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About Us

Sustainable Social Development Organisation (SSDO) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2015 and registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. SSDO is a research-based advocacy organization working on issues of peace and sustainable development in Pakistan by engaging all stakeholders and citizens. To initiate a public and policy dialogue on democratic and just governance, rule of law, strengthening of democratic institutions, civic and human rights, promoting social cohesion, and social development policies, SSDO in partnership with government institutions, parliamentarians, government departments, print and electronic media, academia and youth and religious fraternity works across country. In order to achieve mission and vision of organization, SSDO engages with stakeholders through research, advocacy, campaigns, capacity development, and technical support, and community engagement.



Vision

A just and equitable society where everyone enjoys their social, political, and legal rights.

Mission

To ensure human rights by fostering rights-based and responsive policy reforms leading to rule of law, transparency, citizen empowerment and inclusive service delivery.

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SSDO's rights-based approach is based on the conviction that each and every individual, by virtue of being human, is a holder of rights. A right entails an obligation on the part of the government to respect, promote, protect and fulfil it.

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Our work centers on achieving social, economic, political and sustainable development in light of the 17 SDGs.

Our Approach

- 1. Issues Based Action Research**
- 2. Rights Based Advocacy**
- 3. Collaboration and Building Partnership with National and International Actors**
- 4. Localizing the Global Efforts and Oversight of the Progress**
- 5. Empowering Communities and Citizens**



Our Principles



INCLUSIVE



GENDER-SENSITIVE



COMMUNITY-LED



BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



COLLECTIVE ACTION



POLICY ADVOCACY

Our Stakeholders

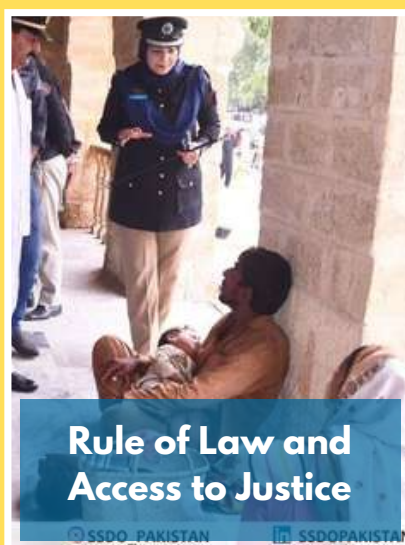
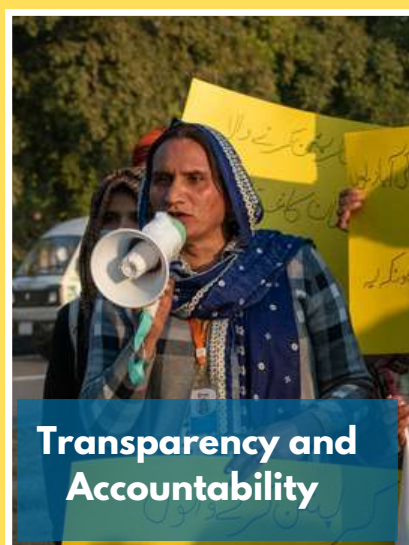
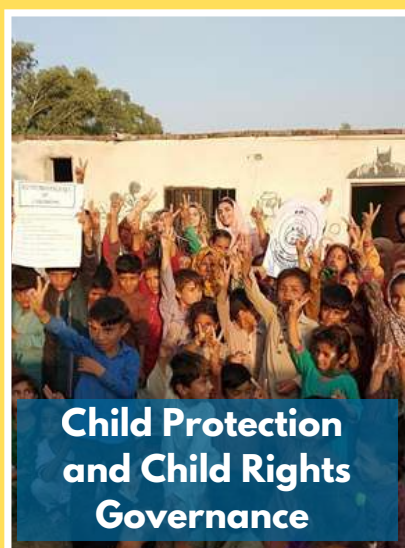
1. Policymakers and State Institutions
2. Civil Society
3. Media
4. Academia
5. Youth
6. Women
7. Persons with Disabilities
8. Donor Community and Diplomatic Missions

Our collaboration:

SSDO has signed MOU with following institutions:

