

Newsletter



Every Drop Collected. Every Smile Earned



PUCCAR STATISTICS



4,543

Rainwater
Harvesting Units
installed



6,572,150

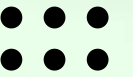
Liter
Water stored



80,039

Beneficiaries

Advancing Community-Led Climate Adaptation through Participatory Planning in Rawalpindi



Shehersaaz facilitated 22 Community Scale Plan review sessions, across Nowshera and Rawalpindi, bringing communities together to ensure local priorities remained central to climate adaptation planning.



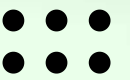
Through participatory discussions and community engagement, 129 participants contributed their insights to support the development of resilient and sustainable neighborhoods.

Resilient communities are built through collective action



Supported by UN-Habitat and the Adaptation Fund, the initiative strengthens community-led climate action and will benefit 17,875 community members, including 10,913 beneficiaries in Rawalpindi and 6,962 in Nowshera.

Building Women's Capacity through the Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme Across Rawalpindi and Nowshera



Shehersaaz successfully conducted Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes on Solid Waste Management under the PUCCAR initiative in both Rawalpindi and Nowshera, strengthening local capacity for sustainable environmental action.

In Rawalpindi, the programme engaged 11 Master Trainers, 11 Training Facilitators, and 3 Activity Monitors, while in Nowshera, an additional 11 Master Trainers, 11 Training Facilitators, and 3 Activity Monitors were capacitated, ensuring a standardized approach to community environmental leadership across both cities.

Collectively, the trained teams went on to conduct a total of 110 community training sessions, demonstrating the scalable impact of the ToT model in advancing grassroots environmental awareness and action.

This initiative reflects Shehersaaz's continued commitment to building local leadership and strengthening community ownership for long-term climate resilience.



*Empowered women
strengthen resilient
communities*



Enhancing Emergency Response and Environmental Sustainability through Partnership with Rescue 1122



Working under its Memorandum of Understanding with Rescue 1122 Rawalpindi, Shehersaaz strengthened both emergency response capacity and environmental stewardship through a combined support initiative under the PUCCAR and PROGRESSIVE programmes.

Essential emergency response equipment, including a wheelchair, stretcher, and three emergency sirens, was handed over to enhance institutional preparedness and response during critical situations.



To promote greener public spaces, Shehersaaz also provided 25 planters, 75 plants, and 30 soil bags, reinforcing climate-conscious institutional environments.

This integrated intervention demonstrates how strategic partnerships can simultaneously strengthen disaster preparedness, urban greening, and community resilience, creating lasting environmental and social impact.



Partnerships transform preparedness into lasting resilience

Advancing Household Water Security through Rainwater Harvesting in Rawalpindi



Under PUCCAR, across Rawalpindi's UCs 1, 2, 5, and 37, Shehersaaz successfully delivered and installed rainwater harvesting tanks for households facing increasing water scarcity.



These systems empower families to conserve rainwater, reduce dependence on limited water resources, and strengthen resilience against climate challenges. Through practical community solutions, Shehersaaz is turning climate adaptation into everyday action.

*Every drop conserved
today strengthens
resilience against
tomorrow's water
challenges*

Inspiring the Next Generation through Earth Day Learning and Creative Expression

Shehersaaz celebrated "Earth Day" with children at SOS Children's Home alongside volunteers from S&P Global through engaging environmental activities and interactive learning sessions.

*When children learn to
care for nature, they
grow into guardians of
a more sustainable
future.*

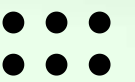
The celebrations also featured a creative collaboration with SANDLE-Earth, where participants explored sustainable art using natural materials while discussing environmental awareness and personal growth.



Together, these activities fostered creativity, responsibility, and hope for a greener future. Shehersaaz truly brought happiness to 58 students and celebrated with impactful fun and learning.



