

# ANNUAL REPORT | 2022-23



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Ra'ana Liaquat Craftsmen's Colony Welfare Project



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## **Chairperson's Message**

Reflecting on the past year, I'm thrilled to share RLCC's progress in empowering women during 2023-2024. Despite facing challenges, we remained steadfast in our mission.

Our participation in 32 exhibitions led to record-breaking sales, showcasing upcycled products by 250 home-based workers. Additionally, our school saw 318 students retained and 169 new students welcomed, underlining our commitment to education.

The RLCC Community Health Clinic provided vital healthcare to over 10,000 beneficiaries, with extended services including vaccinations and paediatric care through collaborations with other clinics. We also supported 213 families with rations in partnership with the Robin Hood Army.

Our dedication to sustainable waste management was evident in a community clean-up drive involving 40 staff members.

The Annual Report for 2023-2024, highlighting our impact, is available for your review.

I extend heartfelt thanks for your continued support, which enables us to transform the lives of the women we serve.

Warm regards,  
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

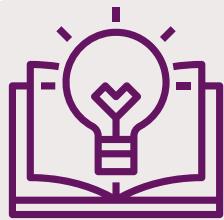
To improve the financial, social, physical, and emotional health of underprivileged communities through empowering women and children with dignity and esteem

# Values

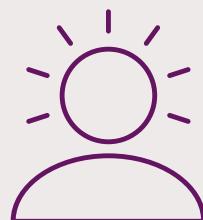
RLCC draws on the values of equity, inclusivity, transparency, innovation, integrity, respect, and fulfilment. These values make the foundations of our guiding principles, which, in turn, contribute to setting standards for all organisational operations



