Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Greetings from the Editorial Team

This edition’s updates reflect our achievements and successes which we have accomplished through the support of The Hashoo Group and our Development Partners and they are a source of pride for all of us. We welcome your articles, photographs and input to help keep the newsletter informative and entertaining.

Happy Reading!

Editorial Team

Mr. Ole Ramsing’s visit to Gilgit

Mr. Ole Ramsing, Programme Manager CKU Pakistan, visited Gilgit on 19, 2016 to July 23, 2016. The events and activities planned for the visit included experiencing the cultural diversity of the region through participation in “Cheneer” and “Ginani” festivals, interacting with local implementation partners such as Karakoram Area Development Organization (KADO), visiting the Traditional Music School in Aliabad, Hunza and observing the on-going training at wood carving and stone carving training centers. Mr. Ole thanked Hashoo Foundation for hosting such a productive trip to the region and appreciated the efforts of all involved.

Mr. Ole Ramsing, Programme Manager of CKU, talking to the audience.
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The Riches Poor Man

Abdul Sattar Edhi, a philanthropist, a social worker, the face of humanity, a man for whom God's ultimate creation-human beings mattered more than luxuries of life.

Edhi will forever be a part of our memories as 'The greatest Pakistani'. He started with a humble eight feet dispensary, and turned it into Pakistan's largest multi-faceted charitable organization. For Edhi, humanity was above all, he has been present at the scene of every major natural or manmade disaster from the last several decades.

Today, his struggles survive as 3,35 centers with 1,800 ambulances in the country, hundreds of volunteers and thousands dependent on him for their free food, water, medicines and shelter.

Hashoo Foundation truly mourns Maulana Edhi’s death, an irreplaceable loss. His message, 'not to be selfish' rings in our ears and echos in our minds.
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Empowering Marginalized and underprivileged segments of society

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The Foundation, in collaboration with Ranrра NGO and Hashoo Group, held a gift pack distribution ceremony, at Community Centre, Aabpara, Islamabad on July 02, 2016. The objective of this project was to demonstrate solidarity with the under privileged communities of rural areas in Rawalpindi and Islamabad. Through this activity 200 families including minorities were provided with clothes and food items.

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“Phuphukan (Kids) Summer Camp” was held from 21st - 31st July, 2016 at Regional Office Chitral. The camp was supervised by Miss Zahida Sultana, Miss Zubaida- an ECD Trainer and Miss Farah Shah- a volunteer.

Creative art work was displayed at the event which was enjoyed by parents and appreciated by Senior Regional Programme Manager. 16 Summer Camp kids were involved in this event.

Welcome Aboard!

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After having successful hands on training in Marriott, Kabir ur Rehman has been placed as Front Desk Officer, at Islamabad Club.

5 trainees of Agha Khan Economic Planning Board (AKEPB), from Upper Chitral were placed in different hotels of Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Lahore. Job Placement Cell facilitated 28 Trainees in securing jobs and 20 interviews are being scheduled with Subway, Berio Restaurant, Time & Taste, Spice Bazar, Cravea Ice bar, Royal Garden, Manolo Gelato, Al Tanoor Damam KSA & Second Cup Coffee.

Good luck with the new jobs and your career aspirations. All the best!

Ustad Jan Ali performing at Spring Festival after a break of 3 years

Summer Camp-RoR

Little Master Chefs
Besides other activities of Summer Camp, Hashoo Foundation Rawalpindi Office also arranged a Cooking Day for the Little Chefs (Summer Camp Kids) on June 25th, 2016. Kids prepared sandwiches, milk shakes, juices & snacks under the supervision of Hashoo Foundation Culinary Arts Trainer, Ms. Khilat Ejaz. 26 kids participated in this activity.

Swimming Splash
Swimming Day was organized at Pool of Pearl Continental Hotel Rawalpindi on June 28th, 2016. 26 children attended the activity.

Mobile Education Unit, Motorway Zone. Senior Patrolling Officer Mr. Saqib Waheed shared Road Safety Tips, Accident Prevention & various relevant video clips with the kids.

Road Safety Session
A Road Safety Session for Summer Camp kids was organized on June 30th, 2016 in collaboration with the informative and educational activity aiming to provide children an opportunity to learn and know about birds and their habitats. In the end, certificates and shirts were distributed to the participants.

