



SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE & LEARNING (SSE) WORKSHOP



Participation in South-South Exchange and Learning Workshop at Bali, Indonesia

RCDS participated in the South-South Exchange and Learning Workshop, held in Bali, Indonesia (3–7 November 2025), alongside ToGETHER 2.0 partners from Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The exchange provided a valuable space for partners to learn from one another, reflect on shared challenges, and strengthen locally led humanitarian action.

With nearly 70 participants from across the region, the event reinforced the importance of local leadership, collaboration, and equitable partnerships. Insights gained during the exchange also contributed to finalizing the onboarding process for PHP partners and strengthening the coaching mechanism to advance localization efforts.

Celebration of WHH's 20 Years in Pakistan



RCDS participated in the commemoration of WHH's 20 years in Pakistan by exhibiting a display stall that reflected solidarity, partnership, and a shared commitment to WHH's vision and mission. The stall showcased RCDS' work in community development, localization, and humanitarian action, alongside elements of Pakistan's cultural heritage. As part of the celebration, RCDS presented traditional cultural gifts to the guests of honor, symbolizing respect, collaboration, and shared values.



The event attracted development practitioners, government representatives, & partner organizations, enhancing the visibility of RCDS' contributions and reaffirming its strong partnership with WHH.

4 Days FCRM & P-FIM Training

Four-day training on Feedback and Complaint Response Mechanism (FCRM) and People First Impact Method (P-FIM), held in Hyderabad from 9th-12th December 2025, organized by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and facilitated by FRDP under the ToGETHER Program.

The workshop brought together Five local humanitarian partners and 12 Peer Humanitarian Partners (PHPs) from Sindh, Punjab, KPK and Balochistan. With nearly 40 participants, the training fostered an exchange of experiences that strengthened transparency, accountability, and community-centered programming, while reinforcing RCDS' commitment to localization.





03 Day Organization Capacity Assessment - (OCA) Workshop

RCDS staff attended a 3-day Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA) Workshop in Islamabad, conducted by FAID, strengthening skills to evaluate and enhance organizational systems and performance.

Staff Capacity-Building Highlights



Capacity Building Workshop on Victim Prevention, Return & Reintegration for Survivors of Modern Slavery and Vulnerable Migrants

IOM UN Migration Pakistan organized a two-day workshop on preventing trafficking and supporting vulnerable migrants, attended by RCDS staff to strengthened the understanding of victim identification, trauma-informed approaches, reintegration planning, interagency coordination, & enhancing the ability to provide ethical, survivor-centered support in line with international standards.

* Drought Contingency Planning Workshop

30 September – 2 October 2025

RCDS staff enhanced their skills in anticipatory action and drought risk management, strengthening preparedness and response planning for climate-related shocks.

* Community-Led Innovation (CLI) Training

1–2 December 2025

Two-day training focused on innovative, community-driven approaches to development programming, promoting local solutions, collaboration, and participatory decision-making.



One-Day Capacity-Building Workshop on Responsible Business Conduct in Pakistan's Rice Value Chain

RCDS, in collaboration with Helvetas Intercooperation organized a one-day capacity-building workshop on Responsible Business Conduct in Pakistan's rice value chain, under the EU-funded Capacity-Building for Socially Diligent Agribusinesses (CSDA) Project.

The workshop brought together 23 participants, including rice millers, exporters, farmers, and supply chain actors, to strengthen understanding of EU regulatory requirements, including Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD), sustainability, and labour standards.

Participants gained practical insights into emerging EU frameworks such as EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the EU Forced Labour Regulation, and Pakistan's GSP+ commitments, highlighting their importance for continued access to EU markets.

The interactive session promoted responsible, transparent, and rights-based business practices, reinforcing collective action to enhance compliance and resilience across Pakistan's rice value chain.

16 Days of Activism, RCDS Joined Unprecedented Alliance to Combat Digital Violence

RCDS marked the start of the 16 Days of Activism by joining forces with Community Development Foundation (CDF) and the Global Women's Development Network (GWDN) in the "Unite to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls" campaign.

The initiative highlights RCDS' commitment to protecting women both offline and online, promoting safer digital spaces, and amplifying the call for stronger protections and accountability against online violence.



Flood Emergency Response 2025



Delivering Dignified, Life-Saving Assistance in Punjab

With the support of Welthungerhilfe (WHH), under the Towards Greater Effectiveness & Timelines in Emergency Response (ToGETHER), RCDS successfully implemented the Humanitarian Operation & Innovation Facilities (HOIFA) Flood Emergency Response 2025 in the district Chiniot and Muzaffargarh, reaching 1,325 flood-affected households.

