

**PROJECT SNAPSHOT**

# **PEACE-II**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Promoting sustainable and integrated water management to ensure long-term resilience of water resources and community infrastructure**



**Clean Energy**



**Carbon Reduction**



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SARHAD RURAL SUPPORT  
PROGRAMME



# Relevance of the Action

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), home to over 35 million people—most of whom reside in rural and underserved areas—continues to face deep socio-economic and environmental vulnerabilities shaped by poverty, fragile infrastructure, and the growing impacts of climate change. In recent years, the province has experienced increasingly frequent and severe climate-induced disasters, including flash floods, heavy monsoon rains, landslides, Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), and avalanches, which have repeatedly devastated communities, destroyed critical infrastructure, and disrupted livelihoods. At the same time, limited access to reliable and sustainable energy continues to constrain economic opportunities, particularly in remote mountainous regions where communities remain dependent on inefficient and environmentally harmful energy sources.



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# Acronyms

KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
FATA	Federally Administrated Tribal Areas
GLOF	Glacial Lake Outburst Flood
SW	South Waziristan
NW	North Waziristan
MW	Mega Watt
kW	Kilo Watt
EU	The European Union
SRSP	Sarhad Rural Support Programme
RSPN	Rural Support Programme Network
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
SHYDO	Sarhad Hydel Development Organization
PEDO	Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization
OPM	Oxford Policy Management
MHP	Micro Hydro Power
CRO	Community Representative Organization
PEACE	Program for Economic Advancement and Community Development
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
SME's	Small & Medium Enterprises

# Sarhad Rural Support Programme

## Introduction

Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP) is the largest non-government, non-profit organization operational in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and newly merged tribal districts (erst-while FATA). It is part of family of Rural Support Programmes, established to reduce poverty and ensure sustainable means of livelihoods in programme areas.

Registered under the Companies act, it was established in 1989 by members of the civil society, enlightened members of the government in their individual capacities, members of the academia, media and training institutions. In 2007, SRSP also initiated a programme for community empowerment and economic development in parts of newly merged tribal districts (erst-while FATA). In recent years, due to its vast outreach in the communities, SRSP had played a prominent role in natural and human induced disasters that have hit Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and as a result humanitarian work along with development has become a core component of organizational work. Since its inception, SRSP has been working in partnership with Local communities, government and private sector to promote inclusive human development, alleviate extreme poverty and reduce gender disparities in its programme areas.

## Vision & Mission

The vision is to create a society, where poverty is reduced and sustainable means of livelihood are ensured, and the mission is to build social capital through mobilizing communities for poverty reduction in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Newly Merged Tribal Districts.



# Project's Background

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), a mountainous and climate-vulnerable province of Pakistan, has increasingly been affected by floods, GLOF events, landslides, and extreme monsoon rains in recent years. In response, the PEACE-II project (Post-Flood Rural Economic Recovery of Green Productive Assets in KP) is supporting climate-resilient socioeconomic recovery in the most affected and far-flung districts through a “build back better” approach.

Implemented by SRSP with funding from the European Union (Sep 2024–Aug 2029), the project focuses on restoring and expanding renewable energy through micro-hydropower, strengthening integrated water and land resource management, and enhancing community resilience, economic opportunities, and inclusive institutions with a strong emphasis on social inclusion and gender equity across eight targeted districts (Swat, Upper Dir, Shangla, Upper Chitral, Lower Chitral, SW, NW, Kurram). The initiative will rehabilitate and establish hydropower plants with a total capacity of 15–19 MW, benefiting approximately 22,287 households (171,892 people), while also restoring 100 community-based irrigation systems. In addition, it will support the development and implementation of community-level natural resource management plans, including disaster risk reduction and early warning systems, afforestation, reforestation and slope stabilization benefiting 2,300 households (17,733 people). Furthermore, 600 small local businesses will be strengthened to promote business expansion, create employment opportunities, and reduce carbon footprints.

