



Hisaar Foundation
a foundation for water, food and livelihood security

Governors' Report to Council Members

July 2021 – June 2022

1. Introduction

This report covers the period of activities undertaken by Hisaar Foundation from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022. We are pleased to report that it has been exciting and a year of growth for Hisaar Foundation. The Foundation was able to move towards recovery from the ramifications of Covid-19 pandemic and return to a new “normal.” Hisaar Foundation made significant headway on fundraising for the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute (PHWI). Through its interventions on the ground, and the outputs of the Think Tank, the Foundation further consolidated its standing as a leading organization in the water sector of the country.

This report contains a brief description of all the key activities during the year. The highlight of this period was the successful execution of the 5th Karachi International Water Conference Webinar Series over the months of November and December 2021. This was followed by a sizeable donation from Infaq Foundation for the Water Ecology and Remediation Lab and the Library at PHWI. The year closed on a high note with the successful execution of our Ramzan Appeal campaign. This report provides brief details on the salient features of 2021-2022 performance of the Foundation.

2. Company Affairs and Organizational Matters

2.1 Registration with Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP)

Hisaar Foundation’s license was due to expire in the first week of October 2021. Following the protocol, the Foundation applied for a license renewal in September 2021, within the stipulated period to apply for license renewal. Subsequently, we received a notification from SECP that according to recent amendments made to the Companies Act 2017, section 42 companies are no longer required to get their license renewed. Therefore, the Foundation has a valid license until further notice from SECP.

2.2 Registration with Economic Affairs Division (EAD), Pakistan

We are happy to report that Hisaar Foundation is registered with Economic Affairs Division Pakistan and the MoU is valid till December 2022.

2.3 Registration with Federal Board of Revenue

Hisaar Foundation had a valid tax exemption certificate for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. We have applied for tax exemption for the new period (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and are awaiting our certification.

2.4 Registration with Sindh Charity Commission

Hisaar Foundation has applied for registration with the Sindh Charities Commission. We are awaiting a response regarding the status of our application.

2.5 Zakat and Shariah Certification

We are happy to report that Hisaar Foundation and the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute are shariah certified. We have contracted Shariah advisors and consultants (Al Hamd Shariah Advisory Services) to guide us on this continuously, as per requirement.

2.6 Registration with Social Welfare Department

We are happy to report that Hisaar Foundation is enlisted with Social Welfare Department, Tharparkar.

2.7 Staff Changes

During this period, we saw the departure of two of our colleagues, Sameen Huda who led the social media and communications work of the Foundation, and Faria Uqaili who served as the Manager, Strategies &

Programmes. In March 2022, we hired Sana Ahmed as a Program Officer and Tahreem Rasheed as Communications and Research Officer to replace our former colleagues. We also hired Haris Khan in March 2022 as Fundraising Manager for PHWI.

3. Report on Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute (PHWI)

This year, Hisaar Foundation continued its fundraising activities for the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute at NED University, whilst the construction was ongoing at the site.

3.1 Update on Construction of Building

During the period July 01, 2021 to January 2022, the grey structure work of the Lower Ground Floor and Ground Floor was completed. This consisted of horizontal and vertical structural members (slab, beam and column) on both floors. Along with the structural works, the finishing works of two big underground water tanks were also completed. In January 2022, major construction work stopped at the site, and the main focus shifted to the finishing activities of Lower Ground Floor. Therefore, casting of all situ beams for the base of internal block masonry works and internal block masonry work of Lower Ground Floor was completed. In addition, the detail designing of labs with experts was also completed; this included equipment layout which will be needed at the time of finishing works.

A huge escalation in prices of petrol, cement and steel along with steep inflation across all sectors compelled the contractors to submit a revised set of Bill of Quantities in the 3rd week of May for PHWI. The total project cost was revised from Rs 1.25 billion to Rs 1.58 billion. Of this total, land provided by NED University of Engineering and Technology has a value of Rs 274 million, Federal Government has provided Rs 470 million and Hisaar Foundation has to raise Rs 835 million. To date, the Foundation has raised Rs 280 million and is currently seeking to Rs 835 million more.

