

ANNUAL REPORT | 2021-22



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Chairperson's Message

"I want to take a moment to look back on the past year and highlight RLCC's achievements in empowering women. Despite challenges, we remained focused on our goals in 2021-2022.

We broke sales records through successful participation in 32 exhibitions, showcasing up-cycled and handmade products crafted by 250 home-based workers.

Our Ra'ana Liaquat Public School retained 318 students and welcomed 169 new students.

The refurbished RLCC Community Health Clinic provided affordable healthcare services to over 10,000 beneficiaries. We also collaborated with the LRBT eye clinic and a satellite clinic to extend our reach and offer vaccinations and paediatric care.

Partnering with the Robin Hood Army, we supported 213 families with rations.

Our commitment to sustainable waste management resulted in a community clean-up drive involving 40 staff members.

Throughout this period, we remained dedicated to Begum Raana Liaquat Ali Khan's vision and prioritised accountability and transparency. The Annual Report for 2021-22, showcasing our impact, is available for your review.

I sincerely thank all of you for your unwavering support, which allows us to make a difference in the lives of the women we serve."

Sincerely,

Selwa Habib
Chairperson



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Our Story

When India and Pakistan got partitioned, hundreds of thousands of families migrated, leaving behind all their worldly possessions. These included landed gentry, professionals, artisans, all with no prospects of livelihood in a new land. It was the women who were impacted the most in this incredibly bloody partition. Robbed of their lives and livelihoods, their prospects were understandably bleak. Cognizant of the plight of immigrant women, Pakistan's first lady Begum Raana Liaquat started a craftsmen colony which aimed at becoming a self-sustaining community providing artisans the opportunity to use their crafts and provide their families with education and healthcare.

Raana Liaquat Craftsmen's Colony, founded by Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan in 1947, inaugurated on 25th August 1954, is a rights-based non-profit organization that caters to the holistic needs of over 20,000 beneficiaries. RLCC has evolved as a forward looking, conscientious organization registered with Voluntary Social Welfare, certified by PCP, and recognized as an NPO under the Income tax Ordinance, 2001.

The women-centric programs at RLCC are strategized in consideration of community needs, government priorities, and the targets identified by United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) with sector focus on education, health, vocational training, community outreach, and livelihoods. The APWA RLCC Raana Liaquat Public School, built-in 1954 has been promoting access to quality education and opportunities for learning. The organization continues to strive towards its mission to facilitate improvement in the social and economic well-being of low-income communities.

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Vision

To make Shah Faisal Colony a safe and clean community with financial accessibility, access to quality health and education services

Mission

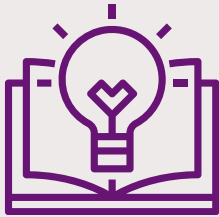
To improve the financial, social, physical, and emotional health of underprivileged communities through empowering women and children with dignity and esteem

Values

RLCC draws on the values of equity, inclusivity, transparency, innovation, integrity, respect, and fulfilment. These values make the foundations of our guiding principles, which, in turn, contribute to setting standards for all organisational operations



Objectives



To promote access to quality education and opportunities for learning for all



To educate women and children on social & health issues through awareness initiatives



To increase access to, and enhance quality health care services



To increase opportunities to improve livelihoods and vocational skills

Our Success

Surviving as an organization post-Covid-19 was a daunting challenge for RLCC, and it was crucial to bring viability back to the community. Many male breadwinners among the artisan's families lost their jobs due to the economic crisis. RLCC stepped in and offered them opportunities for earning through becoming delivery riders. One such story is that of Rozi and her husband Robert, who have been associated with RLCC for the past 10 years.