<b>Project:</b>	Post Flood Rural Economic Recovery of Green Productive Assets In KP
<b>Duration:</b>	Sep 2024 - August 2029
<b>Donor:</b>	The European Union
<b>Districts:</b>	8 Districts-Swat, Upper Dir, Shangla, Upper Chitral, Lower Chitral, South Waziristan, North Waziristan, Kurram
<b>IP:</b>	Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP)



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# Project Overview

Total Budget



**€46 Million**

Duration



Sep 2024 - Aug 2029

**60 Months**

Districts



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

**08**

## Geographic Coverage

### Malakand Division

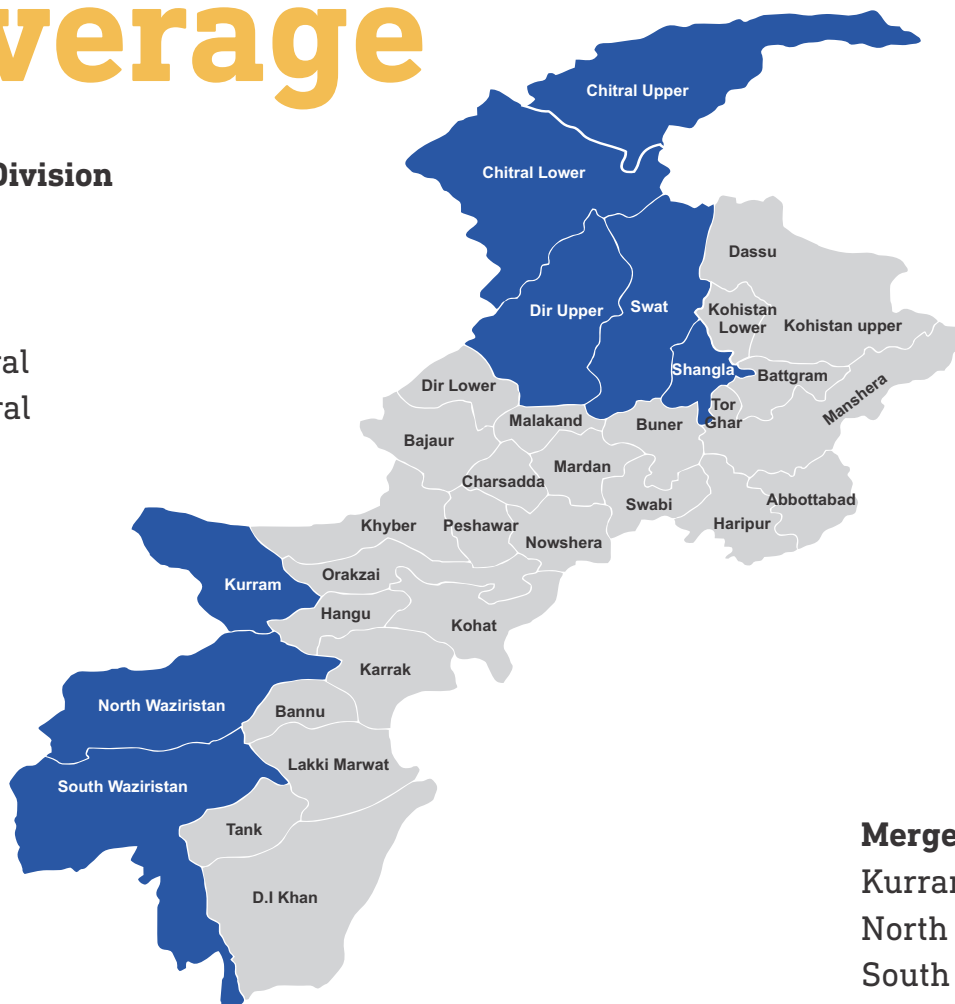
Swat

Shangla

Upper Dir

Upper Chitral

Lower Chitral



### Merged Districts

Kurram

North Waziristan

South Waziristan

# Project Components



## Community-based Hydro Power Projects (HPP)

16.3 MW



## Community-based Irrigation Systems

100 Schemes



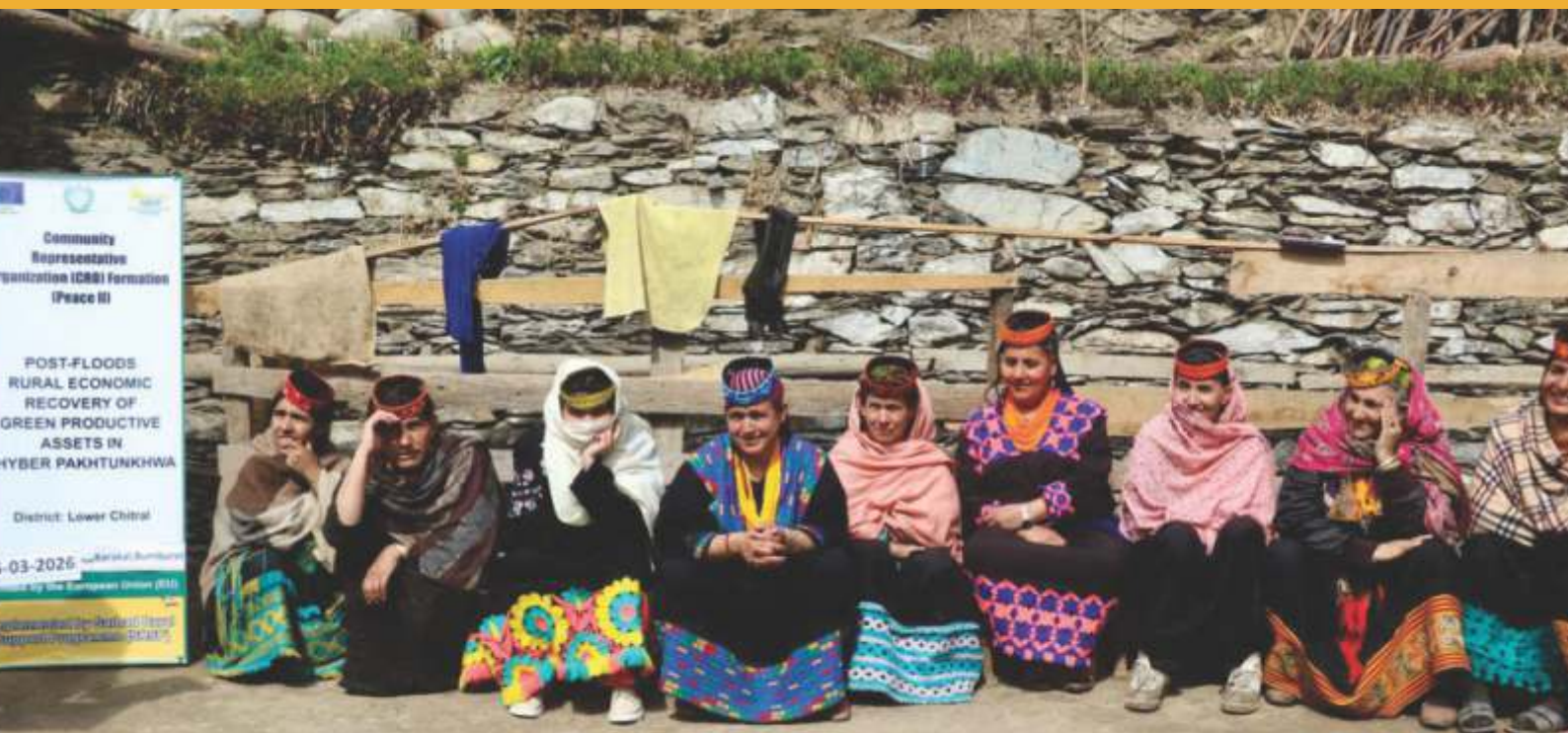
## Land Resource Management

100 plans and small schemes for natural resource management



## Economic Growth

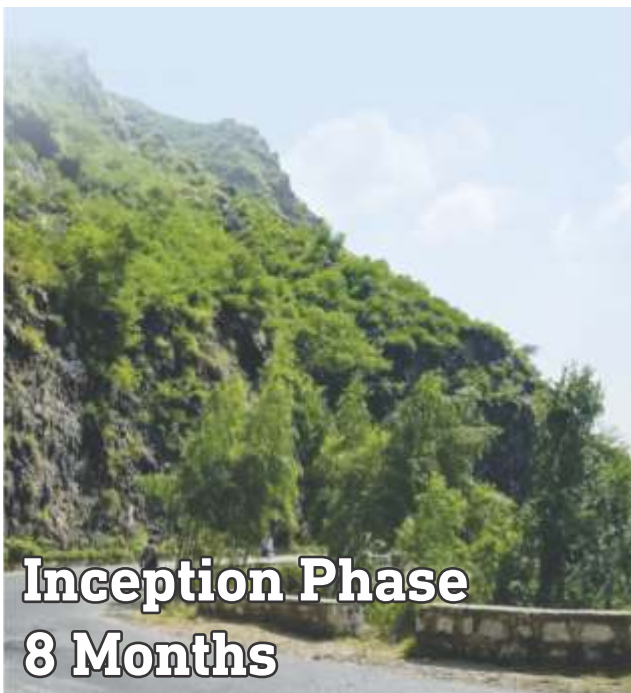
Strengthening 600 micro and small enterprises for business expansion, employment generation and climate resilience



# Steering Committee



1st Project Steering Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2025



## Inception Phase 8 Months

### 8 Months Progress

#### Malakand Districts Key Accomplishments

- NOC Obtained for Malakand Division
- Implementation Strategies Developed
- Logical Framework Updated
- 16.3 MW HPP Sites identified
- 66 Irrigation Schemes Identified
- 64 LRM sites Identified
- Micro Grid assessment conducted at
- 5 potential locations

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The Competent Authority is pleased to constitute the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the EU-funded project titled "Post-Flood Rural Economic Recovery of Green Production Assets in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (PEACE-III)". The PSC shall provide strategic oversight and guidance for effective project planning and implementation, facilitate inter-agency coordination, and take policy-level decisions to address implementation challenges and bottlenecks in a timely and efficient manner.