1. National Assembly of Pakistan
2. Provincial Assembly of Punjab
3. Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhaw
4. Sindh Police Department
5. Federal Investigation Agency
6. National Police Bureau
7. National Commission on the Status of Women
8. National Commission on the Rights of Children (NCRC)
9. Punjab Child Protection and Welfare Bureau
10. Various Educational Institutes across Pakistan

Our Thematic Areas





Our Work

Gender Equity and Social Inclusion

- Advocated for conducive working environments for women to increase their participation in the labor force through capacity-building and advocacy with stakeholders.
- Helped to form anti-harassment committees in light of the *Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010* in several public and private institutions.
- Strengthened democratic participation of women through community mobilization to help women register for CNICs and participate in electoral processes.
- Built capacities of grassroots-level women political workers and facilitated them to deploy their self-designed advocacy plans for gender-sensitive democratic processes.
- Research on state of gender-based violence across Pakistan to provide reference to policymakers and stakeholders to take initiatives through policymaking and implementation of relevant laws
- Strengthened women's role in peacebuilding through network formation and capacitating women on critical thinking and conflict resolution in universities of Pakistan.

- Advocacy and awareness on women centric rehabilitation and referrals with respect to victim of human trafficking, sex work and bounded labor.
- Creating network of youth trained on citizen journalism for increased reporting on the effects of climate change in Pakistan with specific focus on climate change and gender.
- Advocacy to increase women participation in the police force which succeeded in advocating IG office KP to issue notification to ensure 10% of women police recruits.
- Organized the Internal Conference on Combatting Trafficking and Bonded Labor of Women and Girls which gathered international experts, law enforcement, non-profits and women's rights activists, to deliberate on gender-sensitive approaches towards combatting TIP and rehabilitating survivors.
- Launched the country's first-ever Women's Peace Councils in the provinces of Sindh and Punjab to increase the role of women from all fields of life, especially parliamentarians, academia, legal fraternity, medical professionals, civil society organizations, media, and other professions, for working towards peace, development, and resilience against violence and extremism in society.
- Empowered and capacitating young women to amplify women's voices in migration decision-making and to become agents of change.
- With support from USIP, SSDO worked to enhance gender equality in Pakistan's Civil Security Services Apparatus. The project provided training to 1,000 women, advocated for inclusive recruitment policies, and established women councils for leadership development.





Promoting Peace, Security and Social Cohesion

Since 2017, the Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO) has emerged as a leading civil society organization supporting Pakistan's efforts to strengthen peace, security, social cohesion, and inclusive governance. Through policy advocacy, parliamentary engagement, institutional strengthening, community mobilization, interfaith dialogue, youth empowerment, and strategic communications, SSDO contributes to the objectives of Pakistan's National Action Plan (NAP) on Counter Terrorism and supports national and provincial efforts on Counter Terrorism (CT), Countering Terrorist Financing (CTF), Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and promoting interfaith harmony, and national integration.

Key Contributions

- Parliamentary Working Groups in Punjab and Sindh:** Established and strengthened Parliamentary Working Groups to enhance legislative engagement on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), inclusive governance, social cohesion, and implementation of Pakistan's National Action Plan (NAP).



- **Inter-Provincial Parliamentary Exposure Visits:** Facilitated exposure visits for 85 parliamentarians from Punjab and Sindh to promote inter-provincial learning, inclusive legislation, inter-provincial harmony, national integration, and collaborative approaches to peacebuilding and social cohesion.
- **National Consultative Stakeholder Dialogue on CT, CFT and PVE (Islamabad):** Convened parliamentarians, law enforcement agencies, regulators, academia, civil society, and development partners to strengthen Counter Terrorism (CT), Countering Terrorist Financing (CFT), parliamentary oversight, institutional coordination, and prevention-focused approaches to violent extremism.
- **Provincial Consultative Dialogue on CT, CFT and PVE (Peshawar):** Brought together provincial stakeholders to address security challenges in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, strengthen institutional responses to terrorism and radicalization, and promote community-based prevention and counter-narrative strategies.
- **Baseline Assessment on Parliamentary Oversight and Capacity Gaps of LEAs:** Conducted a comprehensive assessment to strengthen legal, policy, and operational interventions on CT, CFT, and PVE frameworks, generating evidence-based recommendations for strengthening accountability, coordination, and institutional effectiveness.
- **Produced policy/practice note on CT, CFT and P/CVE.** Produced a series of practice notes and technical publications on Counter Terrorism, Counter Financing of Terrorism, and Countering Violent Extremism, including topics related to FATF compliance, financial intelligence, parliamentary oversight, community policing, intelligence sharing, online radicalization, youth resilience, and the nexus between trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, and terrorist financing.

