

# Moawin Foundation

E-NEWSLETTER



## Education and Empowerment

### Adoption of Schools in Chakwal and Nankana Sahib

Since 2014, the Moawin Foundation has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality education in Pakistan by adopting 118 government and community schools. Our dedication to shaping the landscape of primary education and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is evident through the innovative approaches we introduce in our school interventions. Moawin Foundation (MF) has recently adopted 3 more schools in Chakwal and one in Qila Mian Singh, Nankana Sahib, these include: Govt. Girls Primary School Mulhal Mughlan, Govt. Girls High School, Mulhal Mughlan, Govt. Girls High School, Dheri Sayeedan, and Govt Boys Primary School, Qila Mian Singh. Through this joint effort, there is a promising outlook for uplifting the quality of education and creating a positive impact on the student's academic journey in the selected schools.

### Youth Civic Engagement: Youth Champions Initiative

Moawin Foundation, in collaboration with Karachi based NGO Aahung, organized a comprehensive 3-day training program for youth from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June in Sheikhpura. This initiative aims to empower 10 youth champions who will serve as change agents within their respective communities to address crucial social issues. Through informed conversations, dialogue, and education, this initiative will contribute to positive change and create healthier, more informed communities. The community has expressed immense appreciation for the collaborative efforts of Moawin Foundation and Aahung in initiating this essential program.

## Our Story

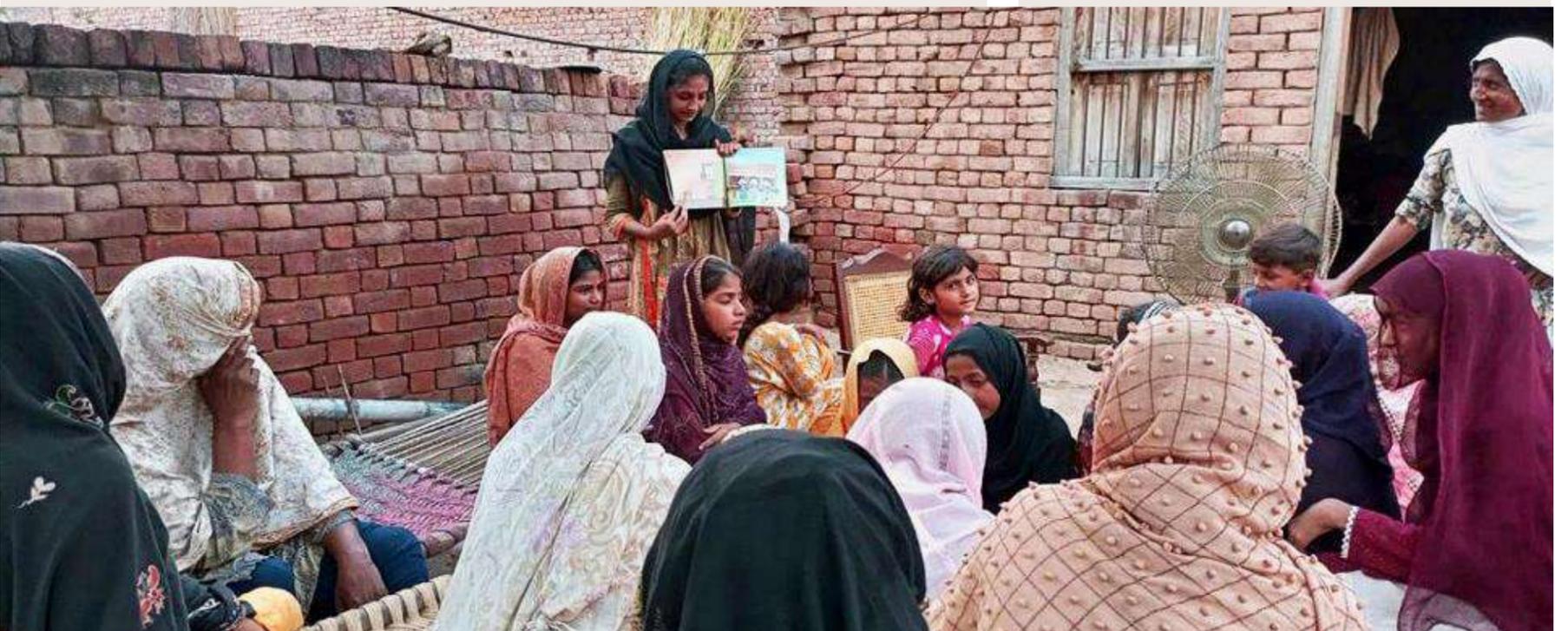
Founded in 2014, the Moawin Foundation is a nonprofit organization that aims to ensure the quality of education by introducing contemporary pedagogical methodologies, professional development of teachers, and infrastructural development in public-sector schools. It also aims to empower the underprivileged and vulnerable segments, particularly, the burgeoning youth population of Pakistan, and create opportunities for them through vocational training.