**Composition of the Committee:**

1	Additional Chief Secretary, P&D	Chair
2	EU Delegation to Pakistan Representative	Co-Chair
3	Secretary Irrigation, Department	Member
4	Secretary P&D, Department	Member
5	Secretary, Energy & Power Department	Member
6	Secretary, Climate Change, Forestry, Environment & Wild Life Department	Member
7	Chief Economist, P&D Department	Member
8	Project Director, PEAO	Member
9	Chief International Development Section, P&D Department	Member
10	Chief Executive Officer, SRSP	Member / Secretary

**Terms of Reference (TORs):**

- Review periodic project progress and provide input to ensure implementation aligns with the approved objectives and outcomes as outlined in the approved project documents.
- Facilitate an enabling environment through active stakeholder engagement and fostering collaboration to maintain project momentum.
- Ensure effective coordination with stakeholders to prevent duplication and support efficient and effective implementation of project activities.
- Review the project's coordination mechanisms to avoid duplication in site selection for energy projects.
- Ensure the relevant government departments provide necessary support in securing NOCs for timely implementation of project activities.
- Evaluate the need for establishing a technical working group at the field/mid-level to enhance coordination.
- Support policy reforms that accelerate and facilitate the achievement of project results and outcomes.

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- All members of the Committee
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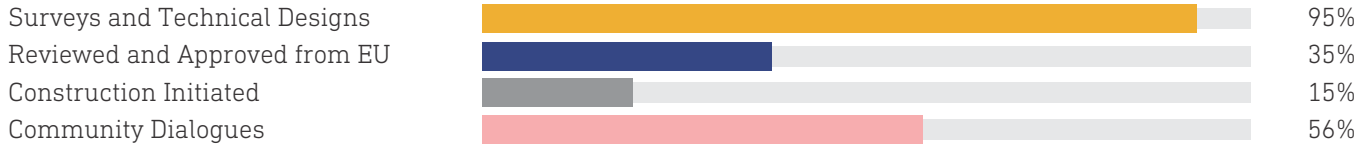
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## Implementation Phase – 52 Months

# Hydro Power Projects Progress

### 16.3 MW Target Capacity



#### Key Statistics

Surveyed and designed



**15.46 MW**

Reviewed and Approved



**5.07 MW**

Under Construction



**2.5 MW**

Community Dialogues



**9**

22,287 HHs Beneficiaries | 47,250 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

## Ground Breaking Ceremony of 2.5MW Hydro Power Project



### Ceremony Venue:

Thall Kumrat, District Upper Dir

Date: October 2, 2025

**Scheme Brief:** The project will provide clean electricity to over 4,044 households (Domestic), 150 hotels and 78 small businesses (Commercial), while also cutting 7,200 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. By promoting renewable energy, the project will help tackle climate change and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

In a major move to promote tourism, economic growth and clean energy, SRSP with the financial support from the European Union in Pakistan (EU), has started upgradation and restoring work on a 2.5 MW hydropower project in Thall, Kumrat Valley, Upper Dir. It will also create new business



opportunities, strengthen tourism, and promote sustainable economic growth in the region. The event was attended by a large number of local community members, Member of National Assembly, local political leadership, Deputy Commissioner Dir Upper, CEO RSPN, Advisor to SRSP's Board of Directors, CEO SRSP, COO SRSP and project staff.