Shehersaaz at SCEE Job Fair: Strengthening Academia–Practice Linkages for Sustainable Urban Development



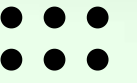
At the SCEE Annual Open House and Job Fair, Shehersaaz connected with aspiring environmental and urban planners eager to contribute to sustainable development.

*Connecting young
minds with real-
world challenges
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By sharing its experience in climate adaptation and resilient city planning, the organization encouraged students to become active contributors to Pakistan's urban future. The exchange strengthened links between academia and real-world impact.

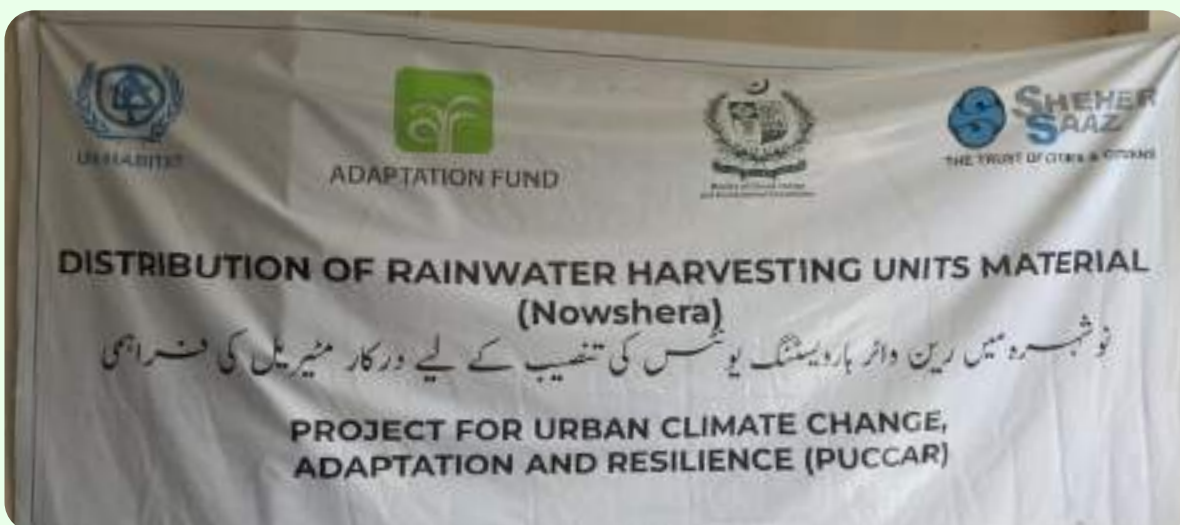
From Challenges to Impact: Delivering Water Resilience Solutions in Nowshera



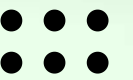
The successful deployment reflects Shehersaaz's commitment to delivering impactful climate solutions without compromise.

*Meaningful impact is
measured not by
obstacles faced, but by
solutions successfully
delivered.*

Amid logistical challenges and rising transportation costs, Shehersaaz ensured the timely delivery of rainwater harvesting equipment to Nowshera. These materials will support installations in households and educational institutions, enabling communities to better manage water resources.



EMPOWERING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS THROUGH THE TRAINING OF TRAINERS APPROACH



Through an innovative Train-the-Trainers (ToT) approach, Shehersaaz strengthened community capacity for composting and solid waste management across Rawalpindi and Nowshera. The programme engaged a total of 22 Master Trainers, 22 Training Facilitators, and 6 Activity Monitors, ensuring a standardized and scalable capacity-building model across both cities.



Collectively, the trained teams conducted 110 community training sessions, reaching a total of 2,726 beneficiaries, including 1,375 individuals in Rawalpindi across 7 Union Councils and 1,351 individuals in Nowshera across 8 Neighbourhood Councils.

Knowledge shared within communities becomes the foundation for lasting environmental change.



The initiative promoted sustainable household practices, environmental stewardship, and long-term climate resilience through local leadership and community ownership.