Public sector schools have the highest outreach in the country, including Pakistan's remotest areas. We believe that proper support provided to these schools can result in bringing improvements in the public education system.

Quality education and maintenance of infrastructure has remained a grey area in public-sector schools in Pakistan, however, MF aims to fill this gap by establishing collaborative mechanisms in schools.

Since its inception in 2014, MF has adopted **118 schools** in different provinces of Pakistan, including Islamabad, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, and Gilgit Baltistan. The enrollment in these schools has reached **30,459** and the organization's interventions have resulted in higher enrollment of Out-of-School Children (OOSC), improved quality of education, and employment opportunities through skills development.

Besides improving education standards, MF imparts technical and vocational training to girls and boys who require income-generation opportunities. As a national responsibility, we also work for social welfare, relief, and rehabilitation during emergencies.



## Nature Clubs in Baltistan Schools for a Greener

### Tomorrow

In collaboration with WWF, an informative orientation session was recently conducted in Skardu for the students and teachers of MF-adopted schools, on 'Establishment of Nature Clubs in Schools' to raise awareness of the current climate crisis and the urgent need for action at the grassroots.

The session provided a platform for the teachers and students to learn about the benefits of establishing 'Nature Clubs' in schools to enable environmental stewardship, promote sustainability, and protect local ecosystems. By empowering schools to create these clubs, the initiative aspires to encourage a sense of responsibility towards nature, ensuring a greener and more sustainable future for the mountain communities.

### Spelling Bee Competition

On 28 September 2023, MF Regional Office Gilgit organized an inter-school Spelling Bee Competition for grade 3 and 4 Students of MF Community School Usmanabad and MF Community School Warza Baseen. It aimed at giving students a platform to learn different spellings with their pronunciations and enrich their vocabulary. To conduct this activity, a word bank was created and provided to the students at both schools.

The students who spelled the words correctly in the first round qualified for the next round. All the participants were encouraged and awarded certificates. The winners (top 3 students) were awarded shields, cash prizes, and certificates.

Ms. Fatima Wafi, DDO and Headteacher of Govt Girls High School Jagir Baseen was invited as Chief Guest. She appreciated the performance of the students and announced additional cash prizes for the winners.

### Empowering Students through Life Skills Training

MF in collaboration with Aga Khan Health Services Pakistan conducted one-day sessions on 'Basic Life Skills' across various MF-adopted schools that included Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Gojal, Government Girls Middle School Bagrote, Gilgit, and Government Girls Boys Middle School Dahimal, Ghizer. These sessions, in collaboration with AKHS, are being held across GB and aim to enhance the life skills of individuals, particularly youth, contributing to their personal growth and success.

These sessions are aimed at helping students with crucial life skills, with a focus on Stress Management, Decision Making, Goal Setting, and Communication Skills. Youth actively engaged in and greatly benefited from this opportunity. Through such events, MF aims at providing platforms for empowering youth with the skills that are pivotal for their personal and professional growth, preparing them to confidently navigate through various aspects of life.