## Thall Kumrat Hydropower Project (2.5MW)

### Project Journey

- **1994-95:** Initially Constructed by SHYDO (400kW)
- **2013:** Handed over to SRSP under PEACE-I
- **Rehab:** Upgraded to 600 kW (900 HH + 15 hotels)
- **2022:** Damaged by floods - quickly repaired by SRSP
- **2024:** Severly damaged by floods - reduced to 300kW
- **2025:** EU approved 2.5 MW Upgradation project

### Project's Cost & Demographics

Off Grid Area

**Capacity:** 2.5 MW

**Cost:** PKR. 783,135,306

**Per kW Cost:** PKR. 313,254

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 4,044 HH,  
228 commercial

### Implementation Milestones

#### Jan 3, 2025

Community Dialogue

#### Jan 17, 2025

Focus Group Discussion

Assessed demographics, functionality, and climate impacts

#### Jan 15, 2025

Technical Assessment

Social & technical survey, 2.5 MW design finalized

#### May 16, 2025

EU's Approval

Project approved after field validation by OPM

#### Sep 26, 2025

Contract Award

M/S MIGCO awarded construction contract

#### Oct 2, 2025

Ground Breaking Ceremony/Initiated



Layout for Civil Work - Thall Kumrat HPP



Civil work Thall Kumrat MHP in progress

### MHP

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CLEAN ENERGY

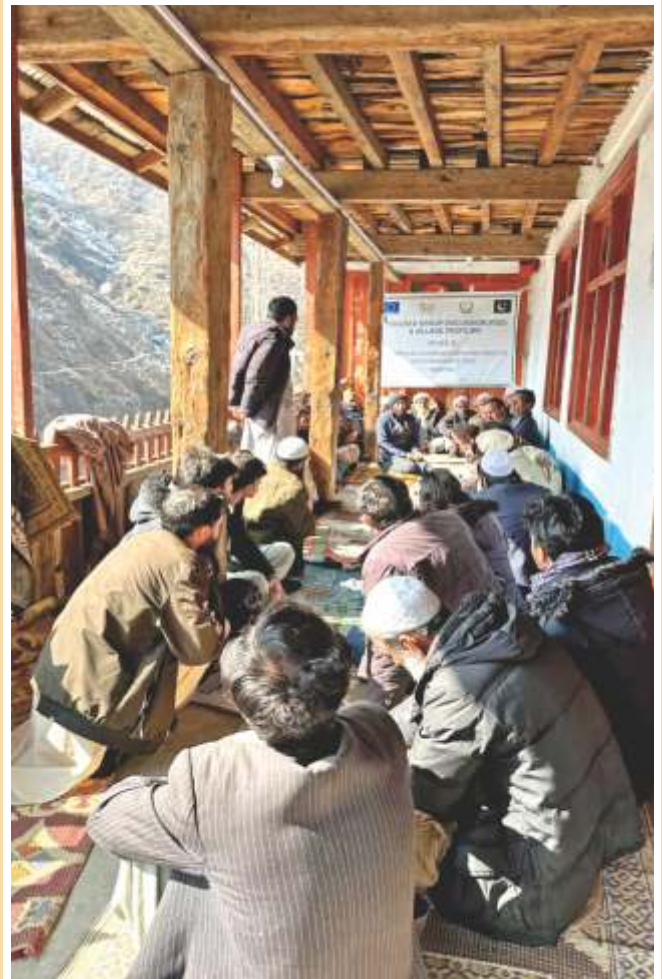


## Did you know?

PEACE II expands access to renewable energy through community-based hydropower projects.



Community Dialogue Upper Dir



Focused Group Discussion FGD Swat



Feasibility Survey Thall Kumrat



OPM site visit - design review HPPS Chitral

## Driving Climate Action and Resilience

PEACE-II contributes to climate action by promoting renewable energy, strengthening climate-resilient infrastructure, restoring natural resources, and enabling communities to adapt to climate change

The PEACE-II project (Post-Flood Economic Recovery of Green Assets in KP) is fundamentally a climate-resilient development project. It contributes to climate action in three major ways:

### 1. Mitigation →

Production of Clean energy and Afforestation reduces emissions and increase carbon sequestration.

### 2. Adaptation →

Communities and infrastructure become climate-resilient

### 3. Ecosystem Restoration →

Natural systems (forests, land, water) are strengthened

#### **Promotion of Renewable Energy (Climate change Mitigation).**

The project constructs, upgrades and rehabilitates micro and mini hydropower plants, providing clean, renewable energy. This reduces dependence on fossil fuels and lowers greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

#### **Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Development (Climate change adaptation).**

PEACE-II invests in climate-resilient irrigation systems and infrastructure. These systems are designed to withstand floods, droughts, and extreme weather events.

#### **Sustainable Natural Resource Management: (Ecosystem Restoration).**

Activities include Afforestation / plantation, Land resource management, Slope stabilization and Watershed protection enhances carbon sequestration (absorbing CO<sub>2</sub>), Prevents soil erosion and land degradation and Improves ecosystem health

#### **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR): (Disaster Resilience).**

The project integrates disaster risk reduction measures in communities affected by floods. Builds resilience against climate-induced disasters like floods and landslides and Minimizes climate-related losses.

