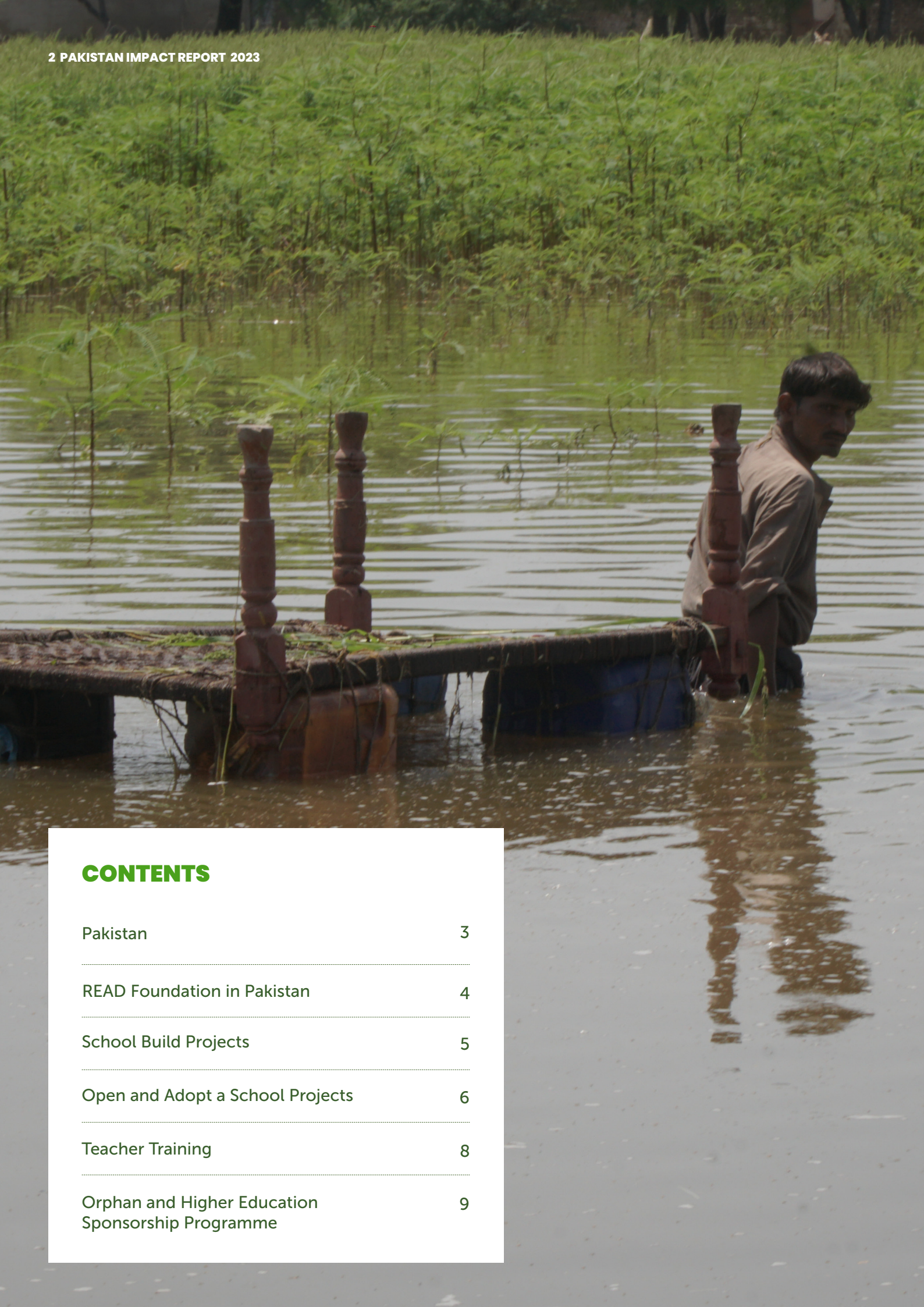


# PAKISTAN IMPACT REPORT





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# PAKISTAN

**Pakistan has made considerable strides in enhancing access to education, pledging to offer free schooling for those unable to afford it. The country aims to boost primary school enrollment and completion rates while elevating the literacy level.**

However, ongoing socio-economic disparities linked to location, gender, and disability mean nearly one-third of Pakistan's populace lives in poverty. About 23 million children aged 5-16 remain out of school, constituting 44% of the total age group, and this is the world's second-largest number of children not in education.

Nearly 65% of the population is under 30, and Pakistan has not yet fully harnessed the potential of its youth, who often face employment challenges due to insufficient qualifications.

Over the past year, the READ Foundation has played a vital role in transforming the educational landscape across Kashmir, Sindh, KPK, Gilgit Baltistan, and Punjab. We've successfully executed numerous projects, especially concentrating on constructing schools and sponsoring orphans while persistently aiding those impacted by the floods.



# READ FOUNDATION IN PAKISTAN



**READ**  
**Foundation**  
**has built**  
**11 schools**  
in 2023.



Over **21,000**  
**students** have  
access to quality  
education through  
our projects.



**7,000 orphans** have  
been sponsored  
through our Orphan  
Sponsorship  
Scheme.



# SCHOOL BUILD PROJECTS



**5 schools for girls** are being built this year.



**Over 7,000 students** have been able to access education through our school projects.



**Over 50% of enrolled students** in our schools are girls.

**READ Foundation builds and rehabilitates schools in areas ravaged by disaster and poverty, enabling thousands of children, including orphans, to access quality education.**

In 2023, READ Foundation built 11 new schools across Pakistan, including initiating our first school in Sindh. Our schools operate on a financially sustainable model with fees adjusted according to household income. These institutions are designed to fulfil children's comprehensive learning and safety needs, incorporating gender-appropriate WASH facilities, playgrounds, libraries, and science and computer labs. Presently, 12 additional schools are under construction, anticipating an enrolment of over 3,900 students.