“Covid-19 was an extremely difficult phase for us. I lost my job, where I earned overtime and it was a real financial loss for us. RLCC provided me with an alternative to it through offering delivery jobs. It really supported me and my family. I used to deliver their orders to their respective customers and earned enough to sustain me and my family in difficult times. At the same time Rozi was busy working as an artisan and doing her best to support us “

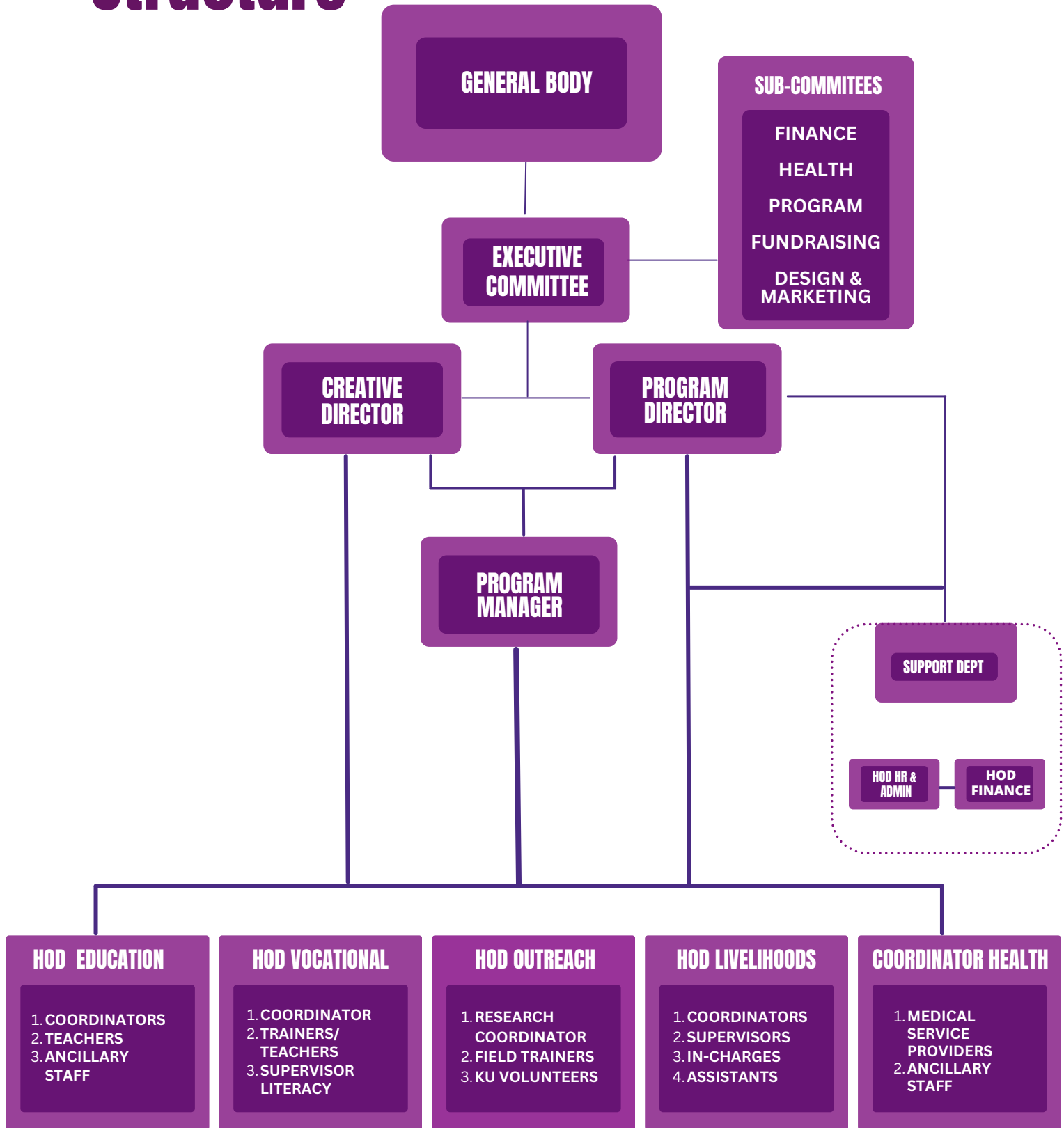
Robert



"RLCC is like my 2nd home , it gave me courage to empower myself as a working lady. I utilise my skills by creating products for RLCC. In covid-19 me and my husband continued working with RLCC and earned enough which kept us afloat. Secondly, RLCC always encourages us to work on improving our skills through different training sessions. Thanks to RLCC!"