Bird Aviary Park
An excursion visit was organized to the Bird Park at Lake View, Islamabad on July 02nd, 2016. It was an

Summer Camp Kid

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**Investing in Future- Child Education Support Program (CESP)**

*Fiza Shahid, recently jobless, she comes from a marginalized community. Her mother being a housewife and her father recently jobless, she was left with no resources to pay her school fees. The principal through Hashoo Foundation's 'Child Education Support Program' (CESP) supports Fiza with her education. Fiza secured 88% marks in 8th grade annual examination and topped in her class. Fiza's achievement hasn't stopped here, she created a record of answering 40 questions in a row, correctly, in her Board Of Intermediate and Secondary Education examination's practical. Fiza hopes to become a doctor one day.*

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**Booni, Pakistan: The Day the Glacier Broke**

Booni, a village 80 kilometers north of Chitral town. Situated in the Hindu Kush region, Booni is a fan-shaped landmass, formed by glacial deposit at the mouth of what is called 'Booni Gol' or the stream of Booni, which cultivates the tracts of crops, vegetables, fruit bearing trees.

On one fine morning of July 26th, 2010, a huge flash flood that originated from Booni Zom glacier washed away everything: roads, telephones, water supply lines; all gone. The seldom available method of travel- on a jeep through Central Booni to Molgram, in the south, vanished in a flash. Within minutes, the tide entered the settlements; destroying houses, orchards and everything it came across.

The green patches of crops and the leafy overhanging trees that once decorated the line of the stream were uprooted. The stream had flooded away the dreams and the serene beauty of a once lush area.

A large number of displaced communities including women, men, children, elderly reached at Gahli playground, with hurried steps and no plan of action. They preferred to stay under the open sky in a torrential rain for the sake of their lives.

Interventions at all levels is the need of the hour for these communities. Let us strive to provide basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, medical assistance etc. to these displaced souls through-minimal or maximal, but our honest efforts.

(Courtesy: Shams ud din)
Climate change and Economy, in Pakistan

Climate change is a pressing global issue, Pakistan like other developing countries in South Asia is a victim of this change. The alarmingly rise in the greenhouse gases, generally results in the human activities such as but not limited to: consumption of fossil fuel, inorganic extensive farming, deforestation, green houses, poor waste management and excessive use of natural resources, these negative effects are experienced most in developing than in developed countries. Although Pakistan's contribution to Green House Gas (GHG) emissions is very low, 0.8% of GHG emissions, in comparison with other countries, but it has been impacted by the bulk of adverse effects of climate change (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2007). Pakistan's climate-sensitive agrarian economy now faces larger risks from variability in monsoon rains, floods and extended droughts. The estimated cost to the economy due to poor sanitation and clean drinking water is Rs. 112 billion of the Gross Domestic Produce. While that of environmental and resource related damage is Rs. 365 billion of GDP. The total health costs are estimated at Rs. 62-65 billion which is equivalent to 1% GDP. (UN Report). In many cases farmers in the region—among the poorest people in the world, are abandoning their lands and migrating to already overcrowded cities. To reduce negative effects, introduction of innovative farming techniques, agricultural adaptation catering local farmers, and providing them with technical advice, training, and awareness sessions. Measures to be taken are: developing high temperature-tolerant crop strains, comprehensive flood warning systems, and more reservoirs on the upper Indus. Hashoo Foundation has planned to initiate innovative methods in some areas for waste disposal, green energy production and irrigation techniques. (Courtesy: Husan Bano)

Disaster Risk Reduction Seminar & Training

A meeting of Disaster Risk Reduction Forum Chitral, was held in the office of Deputy Commissioner Chitral on 12th July 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness among general public on safety measures for the coming monsoon rains and expected floods. Hashoo Foundation was requested to provide training on identification of safe places at VC level, safe evacuation and psycho-social support to selected group including religious leaders, school teachers, women, men and elected representatives. (Courtesy: Husan Bano)
### International World Youth Skills Day July 18th, 2016

Hashoo Foundation celebrated this day all across its Regional Offices. Lahore: event was organized at Pearl Continental, speakers at the event highlighted renowned skilled workers and their contributions, towards building national institutes and industries.

