

IRC has helped to demonstrate the use of simple and low cost technologies that can be adapted to local needs. These include generating gas from cattle dung, irrigating crops through the drip rather than flooding system water harvesting and waste water treatment. Such approaches will continue to be assessed and tested where resources permit.

To provide women a place where they can work together and where the quality of products may be managed, IRC runs a Craft Production Centre. While women (and men) making these products are free to market these, they are assisted through IRC's own marketing outlets- Khazana, which is also a cafe and social meeting place, and a shop. IRC plans to retain these outlets, expand the range and quality of products (mainly embroidered personal and household items, patch work, mirror work, basket weaving, products made from the bark of local date trees).



Support Democratic Systems, Good Governance and Human Rights

IRC builds the capacity of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) through training, networking and information dissemination to engage with other stakeholders. For strengthening the democratic process, IRC facilitated women and youth in obtaining National Identity Cards and including their names in voter registration lists, and mobilized them to use their right to vote. IRC is a member of Free and Fair Elections Network (FAFEN) of 42 national and local NGOs. It is at the moment involved in promoting the accountability and transparency of elected representatives in 11 national assembly constituencies in six districts of Sindh.

Apart from its direct participation in the democratic process and electoral reforms, IRC provides training and organises awareness building sessions on human rights with special focus on women and child rights, and implements projects to set up child protection centres.



We Work in Rural and Remote, Poor Areas of Sindh

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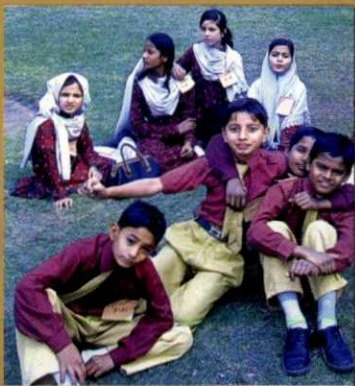
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Indus Resource Centre

Mainstreaming the Marginalised





We are a nongovernmental organisation that believes in sanctity of life; equality of human beings; opportunities for all; human potential; dignity of labour and wise use of resources.

The principles underlying our work are: human rights; gender equality; inclusion, and participatory development.

Our work contributes directly to four of the 8 Millennium Development Goals(MDGs)

- Eradicating Extreme Hunger and Poverty
- Achieving Universal Primary Education
- Promotion Gender Equality and Empowering Women
- Improving Maternal Health



We

Educate, mainly girls from rural backgrounds

IRC's own schools are run under a model designed for rural and agricultural areas: mobilise parents to send girls to school, hire female teachers preferably from the community, focus on teacher training, create a fear free, child friendly and strong learning environment within schools, promote creativity and questioning minds, give vacations during harvest season and involve parents in the development of their children. We test educational models to learn from what works and what does not, and disseminate it to our partners for potential replication.

Currently, IRC is running 56 schools of its own with around 9,647 children and 42 partner government schools with 10,823 children. Support to government schools include physical infrastructure improvement, training and follow-up, co-curricular activities, provision of additional teachers and monitoring.



Empower Communities and Build their Resilience

Working with the poor communities in Sindh, IRC took up relief operations during and after the floods of 2007, and then in 2010 and 2011. It has worked first to provide food and basic necessities, child protection services, setting up and managing large relief camps and providing all necessary facilities to thousands of displaced people. This was followed by shelter, food security, and livelihood training.

Child protection initiatives were implemented and displaced people were assisted in returning and finding livelihoods. IRC trained communities on disaster risk management strategies as well as built their capacities for their resilience in case of future disasters.

The DRR program focuses on collective thinking and action at community level, enhancing organisational and technical capacities to reduce vulnerabilities to disasters, identifying and implementing small community actions for disaster mitigation, and promoting engagement of communities with the local stakeholders for improved disaster preparedness.



Promote Sustainable Livelihoods

IRC has worked on off farm livelihoods, such as livestock rearing and management, crafts development, vocational skills that can be locally marketed such as repair of simple machinery, masonry, sewing, plumbing, building simple community infrastructure such as culverts, water channels, building repairs. Support to on farm livelihoods will be provided by helping to improve farming practices, community-based water management through networking with agricultural institutes and progressive farmers. IRC is also assisting in helping farmers to develop farmer organisations and training them on land rights.

IRC has started a programme of providing livestock, mainly goats, to poor women including those affected by natural disasters. It intends to expand this further, as the limited results show that owning something as small as a goat has given immense confidence to women, helped them economically and contributed to the health of the children through provision of milk.