Strengthening Farmer Verification and Better Cotton Compliance

On 31 August 2026, Producer Unit Manager Dr. Abid Ali visited Badal Thaheem to verify Better Cotton farmer records and assess the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices. Farmer information, field records, Farmer Field Books, training materials and other project documentation were reviewed, strengthening data accuracy, compliance and effective implementation of the Better Cotton Programme.



Promoting Safe and Accessible Grievance Mechanisms for Workers



On 31 August 2026, the Better Cotton Project conducted a session in Qaim Thaheem on the PU grievance mechanism and labour monitoring system. Participants were sensitized on enabling men, women and vulnerable workers to safely report concerns related to rights violations, discrimination, harassment, child and forced labour, workplace safety and other labour risks, with emphasis on confidential reporting and appropriate response mechanisms.

Building Capacity for Sustainable Livelihoods in Cotton Communities



On 31 August 2026, RDF conducted a Training of Trainers on Better Cotton Principle 6 – Sustainable Livelihoods for PU Managers and Field Facilitators in Sakrand. Led by Project Manager Ms. Aisha Memon, the session strengthened participants' capacity to identify livelihood priorities through community engagement and translate them into locally relevant, measurable and sustainable interventions for cotton-growing communities.

Project : **Better Cotton Initiative** | Funded by: **BCI Growth and Innovation Foundation**

Leadership Visit Reinforces Commitment to Quality Education



On 31 August 2026, Executive Director RDF Mr. Masood Ahmed Mahesar, accompanied by Deputy Executive Director Mr. Arshad Ali Danwar, visited GHS Hasul Khan Jamali, GHSS Garhi Khairo and GHS Adam Khan Panhwar. The leadership team reviewed classroom activities, interacted with students and observed the teaching-learning environment, providing valuable guidance to strengthen educational quality and learning outcomes.

Career Counselling Inspires Students to Shape Their Futures

On 1 September 2026, a career counselling session was held at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki featuring Additional Deputy Commissioner Jacobabad Mr. Shahid Hussain Sarki. Sharing his career journey, challenges and life lessons, he encouraged students to pursue their aspirations with determination, patience and informed career choices.



Community Outreach Promotes School Enrolment and Attendance



On 2 September 2026, GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki launched a door-to-door outreach campaign in Village Bodlo Khan Bhatti to strengthen community engagement around education. Families were encouraged to ensure regular school attendance and keep children connected to learning, reinforcing the shared responsibility of communities and schools in improving educational participation.

Turning Physics Theory into a Spectrum of Learning

On 2 September 2026, Grade 10 students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki explored the dispersion of white light through a practical prism demonstration led by Mr Nadir Ali Chachar. By observing the formation of the VIBGYOR spectrum, students experienced how practical experimentation can transform a textbook concept into an engaging and memorable learning experience.



From Rote Learning to Real Understanding in English



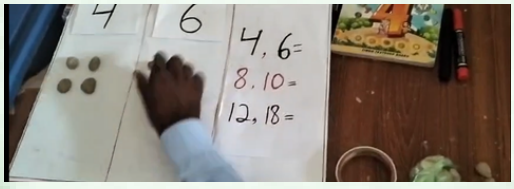
On 2 September 2026, Grade 9 students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki participated in an interactive English activity based on the story "Two Brothers." Instead of relying on memorization and word-for-word translation, students identified key ideas and confidently retold the story in their own words, strengthening comprehension, communication and independent learning.

Learning Colours Through Activity-Based Education

On 3 September 2026, Class 3 students at GHS Ali Sher Jakhrani participated in an engaging activity to recognize and learn colour names. Facilitated by teacher Asif Ali Amur, the session used interactive learning to improve students' participation, confidence and understanding while making the learning process enjoyable.



Making Mathematics Practical Through H.C.F. Learning



On 3 September 2026, Grade 4 students at GHS Dodapur explored the concept of Highest Common Factor through a practical classroom activity led by Mr Zafar Hussain Malghani. The hands-on approach helped students understand the mathematical concept more clearly while encouraging active participation and confidence.

Play-Based Learning Builds Early Writing Skills

On 3 September 2026, ECE learners at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki developed early writing skills through a sensory sand-tray activity. By tracing letters in sand, children strengthened fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and finger control, demonstrating how playful learning can build strong foundations for future literacy.