### Climate Change Awareness in Baltistan

Climate change awareness is gaining momentum in MF-adopted schools across the Baltistan region. With the support of a climate activist, Mr. Arif, the Baltistan region successfully organized three sessions, each shedding light on the imminent threats posed by climate change in Gilgit-Baltistan.

The first session was held at Bushra Inspire School, Chogo Gorong Sadpara, which drew an eager participation of 75 individuals, including parents, students, and teachers. The second session took place at Umeed Girls Middle School in Chunda, where approximately 50 attendees, including students and parents, gathered to learn about climate change and its impact. The overwhelmingly positive response from the local communities demonstrates a growing awareness and a collective commitment to combating the challenges of climate change in the region. These initiatives in schools will play a crucial role in shaping the future generation's understanding and action towards a more sustainable and resilient society.



## Book Distribution in PSP Schools, Sindh

Moawin Foundation recently provided textbooks to PSP and FAS schools in District Ghotki and Karachi respectively. The schools had faced a shortage of books and other educational materials which has been addressed through the provision of free books and educational resources to approximately 1,200 students in Ghotki and Ubauro and 496 in FAS Jamali Goth, Gadap Town. Through this initiative, the foundation plays a crucial role in ensuring access to education for these students in need.



## Dengue Awareness Campaign, Sheikhpura

An awareness-raising campaign was held in Sheikhpura to address the potential threat posed by this deadly disease. The lack of awareness surrounding Dengue has often resulted in unfortunate fatalities. Recognizing this, students played a pivotal role by actively engaging in rallies and showcasing informative slogan charts across schools and the local community. Guided by dedicated teachers, these efforts went beyond the classroom, educating both students and residents about Dengue and its preventive measures. By disseminating essential information, this initiative aimed to foster a safer environment, thus paving the way for a healthier society.



# Capacity Building and Professional Development of Teachers

## Basic Teaching Methodologies in Skardu

In collaboration with the Directorate of Education Skardu, Moawin Foundation organized a 5-day teacher training program on 'Basic Teaching Methodologies' in which 112 individuals from 18 MF community schools participated. The training program, spanning over five days, has been meticulously designed to provide comprehensive pedagogical training. This training program presents a valuable opportunity for teachers to improve their teaching methodologies.



## Training on Teaching Pedagogies, Gilgit

A 5-day training program on 'Teaching Pedagogies' was conducted in Gilgit, in which 37 teachers from 6 MF Home Schools and 6 Community Schools participated. The training program aims to enhance the teaching skills and pedagogical approaches of the teachers, empowering them with the necessary knowledge and techniques that they will incorporate in their respective classrooms. It also serves as a valuable opportunity for professional development, fostering the improvement of educational practices in the region.

## 3-day Training on Teaching Methodologies, Sheikhpura

A 3-day training workshop on "Teaching Methodologies" for the teachers of ECCE and early primary classes of MF-adopted schools was held from September 12th-14th, 2023 in Sheikhpura. 36 teachers participated in the workshop, which was conducted by programmes team of Moawin Foundation. The training workshop centered around topics of the Concept of Early Child Development, Major Stages of Cognitive Development by Piaget, and Stages in Child Development.

The training workshop, moreover, focused on life skills-based education and activity-based learning strategies, including storytelling, spelling bees, and socio-behavioral development of students. Additionally, Ms. Afreen Athar, AM Education who also has expertise in child psychology, adopted activity-based approaches to help teachers understand the significance of building resilience and stress management which can reflect in their teaching methodologies enabling them to create a healthy and conducive learning environment for their students.

The workshop concluded with the honorable Chief Guest, Admiral Asif Sandila, Chairman MF, distributing certificates among the participants. In his closing remarks, he encouraged the teachers to implement this knowledge in their respective schools.



## Basic First-aid Training for Teachers in Chilas, Gilgit-Baltistan

In collaboration with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Moawin Foundation organized a 2-day Basic First Aid Training for the teachers of 6 MF Home Schools in Darel, Chilas in which 11 teachers participated. As part of their commitment, PRCS pledged to supply a comprehensive medical kit to all the MF Adopted Community Schools in Gilgit-Baltistan. The training aims to equip teachers with essential first-aid skills, ensuring the safety and well-being of students in these remote areas.