- **Partnerships with Federal and Provincial Assemblies, SDG Task Forces, Government Institutions and Civil Society:** Strengthened multi-stakeholder collaboration on peacebuilding, prevention of violent extremism, social cohesion, protection of minority rights, and implementation of governance reforms supporting national stability and security.
- **Awami Aman Baithaks (South Punjab and Sindh):** Engaged over 6000 citizens, elected representatives, youth, women, and religious minorities in community peace dialogues to strengthen trust, civic participation, local conflict resolution, and grassroots resilience against extremism.
- **Youth Peacebuilders & Religious Leaders Network:** Established a multi-faith networks of youth and religious leaders from Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, and Parsi communities to promote tolerance, peaceful coexistence, interfaith harmony, and prevention of violent extremism in South Punjab.



- **Interfaith Roundtables and Religious Leaders Capacity Building (Multan, Bahawalpur and Khanewal):** Equipped religious leaders with tools to promote peace, counter hate speech and extremist narratives, and strengthen social cohesion through dialogue and community engagement.
- **National Peace & Development Conference (Karachi 2022):** Convened parliamentarians, religious leaders, civil society, and community representatives to advance peacebuilding, national unity, interfaith harmony, and collaborative action against intolerance and social divisions.
- **National Dialogue on Role of Media to Counter Violent Extremism:** Engaged journalists and media professionals to strengthen responsible reporting, counter hate speech and extremist propaganda, and promote narratives of peace, tolerance, and national cohesion.
- **South Punjab Peace Conference (The Women University Multan):** Brought together key stakeholders to promote inclusive development, minority rights, social inclusion, and peaceful coexistence as foundations for sustainable peace and resilience.
- **International Religious Freedom & Interfaith Harmony Summit (Islamabad 2024):** Convened policymakers, parliamentarians, religious leaders, and civil society actors to promote religious freedom, equal citizenship, interfaith harmony, and inclusion of religious minorities in national development.
- **Annual Minority Day Interfaith Harmony Dialogue (Islamabad):** Brought together diverse faith communities to celebrate Pakistan's religious diversity, strengthen interfaith understanding, and promote constitutional values of equality, inclusion, and peaceful coexistence.
- **Azm-i-Musawaat Programme (2024):** Empowered 200 young women from Christian, Hindu, and Sikh communities through leadership, entrepreneurship, and skills development initiatives, promoting socio-economic inclusion, resilience, and social cohesion.
- **Constituency-Specific Citizens' Reports:** Documented concerns and recommendations of marginalized communities, including religious minorities, to strengthen inclusive governance, responsive policymaking, and citizen participation in peace and development processes.

Impact and Vision

SSDO's multifaceted approach—spanning policy reform, capacity building, grassroots engagement, digital outreach, and regional collaboration—creates a robust framework for peacebuilding and CVE while prioritizing the rights of religious minorities. By fostering interfaith harmony and social cohesion, SSDO empowers marginalized communities to thrive in a pluralistic Pakistan, ensuring their voices shape a peaceful and inclusive future.





Climate Change and Environment Protection

- SSDO, with support from UNDP, conducted Environmental Justice Assessment in South Punjab to examine how environmental degradation, governance gaps, and social inequalities disproportionately affect vulnerable communities in Pakistan. The study found that marginalized groups face greater exposure to environmental risks due to limited access to services, information, participation, and justice. It recommends strengthening inclusive and rights-based environmental governance, improving institutional coordination, and expanding public participation to advance environmental justice and sustainable development.
- SSDO, with support from UNDP and provincial government partners, conducted a capacity-building workshop of around 35 government officials from line departments of South Punjab to strengthen gender-responsive and rights-based environmental governance. The training enhanced the understanding of environmental justice, gender equality, and climate resilience among government officials, civil society representatives, and community stakeholders. Participants developed district-level action plans to address environmental challenges through inclusive, gender-sensitive, and community-driven approaches, promoting long-term environmental justice and climate resilience.