Rozi

Organisational Structure



Achievements

Even today, the importance of a comprehensive community that fosters the economic and social welfare of its residents is just as crucial as it was in 1947. Pakistan continues to face significant inequality, with large portions of the population lacking access to fundamental necessities such as education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. RLCC is committed to tackling this inequality in its focus community of Shah Faisal Colony, as well as other underprivileged regions in Pakistan. We fulfill our mission by improving the lives of women, reducing poverty, enhancing skills, empowering women to make decisions, and contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



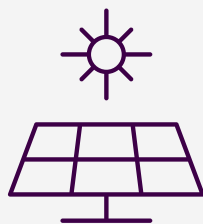
Increasing beneficiaries

RLCC continues to empower individuals in different capacities. A footfall of around **1000** beneficiaries per day.



Satellite Clinic in Natha Khan Goth - Primary Healthcare Services

Approximately **150** families (monthly) have access to affordable healthcare



Solar panel Donation for Raana Liaquat Public School

RLPS operates on renewable energy from solar panels donated by the Rotary Club of Karachi Metropolitan



Sustainable Waste Management Practices - Collaboration with GarbageCAN

RLCC hands over all unusable waste to GarbageCAN who then recycles it through composting

Our Impact

Over the course of 67 years, RLCC has made a significant and measurable difference in the lives of its beneficiary community. We have provided empowerment to numerous women, enabling them to make informed choices regarding their health, education, and livelihoods. Additionally, we have established a robust local presence, implemented sustainable development strategies, and expanded our outreach and capacity building efforts.



Gender Equality



Good Health and Well-being



Decent Work and Economic Growth



No Poverty



Responsible Consumption and Production



Reduced Inequalities



Affordable and Clean Energy



Climate Action



Quality Education

Programs



Outreach



Community Health Clinic



Raana Liaquat Public School



Vocational Training Centre



Livelihoods

Health

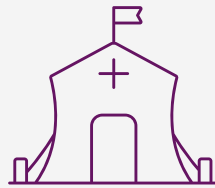


RLCC has built up a multi-faceted health program, which revolves primarily round two initiatives: the Community Health Clinic and the Promotive and Preventive Health Program.



Access to Affordable and Quality Healthcare

Quality health care education & treatment provided to **10,055** women and young people



Free Medical Camps

Free medical camps facilitated around **1,000** beneficiaries



School Health Program

The health program catered to around **150** students



Covid Vaccination



Quality Healthcare



Student's Checkup



Free Medical Camp

Vocational



The Vocational Training Program has a symbiotic relationship with RLCC’s other departments and programs. The program aims to provide skills to women that will enhance their capabilities and provide them with employment opportunities, in the market to help them better avail the education and health services available for their families.



Increased Access to Vocational Trainings

517 women provided quality vocational training & 30% graduates gainfully employed



Establishing Linkages

Established links with recognized organizations like Textile Institute of Pakistan, Sigma Industries, and Jessica Facials



Facilitating Mothers

Day care facility with a safe environment and engaging activities for children



Beautician exam date: September 24th, 2022



Workshop topic: "how to stitch pants" Date: Sept 24th, 2022 Participants: 25



Women Economic Entrepreneurship Training Date: August 17th, 2021 Participants: 25



Event: Computer course certificate ceremony Date: April 5th, 2022 Participants: 25

Livelihoods



Livelihoods focuses on economic empowerment & holistic development of female artisan by training, awareness sessions and revival of craft that is eco-friendly with focus on recycled / upcycled and craft preservation products.



