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Government and Civil Society Join Hands for Democracy






On 15 September 2026, RDF, in collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, organized an International Day of Democracy event at the Deputy Commissioner's Committee Hall. Representatives from 25 civil society organizations participated in discussions on democracy, civic participation, inclusion, and community welfare. ADC-II Hyderabad Ms. Mehwish Buriro appreciated RDF's initiative and emphasized continued government–civil society coordination for addressing community needs and supporting inclusive development.

RDF Green Skills Project Builds Industry–TVET Linkages



On 15 September 2026, the RDF Green Skills Project team visited the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry and met Vice Chairman Mr. Shan Ellahi Sehgal. The team presented the project's focus on youth skills, employability, entrepreneurship, and market-oriented green skills. Discussions explored industry–TVET linkages and emerging labour-market needs, with the Chamber expressing willingness to support stronger collaboration between businesses, TVET institutions, and civil society.

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

Hands-On Learning Makes Computer Hardware Practical





On 15 September 2026, Class VI students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki, managed by RDF, participated in a hands-on activity on computer hardware. Through practical exploration of different components, students developed a clearer understanding of computer systems and strengthened their ability to connect theoretical concepts with real-world applications.

Students Explore the Values of Democracy

On 15 September 2026, GGHS Qadirpur, managed by RDF, observed the International Day of Democracy through an interactive student activity. Learners explored equality, freedom of expression, respect for diverse opinions, fair decision-making, and responsible citizenship. The session was supervised by Ms. Naheed, with RDF Regional Manager Mr. Ihsanullah Memon and TEO Mr. Asher visiting and appreciating the participation of students and staff.



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First Year Classes Begin at GHSS Dodapur



On 15 September 2026, First Year (XI) classes commenced for the first time at Government Higher Secondary School Dodapur, managed by RDF. The milestone expands access to higher secondary education for local students, enabling them to continue their education closer to home and creating new opportunities for progression beyond secondary school.

Strengthening Student Leadership at GHS Bahoo Khoso

On 15 September 2026, a Student Council meeting was held at the library of GHS Bahoo Khoso under the guidance of Mr. Imtiaz Ali Banglani. Students reviewed their roles and responsibilities, including student-led assemblies, activity planning, role allocation, follow-up, and accountability. The session strengthened leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and active student participation in school life.



Turning Science Concepts into Practical Learning



On 15 September 2026, Class VI Science students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki explored the separation of mixtures through a practical activity. Guided by Miss Ruqia Sarki, students used a magnet to separate iron dust from sand and observed the difference between magnetic and non-magnetic materials. The simple experiment transformed a textbook concept into an engaging learning experience.

Strengthening Coordination for Better School Performance

On 15 September 2026, a coordination meeting was held at GGHS Qadirpur with RDF Regional Manager Mr. Ihsanullah Memon, TEO Mr. Asher, and government and EMO/RDF teaching staff. Discussions focused on communication, clear responsibilities, teamwork, and collective efforts to strengthen academic standards and overall school performance. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continuous improvement and a student-centered approach.



Community Outreach Brings Education Closer to Bahoo Khoso



On 16 September 2026, GHS Bahoo Khoso launched a community awareness rally as part of its 15-Day Community Outreach Meetings Plan. Teachers and students engaged residents in the main market, sharing information about available school facilities, RDF-EMO's efforts to improve education, and the importance of education for a brighter future. Students carried the message "Parhandi Sindh ta Wadhandi Sindh," reinforcing the link between education and community progress.

Bringing the Human Eye to Life Through Practical Biology

On 16 September 2026, Class X students at GHSS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki explored the human eye as a sensory receptor through a practical Biology activity. Using a physical eye model and flashlight, students studied the anatomy of the eye and observed the pupillary light reflex as the pupil responded to changes in light. The activity strengthened understanding through direct observation and experimentation.



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Final Preparations Ensure Readiness for First Terminal Examinations



On 15–16 September 2026, RDF teams across the EMO Schools in Jacobabad completed the final preparations for the First Terminal Examinations. The process included careful printing and verification of question papers, issuance of examination slips, finalization of seating arrangements, and assignment of invigilation duties. The coordinated preparations focused on accuracy, organization, and timely readiness, ensuring that students and staff were fully prepared for the examinations and that the examination process could commence smoothly in a disciplined and well-organized environment.