# 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**

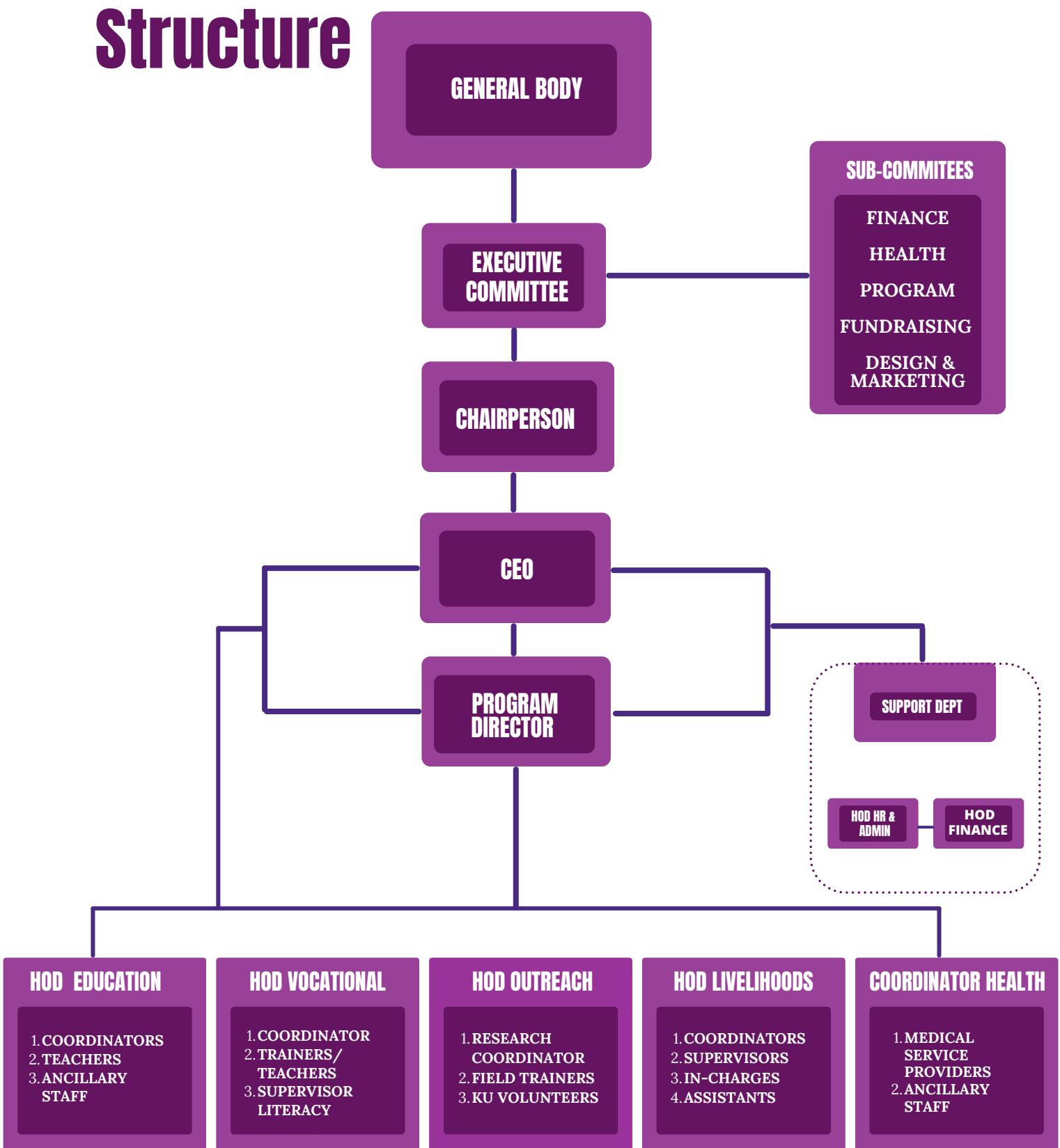
# Our Success

Naveed Ahmad sought eye consultation at RLCC clinic when he was facing vision impairment due to negligence following a cataract operation elsewhere. Upon referral to LRBT by RLCC, he underwent successful surgery, ultimately preserving his eyesight. LRBT and RLCC played pivotal roles in saving his vision.



Younus Textile is appreciated for offering an opportunity to 30 vocational students, allowing them to earn a monthly income of 20,000 rupees. Younus Textile's generous gesture not only empowers five vocational students but also fosters a culture of skill development and economic independence within the community.

# Organisational Structure



# Achievements

In the present day, the significance of cultivating a robust community that nurtures both the economic and social welfare of its residents is as crucial as it was in 1947. Pakistan continues to grapple with substantial inequality, with significant portions of the population facing challenges in accessing basic necessities like education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

RLCC remains resolute in its commitment to addressing this inequality within its designated community of Shah Faisal Colony, as well as other underserved regions in Pakistan. Our mission encompasses the improvement of women's lives, the reduction of poverty, the enhancement of skills, the empowerment of women in decision-making processes, and active contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



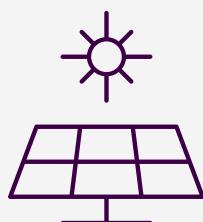
## Increasing beneficiaries

RLCC continues to empower individuals in different capacities. A footfall of around **1200** beneficiaries per day.



## RO plant - support to inhouse beneficiaries

Around **1000** individuals (on a daily basis) have the opportunity to access clean drinking water.



## 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 a period of 69 years, RLCC has effectively and tangibly improved the lives of the community it serves. We have empowered numerous women, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding their health, education, and livelihoods. Additionally, we have established a resilient local presence, implemented sustainable development strategies, and expanded our initiatives in outreach and capacity building.