- SSDO, with support from UNDP, organized community awareness sessions on Environmental Rights in South Punjab, reaching 333 participants, including women, religious minorities, and persons with disabilities. The sessions increased awareness of environmental rights, climate-related challenges, and available mechanisms for civic engagement and accountability. By bringing together government officials, experts, and community leaders, the initiative strengthened environmental literacy, empowered vulnerable communities to advocate for their rights, and promoted inclusive participation in environmental governance and climate resilience efforts.



Combating Irregular Migration & Employment

Combating Transnational Organized Crimes

Migration Governance

- Sensitization of parliamentarians on Migration Governance.
- Promoting local capacities for economic development and safe migration practices, with the goal of discouraging irregular migration.
- Increasing awareness in the community on Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) through engaging with different stakeholders, religious leaders, government officials, youth, women and media personnel.
- A core focus was placed on youth capacity development and employability. SSDO empowered university students — especially young women — by training them as Migration Ambassadors, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and tools to actively participate in migration-related decision-making, lead community advocacy, and design social action plans.
- Conducted a series of training programs for print, electronic, and social media journalists, focusing on ethical, gender-sensitive, and victim-centric reporting on TIP and SOM.
- Through a series of capacity-building sessions, SSDO trained 104 female students as Migration Ambassadors, who then educated over 5,444 of their peers on legal and safe migration pathways. These initiatives not only raised awareness but also enhanced youth leadership and employability through practical engagement and skills enhancement.
- In partnership with the British High Commission, SSDO engaged youth in hotspot districts through advocacy sessions and youth-led migration awareness campaigns. The project established a Parliamentary Working Group and a National Youth Summit on migration governance.





Combating Transnational Organized Crimes

Trafficking in person

- Parliamentary Working Groups on CVE, and Trafficking in Persons (TIP) formed for implementation of Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act 2018
- Stakeholders Working Group comprising various government departments formed and capacitated for implementation of Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act 2018.
- Launched a TIP helpline for legal aid of TIP victims Launched Coalition on Combatting Trafficking in Persons, a network of civil society organizations working all over Pakistan on TIP and modern-day slavery to collectively work on eradicating this issue through awareness, policy advocacy, collective bargaining power, and victim service delivery.
- Organized the National Dialogue on Child Trafficking and Bonded Labor where law enforcement officials, legal experts and policymakers gathered to produce evidence-based policy recommendations and suggest best practices for eradicating the trafficking of children.
- Organized the Internal Conference on Combatting Trafficking in Persons in Pakistan which gathered international experts, along with officials from the police, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and other legal-sector stakeholders, to deliberate on the way forward to prosecute and investigate cases of TIP.
- Worked extensively with law enforcement agencies, including police and FIA, through capacity enhancement sessions, policy dialogues, consultative workshops, conferences, interactive dialogues and advocacy sessions to deliberate on joint strategies to curb TIP through civil-society partnerships and community policing, as well as raise awareness among the general public at the grassroots level.
- SSDO, in collaboration with the U.S. Mission, implemented a 39-month project to strengthen Pakistan's legal response to human trafficking. The initiative improved policies, trained stakeholders, and raised public awareness through workshops, social media, and community engagement.
- SSDO, in partnership with IOM and FIA, conducted awareness sessions in high-risk areas (Sialkot & Quetta) to educate 1,001 people on trafficking risks. Policy dialogues in Lahore and Quetta strengthened stakeholder collaboration for migration governance.
- SSDO, along with ABA ROLI and WISE, advocated for stronger child trafficking laws and victim support systems. The project enhanced law enforcement capacity, promoted policy reforms, and improved inter-provincial coordination.