The participants in different activities demonstrated their soft skills, reflecting their talents. Rawalpindi World Youth Skills Day was celebrated, by arranging a “Domestic Worker Skills Seminar”, at Project Office Rawalpindi. Col. Retd Amir Haider, Director CKU project having goals of poverty alleviation through cultural revitalization and gender equality, lead to another partnership with Karakoram Area Development Organization (KADO). KADO with its well equipped facility and previous work.

**FATA: highlighting the issues of unemployment and illiteracy being faced by youth of Pakistan,**

**General, Skills Standard & Curricula Wing, National Vocational & Technical Training**

Commission Pakistan, appreciated the Foundation's efforts. Seminar on Art of Pedagogy was also arranged for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) & Montessori Trainees at Regional Office Rawalpindi. Peshawar: An 'Experience Sharing & Learning Session' was held at Pearl Continental Hotel, Peshawar (PCHP), the purpose was to make youth aware of the importance of acquiring skills in order to address the challenges of unemployment.

Gilgit: “The modern era needs skillful people, without skills it's hard to compete, considering the saturation in the market”, said Senior Regional Programme Manager Gilgit on the occasion where many young trainees gathered to celebrate IWYSD.

Chitral: The event aimed at creating awareness about the importance of acquiring skills.
An initiative for Women Empowerment

Miss Gul Aftab, a chef in Youth Development Center since July, 2015. She is a resident of village Oshikhandas of District Gilgit. Her father (Late) was a tailor and mother a housewife. She not only looks after her mother but also supports a family of 10 people. Hashoo Foundation Regional office Gilgit, approached her and provided one time financial assistance of PKR 15,000 to Ms Gul Aftab.

MoU signed with Karakorum Area Development Organization (KADO)

CKU project having goals of poverty alleviation through cultural revitalization and gender equality, lead to another partnership with Karakoram Area Development Organization (KADO). KADO with its well equipped facility and previous work experience in Hunza and Ghizer was contracted to identify, select and conduct (3) months wood carving training for twenty (20) trainees, (10) women and (10) men in District Hunza, also two months stone carving training for (10) male trainees in District Ghizer.

DG National Vocational & Technical Training Commission Monitoring Visit

Col. Retd Amir Haider, Director General, Skills Standard & Curricula Wing, NAVTTC visited Project Office Rawalpindi on July 15th, 2016. He addressed the trainers and other staff members, and visited the ongoing classes under NAVTTC's "Prime Minister Youth Program: Domestic Skill Worker”. He acknowledged the Hashoo Foundation’s efforts towards inculcating skill amongst the under privileged youth and assured NAVTTC's full support.

Highlights of Regional Office Chitral CBDRM III Project

Ms. Ayesha Khan, Country Director Hashoo Foundation met with the CO of village Balach and female CO at village Lotdeh Singoor. So far HF has carried out School Safety Awareness Sessions on a “Flood awareness workshop” at Govt Schools of Chitral. Flood awareness materials have been shared among vulnerable communities.
Regional Office Lahore launched a 6 month’s ‘Young Chef Pakistan Program’, in the month of July. The aim of this program is to increase employment opportunities for the youth. The program caters to training in the hospitality sector.

HF Donation of EID gifts to FATA Development Authority Staff

HF management has handed over 10 Eid gift packs among the local community partners. This activity was facilitated by Mr. Farhan Ali (ASDO - HF) on 4th July, 2016 at FATA Development Office Peshawar.

HF Core Office Hosted Iftaar and Birthday Party

HF Core Office invited Regional Office Rawalpindi and Umeed-e-Noor staff members to join them for Iftaar party and birthday celebrations at core office Islamabad on 30th June 2016. All staff attended the event and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Hashoo Foundation Lahore also hosted iftaar at Lahore office on June 27th, 2016.
Birthday Celebrations

HR in collaboration with social committee distributed birthday cards to the employees who's birthday fell in the month of July. This activity also took place at Regional Office Chitral, Regional Office Gilgit and Regional Office Rawalpindi. Birthday cards were presented and the event was thoroughly enjoyed.