## Empowering Teachers on Freedom of Expression

In collaboration with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Pakistan, a two-day workshop on "Freedom of Expression with Responsibility" was organized in Lahore in which 4 MF teachers also participated. The primary aim of this workshop was to cultivate a culture of critical thinking among the citizens of Pakistan, particularly emphasizing the importance of responsible expression in the digital age. Participants were engaged in insightful discussions and interactive sessions that deepened their understanding of hate speech and its impact on society, as well as the pervasive influence of fake news. Teachers empowered with this knowledge, are better positioned to educate the younger generation on how to exercise their right to freedom of expression responsibly, thereby contributing to a more informed and tolerant society.



## Orientation of Teachers on Queno Application

MF-adopted school, PSP Ubauro recently held a training session on Queno Application in which 6 faculty members participated. The session was skillfully conducted to ensure a smooth and informative experience for all attendees.

The objective of the training session was to ensure the safeguarding of the school database and keep the educational system up to date. Such technological integration into educational systems can contribute significantly to enhancing the knowledge and skills of teachers and parents, allowing them to keep track of students' progress daily.



## Women Empowerment

Skill development empowers women, giving them confidence, economic independence, and the ability to challenge traditional gender roles. This empowerment creates positive change and inspires others, enabling more equitable and inclusive communities.

### Apricot Dehydration Training in Baltistan

MF's work in Baltistan is also focused on women empowerment and community development along with education interventions. Recently apricot dehydration equipment and plants were distributed among 54 female farmers in Shigar, Kharmang, and Ghanche. This initiative aims to support women entrepreneurs and contribute to their economic empowerment.



## Inauguration of Vocational Training Center (VTC) in Nowshera, KPK

Following the devastating flood of 2022, MF took a proactive stance, deciding to establish a training center to provide economic opportunities to the women of this flood-affected area and upliftment through skill development and rehabilitation.

On August 30, 2023, Rear Admiral Foad Amin Baig, CEO of Moawin Foundation, inaugurated the newly established Vocational Training Center (VTC) in Campkorona, Nowshera, KPK. The event was also attended by the team members and notable community members. The CEO underscored Moawin Foundation's mission, which revolves around education, vocational training, and empowerment.



## Relief and Rehabilitation



### Distribution of Water Purifiers

The Rotary Club Islamabad, Metropolitan, generously donated 20 Lifesaver water purifiers to Moawin Foundation, which were distributed among flood-affected families in Camp Korona, Nowshera, KPK. The beneficiaries included 10 Males and 10 females including orphans, widows, and PWDs.



# Networking and Partnerships

## Contract Signing with Taleemabad

On July 21, 2023, a contract was signed between Moawin Foundation and Taleemabad to initiate the E-Learning Program in 59 Moawin Adopted schools located in Ghotki, Karachi, Sheikhupura, and Gilgit/Baltistan.

Through the E-Learning Program, Moawin Foundation and Taleemabad aim to bridge the educational gap and promote digital literacy among educators and students. By utilizing e-learning resources, these schools can overcome geographical barriers and ensure a more inclusive and accessible education for all.



## Collaboration with Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) Pakistan

Admiral Asif Sandila, Chairman, Moawin Foundation, and Board Member, Air Commodore Naser Hamdani recently met with Ms. Birgit Lamm, the Head of Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Pakistan office. During the meeting, the Moawin Foundation leadership provided a comprehensive briefing on the organization's ongoing work. Ms. Lamm expressed her commitment to extending full support in various areas, including training, and addressing climate change. Furthermore, she graciously accepted an invitation to visit the MF's interventions in Sheikhupura to gain firsthand knowledge of the foundation's activities in rural areas. This visit will provide her with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of MF's initiatives.





Your Generosity and Compassion Inspires us.

At Moawin Foundation, our dedication lies in bringing about positive changes in communities through education, empowerment, and awareness-raising.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your continuous support in helping us achieve our mission. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

Thank you.



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