The response provided essential humanitarian assistance through Food Ration, Hygiene & dignity kits, prioritizing the most vulnerable community members, including women, girls, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities.

In addition to immediate relief, the intervention strengthened local coordination mechanisms, ensuring that aid delivery was timely, accountable, and gender-responsive. Through these efforts, RCDS aimed not only to meet urgent needs but also to support the resilience & dignity of affected families during a challenging period.



Humanitarian Assistance Brings Smiles Back to a Poor Woman's Home

Tahira Bibi, 38 years old, the sole breadwinner for her family, lives in village Lodhra, District Chiniot. She takes care of her four sisters. "I have no brother. I have no male member in my home. I work in my neighbors' homes to earn a living for my sisters. I earn very little, which I spend on food. I struggle to meet my sisters' basic needs. They often wish for new clothes. I am unable to make their small wishes come true," she shared this with tears in her eyes.

When the flood hit her village, Tahira Bibi's life took a devastating turn. Her mud house collapsed. The flood made them vulnerable. "I am deeply worried about my sisters' safety and security. "When I go to work, I have to leave my sisters alone under the open sky," she said.

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The provision of food brought substantial relief to vulnerable families. "I was sitting with my sisters. We were talking about food and other household's needs. My sister said to me, how will we buy food, and how will we build our shelter? I was helpless. I am forgotten. I never got married. I sacrificed my life for the sake of my poor sisters. In my time of despair, I received a food ration from RCDS. The food package will help to meet our needs for the next two months," she said with smile face.

The hygiene and dignity kits brought joy to the poor young girls who had never used such items in their life. "The truth is, we had never seen dignity kits like these before. My sisters were so happy when they saw kits," she mentioned joyfully.

In response to severe flooding, RCDS supported by PPAF, FAID, and RCDP delivered urgent relief to families across districts Sialkot, Hafizabad, Nankana Sahib, Rajanpur, Kasur, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Rajanpur and Jhang. To ensure food security and health, RCDS distributed **3,248** packs of cooked food, provided safe drinking water to **3,248** households, and supplied **350** mosquito nets. To protect livelihoods, **600** units of fodder silage were also distributed to sustain livestock during the crisis.

By combining relief, health, and livelihood support, RCDS contributed to the early recovery and well-being of flood-affected communities, while continuing efforts to strengthen partnerships and sustain support beyond the project period.



RCDP-Medical Health Camps



During the Flood Response 2025, RCDS organized **43** medical health camps across **11** flood-affected districts, providing essential healthcare services to **4,035** patients. The camps offered free medical consultations, basic medicines, and primary diagnostic services, with a strong focus on women, children, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. These efforts helped address immediate health needs and supported the early recovery of affected communities.



Livestock Vaccination Camps

RCDS organized with the support of PPAF, 6 Livestock Vaccination Camps that provided **2,846** vaccination to prevent disease and protect the primary income of farming families. These efforts were focused in Nankana Sahib **1,056** live stock vaccinated, in Sialkot **970** live stock vaccinated, and in Hafizabad **820** live stock vaccinated.



RCDS Strengthens Community Health through Preventive Care

With reference to an signed MoU with Central Park Teaching Hospital, Lahore, RCDS conducted Health and Medical camps in Dhoopsari, Pando Ki, Sharif Park, and Shahzada Village (Ferozpur Road, Lahore), where **1,081** patients **763** female patients (**71%**) and **318** male patients (**29%**) were screened. Women accounted for the majority of beneficiaries, reflecting strong outreach to female community members. Follow-up medical camps will be conducted to monitor health progress and provide continued medical support.



RCDS continues to strengthen its partnerships with key stakeholders to enhance community well-being and capacity. Recently, RCDS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Park Teaching Hospital, Lahore, to organize health and medical camps across Lahore and Kasur, offering initial health screenings and essential medicines to vulnerable populations. In parallel, RCDS formalized partnerships with Peer Humanitarian Partners (PHPs) including Community Aid, Misbah Momin Foundation, and Thal Itehad Development Organization through an MoU and an orientation session, outlining roles and responsibilities for a joint capacity building mentorship initiative. These strategic collaborations reflect RCDS's commitment to promoting health, early disease detection, and skill development within communities through coordinated, multi-stakeholder engagement.