Local Governance Matters! District Seminar on the Demand for Local Government Elections Punjab



Democratic and Just Governance

- Conducted election observation in the Rawalpindi Division in 2018 and 2024 by mobilizing and capacitating youth observers.
- Improved public access to election-related information using information technology during the General Elections 2018 and 2024.
- Raised awareness in the community at the grassroots level on civic rights, importance of voting, registering on voter lists, and holding elected government officials responsible.
- Advocated for Local Government Elections by mobilizing citizens, political workers, parliamentarians, civil society and media.
- Stakeholders' engagement for tracking district budget-making process in Punjab to follow the process and ensure timely approval of the budget at the district level.
- Training of grassroots-level women political workers to increase political participation of women Awareness raising campaign for promoting transparency and reduce corruption.
- Developed an online Information Management System for Local Government to bring transparency for citizens regarding local government activities, get day-to-day information on the district government affairs, and have a Citizens Feedback Mechanism.
- Formed a network of CSOs of Rawalpindi Division called All Pothohar Regional Alliance (APRA) to work collaboratively on improving the electoral, political and governance process.
- SSDO, in partnership with FAFEN and TDEA, worked across four districts to strengthen electoral transparency and voter education. The project mobilized communities for inclusive democracy and governance monitoring.





Child Protection and Child Rights Governance

- A multi-party convention held to discuss and analyse the five-year education plan to probe reasonable solutions to ensure quality education across the government-run schools.
- Monitoring of enrolment of children in schools through school visits, validation of data and spot checks in Jhang, Chiniot, Faisalabad, and Jhelum with the help of the District Education Department.
- Facilitated parliamentary oversight in the Punjab Assembly to combat the practice of child marriage.
- Awareness raising seminars to sensitize communities, particularly marriage registrars and parents, about the negative effects of child marriage.
- Held the National Secretariat of the Child Rights Movement, a network of 450 NGOs, INGOs, and concerned individuals working on child rights in Pakistan.
- Trained and mobilized youth volunteers to further conduct awareness about identifying child sexual abuse in communities.
- Research on state of violence against children across Pakistan by identifying hotspot districts of crime.
- Advocating to combat child specific trafficking in persons by enhancing the legal framework, improving the implementation of existing laws, and building the capacity of key personnel.
- Specialized training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on victim-centric and trauma-informed practices for helping child victims.
- Organized inter-provincial consultations to strengthen coordination, develop actionable reform recommendations, and enhance referral mechanisms, ensuring a cohesive and effective response to human trafficking across provinces.
- As part of SSDO's child protection initiative, the organization held Good Touch/Bad Touch sessions in schools across Lahore, Karachi, and Islamabad. The sessions focused on educating children about their rights, personal boundaries, and how to identify inappropriate behavior. The goal was to empower students to recognize and report any form of abuse, ensuring their safety and well-being.





Youth Development and Employability

- Sensitization of parliamentarians on Migration Governance was conducted to strengthen national dialogue on migration-related policy frameworks and improve governance mechanisms.
- Promoting local capacities for economic development and safe migration practices, with the goal of discouraging irregular migration, was central to the intervention. These efforts also supported youth development and created opportunities for local empowerment.
- Increasing awareness in the community on Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) through engaging with different stakeholders — religious leaders, government officials, youth, women, and media personnel — contributed to broad-based youth engagement and community resilience.
- A core focus was placed on youth capacity development and employability. SSDO empowered university students — especially young women — by training them as Migration Ambassadors, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and tools to actively participate in migration-related decision-making, lead community advocacy, and design social action plans. These trainings contributed to skills training in advocacy, communication, and policy engagement.
- Conducted a series of training programs for print, electronic, and social media journalists, focusing on ethical, gender-sensitive, and victim-centric reporting on Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and SOM. These trainings also included components on youth-inclusive narratives and migration-sensitive reporting.
- Through a series of capacity-building sessions, SSDO trained 104 female students as Migration Ambassadors, who then educated over 5,444 of their peers on legal and safe migration pathways. These initiatives not only raised awareness but also enhanced youth leadership, employability, and practical skill development in advocacy and community mobilization.
- In partnership with the British High Commission, SSDO engaged youth in hotspot districts through advocacy sessions and youth-led migration awareness campaigns. The project established a Parliamentary Working Group and hosted a National Youth Summit on migration governance — promoting youth inclusion, leadership, and dialogue in national policymaking.