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**

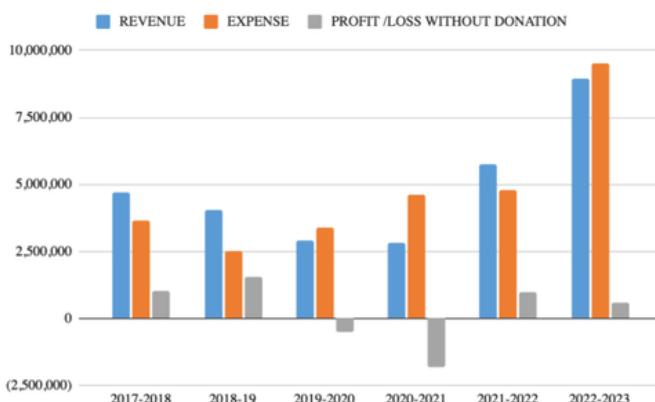


**Vocational Training Centre**



**Livelihoods**

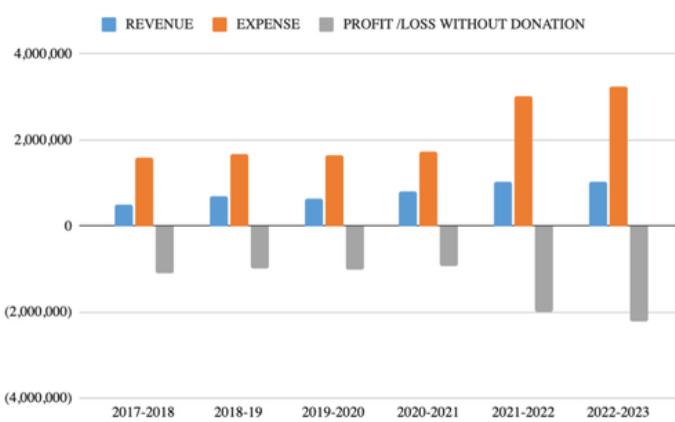
# Departmental Growth 2017-2023



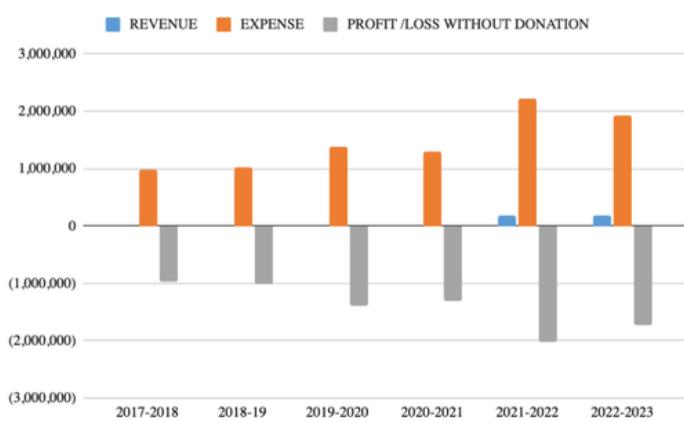
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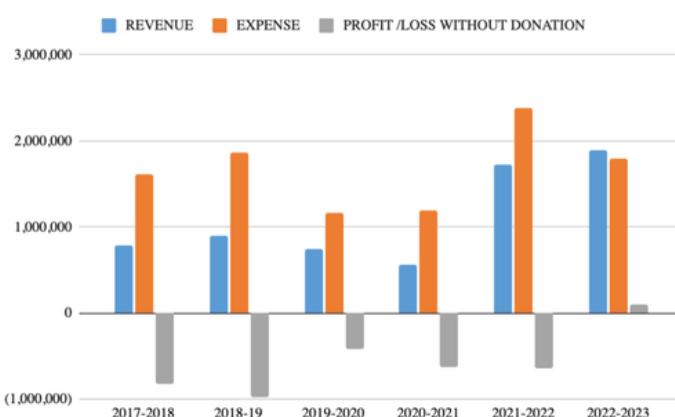
**Education**