#### **Climate-Smart Livelihoods & Green Economy: (Low-carbon economic activities).**

PEACE-II Supports green enterprises and local businesses through Improved energy access, Climate-smart agriculture and Value chain development. This promotes low-carbon economic activities and encourages sustainable production systems.

# Irrigation System

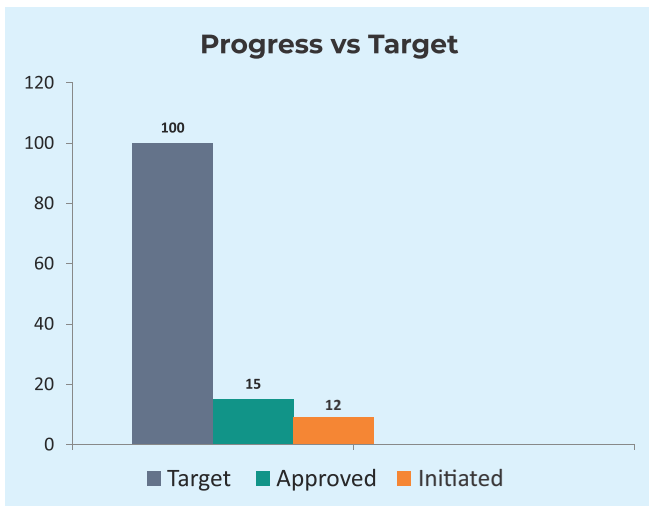
## Key Activities

### Construction/Rehabilitation of Irrigation System (Surveyed and Designed Schemes)

Target: 100 Schemes

Approved: 15 Schemes (15%)

Initiated: 12 Schemes (12%)



### Surveyed and Designed District Distribution

- Swat 01
- Shangla 02
- Upper Dir 03
- Lower Chitral 05
- Upper Chitral 04

## Initiated/Construction of 12 Schemes

- Mankiyal (Swat)
- Karshat (Shangla)
- Kikor(Shangla)
- Derkhanandeh (L.C)
- Golain (L.C)
- Sarujalik (L.C)
- Sahan (L.C)
- Balowsht Payeen/Moldeh Bala (L.C)
- Morder (U.C)
- Ali Abad U.C)
- Muzgol (U.C)
- Noghor-Rech (U.C)



## Irrigation



### Did you know?

PEACE II promotes efficient water use through improved irrigation and community water systems.



### Did you know?

PEACE II supports climate resilience through clean energy and sustainable natural resource management.

## Ground Breaking Ceremony of Irrigation Schemes



### Venue:

Standard Public School, Damorai, District Shangla  
Date: January 7, 2026

### Scheme Brief:

The Kikor and Karshat Irrigation Schemes will benefit a total of 426 households, covering a combined command area of 903 kanals of agricultural land. The rehabilitation of 2.5 km irrigation channels under each scheme will ensure reliable water supply and enhance agricultural

productivity in the area.

In a continued effort to strengthen water resource management, SRSP with financial support from the European Union in Pakistan (EU), has initiated rehabilitation and improvement works on two irrigation schemes in Village Kikor and Village Karshat, Union Council Damorai, Tehsil Alpuri, under the PEACE II Project. The ceremony was attended by a large number of community members, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Shangla, representatives from relevant line departments and SRSP officials.



## Ground Breaking Ceremony of Irrigation Schemes



### Venue:

Mankyal, District Swat  
Date: January 8, 2026

### Scheme Brief:

The Mankyal Irrigation Scheme will benefit 250 households, serving an estimated population of 2,000 people and covering 1,428 kanals of agricultural land. The rehabilitation of 3.9 km of irrigation channels will ensure a reliable water

supply and improve agricultural productivity in the area.

Rehabilitation and improvement work on the flood-affected irrigation scheme has been initiated in Mankyal, Tehsil Bahrain, Swat, under the European Union-funded PEACE II Project. The ceremony was attended by community members, the Assistant Commissioner Bahrain, and representatives from relevant line departments including Soil Conservation, Water Management, and the Forest Department.



