



POVERTY GRADUATION PROJECT (PGP) FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are jointly taking forward the Poverty Graduation Approach with the poorest members of the Afghan Refugee population to help them climb out of poverty by providing them with livelihood opportunities leading to sustainable income generation. The support has resulted in the economic empowerment of Afghan Refugee families by creating a greater degree of self-reliance and enhancing their economic independence.

Productive assets have been provided to over 7,000 Afghan Refugee families, promoting income generation and sustainable livelihoods.

Since its inception in 2017, the PPAF-UNHCR partnership has resulted in the successful completion of three phases of the Poverty Graduation Project for Afghan Refugees. Backed by PPAF's on ground partner organisations, Phase-I and Phase-II encompassed identification, social mobilisation, and skills training for Afghan Refugee families in four districts, two each in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In Phase-III, the focus remained on enhancing self-reliance and livelihoods for Afghan Refugee families settled in the project districts.

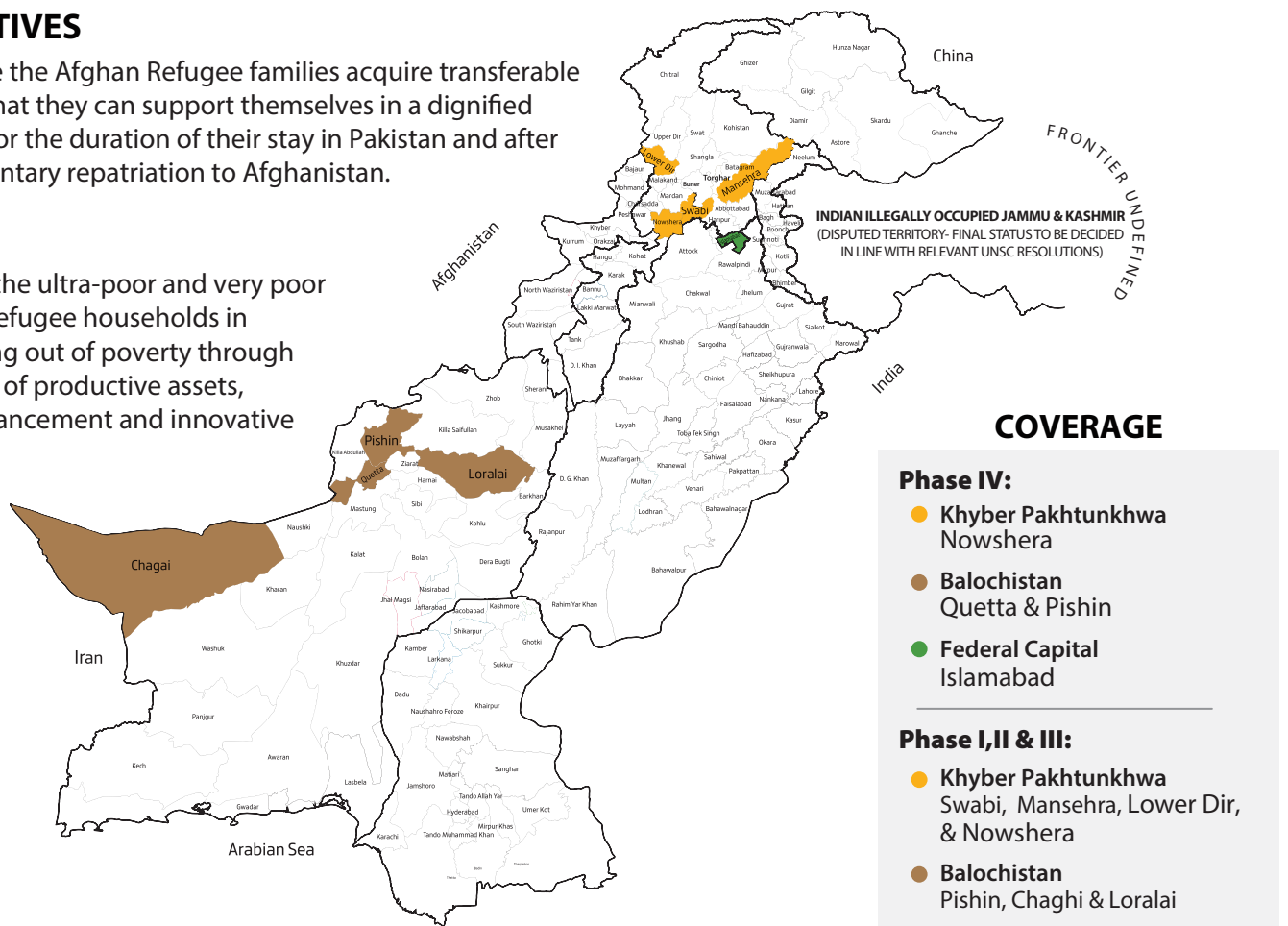
Phase-IV is currently in progress across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Islamabad. The primary aim is to enhance accessibility of the poorest Afghan Refugee households to sustainable and dignified income generation opportunities for fostering economic autonomy.

OBJECTIVES

To enable the Afghan Refugee families acquire transferable skills so that they can support themselves in a dignified manner for the duration of their stay in Pakistan and after their voluntary repatriation to Afghanistan.

GOAL

To assist the ultra-poor and very poor Afghan Refugee households in graduating out of poverty through provision of productive assets, skills enhancement and innovative schemes.



Achievements under Phase I, II & III

Under the **Phase-I** (January 2018 to March 2019) of the Poverty Graduation Project for Afghan Refugees productive livelihood assets and skills trainings benefitted over **1,400** families. This was followed by **Phase-II** (January 2020 to February 2022) during which productive assets along with trainings on enterprise development, asset management and financial literacy were provided to over **2,700** families in the project areas.

Under **Phase-III**, (January - December 2022) productive assets were provided to **3,000** Afghan Refugee families for income generation and sustainable livelihoods. This phase also included capacity-building trainings on enterprise development, asset management, and financial literacy for **3,000** individuals.

PRODUCTIVE ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO

1,428 families (Phase-I)

2,766 families (Phase-II)

3,000 families (Phase-III)



TRAININGS CONDUCTED

on enterprise development, asset management and financial literacy for

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Targets under Phase -IV (January - December 2023)

- Providing productive assets and training in enterprise development, asset management, and financial literacy to 3,000 Afghan Refugee families.
- Improving self-reliance by enhancing access for Afghan Refugee families to sustainable livelihoods and employment opportunities using the Poverty Graduation Approach.
- Stimulating entrepreneurial education among the youth for enhancing their employment prospects.
- Offering accredited and certified paramedic training to the youth population.
- Promoting gender equality for improving skill levels among female refugees, as well as to reduce the risk of gender-based violence.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES & OUTPUTS OF PHASE-IV:



**Community
Empowerment**



**Sustainable
Development**



**Promoting
Inclusivity**



**Building
Livelihoods**



**Healthcare
Advancement**



**Entrepreneurship
Empowerment**