Our strategy is to completely finish the Lower Ground Floor so that we can place the equipment of the labs (Water Quality Testing and Coastal & Hydraulics Lab) that has already arrived at NED campus. This is currently lying in other departments and this equipment will be moved to PHWI as soon the work on Lower Ground Floor is completed. We also plan to complete part of the Ground Floor so that we can set up temporary offices for the PHWI Advisor and PHWI Manager at the institute.

3.2 Update on Fundraising

The beginning of the new year 2022 started on a high note for the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute with a pledge from Infaq Foundation of Rs 55 million towards the Water Ecology and Remediation Lab (Rs 25 million) and Library (Rs 30 million). Hisaar Foundation now has a small fundraising unit fully set up at the office with the primary purpose of raising funds for PHWI. Fundraising continued at a steady pace throughout this period with small donations coming in regularly from water saviors and other sources. We are also very deep in negotiations with Engro Foundation and United Bank Limited. In addition, Hisaar Foundation sent out close to 200 proposals to different corporates over this period. The highlight of this period was the released of the remaining Rs 302 million (out of a total of Rs 470 million from the Federal Government under the Karachi Package) to NED University for the remaining equipment and Foreign Faculty Executive Center.

3.3 Update on Academic Progress

Five teaching (assistant professors) and two non-teaching posts have already been sanctioned by NED and are in process of being hired. Process for hiring of the new permanent director is underway and he should be in place shortly. A strategy planning meeting for PHWI was held on 17th and 18th of June with

members of the Executive Board and others. A workplan clearly outlining milestones, timeline and responsibilities has been developed for the next five years for the academic program of the Institute.

3.4 Certificate Courses for Employees of Urban Municipalities

Under a long-term MoU signed between NED University and Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) which forms the basis for certificate courses to the employees of the Municipal Committee, Jacobabad, PHWI delivered another physical training course for 3 days on WASH entitled “**Localizing SDG-6: Focusing Urban WASH**” from 30th September to 2nd October 2021. The course was designed to provide a global perspective of WASH and its importance. The training aimed at developing capacities of participants from government and civil society in urban WASH related policies, strategies, and planning with due consideration of women participation. The course was led by Simi Kamal, Chairperson Hisaar Foundation and co-trainers included Dr. Noman Ahmed, Director PHWI, Dr. Mansoor Ali, Water Engineering and Development Center (WEDC), Loughborough University, UK and Haseeb Ansari, NED-UET.

3.5 Research Activities at Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute

PHWI is currently undertaking two research studies. The research study on **Decentralized Sanitation and Water Services Provision in Informal Urban Settlements (SWaPS)** in four South Asian countries: India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan is supported by the UK Government. This research is being carried out in collaboration with University of Exeter and Loughborough University. NED University of Engineering & Technology (NED) is one of the partner institutions along with Karachi University (KU) and Mehran University of Engineering & Technology (MUET). A part of NED's share of work is being done through PHWI.

PHWI is also conducting a World Bank funded research study entitled **Sindh IWRM Roadmap with Focus on Keenjhar Lake**. PHWI is responsible for conducting the **Social Gender Assessment** and to examine behavioral change through understanding the dynamics of communities living near Keenjhar Lake, Thatta district, Sindh. Dr. Noman Ahmed, Acting Director and Kausar Hashmi, Manager PHWI, are leading the Social Gender Assessment.

4. Karachi International Water Conference Webinar Series

The 5th Karachi International Water Conference was converted from an on-site and in-person event to a webinar series held throughout the months of November and December 2021. It was delivered in a unique and hybrid mode with some speakers presenting remotely and some speakers being recorded and transmitted live from television studios of TV One, a leading TV channel.