Students Explore the Environment Through Creativity



On 3 September 2026, Class 6 students at GHS Adam Khan Panhwar worked collaboratively to prepare charts on biotic and abiotic components of the environment under the guidance of Ms. Sajida. The activity strengthened environmental understanding while developing teamwork, creativity, communication and active learning skills.

Fire Safety Drill Strengthens Emergency Preparedness

On 3 September 2026, students and staff at GHS Adam Khan Panhwar and GGHS Qadirpur participated in a fire safety awareness and evacuation drill. Participants practised safe evacuation procedures, emergency response and fire-extinguisher handling, reinforcing the importance of preparedness, calm decision-making and regular safety practice.



Pythagoras Comes Alive Through Real-World Learning



On 4 September 2026, students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki applied the Pythagorean Theorem to a real-world setting by measuring the school staircase under the guidance of JEST Naveed Ahmed Bhatti. The practical exercise transformed the formula into an observable experience and demonstrated the relevance of mathematics beyond the textbook.

Physics in Action: Understanding Motion Due to Gravity

On 4 September 2026, students explored motion under gravity through a simple classroom demonstration led by Mr Nadir Ali. By observing an object falling and discussing acceleration due to gravity, students connected theoretical physics with an everyday phenomenon, making the concept more understandable and memorable.



Motivational Film Inspires Young Minds



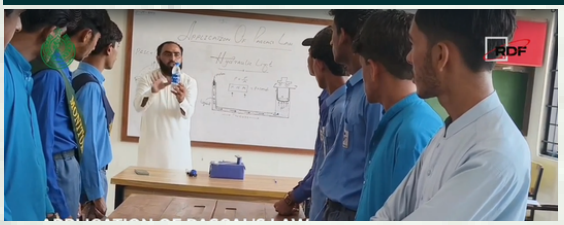
On 4 September 2026, Class 6 students at GHS Adam Khan Panhwar participated in a motivational movie activity designed to promote positive thinking and personal growth. The session provided students with meaningful life lessons and encouraged them to remain motivated, set goals and believe in their potential.

Nutrition Awareness Promotes Healthier Choices

On 4 September 2026, students at GHS Adam Khan Panhwar and GHS Budhani participated in World Nutrition Day awareness sessions focused on healthy food choices and balanced nutrition. Students learned about the six major nutrient groups, portion control, obesity, malnutrition and the importance of healthy eating habits for overall well-being.



Pascal's Law Becomes Practical Through Experimentation



On 4 September 2026, Class X students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki explored Pascal's Law through a practical experiment under the guidance of Physics teacher Sir Qudratullah. The activity demonstrated how pressure applied to a confined fluid is transmitted equally in all directions, helping students connect scientific theory with real-life applications.

Defence Day Celebrated with Patriotism and Gratitude

On 4 September 2026, GHS Adam Khan Panhwar marked Defence Day with a programme highlighting the courage and sacrifices of Pakistan's armed forces. Students participated through speeches and performances, creating an opportunity to promote patriotism, gratitude and respect for the nation's heroes.





Community Rally Mobilizes Support for Education



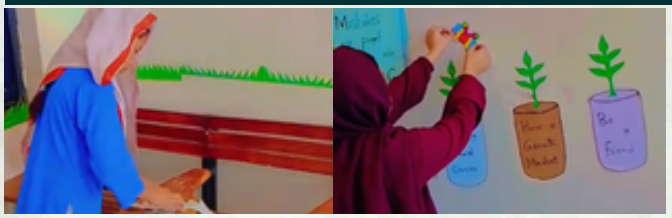
On 4 September 2026, students and staff of GHS Bahoo Khoso organized a community outreach meeting and rally to promote school attendance and student engagement. Community members actively participated and appreciated the initiative, reinforcing the importance of collective action in keeping children connected to education.

Kindness and Empathy Through Creative Expression

On 4 September 2026, students of GGHS Qadirpur created and presented "Get Well Soon" cards for a classmate under the guidance of Ms. Saima Shah. The activity encouraged empathy, creativity and communication while demonstrating how schools can nurture kindness, friendship and peer support alongside academic learning.



Creating Classrooms that Inspire Learning



On 4 September 2026, Class 4 students at GGHS Qadirpur, guided by Ms. Saba, contributed to creating a bright and welcoming classroom environment. The initiative demonstrated how attractive and learner-friendly spaces can support student motivation, positive attitudes and greater engagement with learning.