Health and Wellbeing

- Conducted State of Health Facilities Survey in 14 dispensaries of Rawalpindi.
- Sensitized men on women's health issues and made efforts to promote women's participation in health and hygiene-related discussions in urban slums and underprivileged communities.
- Conducted awareness session in flood-affected areas and IDP camps on managing menstrual health and hygiene, as well as pregnancy and childbirth, during emergency situations and displacement.
- Conducted community awareness sessions on maternal and child health in rural areas and urban slums so that they can make informed healthcare decisions by briefing them on prenatal care, nutrition during pregnancy, safe delivery practices, breastfeeding, child immunizations and child nutrition.
- Conducted sessions through visual aids and role-playing activities to sensitize underprivileged communities on health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) by teaching them proper techniques for handwashing, preparing safe drinking water, personal hygiene, sanitation and water-borne diseases.
- Empowered young women in urban slums and squatter settlements on menstrual hygiene and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) by dispelling prevailing cultural taboos and myths through science-based education, while also building their knowledge on reproductive anatomy, menstrual cycle, puberty, menstrual hygiene management and hygiene practices (menstrual product options and disposal methods), contraceptives, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), consent, and family planning. This included detailed sessions and open forums entitled "Meri Tumhari Baat, Apa Kay Saath" [Discussions with Older Sister] on domestic violence and abuse, particularly identifying non-verbal and nonphysical signs of abuse, as well as how to report it.
- Supported youth volunteers to engage in media advocacy through social media with international donors, humanitarian organizations and the government, to raise voice for the inclusion of menstrual hygiene and neonatal kits in emergency supplies for emergency contexts.
- Developed a caucus of policymakers at the national and sub-national levels to enforce regulations on existing smokeless and novel tobacco products and advocated for legislation to ban all novel/smokeless products.



Transparency and Accountability

- Digitized the Pakistan's Information Commission through developing online platform *Appeal Management Information System (AMIS)* and website, allowing any citizen to file an RTI electronically.
- Developed an online Information Management System for Local Government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to bring transparency and ensure a mechanism to collect feedback from citizens.
- Celebrating annual the *Right to Information Week* and *Anti-Corruption Day* across Pakistan through walks and seminars.



SSDO Projects Success Details

Name of Project	Donor	Duration	Scope of the project	Achievements
Strengthening Democratic Oversight, institutional Coordination and Strategic Communication to Counter Terrorism in Pakistan	FCDO	Jan 2026 till March 2027	Engaging with stakeholders, including parliamentarians at national and provincial levels, and state institutions such as the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), to support and strengthen Pakistan's Counter Terrorism (CT), Counter Financing of Terrorism (CFT), and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) frameworks under the National Action Plan (NAP). This engagement will focus on building the capacity of relevant stakeholders, enhancing institutional coordination, and designing and launching a strategic communication initiative in close consultation with partners to advance CT and CVE objectives.	In process
Promoting Climate Justice in South Punjab	UNDP	Oct 2025 to Mar 2026	Conducting assessment of climate justice, awareness raising and capacity building of relevant stakeholders on climate change, reducing climate change effects.	Accomplished
She Leads: Women Leadership Program	IFES	July 2025 to April 2026	The She Leads project to conduct leadership and civic trainings for women and men allies, promote community-led social actions, support CNIC registration and legal identity, and strengthen inclusive community development initiatives to enhance women's participation, rights awareness, and equitable decision-making at grassroots level.	Accomplished
Combatting Trafficking in Person through enhancing coordination and collaboration among stakeholders	US State Department	30 Sept 2021 to 30 Dec 2024	Strengthening coordination and collaboration between public and private sector institutions for combating TIP Capacity building of law enforcement, prosecution and line departments; Strengthening journalistic capacity for TIP reporting; Increase direct referrals of victims for services or rehabilitation; Advocate for prevention and prosecution of TIP.	Accomplished
Youth Action for building Peace & Resilience in Karachi	USAID-CDA Consortium	Sep 2024-July 2027	Strengthening parliamentary oversight on CVE and Peacebuilding in Karachi Promotion of Social Cohesion and Peace Building through local government and interfaith groups	Closed in March 2025 due to US President Executive Order on account of change in USG policy
Empowering Youth to Curb Irregular Migration in Punjab -	FCDO	July 2024-March	1: Strengthening Stakeholder Capacities for Implementing Improvised Legal and Policy Frameworks to Combat Irregular	Accomplished