The theme of the KIWC webinar series 2021 was “Climate Change and Pandemic: Impact on water”. Its sub themes were 1. Code Red for Humanity; Climate Action Now; 2. Circular Water Economy in Urban Context; 3. Thinking the Unthinkable: Harnessing the Pandemic to Improve SDG-6, Health and Sanitation; and 4. Water and Climate Change: Reimagining Women's Leadership. Following the four thematic webinars, a concluding webinar was also held in which facilitators of each webinar presented the main findings and the conference declaration was presented. With the backdrop of the pandemic and in the wake of the COP26 dialogues, the 5th KIWC succeeded in generating healthy discussions and charted out valuable lessons learned to advance SDG6. The webinar series was very well attended overall with over 600 attendees. In addition, there were 18 presentations over four webinars, with eleven international speakers and 19 national speakers. There were 4 sponsoring organisations with Engro Foundation being the sponsor of the entire series. Airwaves Media were the media partners of the webinar series. They

offered their television studio free of cost for live transmission of the webinars. Airwaves Media also ran promotions of the webinar series on their radio and television channels. In the end, Airwaves Media converted the webinars into short television shows for dissemination to the wider public. Overall, the KIWC webinar series had over 5000 views on various social media platforms.

Each webinar concluded with a call to action which will set the path for some of Hisaar Foundation's initiatives till the next conference in 2024. A detailed report of the proceedings is available on Hisaar Foundation's website.

4.1 Memento Ceremonies for 5th Karachi International Water Conference Webinar Series

Hisaar Foundation Board of Governors and featured speakers of the 5th KIWC were invited to the Hisaar Foundation office on 11th March 2022 to celebrate the successful completion of 5th Karachi Water Conference. Mementos were presented to the speakers and management of Hisaar Foundation for their great contribution to make the webinar series possible and successful. Another memento ceremony was held on 17th March 2022 at the TV One studios to mark the appreciation of Seema Taher Khan and the contributions of her team at Airwaves Media without whose support the hybrid conference would not have been possible. Simi Kamal Chairperson, Hisaar Foundation presented a memento and bouquet to Seema Taher Khan in recognition of her contribution and support during the 5th Karachi International Water Conference Webinar Series.

5. Think Tank on the Rational Use of Water

Due to the pandemic, the members of the Think Tank on the Rational Use of Water were unable to meet in person during this reporting period. However, several members of the Think Tank remained engaged with the Government. Some members raised awareness on Pakistan's water issues and challenges and contributed to the public discourse on water through newspaper articles, television and radio appearances and participation in seminars and webinars. The most significant contribution and output of the Think Tank during this period was the conceptualization of the "Million Ponds Tabdeeli" project. Simi Kamal developed this concept and she was assisted by Zohair Ashir, Faria Uqaili and Sanaa Baxamoosa to refine it further. The Million Ponds Tabdeeli concept is envisioned as a low-cost green solution to supplement water storage across Pakistan. The concept was submitted to the Ministry of Water Resources in October 2021 and it is reflected in the Living Indus initiative being supported by the UN.

6. Ramzan Appeal

Hisaar Foundation launched its Ramzan Appeal in April 2022 seeking donations in three areas – Food and hygiene packs, water systems and Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute. This year, Hisaar Foundation exceeded its target of Rs 10 million and successfully provided support to 1396 families located in 10 villages across Sindh and Balochistan provinces of Pakistan. Food packs, hygiene supplies, and water systems were provided in overall 25 remote villages during the month of Ramzan.

With the generous support of our donors and benefactors, we were able to provide food and hygiene packs in 7 villages in 2 UCs in Mithi District of Tharparkar and 1 village in Gadap area of District Malir. We also provided 50 emergency relief packs to 50 affected families in 2 burnt villages (Village Mataro Sandh and Village Kharo Bajeer UC Malanhor Veena) in Tharparkar. With the support of our largest donor, GA APPNA, we provided 500 food packs across 4 provinces of Pakistan. In Sindh, food packs were distributed to 125 families in Village Mulla Hussain, Brohi District Malir Taluka Gadap and. In Punjab, food packs were distributed to 125 families in Village Rachand Kalan District Sheikhpura. In KPK, food packs were

distributed to 125 families in Village Sufaid Sung Union Council Kafor Dharai in District Peshawar. In Balochistan, food packs were distributed to 125 families in Village Gulabi Goth/Mubarak Village Union Council Sakran Tehsil-Hub in District Lasbela.