Project: **EMO Schools in Jacobabad** | Funded by: **PPP Node, Sindh Education Department**

Young Girls Honour the Nation's Heroes on Defence Day





On 6 September 2026, students of GGES Shahnawaz Muhajir marked Defence Day with handmade charts, posters and presentations paying tribute to Pakistan's armed forces and martyrs. The activity encouraged patriotism, discipline and a sense of national responsibility while giving students an opportunity to express their respect for the country's heroes.

Young Learners Promote Love, Respect and Noble Character

On 4 September 2026, girls at GGES Shahnawaz Muhajir shared messages on love and respect for Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through thoughtfully prepared placards. The activity promoted values of following the Sunnah, developing noble character and practising kindness and respect in everyday life.




Empowering Girls to Become Changemakers

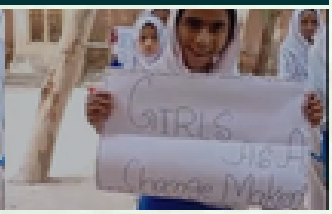



On 4 September 2026, an awareness activity at GGELS Chak No. 05, District Badin, encouraged girls to recognize their strengths, build confidence and understand their potential to contribute to positive change. Through interactive discussion, students explored leadership qualities and the power of small actions to create meaningful impact.

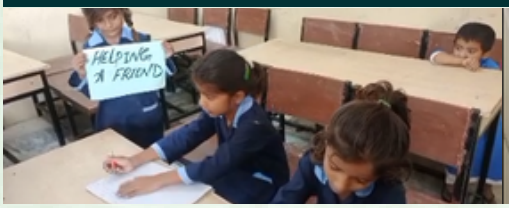
Girls Raise Their Voices for Positive Change

On 4 September 2026, students at GGES Bachal Pitafi participated in a Girls as Change Makers activity, sharing messages promoting girls' education, respect, leadership and community participation. Their confident participation highlighted the importance of empowering girls to learn, lead and contribute to positive social change.

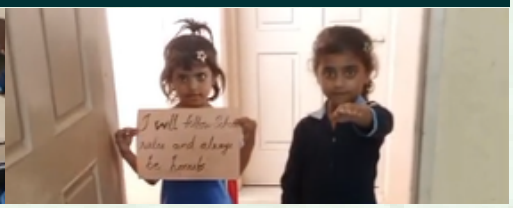




Building Responsibility Through "I Will Serve My School"







On 4 September 2026, ECE students at GGES Arif Kaka, Hyderabad, participated in an "I Will Serve My School" activity facilitated by Ms. Anum Hussain. Children practised simple acts of cleanliness and responsibility, learning that caring for their school environment is an important part of becoming responsible learners and citizens.

Defence Day Celebrations Foster Patriotism Among Girls






On 6 September 2026, GGES Bachal Pitafi, District Tando Allahyar, celebrated Defence Day through patriotic artwork, banners and tributes to Pakistan's armed forces and martyrs. The activity nurtured national pride while reinforcing RDF's commitment to character building alongside quality education.

Fire Safety Awareness Builds Safer School Communities

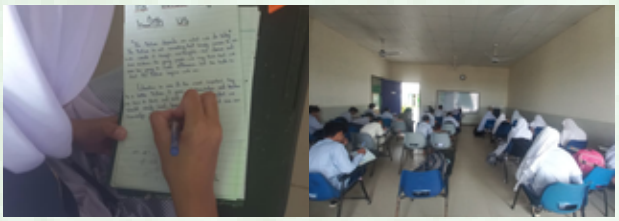


On 4 September 2026, students at GGES Bachal Pitafi participated in a fire safety awareness session covering basic prevention measures, emergency contacts and safe responses. Using simple visuals and practical explanations, the session equipped young learners with essential knowledge to respond more confidently during emergencies.

Project: **EMO JICA Girls' Schools** | Funded by: **PPP Node, Sindh Education Department**

Writing Competition Builds Confidence and Creativity

On 31 August 2026, students of People's School Mirpur Bathoro, District Sujawal, participated in a writing competition designed to strengthen spelling, grammar, punctuation, handwriting and creative expression. The activity encouraged students to organize ideas clearly, learn from mistakes and express themselves with greater confidence.



Practical Safety Skills Prepare Students for Emergencies



On 2 September 2026, students at People's School Mirpur Bathoro participated in a practical Fire Prevention and Safety Awareness session. Students learned basic fire-extinguisher handling, first aid and emergency response, helping them develop confidence and life-saving skills through learning by doing.