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			Migration. Objective 2: Empower Youth Ambassadors to Lead Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns on Migration Issues Objective 3: Enhance Outreach and Engagement Through Innovative Communication Tools	
Secure Routes: Promoting Legal Migration, Dismantling Illegal Pathways - Pakistan.	FCDO	Jan 2024-March 2024	Facilitate a comprehensive youth engagement program to foster informed discussions and encourage legal migration pathways while discouraging illegal migration practices. Implemented in five districts (Mirpur, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Sialkot)	Accomplished
Community Awareness Sessions on TIP/SOM	IOM	Dec 2023-April 2024	Designated activities will be categorized into three primary beneficiaries: youth in within and outside academic institutions, community men, and community women in Quetta & Sialkot.	Accomplished
Amplifying Women's Voices in Migration Decision Making	Seefar Foundation	Dec 2023-Feb, 2024	• Confirmation of the migration ambassadors • Additional/refresher Interactive sessions • Campus level peer activities Awareness campaigns & Peer Advocacy	Accomplished
ProTECT: Program to End Child Trafficking: Addressing child trafficking in bonded and domestic labor in Pakistan	US State Department	July 2024-Dec 2025	A collaborative approach to combat child specific trafficking in persons (TIP) by enhancing the legal framework, improving the implementation of existing laws, and building the capacity of key personnel. A targeted advocacy campaign that secures commitment from stakeholders for law and policy reform, alongside specialized training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on victim-centric and trauma-informed practices. Inter-provincial consultations to strengthen coordination, develop actionable reform recommendations, and enhance referral mechanisms, ensuring a cohesive and effective response to human trafficking across provinces.	Closed in March 2025 due to US President Executive Order on account of change in USG policy
Empowering Women for Inclusive Security: Advancing Gender Equality in Pakistan's Civilian Security Sector	USIP-INL		This project focuses on enhancing gender equality and empowering women in Pakistan's Civilian Security Sector Agencies (CSSA) through training, advocacy, and the establishment of women councils. Key activities include national and	Closed in March 2025 due to US President Executive Order on account of

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Agencies (CSSA)			provincial launches, advocacy meetings, mobilization seminars, job fairs, candidate preparation, training workshops, and capacity-building initiatives for women councils in Sindh and KP to institutionalize mechanisms for women's recruitment, retention, and advancement in CSSA.	change in USG policy
Community Peace Initiative	US MISSION	30 Sept 2021 to 30 Sept 2023	Formulate and train networks of youth and religious leaders to develop and strengthen their critical thinking and peaceful building skills Organize and implement people to people engagements for the youth and religious leader's networks to interact with local influencers to strengthen community cooperation and promote social cohesion and tolerance Develop and implement media campaigns and outreach activities to create awareness for social cohesion and tolerance	Accomplished
Electoral Quality and Inclusiveness in Pakistan In Potohar District	TDEA-USG	March 2021 to Feb 2025	The main objective of EQuIP "Electoral Quality and Inclusiveness in Pakistan" project is: voter education voter mobilization observe elections observation and monitoring of Political parties Enhancing voter's turnout where female voters turnout is less than 10%, etc.	Accomplished
Advocacy initiative to strengthen parliamentary oversight and legal framework for tobacco control in Pakistan	CTFK	Sep 2022-Aug 2023	The project will focus to expose the harms of smokeless tobacco products to push policy-makers to introduce a regulatory framework to reduce consumption	Accomplished
Strengthening Media Freedom & Civic Space in Potohar Pakistan	TDEA FCDO	August 21-Feb-22	Pandemic Governance monitoring to make evidence-based pandemic recommendations and findings	Accomplished
"WE ARE LEADERS" -District Rawalpindi	TDEA	April 2021-June- 2022	(i) Facilitation of Women Identity Cards (ii) Registration of Voters (iii) Promotion of Women participation in Democratic Process (iv) Capacity building of young aspiring women leaders	Accomplished