Gender inequality remains a significant challenge at all educational levels, with girls facing substantial barriers to education

due to security issues, entrenched cultural norms, and inadequate WASH facilities in schools. We have five schools for girls currently under construction which will provide access to education for 2,800 girls, and we've begun building a school for 600 female students, emphasising sustainable energy and gender equality. This school, distinct for using solar energy to power its facilities and contribute excess energy to the local community, will feature advanced science labs and STEM facilities. This initiative aims to increase women's participation in STEM fields, which is currently under 10% in Pakistan. Additionally, the school offers subsidised childcare for teachers, addressing the challenge of unpaid domestic work among rural mothers and facilitating their workforce engagement. This school exemplifies a practical solution to gender-specific obstacles, promoting female empowerment and ensuring fair access to education, energy resources and equitable access to education and energy.

# OPEN AND ADOPT A SCHOOL PROJECTS



**7 Open A School and Adopt A School projects** completed this year.



**Over 1,600 children** attend these schools.

**Our Open and Adopt a School projects aim to refurbish and upgrade existing schools and buildings to offer a better learning environment to students and teachers.**

Through our Open A School initiative, we transform existing buildings into schools in areas lacking educational facilities. We also hire and

train teachers to provide high-quality education to students. Upgrades to these schools typically include renovating the infrastructure and supplying furniture, educational materials, and IT equipment.

This year, we have opened or adopted seven schools in Punjab, Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan, positively impacting over 1,600 students and 80 teachers. These schools significantly address classroom overcrowding, safe learning environments, educational facilities, and the overall quality of education.



# TEACHER TRAINING



**840 teachers** are being trained.



**Over 20,000 students** will benefit from improved quality of teaching.

As part of READ Foundation's efforts to improve the quality of education being delivered in our schools in Pakistan, we

have introduced a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme for primary and pre-primary teachers.

Through our comprehensive training programme, teachers engage in a 12-month course to enhance their pedagogical skills and assessment strategies. This training aims to boost student engagement and foster collaborative approaches to tackling classroom challenges.

The training focuses on promoting the adoption of efficient instructional and assessment strategies, along with inclusive teaching practices. These methods aim to ensure equitable learning opportunities for a diverse range of students. This year, 840 teachers from 30 schools have embarked on their training journey.







# ORPHAN AND HIGHER EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



**Over 7,000**  
orphans sponsored  
this year



**450 orphans**  
graduated this  
year



**6 students are being**  
supported to become  
doctors and engineers

**In Pakistan, there are about 4.2 million orphaned children who have lost one or both parents at a crucial and vulnerable stage of life, a time when they most require love, care, and guidance.**

Our flagship Orphan Sponsorship Programme extends beyond offering orphans access to quality education in READ Foundation schools. It also significantly enhances their well-being and overall development. In the past year, we have sponsored 7,000 orphans, covering their school fees, providing necessary school equipment, and offering a stipend to assist with living expenses. Additionally, as part of our seasonal campaign, we distributed sets of winter clothes to 1,150 orphans to shield them from the severe winter conditions.

This year, we've expanded our commitment to our students by offering them the opportunity to further their academic pursuits and enhance their prospects of entering graduate careers. Believing that poverty alleviation requires providing everyone with the chance to choose a career path conducive to sustainable development, our Higher Education Student Sponsorship programme is presently aiding six students in their journey to become Doctors and Engineers. This support includes scholarships covering their university tuition fees and stipends to assist with living expenses.

# EMERGENCY FLOODS RESPONSE 2022



**163,000 flood survivors** were supported through the emergency response



**4 eco-friendly schools** have been established

After the devastating floods in 2022, READ Foundation launched an emergency response, focusing on providing immediate urgent assistance for over 10,000 families, such as food and shelter and temporary learning centres.

In 2023, we rehabilitated 15 schools, renovated school buildings, and provided educational supplies. Four of these schools are climate-smart, running on renewable energy, and include eco-friendly landscaping to make them more flood-resilient. 8,000 students will have access to education through these schools, and 330 teachers will be able to secure their livelihood and continue teaching.

We also focused on stabilising the communities by reconstructing 150 houses, providing a new home for 900 flood survivors, and supporting 10,000 people in restoring their small businesses and livelihoods.

# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



**Over 50,000 people** from communities in Tharparkar have been helped to access clean water.



**We have built 26 solar wells and 10 handpumps.**

**Pakistan is grappling with severe water insecurity predicted to escalate as a direct impact of its vulnerability to climate change.**

Water-borne diseases are a leading cause of death and suffering in Pakistan. Every year, 53,000 children under five die from diarrhoea due to poor water and sanitation. Many children, especially girls, are responsible for collecting water for their families, causing them to drop out of school.

Tharparkar, situated in the southern part of the Sindh province, is plagued by acute water scarcity, frequent droughts, and limited rainfall. As part of our Water for Life project, we have installed 26 solar wells and 10 hand pumps in Tharparkar to enhance children's and local communities' access to clean and safe drinking water. Recognising that collecting water is often a task assigned to women, who must travel long distances for it, the availability of nearby wells represents a significant step towards empowering women. This saves them time and gives them greater control over their daily lives.





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