## Activities Under Irrigation Systems Component



CRO , Mankyal, Swat



Exposure visit to NARC, Islamabad



Rehabilitation/Construction of Community Based Irrigation Systems, Darkhanandeh, Lower Chitral



1st installment cheque handing taking ceremony at Morder, Upper Chitral

# Land Resource Management

## 100 NRM Plans Target

NRM Plans Prepared	100/100	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div>	100%
Implementation	90/100	<div style="width: 90%;"><div style="width: 90%;"></div></div>	90%

### Key Activities

Afforestation • Reforestation • Slope Stabilization • DDR Measures

## Signing MoU Forest Department

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to implement a large-scale afforestation initiative across Malakand Division, aimed at strengthening climate resilience and promoting sustainable land management.

Under this collaboration, 72,000 forest and fruit plants have been distributed across Upper and Lower Chitral, Upper Dir, Swat, and Shangla, with plantation actively been carried out through strong engagement of local communities.

The initiative focuses on reducing soil erosion, conserving water resources, enhancing biodiversity, and improving local microclimates through carbon sequestration, while also supporting long-term environmental sustainability and livelihood enhancement.

Implemented under the PEACE II Project, funded by the European Union in Pakistan and executed by Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), the initiative reflects a strengthened partnership for climate action and sustainable development.



## Orchard Development

Orchard development initiatives in Thall, District Dir Upper, Kikor & Karshat, District Shangla, Mankyal, District Swat, Derkhanandeh, Sarujalik, Golain, District Lower Chitral and Ali Abad Upper Chitral are promoting sustainable horticulture practices and climate-resilient livelihoods under the PEACE II Project. Through careful site selection, technical planning, and strong community engagement, demonstration orchards have been established on land voluntarily provided by local farmers. High-value fruit plants including cherry, apple, persimmon, plum, pear, and walnut have been planted following proper spacing and scientific layout to ensure healthy growth, long-term productivity, and intercropping opportunities.

The initiative introduces organized fruit cultivation in areas with limited horticultural history, while strengthening environmental sustainability through improved land use and soil stability. Contributing to climate action, it is expected to reduce carbon emissions, enhance biodiversity, and support ecosystem restoration in mountainous regions. With active community participation and a strong commitment to maintenance, these orchards are set to become productive assets supporting income generation, enhancing resilience, and encouraging wider adoption of sustainable horticulture practices across the region.



## Activities Under LRM Component



Orientation Session on LRM, Besham Shangla



LRM Activities Assessment LOWER CHITRAL

## Activities Under LRM Component



Spring Tree Plantation Campaign 2026, Upper Chitral



Plantation Drive Thall, Kumrat



Afforestation/Reforestation Upper Chitral

### Land Resource Management



## Did you know?

PEACE II strengthens food security by improving irrigation and sustainable land management.

# Economic Growth

## Strengthening Local Businesses

**600** Businesses to be Strengthened

Key Achievements

Implementation Strategy

## Baseline Survey Completed

**100** Businesses

Businesses Research Study

Application Portal



Market Assessment Lower Chitral



Market Assessment Upper Chitral



Market Assessment Swat



Market Assessment Upper Dir

## Economic Growth



## Did you know?

PEACE II reduces poverty by increasing incomes through energy access, skills development, and livelihood support.

# Capacity Building

**12**  
CRO's Trained

**280** Individual's Trained  
25 Swat | 44 Shangla | 94 U.Chitral | 117 L.Chitral

Training Focus Areas	Technical Management	Record Keeping	Community Mobilization	DRR Measures
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The participation of persons with diverse abilities is central to inclusive development. SRSP remains committed to fostering equitable engagement so that no one is left behind in community-led initiatives and decision-making processes. Capacity Building Training, CRO Mankyal, Swat.



Capacity Building Training for CRO Balawosht Payeen-Muldeh Bala UC Ayun LOWER CHITRAL

# Community Representative Organization



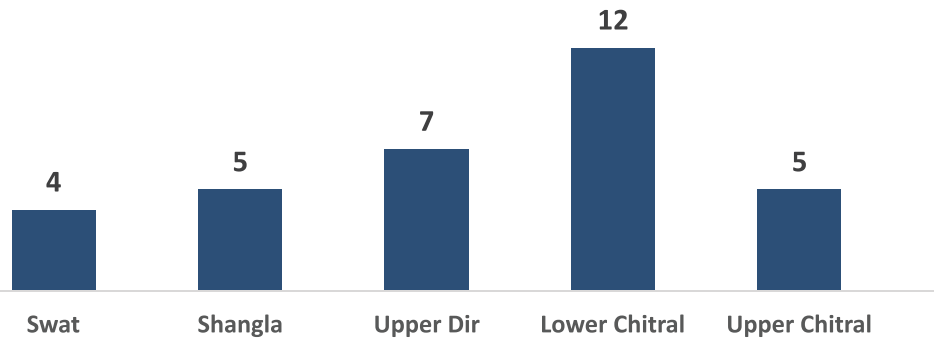
33 CROs Formed



27 Men's CROs



6 Women's CROs



## Men CRO's (MCRO)



Lower Chitral



Upper Dir

## Women CRO's (WCRO)



Shangla



Upper Chitral

### Community Representatives Organization



## Did you know?

PEACE II empowers women by ensuring their active participation in livelihoods and community decision-making.