Further, we also provided 3 handpumps, 9 rehab wells and 1 solar bore in Thar, and 1 electric water cooler at an educational institute in Karachi.

Our largest donors included (GA APPNA) Georgia Chapter of Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America, (OAKS) Old Associates of Kinnard Society Karachi Chapter, and LadiesFund. Our distribution partner HANDS helped us with transportation and storage.

7. Emergency Support

Within the purview of working towards water, food and livelihood security, Hisaar Foundation has always responded to emergencies and natural disasters faced by Pakistan. This year, Hisaar Foundation launched the Cholistan Emergency Relief Appeal with the collaboration of OAKS Karachi Chapter. The Cholistan Emergency Relief Appeal aimed to distribute food, water and hygiene packs and build water systems to help the people of Cholistan cope with the heatwave and water crisis in the immediate term and build their resilience for the future.

Given that the Cholistan Emergency Relief Appeal was only conducted through OAKS and its supporters, the appeal was a success and we were able to raise close to Rs 4 million for food, water and hygiene packs and water systems. Through these funds we were able to provide food, water and hygiene packs to 375 families and install 13 handpumps in remote villages of Cholistan. Hisaar Foundation conducted the distribution activity through its partner in Cholistan who also helped us in identifying impoverished and remote villages in need of immediate support.

8. Creating Partnerships

Hisaar Foundation continued to play an integral role in anchoring and strengthening the Area Water Partnerships and Women and Water Networks that were created under the aegis of the Karachi Water Partnership. Some of the activities conducted are outlined below.

8.1 Public Private Partnership

Our biggest and most significant partnership remains with NED University of Engineering and Technology and Panjwani Charitable Foundation for the establishment of Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute. See section 3 for details.

8.2 Partnering with Civil Society

During this period, Rotary Karachi Metropolitan Trust, a civil society donor organization extended its support to Hisaar Foundation for two Adopt a Village projects in Tharparkar and two Adopt a School projects in Karachi. Adopt a Village projects comprised installation of solar bore, provision of solar household units and construction of solar powered washrooms. Whereas, school water and sanitation rehabilitation work was carried out at Scholars Academy, Ibrahim Jokhio in Gadap, Malir and Scholars Academy, Siddique Khaskheli, in Rehri, Bin Qasim Town. These projects included construction of segregated washrooms for girls and boys with disability ramp, construction of a handwashing facility, installation of water filtration plant and electric water cooler to provide cool and safe drinking water to the students, teachers and staff of the schools.

8.3 Partnering with Academia

On 12th November 2021, Hisaar Foundation and Kinnaird college for Women signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for academic, administrative and research collaborations. The objective of this MoU is to further develop and carry out long term collaboration on program and research activities like development of collaborative research projects, joint academic activities, such as: courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures and collaboration for development of water, food and livelihood systems.

8.4 Leveraging International Partnerships

On 21st and 22nd October, Cap-Net held its Annual Network Managers and Partners Meeting for the year 2021. Due to the pandemic, the meeting was held virtually with members of its 23 affiliate networks in attendance. The meeting focused on building resilient networks and building network capacity to respond to the changing conditions and pressing needs on the ground. Sanaa Baxamoosa, in her capacity as Network Manager Cap-Net Pakistan attended this meeting.

8.5 Membership with Alliance for Water Stewardship

In May 2022, Hisaar Foundation was inducted into the Alliance for Water Stewardship, a global membership collaboration and a sustainability standard for robust, credible water stewardship. Members of the alliance include global businesses and their supply chains, international NGOs and civil society partners, development agencies and other public sector offices, as well as think tanks and researchers.

9. Developing Solutions

Developing solutions has been at the core of all programmatic interventions undertaken by Hisaar Foundation. Projects and programmes are designed such that low-cost creative solutions form an integral part of all water, food and livelihood-related interventions and activities.