Strengthening Communities: RCDS Signs MoUs with Key Stakeholders



MoU Signing Ceremony with Peer Humanitarian Partners in Lahore Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Park Teaching Hospital, Lahore



PCP Visit to RCDS for Renewal

Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) conducted a visit to RCDS as part of the organizational renewal process. The visit focused on reviewing compliance, governance practices, and program implementation, reflecting RCDS' continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and institutional strengthening.



RCDS & Tayyaba Welfare International Association (TWIA) Advance Safe Drinking Water Solution

RCDS conducted an H2O Air baseline assessment in Lahore, covering Orphanages, Schools, Community centers, Women's hostels, Churches, and Lahore Businessmen Association for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (LABARD) to evaluate water quality and needs. Based on the findings, RCDS, in collaboration with TWIA, will install H2O Air units that purify tap water and extracts potable water from the air, ensuring sustainable access to safe drinking water. Additionally, H2O Solar assessments were completed in Rajanpur, Bahawalpur, Kasur, Muzaffargarh, and Okara to explore solar-powered water solutions. These initiatives aim to improve health, hygiene, and resilience in vulnerable communities across Pakistan.



School Infrastructure Assessment in Tehsil Jaranwala, District Faisalabad

RCDS, in collaboration with Charity Right, conducted a school infrastructure assessment in Jaranwala, district Faisalabad, identifying overcrowded classrooms, dangerous buildings, and inadequate sanitation facilities. In response, targeted improvements are underway, including classroom rehabilitation, new washrooms, handwashing stations, and essential repairs to create safer and more inclusive learning environments.

- Target Schools:
- GPS 112 GB, Faisalabad
 - GPS 105 RB, Faisalabad
 - GPS 110 GB, Jaranwala
 - GPS 109 GB, Faisalabad





Young Minds Shine at RGS Science Exhibition

The Science Exhibition took place on Friday, 5th December 2025. Students presented a variety of models related to their science subjects. They showed great ambition and creativity, giving the impression

that many future scientists were standing before the audience. It was a truly marvelous and remarkable day. Our students explained their models confidently, effectively, and in unique ways, which was highly appreciated by all.



RCDS Success: RGS-Empowering Young Futures

Rumi Grammar Girls High School is dedicated to providing quality education in a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment. The school aims to empower students with academic excellence, strong moral values, critical thinking skills, and confidence, enabling them to become responsible citizens and future leaders. Currently, the school serves 292 students, including 130 boys and 162 girls, reflecting its commitment to equitable access and an inclusive learning environment for all children.

RGS Celebrates First-Ever Sports Gala

RGS celebrated its Sports Gala on 7th November 2025. It was a great achievement, as it was the first sports event in the history of the school. Our students participated with liberty, full enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship. The event was filled with fun and excitement, and it was truly encouraging to see such active and energetic students. Prizes were awarded to the students for their outstanding performances and achievements.



RCDS UK Chapter

RCDS is in the process of establishing its RCDS UK Chapter, which will enable it to work as a charity in the United Kingdom, with further development to mature over time.

As part of this engagement, RCDS, in collaboration with The GwyrdNi Community Assembly and partners, organized a one-day session in October 2025, at Bangor University, Wales, UK, on Democracy & Citizen Engagement and Climate Action. The session highlighted GwyrdNi as a community-led climate action movement and emphasized the role of citizens in addressing climate challenges.



Need Based Climate Change Adaptation for best Practices

RCDS conducted livestock management trainings for 200 community farmers, providing them with the knowledge & skills to improve productivity. As part of the initiative, 200 farmers' livestock received artificial insemination using German-breed semen, Five breeders were distributed, and animal feed (Vanda) was provided to 100 farmers. These interventions aim to enhance livestock health, breed improvement, and community livelihoods in Hajipur.



RESTORING SOCIAL SERVICES & CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



WATER & SANITATION (CPI SCHEMES):

- Two (02) water filtration plants installed (Hajipur & Basti Mud Glori).
- Three (03) WASH facilities completed, including brick soling, drainage.
- Three (03) school washrooms at GPS Mud Dur Mohd in Basti Mud Glori.

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT:

- One (01) flood protection bund constructed at Basti Sewra.
- Fifteen (15) School-Based Disaster Risk Management sessions conducted across schools in Hajipur.