Financial Empowerment

Livelihoods program financially empowered 174 artisans



Eco-friendly Production

Ensured eco-friendly production practices by using up-cycling methods and natural materials



Safe Working Environment

Women are provided with a safe space where they can develop new craft skills, work and earn an income for their families.



Interview on TV ONE Program
Date: February 27th, 2022
Event: World NGO Day



Course: TIP Course Collabrator: ICI
Duration: Jul to Sep 2021 Participants: 06



Course: Quilt Training Instructor: Mehtab Tariq
Duration: Oct to Dec 2021 Participants: 04



Product: Keychain Type: Stitching
Nature: Upcycled- Textile

Outreach



Outreach is an integral component of RLCC's programs as it allows RLCC to maintain a personalized relationship with its recipient community. Outreach uplifts the community through women & youth empowerment and also encourage self-sustainability. This is to further promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Shah Faisal Colony.



Awareness Sessions

Educated **9,716** women and **2,120** children on health and social issues through awareness sessions to improve emotional health and well-being



Women's Week

First time celebrated women's week in March 2021 with **350** community women



Green Initiatives

Bhajitable and green and clean Shah Faisal initiatives with **Garbage Can** and **Tofiq Pasha**



Education



RLCC believes in equal access to quality education for all. We believe the best way to clear concepts is through activity based learning in Ra’ana Liaquat Public School (RLPS). RLPS continue to provide young children of Shah Faisal colony a platform to make their dreams come true.



Quality Education for All

Quality education provided to around **560 students** of Ra’ana Liaquat Public School



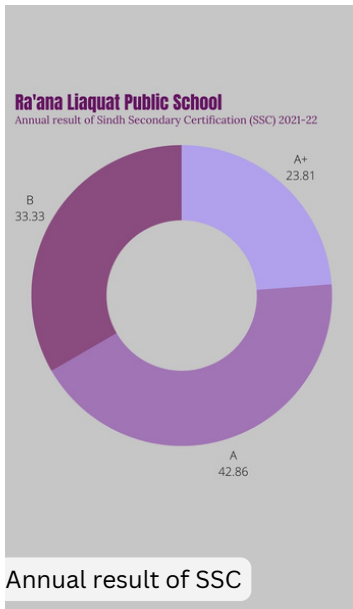
Outshining Students

Annual result of Sindh Secondary Certification (SSC) 2021-22 - Around **67%** students scored an A+ or an A