Strengthening Educational Coordination with MNA Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani

On 17 September 2026, RDF Project Director Mr. Ihsanullah Memon met with Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani, MNA NA-190 Jacobabad and Chairman, National Assembly Standing Committee on Communications, to discuss RDF-managed EMO Schools in Jacobabad. The Project Director briefed him on school performance, progress, and operational challenges. The MNA appreciated RDF's efforts and assured cooperation, while plans were discussed for his forthcoming school visit and participation as Chief Guest at RDF's STEAM Exhibition in November.



First Terminal Examinations Commence Across RDF EMO Schools



On 17 September 2026, First Terminal Examinations commenced across all RDF-managed EMO Schools in Jacobabad. Students appeared for their papers in calm, disciplined, and well-organized settings, supported by teachers and school staff who ensured smooth examination arrangements. The commencement marked an important step in the academic assessment cycle.

Morning Assemblies Build Discipline, Unity and Responsibility

On 18 September 2026, morning assemblies across RDF-managed EMO Schools in Jacobabad reflected a culture of discipline, unity, and participation. Students from ECE to senior grades joined the national anthem and school routines under the guidance of teachers and student leaders. Beyond daily routine, the assemblies provide opportunities to nurture respect, responsibility, teamwork, and a sense of national spirit.



DEO Jacobabad Monitors First Terminal Examinations



On 18 September 2026, the District Education Officer (ES&HS), Jacobabad, accompanied by RDF Project Director Mr. Ihsanullah Memon and DECs, visited four RDF-managed schools—GHS Mirpur Buriro, GBELSS Mirpur Buriro, GHS Sardar Sohrab Khan Sarki, and GHS Abdul Qadir Khoso—to monitor the First Terminal Examinations. The team observed a transparent, disciplined, and well-organized examination process, while the DEO appreciated RDF's examination arrangements and implementation.

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

Strengthening School Leadership Through Professional Development



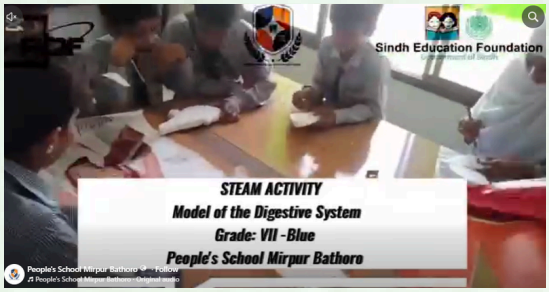



On 14–18 September 2026, School Coordinators from the RDF-managed girls' schools participated in a five-day Leadership & Education Management Training at SIPD Rashidabad under the JICA Girls' Schools Package-II. The training focused on strengthening school leadership and management practices, with sessions covering quality education, leadership styles, mentoring and coaching, 21st-century school leadership, the role of Head Teachers, School Management Committee (SMC) functions and SOPs, student assessment, record keeping, and the potential use of Artificial Intelligence in education. The programme concluded with a certificate distribution and closing ceremony attended by representatives of REACH, JICA and SIPD, where participants reflected on their learning and highlighted the relevance of the training to their day-to-day school leadership responsibilities. The initiative reflects RDF's continued commitment to building the capacity of school leaders and promoting effective, student-centred and accountable school management.

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

Hands-On Science Brings the Digestive System to Life

On 15 September 2026, Class VII students at People's School Mirpur Bathoro explored the human digestive system through a hands-on "Build the Digestive System" activity. Working in groups, students developed and presented models, identified major organs, and demonstrated the movement of food through the digestive tract. The activity transformed a complex science concept into an engaging learning experience while strengthening teamwork, communication, creativity, and student confidence.



From Career Guidance to Practical Skills



On 16 September 2026, People's School Mirpur Bathoro highlighted the impact of its ongoing career guidance efforts as students translated advice into practical action. Following school-based guidance during the summer vacation, several students independently enrolled in and completed a Basic Computer Skills course at Government Technical Institute Mirpur Bathoro. A subsequent interactive session on technical and vocational opportunities further encouraged students to explore skill-based learning, with several students going on to enroll in additional courses.