RCDS KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RESILIENCE INITIATIVES

• Events & Celebrations:

06 Defence Day celebrations successfully conducted.

• Health Services:

01 Medical Camp organized in collaboration with Transparent Hands.



Punjab Family Planning Program For BISP Beneficiaries

Under the Punjab Family Planning Program for BISP Beneficiaries, supported by PPIF, RCDS conducted Sensitization meetings and community awareness sessions in Lahore and Kasur to promote family planning and reproductive health. The initiative engaged men and women in shared decision making and informed contraceptive choices. Client validation activities were also conducted to verify services, assess satisfaction, and identify areas for improvement, strengthening access to quality family planning services for BISP beneficiaries.



World Contraception Day 2025
YOUR CHOICE, STRONGER TOMORROW.

ON WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY 2025, RCDS PAKISTAN REAFFIRMS OUR COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING EVERY PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE, CHOICE, AND AGENCY.

CONTRACEPTION IS MORE THAN A METHOD IT'S A RIGHT TO PLAN YOUR LIFE, PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND DEFINE YOUR FUTURE. INFORMED CHOICES TODAY LEAD TO HEALTHIER, HAPPIER TOMORROWS FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES.

WITH RCDS PAKISTAN: YOU DECIDE, YOU PLAN, YOU THRIVE.

World Contraception Day 2025
RCDS conducted an awareness initiative on World Contraception Day to promote informed decision-making about family planning and reproductive health. The activity aimed to educate communities about the importance of safe, effective, and accessible contraceptive methods, especially among underserved and low-income populations.

Health Camp for Flood Affected Community

In response to the devastating floods of 2025 that severely affected communities in Kasur & Lahore, the RCDS, with the financial & logistical support of the Rural Community Development Program (RCDP), organized 02 medical health camps in the affected areas. The aim of these medical camps was to provide immediate, accessible, and free healthcare services to flood-affected families who had limited access to medical facilities during the emergency.

The camps focused on early diagnosis, treatment of common illnesses, and prevention of disease outbreaks caused by poor sanitation and stagnant water. Flood-affected individuals received free medical checkups, essential medicines, and health counseling, while cooked food was also distributed to address urgent nutritional needs. Through these camps, RCDS aimed to reduce health risks, alleviate suffering, and support the recovery and well-being of vulnerable communities during the flood emergency.

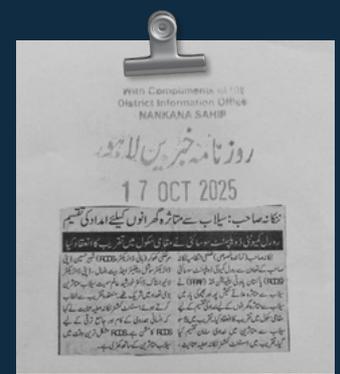
Project Achievements

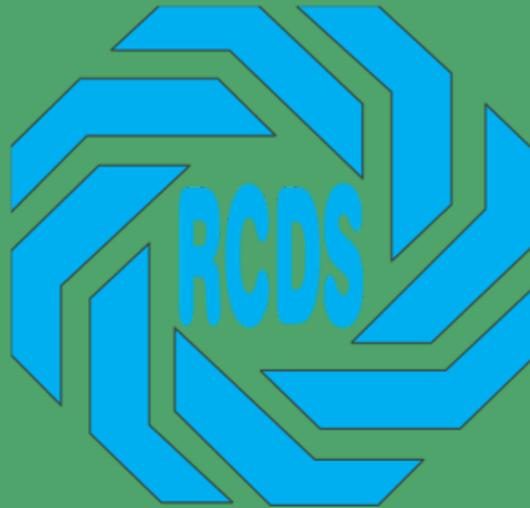
- 17,109 MWRAs (Married Women of Reproductive Age) reached through awareness and counseling activities.
- 5,611 clients received family planning and reproductive health services.
- 2,836 follow-up visits conducted to ensure continuity of care and client satisfaction.

These activities strengthened service delivery and outreach in Lahore and Kasur, promoting healthier communities.



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Rural Community Development Society (RCDS)

Rural Community Development Society (RCDS) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, legally registered in 1998. RCDS has been working in Punjab since 1995 with the vision: "Socio-economic empowerment of society where all citizens can realize their potential for the benefit of society on an equal basis." The organization pursues this vision through its thematic areas: Institutional Development and Governance, Social Services and Safety Net, Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security, Skills Development and Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, Emergency & Humanitarian Response. RCDS has a presence in 24 districts of Punjab, and has served 904,119 underprivileged households.

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