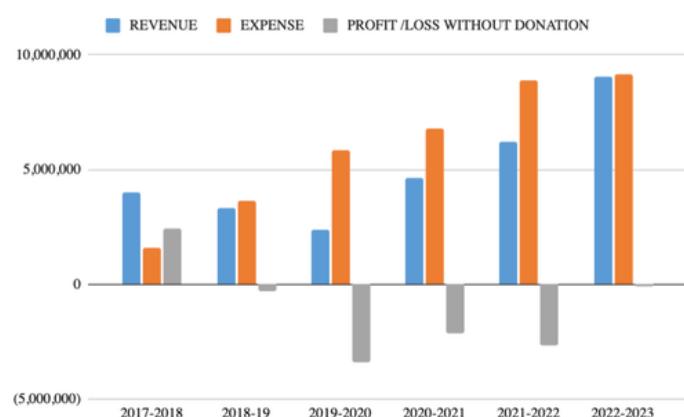
**Health**



**Outreach**



**Vocational Training**

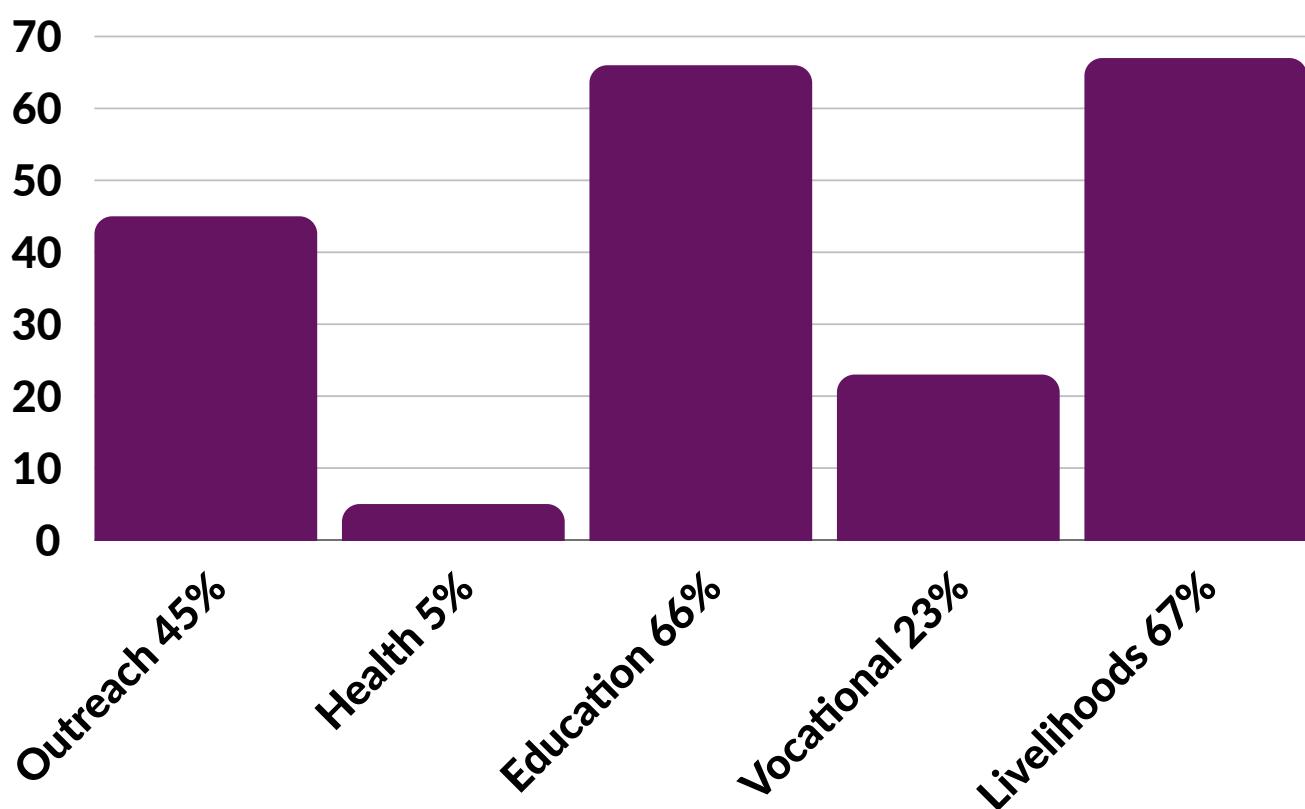


**Livelihoods**

# Growth - Beneficiaries

## 26% Increase

Actual No. of Beneficiaries			
	2017-2018	2022-2023	Increase Over 6 years
All Depts	20,028	25,249	5,221
Outreach	9,452	13,711	4,259
Health	9,664	10,188	524
Education	378	628	250
Vocational	384	472	88
Livelihoods	150	250	100



# Health



RLCC has developed a comprehensive health program, focused primarily on 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 **10,188** women and young people (**45% beneficiaries recovered with follow-up visits**)



## Free Medical Camps

Free medical camps facilitated around **2,165** beneficiaries. Distributed donated medicines valued at approximately Rs. **50,000.** increased beneficiaries in **LRBT and COL clinics after medical camps.**



## School Health Program

The health program catered to around **218** students. referred **27** students to child specialist for further treatment.



# Vocational



The Vocational Training Program operates in synergy with other departments and programs at RLCC. Its primary goal is to impart skills to women, enhancing their capabilities and providing them with employment opportunities in the market. This, in turn, enables them to better access education and health services for the benefit of their families.



## Increased Access to Vocational Trainings

472 women provided quality vocational training and 166 students passed out from courses out of which 39 students are currently earning a livelihood after completing the vocational training program, 23% job placement.



## Establishing Linkages

A trip was arranged for students at YTM Around 30 students from the cutting and sewing class visited and 5 students got job opportunity.