Connecting Students with Digital Opportunities





On 16 September 2026, People's School Mirpur Bathoro hosted an interactive career guidance session with a local digital skills centre on YouTube, digital content creation, SEO, and online monetization. The session introduced students to emerging digital opportunities and practical skills relevant to the changing world of work, reinforcing RDF's commitment to helping learners connect classroom education with future career pathways.

From Model to Real-World Discovery: Exploring Soil Erosion

On 15 September 2026, Grade IV-B students at People's School Dhoranaro conducted a hands-on experiment on soil erosion. By comparing bare soil with soil covered by wheat and dry grass, students observed how vegetation and roots help reduce erosion by slowing water flow and holding soil particles together. The activity turned a textbook concept into a practical STEM learning experience.



Exploring Life Beyond the Textbook



On 15 September 2026, Class IX Biology students at People's School Dhoranaro explored the taxonomic characteristics of two invertebrates through preserved specimens: sponge from Phylum Porifera and jellyfish from Phylum Cnidaria. The practical session encouraged observation, curiosity, and scientific understanding while giving students an opportunity to connect classroom concepts with real specimens.

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

RDF Strengthens Coordination for Environmental Action in Umerkot



On 14 September 2026, RDF held a coordination meeting with Deputy Commissioner Umerkot Mr. Naveed Rehman and ADC-I Mr. Jawed Dahri regarding upcoming activities under the NCA CR-WASH & CES Project. Discussions focused on a district-level advocacy seminar on water conservation and reduction of polythene bag use, along with training for duty bearers on climate-adaptive practices. The meeting aimed to strengthen institutional coordination and stakeholder participation for effective implementation.

Strengthening WASH Infrastructure Through Field Supervision

On 14 September 2026, the CR-WASH team supervised ongoing latrine construction in Village Muhammad Faqeer Mahar, Sanghar, verifying foundation and pit dimensions, construction materials, and technical standards. In Taluka Kunri, the team also reviewed Tankka, washroom, and culvert sites with the vendor and community members, while assessing previously completed work and identifying minor external flooring cracks for follow-up.



Community Engagement Advances WASH Activities Across Sanghar







On 14 September 2026, the CR-WASH team conducted field visits across Sanghar to finalize hand pumps, undertake water quality testing, complete beneficiary MoUs, and strengthen community engagement. New and rehabilitated water facilities were finalized in several villages, while water testing, savings activities, and a plantation site visit further supported integrated WASH and community development interventions.

District Advocacy Seminar Promotes Water Conservation and Environmental Responsibility




On 15 September 2026, RDF supported a district-level advocacy seminar in Umerkot under the NCA CR-WASH & CES Project, chaired by ADC-I Mr. Javed Ahmed Dahri. Government departments, NGOs, civil society, youth, community forums, and Scouts participated in discussions on water conservation and reducing polythene bag use. RDF Project Manager Ms. Nadia Shah delivered a multimedia presentation highlighting water conservation and environmental impacts, while stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to coordinated action.

Field Progress Strengthens Plantation, WASH and Community Interventions

On 15 September 2026, the NCA CR-WASH & CES teams monitored progress across Sanghar and Kunri. Acacia seeds and vermicompost were distributed for Hurri plantation, sites for plantation and latrine construction were verified, and community groups were engaged in cleanliness, record keeping, and documentation. In Kunri, plantation sites, beneficiary MoUs, inclusive latrines, irrigation channels, and Multi-Hazard Assessment activities were reviewed with communities and technical teams.




Community Monitoring Supports Climate-Resilient Development in Kunri



On 16 September 2026, the Kunri team, accompanied by the Project Manager, visited three villages to review plantation, savings groups, VDC records, FES activities, Hurri plantation, and emergency preparedness. Meetings with community groups and ERT members provided an opportunity to review progress, documentation, preparedness measures, and follow-up actions under the NCA CR-WASH & CES Project.