### Community Representatives Organization



## Did you know?

PEACE II creates jobs and boosts local economies through infrastructure and skills development.

# Flood Response

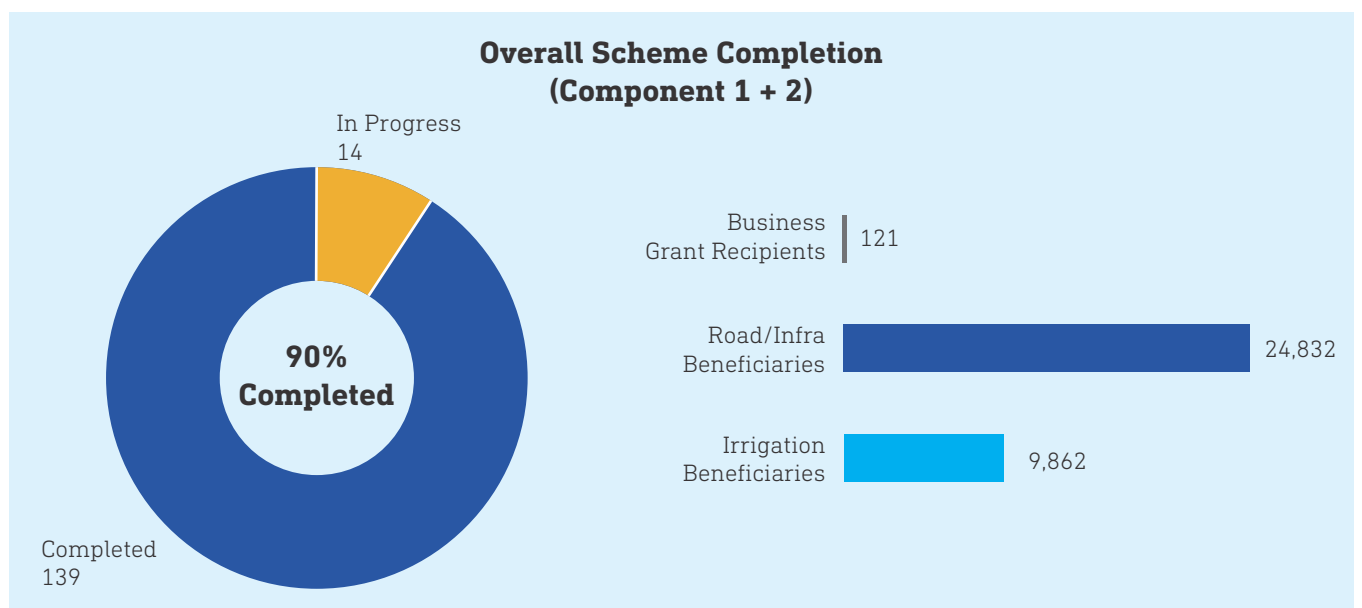


The Flood Response 2025 initiative, with a total budget of EUR 300,000, is being implemented by SRSP with financial support from the European Union under the PEACE-II project in the flood-affected districts of Buner, Swat, and Shangla. The programme focuses on restoring productive infrastructure and rural livelihoods through irrigation rehabilitation, economic infrastructure repair, and small business support. A total of 131 Village Rehabilitation Committees (1,314 members) have been formed, covering 39,112 households, overseeing activities under the Cash-for-Work approach.

Under Component 1, 70 irrigation schemes were approved (56 completed, 14 ongoing), benefiting

9,862 households (75,473 individuals), benefiting rehabilitating 42 km of channels and restoring 36,621 kanals of land. Under Component 3, 69 link road schemes were approved (60 completed, 7 ongoing, 2 pending), benefiting 24,832 households (197,227 individuals) and rehabilitating 17.60 km of roads. Additionally, 164 SMEs were completely washed away and 122 partially damaged; beneficiary longlisting for business grants is complete, with shortlisting and verification underway. Funds initially allocated for debris removal were reallocated to irrigation and link roads after confirming that major debris had already been cleared during the emergency phase.

## Repair Of Economic Infrastructure Through Cash For Work





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