## Facilitating Mothers

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

**Advance Excel**  
One Month Course  
Starting from May, 2023

Every Saturday  
2pm to 4pm

Complete Course Fee  
Rs. 1600/-

Venue:  
RLCC School  
Computer Lab

**Register Now!**





# Outreach



Outreach plays a pivotal role in RLCC's programs, enabling the organization to establish a personalized connection with its beneficiary community. Through outreach, RLCC uplifts the community by focusing on women and youth empowerment, fostering self-sustainability. This approach aims to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Shah Faisal Colony.



## Awareness Sessions

Educated **10,715** women and **2,385** children on health and social issues through awareness sessions to improve emotional health and well-being



## Small Businesses

Facilitated the creation of **4** small businesses generating monthly income ranging from **7,000/- to 10,000/-**



## Referrals

RLCC Clinic: **261**, RLCC School: **28**  
RLCC Livelihoods: **34**, RLCC Vocational: **229**  
RLCC Medical Camp: **850**  
LRBT (EYE): **484**, Caravan of Life (Mental Health): **519**  
Community Schools, Clinics, and Hospitals: **20**  
**648** children have been empowered to openly discuss issues related to child sexual abuse (CSA) with their parents and teachers.



Collaborated with COL for Mental Health Awareness Session in Communities



RLCC celebrated Women's week with 300 community women 6th to 8th March 2023



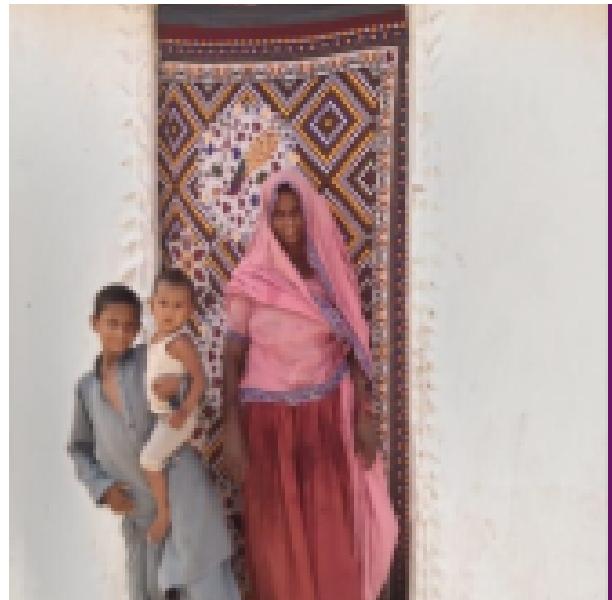
Collaborated with Karachi University interns to host engaging theater programs in four local Shah Faisal schools, impacting **420** beneficiaries.