Strengthening Community Action on Sanitation and Waste Management

On 16 September 2026, RDF teams engaged communities across Sanghar on sanitation, savings, and solid waste management. Female SHG members updated savings records and received guidance on establishing a Kachra Kundi, while sanitation follow-up continued with VDCs and latrine beneficiaries. A garbage pit was also constructed in Village Muhammad Faqeer Mahar, accompanied by community awareness on maintaining a clean environment.




Scaling Up Hurri Plantation and Water Quality Monitoring



On 16 September 2026, the NCA CR-WASH & CES team advanced plantation, infrastructure, sanitation, and water quality activities across Sanghar and Khipro. Thirty acres were finalized for Hurri plantation with seeds and organic compost, including three acres already planted in Village Ghulam Qadir Narejo. Engineers and vendors reviewed drainage and pond sites, household latrine construction was supervised, and 10 water quality tests were conducted across five Khipro villages to assess potential new water schemes.

School WASH Club Promotes Hygiene and Positive Behaviour



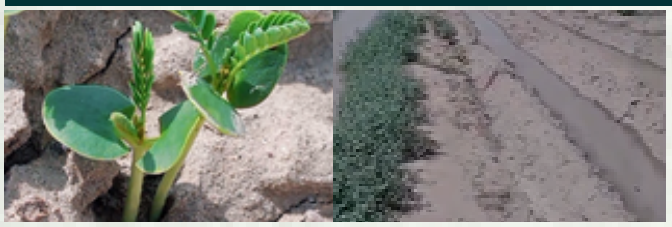
On 17 September 2026, RDF conducted a WASH awareness session with students of the School WASH Club at GBPS Ghulam Qadir Narejo, Sanghar. The session promoted personal hygiene, cleanliness, plant care, helping others, and peaceful and respectful behaviour. By engaging children directly, the activity strengthened awareness of healthy and environmentally responsible practices within the school community.

Integrated Field Activities Advance Community and Infrastructure Progress

On 17 September 2026, RDF monitored a range of WASH, community, construction, and plantation activities across project villages. Activities included School WASH awareness, SHG savings and FES guidance, latrine construction monitoring, block-making and kitchen construction, inspection of Naka structures, and solid waste management activities. Field teams provided guidance to communities to support quality implementation and timely progress.



Community-Led WASH and Plantation Efforts Continue to Grow



On 18 September 2026, Hurri plantation in Ramoon Kachi Village showed encouraging germination and healthy growth. The progress reflects continued community engagement in plantation activities and the growing emphasis on climate-resilient environmental interventions under RDF's NCA CR-WASH & CES Project.

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

Women Strengthen Sewing Skills Through Practical Training



On 14 September 2026, the SHA Khipro team visited Ahmed Khan Rajar for follow-up at the stitching centre, where trainee women confidently demonstrated their learning about JUKI machine components. Participants reported improvements in stitching quality, speed, and confidence, reflecting the practical benefits of skills-based training and women's economic empowerment.

Women Take First Steps Towards Smoke-Free Cooking Solutions



On 15 and 16 September 2026, SHA and CERI teams conducted a joint field visit to Ahmed Khan Rajar, where members of Motio Gul actively participated in plantation activities and began making smoke-free stoves for the first time. The initiative combined environmental action with practical community-level solutions, with women demonstrating strong participation and interest.

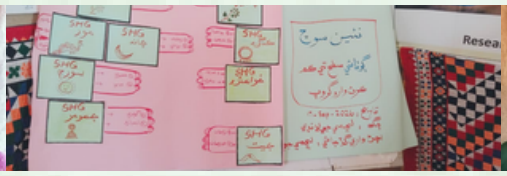
Stronger Institutional and Community Coordination in Khipro



On 16 September 2026, the SHA Khipro team engaged the Social Welfare Department, followed up on the Qabool Dars water scheme, and visited the Ahmed Khan Rajar stitching centre. The Social Welfare Department appreciated RDF's progress and expressed interest in further field engagement. The team also followed up on faulty water-system batteries and discussed community responsibility for restoring the unit.