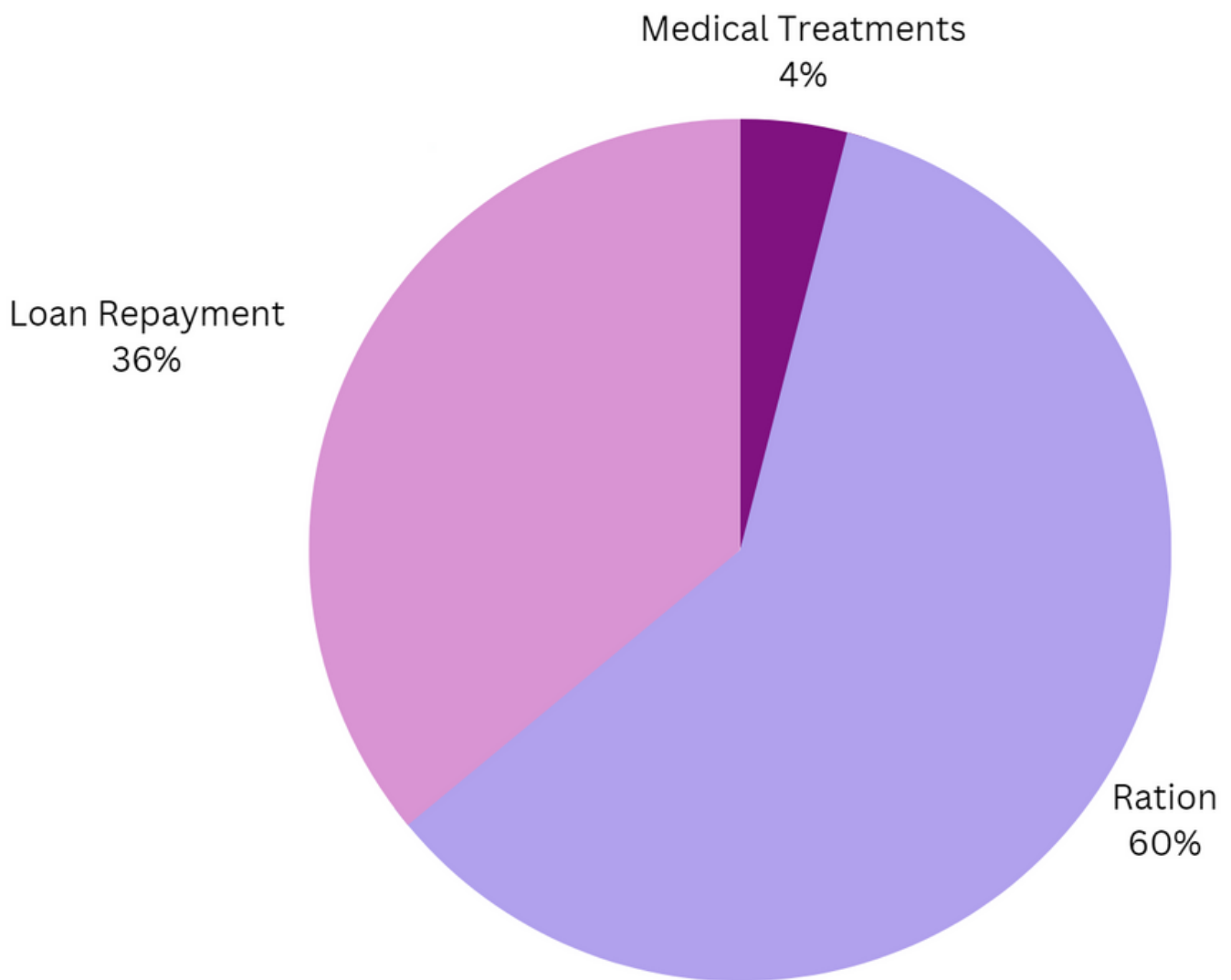


Extra-curricular Activities

Students took part in a number of extra-curricular activities such as workshops on good citizenship and capacity building.



Zakat



RLCC spends Zakat under the following categories only:

- Al-Fuqara' (The poor)
- Al-Masakin (The needy)
- Al-Amilina Alayha (Administrators of Zakat)

Any other Shariah compliant nexus.

Friends of RLCC

COLLABORATIONS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF APWA RANA LIAQAT CRAFTMAN'S COLONY WELFARE PROJECT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **APWA RANA LIAQAT CRAFTMAN'S COLONY WELFARE PROJECT** (the Welfare Project), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2022, and income and expenditure account, the statement of changes in funds, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Welfare Project as at June 30, 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Welfare Project in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the management and the Board of Governors for the Financial Statements

The Management of the Welfare Project is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the approved accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and for such internal control as the Board of Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management is responsible for assessing the Welfare Project's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Welfare Project or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Governors is responsible for overseeing the Welfare Project's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Welfare Project's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Welfare Project's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Welfare Project to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other matter

The financial statements of the Welfare Project for the year ended June 30, 2021 were audited by another firm of chartered accountants, who through their report dated November 01, 2021, expressed an unmodified opinion thereon.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Zulfikar Ali Causer.

KARACHI

DATED: 23 DEC 2022

UDIN: AR202210067d9CTG18jN



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