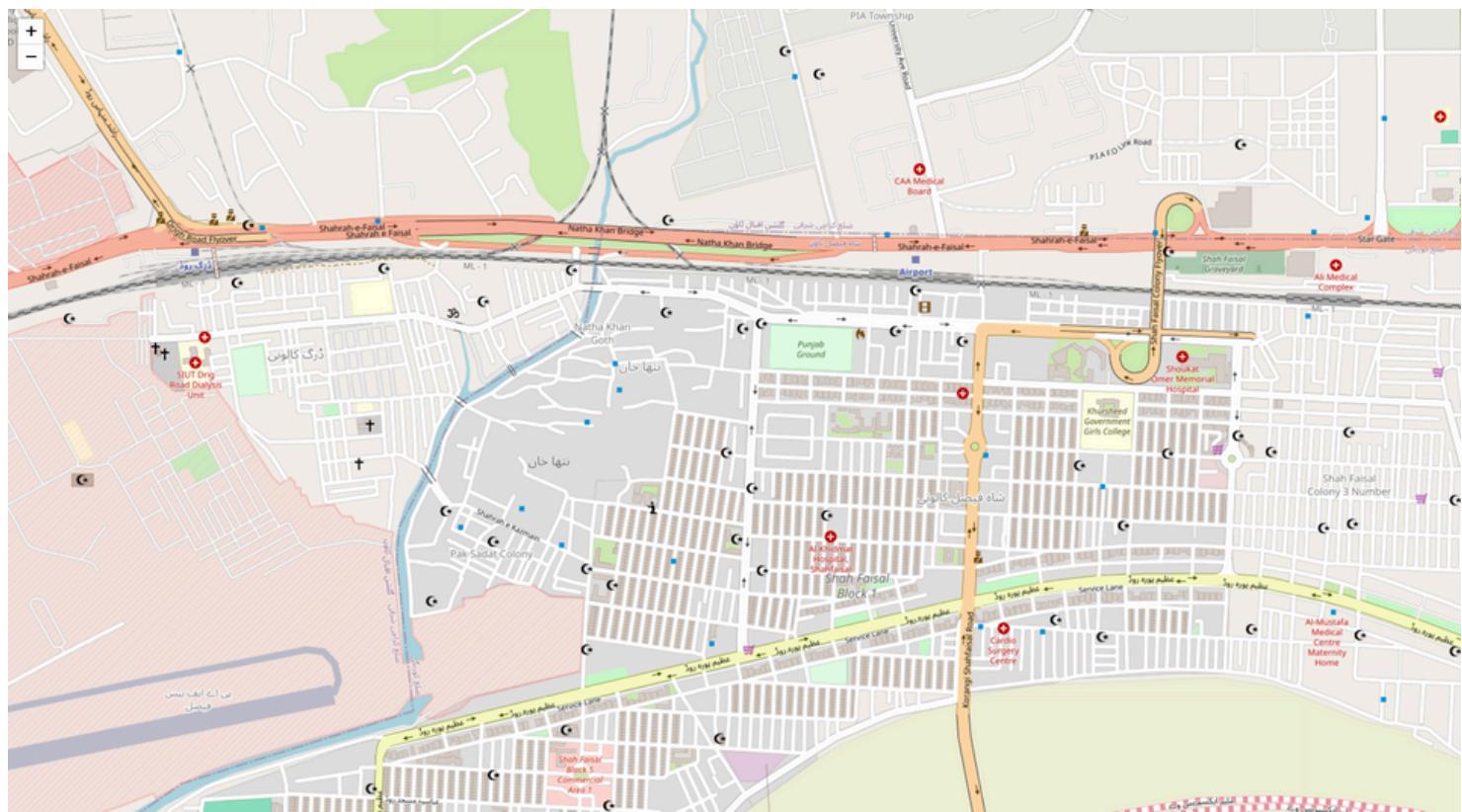
Initiated campaign "Stationery for Recycling" with **100** RLPS primary students with the support of GarbageCan

# Initiatives

Rs. 3,500,000 given to heritage foundation for flood relief rehabilitation to facilitate 50 families in Sindh



# RLCC Community Network



**RLCC Focus Area :**  
**(Block 1 to 5, Natha Khan Goth, Drigh Road and Reta Plot)**

Particulars	Total Focus Area	Reached by RLCC (Indirect Beneficiaries not included)
Population	10,000 (9,000 women & 1,000 children)	13,100 (10,715 women & 2,385 children)
Number of Schools	116 schools	72 Schools
Colleges	4 colleges	3 Colleges
Clinics	35 clinics	21 Clinics
Community Points	N/A	22

# Livelihoods



Livelihoods concentrates on the economic empowerment and comprehensive development of female artisans through training, awareness sessions, and the revitalization of eco-friendly crafts. The emphasis is on products that are recycled, upcycled, and contribute to the preservation of traditional crafts.



## Financial Empowerment

Livelihoods program financially empowering **250** artisans - average wages per artisan  
**Rs. 12,560/-**



## Eco-friendly Production

Ensured eco-friendly production practices and raised the standard of living of artisans  
Produced 100% A-grade products. (0% Rejection)  
45 Customers Received Feedback Forms:  
Response: Excellent (96.9%) & Good (3.1%).  
97.3% timely delivery



## 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.



# Education



RLCC advocates for equal access to quality education for everyone. We believe in utilizing activity-based learning to enhance conceptual understanding at Ra'ana Liaquat Public School (RLPS). RLPS remains steadfast in providing a platform for the young children of Shah Faisal Colony to realize their dreams.



## Quality Education for All

Quality education provided to around **626 students**  
**(Boys: 330, Girls 296)**



## Outshining Students

Annual result of Sindh Secondary Certification (SSC) 2022-23 - Around **65%** students scored an A+ or an A.

RLPS 100% pass rate in the Matric results, a total student population of 26.