Old Associates of Kinnaird Society (OAKS) Karachi Chapter and Hisaar Foundation continued to collaborate on the rehabilitation of deep dugwells in Tharparkar. During the year, OAKS also supported the installation of solar powered borewells with water storage tanks, and installation of handpumps as an alternative solution to traditional handmade wells in Thar. With the support of OAKS, Hisaar Foundation also launched the Cholistan Emergency Relief Appeal described above.

In addition to OAKS Karachi Chapter, Rotary Karachi Metropolitan Trust has also become a regular donor of Hisaar Foundation.

During this period, Hisaar Foundation installed 6 solar bores and 2 solar systems on existing rehab wells with water storage tanks, rehabilitated 75 wells, and installed 26 handpumps to improve water access and water security in various parts of the Tharparkar and Cholistan districts. The Foundation also installed 3 water filtration and provided 4 electric water coolers to various schools and hospitals in Karachi. One water filtration plant was installed at Koochi Goth Women's Hospital and the remaining two water filtration plants were installed at schools in Gadap and Rehri as a part of Adopt a School project supported by Rotary Karachi Metropolitan Trust. We also provided 2 washrooms and a single, large handwashing facility as a part of each Adopt a School project in these two schools. Finally, we constructed 44 solar powered washrooms in two villages in Tharparkar to provide improved access to sanitation in a safe and dignified environment. In addition, we also provided solar household units to 71 families in Tharparkar with the support of Rotary Karachi Metropolitan Trust.

10. Dialogues, Engagements and Webinars

In the aftermath of the pandemic, dialogues, seminars and events took a hybrid shape and form where some were converted into webinars or virtual events and some events were held on site and in person. Hisaar Foundation organized some events and webinars this year and participated in several webinars and events hosted and conducted by its partners.

Hisaar Foundation representatives participated in important international and national water events throughout the year. Simi Kamal (Chairperson), Zohair Ashir (Governor), Sanaa Baxamoosa (General Manager) and Faria Uqaili (Manager Strategies and Programmes) represented the Foundation as key organizers or featured speakers at these events. Some of the notable engagements and events are listed in the table below:

Event	Date	Representation of Hisaar Foundation
International Engagements		
9 th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) on Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet	21 st September 2021	Faria Uqaili was key organizer and speaker
Pakistan Water Week - 'Needs for Sustainable Water Management in a Climate Crisis for Indus Basin' by IWMI Pakistan	6 th to 9 th December 2021	Simi Kamal was a featured speaker at Opening Plenary and Zohair Ashir was a conference delegate
One-day International Symposium on The Great Transformation in Pakistan: Feminisation of Agriculture and its Implications for Food Security and Women's Empowerment by COMSATS	16 th March 2022	Simi Kamal was a key speaker at the symposium
4 th Asia Pacific Water Summit	23 rd and 24 th April 2022	Simi Kamal was a featured speaker for the thematic session on Water Supply
National Engagements		
"ccGAP National Women's Workshop" Developing a National Climate Change and Gender Action Plan (ccGAP) by IUCN	6 th to 8 th July 2021	Sanaa Baxamoosa and Faria Uqaili were lead facilitators for thematic group on "water"
"ccGAP National Multi-Stakeholder Workshop" Developing a National Climate Change and Gender Action Plan (ccGAP) by IUCN	16 th and 17 th August 2021	Sanaa Baxamoosa and Faria Uqaili were lead facilitators for thematic group on "water"
Pre-COP 26th Webinar on Climate Change by Kinnaird College	6 th October 2021	Faria Uqaili was a featured speaker

