



# Pakistan

## Mitigating Adverse Impacts of Prolonged Internal Conflict in Pakistan by Fostering Peace, and Multi-Sectoral Development at Community Level Leading to Improved Human Security

### Background information

Decades of conflict, recurring natural disasters and economic hardship have taken a significant toll on rural communities in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region of Pakistan. Displacement rates have been surging in the region, affecting the poorest and most vulnerable groups. At the same time, in this arid region where water is a scarce commodity, conflicts between groups over access to resources are rising, further exacerbating social tensions. A stagnant local economy and low agricultural productivity are constraining economic opportunities and contributing to food insecurity. Inadequate access to healthcare is also negatively impacting health and well-being. In this context, some young people turn to extremist groups, further fueling the cycle of violence and poverty in the region.

### Goals and objectives

The programme aims to improve the living conditions of people in conflict-affected areas through enhanced access to health, education, and livelihood opportunities and strengthened peacebuilding, reconciliation, and social cohesion. To this end, the programme's key objectives are to: (i) improve access to education, health, and extracurricular activities through strengthened community mobilization; (ii) enhance safe and sustainable livelihood opportunities through the development of community infrastructure, trainings, and grants for business incubation; and (iii) promote a culture of peace by fostering conflict resolution, social cohesion, and reconciliation at the community level.



#### DURATION

April 2014 – December 2017



#### UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

UNESCO, UNDP, WHO



#### OTHER KEY PARTNERS

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Provincial Reconstruction Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority, National & Provincial Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Network, and Provincial and District Departments of Health, Education, Information, Culture and Water Supply



#### BENEFICIARIES

23,000

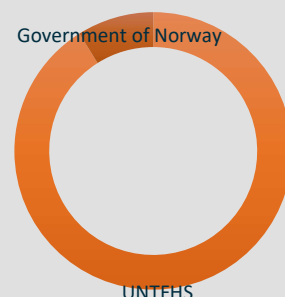


#### TOTAL BUDGET

US\$ 2,394,611

#### POOLING OF RESOURCES

Government of Norway



UNTFHS  
\$2,999,986

# Beneficiaries

The programme directly benefits 23,000 community members, including women, youth, children, and persons with disabilities, who will benefit from capacity-building and awareness-raising activities. In addition, members of surrounding communities and provincial government officials indirectly benefit from improved access to health and educational services, increased livelihood opportunities, and social cohesion initiatives.

## Applying the Human Security approach

In a context with multiple, compounding challenges including conflict and economic insecurity, preventing the exacerbation of underlying tensions requires taking a comprehensive approach that considers these intersecting factors and addresses them together. As such, the programme builds the capacity of the government to design multi-sectoral solutions that improve access to education and health services; ensure safe and sustainable livelihood opportunities; and promote a culture of peaceful coexistence at the community level. Taking an integrated and proactive approach ensures that measures to promote social harmony also bolster actions that improve living standards and reduce inequalities, particularly for the most disadvantaged groups including women, children and the elderly.

A similar approach is undertaken to sustainably strengthen economic empowerment for vulnerable communities through the establishment of community infrastructure, capacity-building trainings, and the provision of grants for business incubation. Moreover, within this broader strategy to enhance economic security, the programme incorporates targeted actions to reach those furthest behind in a participatory manner. As such, women are provided with livelihood trainings, and widows are financially and technically supported to start their small businesses. These focused livelihood opportunities support those most vulnerable while contributing to conflict prevention and promoting a culture of peace within communities.

Promoting long-term development must be grounded in the capacities and assets at the local level. As such, the programme prioritizes building on and enhancing what exists at the local level by bolstering community-based organizations, establishing locally led networks, and revitalizing community centers. These platforms play a vital role in bringing people together, identifying common ground and shared values, and raising awareness of the value of peaceful coexistence. Simultaneously, to ensure the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups, the programme establishes non-formal basic education centres in collaboration with civil society groups and NGOs. These initiatives together also create an innovative hub for diverse opportunities to engage youth in decision-making and build their capacities and technical skills for contributing directly the local economic development and peaceful coexistence in their communities.



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