## Extra-curricular Activities

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



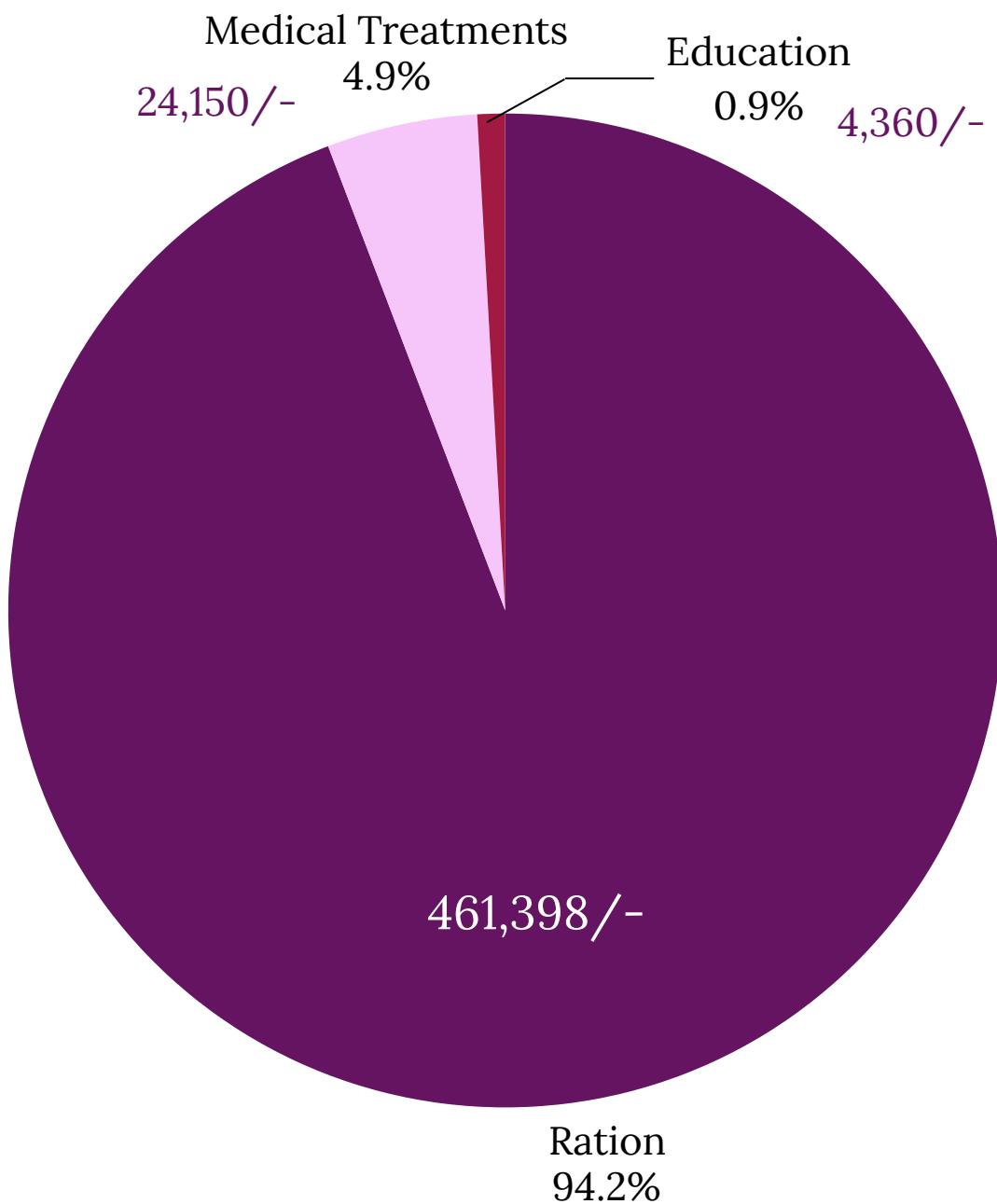
# Future Plans



## Sindh Grant

- Applied for the Sindh Grant.
- The grant provided by the Sindh Government under the Social Welfare department is being utilized for social & economic empowerment of Shah Faisal Community members, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- This project plan provides a comprehensive framework for empowering home-based workers, ensuring children's education and health, and expanding global market access for Pakistani crafts. It outlines the specific activities, timelines, budget allocation, KPIs, recruitment strategies, training modules, and other necessary components to successfully implement the project. With the support of the board of directors, RLCC aims to make a positive and sustainable impact on the lives of home-based workers and their communities.

# 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.

# COLLABORATIONS (existing & continued)



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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, 2023, and the statement of income and expenditure, 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, 2023 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 Managing Committee 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 Managing Committee 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.

KARACHI

DATED: 05 DEC 2023

UDIN: AR202310742GU3j1JBqf

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