Reading and Storytelling Bring the Library to Life

On 2 September 2026, People's School Mirpur Bathoro encouraged students to participate in regular reading and storytelling activities. The initiative promoted meaningful use of the school library while nurturing reading habits, curiosity, communication skills and confidence among young learners.



Thermodynamics Comes Alive Through Practical Learning

On 3 September 2026, students at People's School Mirpur Bathoro explored the Second Law of Thermodynamics through a practical demonstration using the working principle of a refrigerator. The activity enabled students to observe how external work facilitates heat transfer, turning an abstract scientific law into an understandable real-world experience.



Sports Support Holistic Student Development



On 4 September 2026, students at People's School Mirpur Bathoro participated in sports and recreational activities that promoted fitness, teamwork, discipline and confidence. Such activities complement classroom learning by strengthening social skills and supporting the development of healthy, active and well-rounded young people.

Entry Test Combines Academic Assessment with Motivation

On 4 September 2026, People's School Mirpur Bathoro conducted its First Year Entry Test, with 40 of 41 applicants appearing for the examination. Before the test, students viewed RDF's educational documentary "Naatho," highlighting the importance of education and future aspirations. The examination was conducted in a disciplined and well-organized manner using standardized MCQ and bubble-sheet procedures.



Strong Student Participation Reflected in SEF Monitoring Visit




On 1 September 2026, the SEF Monitoring and Evaluation Team visited People's School Dhoronaro for its regular RSSV monitoring. The team reviewed classrooms, academic practices and facilities, interacted with students and conducted a student headcount. The school achieved an 86% student headcount, reflecting encouraging engagement from students, teachers and the wider school community.

Fire Safety and First Aid Build Student Confidence





On 3 September 2026, students at People's School Dhoronaro participated in a practical Fire Prevention, First Aid and Emergency Response session. Students learned fire-extinguisher handling, basic wound care and safe emergency responses, strengthening preparedness and life skills through practical learning.

Animation Makes Biology Concepts Easier to Understand



On 4 September 2026, Class XII Pre-Medical students at People's Higher Secondary School Dhoronaro explored the mechanism of nerve impulse transmission through an educational animation session on the LCD. Visualizing how signals travel between neurons helped students understand a complex biological process in a clear, engaging and memorable way.

Project: **People's School** Funded by: **Sindh Education Foundation**

Strengthening Education and Community Livelihood Linkages in Khipro

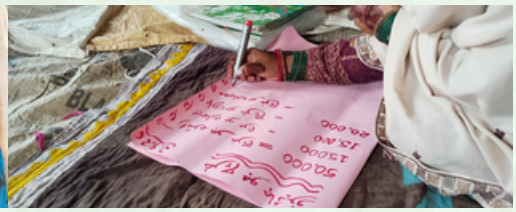




On 1 September 2026, the RDF SHA Team visited targeted areas in Khipro to review school enrolment and strengthen coordination with Head Teachers and school operators. The team also followed up on the Bright Club at Faqeerabad SEF School, receiving updates on children's participation and discussing opportunities to expand membership and engagement.

Linking Education with Women's Economic Empowerment





On 2 September 2026, the RDF SHA Team visited Arbab Kehri School to review enrolment, including participation of children from SHG households. The team also joined an SHG meeting where women received business-related training and their household-level skills and potential were assessed to identify opportunities for strengthening income-generating activities.

Strengthening SHG Capacity Through Continuous Field Support




On 3 September 2026, the RDF SHA Team conducted follow-up visits across SHGs in Khipro, combining business training, plantation follow-up, record review and community support. The team also engaged with group members on meeting management and provided support to a group following the loss of a member, reinforcing both organizational capacity and community solidarity.

Women's Economic Empowerment Through Business Development





On 4 September 2026, RDF's SHA Team continued field engagement with SHGs in Khipro, where members participated in business training and followed up on their livelihood initiatives. One member of SHG Khushboo proudly shared her newly established small shop, while other groups strengthened leadership practices, household-level savings and participation.

Women's Economic Empowerment Through Business Development

On 4 September 2026, the RDF SHA Team met with the women's group Gul Motio in Village Ahmed Khan Rajar to document community experiences, challenges and changes over time. The participatory discussion helped women reflect on their village's progress and strengthen their confidence to present their community story and achievements in the future.



Project: **SHA Zero Phase in Khipro** Funded by: **Kindernotehilfe (KNH)**