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Webinar on “Value of Water for the Community” by Jinnah University for Women	6 th November 2021	Sanaa Baxamoosa was a keynote speaker
Provincial Workshop on Sindh Climate Change Policy by World Food Programme	17 th February 2022	Simi Kamal was the lead facilitator for the workshop.
Pakistan Climate Conference by OICCI	16 th March 2022	Simi Kamal was a featured speaker for the panel on “ensuring fair usage of water”
Free Flowing Dialogue on Sindh’s Water Issues	24 th March 2022	Hisaar Foundation was a collaborator. Simi Kamal helped design the dialogue and identify speakers. Sanaa Baxamoosa presented the Foundation’s viewpoint at the event.
Seminar on “Climate change, water scarcity and sustainable development” by AKUH Community Health Sciences Department	9 th June 2022	Sanaa Baxamoosa was a featured speaker. She spoke on Pakistan’s water scarcity challenges and developing solutions to Pakistan’s water scarcity problems
Special Days		
World Water Day Webinar in collaboration with CERB, PBC	24 th March 2022	Sanaa Baxamoosa was a featured speaker for the technical session and spoke on the importance of groundwater
Seminar on “Save the Earth” by Sustainable Development Training and Research Center at SZABIST	22 nd April 2022	Sanaa Baxamoosa was a featured speaker. She spoke on the importance of water and its linkages to climate change.

10. Lobbying with Government

Hisaar Foundation continued to engage with government officials and departments at all levels to disseminate its work and share its policy recommendations to spearhead and catalyze efforts for development of provincial and federal water policies, implementation frameworks and the million ponds storage concept.

11. Report on Social Media

The Media and Communication team of Hisaar Foundation highlights the activities of the Foundation, creates fundraising campaigns and promotes awareness on the focus areas of the Foundation through content creation and information dissemination. In addition, Hisaar Foundation leverages specific environmental days as occasions to mark particular events or topics in order to promote awareness and action. The social media engagement of the Foundation has witnessed a steady growth during this period as highlighted by the analytics. Our Twitter account has 1,820 dedicated followers, whereas the Foundation’s Facebook profile has 15,703 followers with a rate of 33.3% page visits every day. Our YouTube channel received 4.4k views during this period with 41.1k impressions. We also launched the

Hisaar Foundation Instagram handle in August 2021, and to date it has 123 organic followers with approximately 300 to 350 impressions per month.

Hisaar Foundation continued to highlight women water professionals through its social media campaign to bring them to the water table for inclusion in the discourse on water. This was a campaign launched by the Foundation in 2020 as a response to one of the meetings held by the working group on Sindh water policy which had zero presence of women. We have highlighted close to 40 women water professionals through our campaign since its inception.

12. Financial Outlay

During the period July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Hisaar Foundation through its programmes raised over Rs. 35.1 million against which it incurred expenditures of over Rs. 34.7 million. This resulted in a net surplus of approximately a little under Rs. 400,000. There was increase in donations for water systems as compared to the last financial year. Donations for Ramzan Appeal increased approximately by a whopping 50% and we also generated some income from sponsorship of the Water Conference webinar series during this period.

The Foundation received approximately Rs 50 million in donations for the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute. It is pertinent to note that funds raised for PHWI were utilized against procurement of steel and cement, building expenditures and salary of project and fundraising managers. All expenditures in relation to PHWI have been included in fixed assets and are being treated as capital work in progress.

13. Way Forward

This has been a year of steady progress and growth for Hisaar Foundation. With the support of the Governors and Council members who have been instrumental in guiding and advising Hisaar Foundation on its plans and growth, we hope to fulfill the goal of establishing the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute at NED University in the next year or two. During this financial year, the world, Pakistan and indeed Hisaar Foundation started its journey towards recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. We resumed regular office hours, in person meetings and hosting and participating in physical events.

Hisaar Foundation was able to increase its programme income by 10%. We also made good progress in soliciting donations for the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute.

As we are nearing the completion of 20 years of establishment, we are commissioning an impact assessment by an independent third party to reflect on our successes and failures. Needless to say, our ambitions and endeavours would not be fulfilled without the dedication and efforts of the team at Hisaar Foundation and the directions and support of the Governors and Members of the Foundation. We look forward to their support and encouragement in the years to come, with the same cohesiveness and guidance that will enable us to continue achieving our goals.



Chairperson
Hisaar Foundation

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