From Household Change to Collective Action: Nayi Soch Takes Shape







On 17 September 2026, representatives of Ali Bux Dars Self-Help Groups completed all 11 steps required to form their Big Group, named "نئين سوچ" (Nayi Soch), with facilitation from the SHA Khipro team. The new group represents an important transition from individual household-level improvements toward collective community action and the eventual formation of a Cluster-Level Association.

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

Farmer Voices Strengthen Adoption Data Collection



On 14 September 2026, the Tando Allahyar and Sakrand teams conducted Phase 1 Adoption Data Collection across eight Local Groups. Teams met selected farmers, collected and verified required information through direct field interaction, and completed the planned data collection process with strong cooperation and participation from farming communities.

Strengthening Farmer Records and Learning Through Field Monitoring



On 14 September 2026, M&E Officer Mr. Noor-ul-Amin conducted a field visit to LG Kumb Darhun to verify farmer records and assess participants' learning. Farmers' identification and contact details were checked, while discussions explored what they had learned and how they intended to apply the knowledge in practice. The visit supported both data verification and assessment of learning outcomes.

Strengthening Worker Rights Through Grievance Awareness



On 16 September 2026, RDF, in collaboration with BCI, conducted a training session in Mangio Tar on grievance mechanisms for men, women, and vulnerable workers. Participants learned about safe and confidential channels for reporting rights violations, gender-related concerns, forced and child labour, discrimination, workplace violence and harassment, freedom of association, collective bargaining, and occupational health and safety. The session emphasized identification, reporting, and responsible resolution of labour risks.

Field Monitoring Validates Farmer Data and Plantation Progress



On 16 September 2026, an M&E field monitoring visit was conducted in LG Noor Muhammad Rajput, covering farmer-list verification, knowledge assessment, focus group discussion, and review of LG files. The team also visited a Demo Block Plantation site to follow up with farmers on plantation status, maintenance, and progress, strengthening data quality and field-level monitoring.

Farmer Verification Strengthens Data Quality and Better Cotton Awareness



On 15 September 2026, PC Dr. Aftab visited Akoo Kaloi to verify farmers across LG-1, LG-2, and LG-3. The team cross-checked farmers' identification, contact details, landholdings, cotton areas, and other crops, while also assessing farmers' understanding of the six Better Cotton Principles. The visit strengthened data validation and reinforced awareness of sustainable farming requirements.

Promoting Fair and Transparent Workplace Practices

On 17 September 2026, a training session in Village Muhram Thaheem focused on fair disciplinary procedures, workplace grievance mechanisms, and protection against violence and harassment, including gender-based violence. Workers were informed about fair and proportionate disciplinary actions, grievance channels, and monitoring systems, with particular attention to protecting vulnerable workers and promoting respectful workplaces.



Strengthening MEAL and Feedback Systems in Sakrand



On 17 September 2026, BCI conducted a training session on Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) and Feedback and Complaints Response Mechanism (FCRM). Field staff and managers discussed effective monitoring, documentation, accountability, complaint handling, confidentiality, and timely response to community concerns. Participants actively engaged through discussions and practical interaction, reinforcing the importance of responsive and accountable project implementation.

Strengthening MEAL and FCRM Capacity in Tando Adam

On 18 September 2026, RDF's Tando Adam Field Office hosted a comprehensive MEAL and FCRM training for PKSA-35 and PKSA-36 field staff. The session covered monitoring and evaluation, documentation, accountability, community feedback, complaint handling, confidentiality, and timely resolution. Participants engaged in discussions, group work, and practical activities focused on strengthening responsible field implementation and learning from community feedback.



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

Strengthening Livelihoods and Community Linkages in Khipro



On 18 September 2026, a joint field visit was conducted to Ahmad Rajar Village, Khipro, to review progress at the stitching centre and engage skilled women and community members in preparations for an upcoming visit. Discussions focused on cleanliness, tree plantation, and improving pathways around the village and stitching centre. The team also visited Bright Future School, where students were preparing models and a panel discussion, while engagement with a local garments centre explored potential market linkages for trained women. The visit further included a review of Enterprise Ashok Center records and verification of the water scheme layout, reflecting RDF's integrated approach to skills development, community participation, and livelihood opportunities.