SHEHERSAAZ AT JAZZCASH EID BAZAAR: ADVANCING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AND GREEN ENTERPRISE



Shehersaaz participated in the JazzCash Eid Bazaar, creating meaningful engagement with visitors while showcasing environmentally responsible products under the Ain-Amal Campaign.

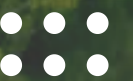


The event also highlighted the contributions of women entrepreneurs whose handcrafted bags, coasters and other home decor goods provide sustainable livelihoods. By supporting local enterprise, Shehersaaz continues to promote inclusive economic empowerment alongside environmental responsibility.

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Empowering Youth-Led Climate Action Through Youth Environment Assemblies in Rawalpindi and Nowshera



On World Environment Day 2026, celebrated under the global call for "Climate Action" through the campaign *#NowForClimate*, Shehersaaz successfully launched the Youth Environment Assemblies in Rawalpindi and Nowshera with the support of UN-Habitat and the Adaptation Fund.

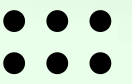


Young leaders from local communities became Shehersaaz Climate Ambassadors, identifying environmental challenges and designing practical, community-driven solutions for climate resilience.



The Assemblies received more than 84 project proposals across both cities, which are now progressing through assessment and implementation, demonstrating the power of youth-led innovation in driving sustainable urban transformation.

Enhancing Child-Focused Climate Adaptation Through Partnership with SOS Children's Villages



Shehersaaz visited SOS Children's Village, Johar Town, to strengthen collaboration and recognize the remarkable work being carried out for children.

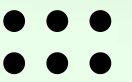


Creating resilient communities begins with investing in safer, healthier spaces for children.



The partnership continues through climate adaptation initiatives supporting the Rawalpindi facility under PUCCAR and PROGRESSIVE. Together, both organizations are creating safer, greener, and more resilient spaces for future generations.

Expanding Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Through Rainwater Harvesting at NUST-SCEE



Shehersaaz strengthened climate-resilient infrastructure by installing a Rainwater Harvesting Unit at NUST's School of Civil and Environmental Engineering under the PROGRESSIVE initiative.



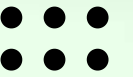
Innovation is most impactful when it transforms sustainability into everyday practice.

Complemented by the installation of an RO water treatment plant, drinking water coolers, and a fully equipped first aid box, the intervention ensures access to safe drinking water and essential emergency support for campus users.



To maintain the highest standards of public health and safety, all harvested rainwater undergoes laboratory testing before being approved for consumption. Benefiting more than 1,000 students and faculty members, the integrated facility serves as a practical model of sustainable water management, climate adaptation, and resilient educational infrastructure, demonstrating how innovative partnerships can create healthier and more sustainable learning environments.

FROM TRAINING TO ACTION: ADVANCING FIELD-LEVEL EMERGENCY COMPETENCE THROUGH STRUCTURED RESPONSE TRAINING WITH RESCUE 1122



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Shehersaaz strengthened its emergency preparedness by facilitating the participation of 16 team members in a four-day CADRE Community Response Training conducted by Punjab Emergency Service Rescue 1122.



Through expert-led sessions and hands-on exercises in fire response, rescue operations, flood emergencies, first aid, and disaster management, participants enhanced their capacity to respond effectively during crises and support vulnerable communities. The organization's commitment to continuous learning and institutional resilience was further recognized through the appreciation of Rescue Trainer Mr. Mohd Hanif Alvi, reaffirming the value of strong partnerships and sustained capacity building in creating safer and more resilient communities.

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As a result, 8 Master Trainers, 8 Training Facilitators, and 2 Activity Monitors were selected to lead community-level implementation. Building on this foundation, these teams are scheduled to conduct 37 community training sessions in July 2026 across 8 Neighbourhood Councils in Nowshera, reaching and educating approximately 925 individuals on improved water management practices.

This initiative strengthens local capacity, promotes responsible water use, and supports long-term climate resilience at the grassroots level.