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Enhance Women Workers' Access to Market (EWAM)	TDEA	Sep 2021 June 2022	(i) Enhance organizational capacities of women workers alliances to negotiate & advocate their collective priorities & demand with Employer's policy makers (ii) Enhance knowledge & skills among workers, civil society & media to effectively raise demands for improved enforcement of laws policies and rules.	Accomplished
WE ARE LEADERS	TDEA	Feb 2020- Mar 2021	(i) Facilitation of Women Identity Cards (ii) Registration of Voters (iii) Promotion of Women participation in democratic process (iii) Capacity Building of young aspiring women leaders	Accomplished
Strengthening Community Linkages in Legislative Oversight for Peace building In Punjab	DAI-USAID	February 2021 to November 2021	To build the capacity of 30 MPAs and 12 Government officials on legislative oversight in context of CVE issues Advocate for additional and existing policy/legislative reforms. Strengthen the mandate of MPAs by building their coordination with provincial and federal counterparts & government entities Enhanced tolerance within and across communities	Accomplished
Strengthening Community Linkages in Legislative Oversight for Peace building In Sindh/Baluchistan	DAI-USAID	February 2021 to November 2021	To build the capacity of 35 MPAs and 12 Government officials on legislative oversight in context of CVE issues Advocate for additional and existing policy/legislative reforms. Strengthen the mandate of MPAs by building their coordination with provincial and federal counterparts & government entities Enhanced tolerance within and across communities	Accomplished
Police Awaam Sath Sath	United States Institute of Peace (USIP)-USG	June 2020- August 2020	Strengthening PASS's presence in legislative assemblies of Pakistan. Capacity building of the legislators for oversight of the reforms process. Eliminating political interference in policing, Women in Police/ Women Centric Policing Training & Capacity Building of Police, Strengthening Legislative Oversight for Police Performance	Accomplished

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Strengthening Legislative Oversight for building Peace in Pakistan - II	DAI_USAID	February 2020 – August 2020	To build the capacity of 25 parliamentary committee members on legislative oversight in context of CVE issues Increased engagement of targeted stakeholders for enhanced oversight mechanism for the enforcement of CVE laws Targeted community leaders implement CVE initiatives in their communities Enhanced tolerance within and across communities	Accomplished
Strengthening Local Governments' Role for Building Peace & Sustainable Development in Sindh	DAI-USAID	1st Feb 2020 - 31st August 2020	To train 200 local government representatives on CVE laws and form 20 UC level peace committees Increased capacity of local government towards the implementation of CVE laws To increase Government of Sindh planning and investment in CVE To increase broad-based citizen engagement in community decisions Making	Accomplished
Strengthening Legislative Oversight for Building Peace & Sustainable Development in Sindh	DAI-USAID	August 21 2019 to Feb21 2020	To form and train a multi-party Parliamentary Working Group (PWG) in the Sindh Provincial Assembly on CVE To enhance oversight mechanism for the implementation of the CVE laws Targeted community leaders implement CVE initiatives in their communities Enhanced tolerance within and across communities	Accomplished
Strengthening Legislative Oversight for building Peace in Punjab	DAI-USAID	Feb 1 2019 to to Sep 13 2019	To form and train a multi-party Parliamentary Working Group (PWG) in the Punjab Provincial Assembly on CVE To enhance oversight mechanism for the implementation of the CVE laws Targeted community leaders implement CVE initiatives in their communities Enhanced tolerance within and across communities Successfully conducted training of 85 MPAs and Government officials on peace & civic education in Punjab. A parliamentary working group is established to work on the issues of peace & civic education in Punjab.	Accomplished

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Citizens' Observation for Transparent & Accountable Elections in Pakistan	Citizens' Voice Project- USAID	November 2017 to September 2018	Improved enforcement of electoral regulations as a result of measures for corrective actions; and Improved public access to election-related information including observation findings through use of information technology during GE 2018. Pre-Election and Election Day Observation with 783 youth observers in Rawalpindi and Jhelum	Accomplished
Promoting Local Govts' Role in Building Peace in Pakistan	DAI-USAID	January 2017	Conducted training of Local Government representatives and district government officials on Countering Violent Extremism laws of Government of Punjab.	Accomplished
Trainings on Result	USAID	August 2016	Conducted training workshops of civil society	Accomplished

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