

Refuqee Affected & Hosting Areas Program

RAHA | 2009 - 2017

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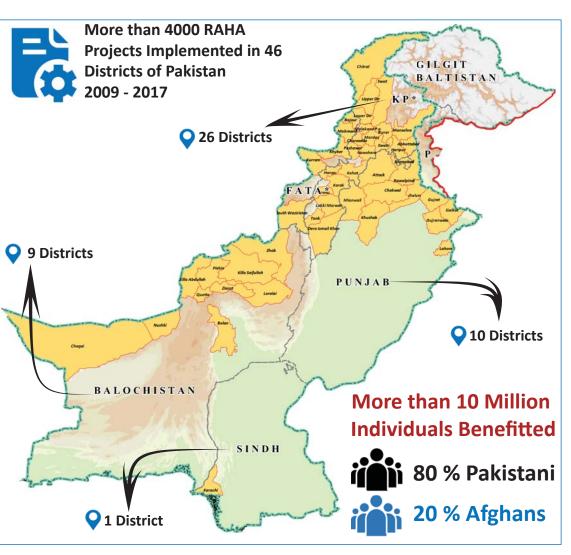
Background

For nearly four decades, Pakistan has hosted the largest number of refugees worldwide. The socioeconomic, financial, environmental and political consequences associated with such protracted refugee presence have placed a heavy burden on Pakistan and contributed to a growing sense of asylum fatigue in the host communities.

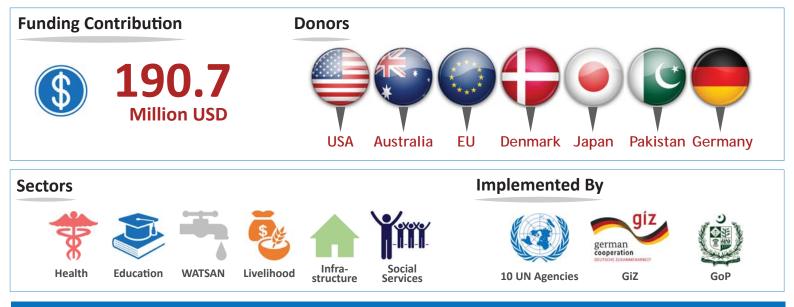
To address these challenges, the Government of Pakistan along with ten UN agencies, with support from the EU and the Government of Japan, Germany, the United States, Denmark, and Australia piloted a five-year program of targeted assistance delivered to aid local Pakistani communities and the Afghan refugee population.

The objectives were as follows:-

- To provide development and humanitarian assistance to these groups;
- community;
- To extend the protection space until durable solution are achieved;
- To improve livelihoods and rehabilitate the environment;



The RAHA program has since provided assistance to over 10.6 million people through 4,100 development projects in educa-To build bridge between the Afghan refugees and Pakistani tion, environment and natural resources; health; infrastructure; livelihoods; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and social protection. Now in its tenth year, the RAHA program has successfully and significantly reduced the economic and social vulnerability of some of the disadvantaged segments of society living in the refugee affected and hosting areas.



Sources: RAHA Unit, UNHCR Country Office Islamabad

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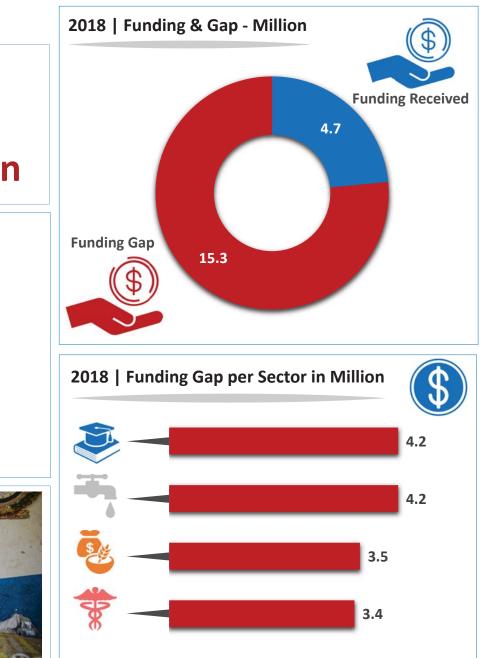


The Current Situatuion

2018 | Total Approved

UNHCR together with the Government of Pakistan will continue to implement RAHA projects in the prioritized sectors of Education, Health and Livelihood for both the Afghan refugees and the Pakistani hosting communities. There remains a dire need for enhancement of schools, provision of quality medical assistance and development of skills for the youth. The projects implemented by RAHA play a major role in the positive social cohesion between the refugees and the Pakistani communities as the latter see the refugees not as a burden but a source of well-being for them. Assistance with skills development will assist the refugees in seeking gainful employment both in Pakistan and sustainable reintegration on voluntary return to Afghanistan.





Projects Worth in USD 20 Million **Prioritized Sectors for 2018** Livelihood Education WATSAN Health

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RAHA Projects by Province 2009-2017



