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SHARP TREE PLANTATION DRIVE 2026

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CLIMATE EMERGENCIES INTENSIFY PROTECTION RISKS

During August 2026, Pakistan continued to experience the humanitarian consequences of intense **monsoon activity**, including **heavy rainfall, flash floods, urban flooding and landslides** in several parts of the country. These events disrupted livelihoods, damaged homes and infrastructure, and increased displacement among already vulnerable communities.

Flood-affected families faced difficulties accessing safe shelter, clean water, healthcare, food, sanitation and transportation. Communities living in low-lying and disaster-prone areas were particularly exposed, while families with limited resources struggled to recover from repeated losses and displacement.

Women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities faced additional protection concerns during emergencies, including difficulties accessing essential services, increased safety risks in temporary shelters, and disruption to education and livelihoods. Disasters also placed additional financial and psychological pressure on families already experiencing poverty and displacement.

The August situation highlighted the growing connection between **climate change, displacement and protection in Pakistan**. Increasingly frequent and severe climate-related emergencies require stronger preparedness, early-warning mechanisms, resilient infrastructure, and protection-sensitive humanitarian responses to ensure that vulnerable communities are not left behind.

Strengthening Community Protection in Disaster-Affected Areas

In response to the emerging climate-related challenges, SHARP strengthened its focus on **community-level protection, humanitarian assistance and disaster preparedness**. Field teams monitored the situation of vulnerable families in affected and high-risk areas and identified urgent protection and assistance needs.

SHARP provided information, guidance and referrals to affected individuals, helping communities access available humanitarian, legal, health and protection services. Particular attention was given to women, children, persons with disabilities, older persons and households facing displacement or loss of livelihoods.

Through community engagement and awareness activities, SHARP also promoted **disaster preparedness, safety awareness and access to essential information**, while coordinating with relevant stakeholders to identify emerging protection concerns.

The August response reinforced SHARP's commitment to addressing the **human impact of climate change and disasters**, ensuring that protection remains an integral part of humanitarian preparedness, emergency response and community resilience in Pakistan.

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Planting for a Greener Tomorrow



Message From the Chairman

Planting trees is an investment in a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future. Every individual must take ownership of nurturing these saplings for future generations.

SYED LIAQAT BANORI
CHAIRMAN-SHARP
PAKISTAN / AFGHANISTAN

In alignment with the **national monsoon plantation campaign** and **UN Sustainable Development Goals** (SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 15: Life on Land), SHARP-Pakistan successfully executed its Annual Tree Plantation Drive across its Head Office in **Islamabad** and field offices in **Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Haripur and Timergara**.

〈Key Campaign Highlights〉

1430 Total Saplings Planted: 550 saplings were planted around office premises, while 500 saplings (generously provided by the PTC Nursery, F-9 Islamabad) were distributed to staff for home and community planting.

150+ Staff Participants: In this plantation drive approximately 150 SHARP staff members, involving Senior Management actively contributed at the Head office Islamabad and Field office Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Haripur & Timergara.

〈Regional Breakdown:〉

Islamabad	Lahore	Karachi	Peshawar	Kohat	Mardan	Haripur	Timergara
600 Trees Planted	70 Trees Planted	50 Trees Planted	30 Trees Planted	50 Trees Planted	50 Trees Planted	50 Trees Planted	530 Trees Planted



Staff Engagement & Awareness Activities

Promoting Environmental Responsibility Across Offices

The campaign featured several interactive initiatives designed to foster everyday sustainability among staff members:

Green Promise Wall: Staff members signed personalized pledges committing to eco-friendly practices, including paper and plastic reduction, proper waste disposal, and ongoing tree care.



My Green Desk Initiative: Indoor plants were distributed across workstations to bring natural greenery into office spaces and promote healthy indoor environments.



Celebratory Ceremonies: Cake-cutting events were held across all branch offices to celebrate collective efforts and recognize the ongoing responsibility of climate action.



Public Awareness Campaign: Team members displayed environmental placards and vehicle awareness stickers featuring slogans such as "A Greener Pakistan Starts With You" to engage the wider community.






Islamabad



Peshawar



Timergara



Kohat



Mardan



Haripur


Lahore


Karachi







We were honored to welcome **UNHCR Deputy Representative Mr. Oscar Pineiro** to the SHARP offices. SHARP Leadership including the **Chairman Mr. Syed Liaqat Banori, CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed**, and **Project Director (KP) Ms. Memoona Batool** hosted the delegation to present our ongoing initiatives in legal aid, protection, and community support for both refugees and host communities.

Key discussions centered on strengthening the current protection environment across local communities. Aligning future programming priorities to maximize impact. Reaffirming our shared commitment to ensuring dignity, rights, and inclusion for all.

We remain dedicated to building a safer, more inclusive future.





SHARP was pleased to host Mr. Jake Wish from the British High Commission Islamabad at our Head office for a productive bilateral discussion.

Chairman Society for Human Rights and Prisoners' Aid Mr. Syed Liaqat Banori, CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed, Program Lead Mr. Sohrab, and team members engaged in a comprehensive dialogue centered on enhancing protection mechanisms and upholding the dignity of vulnerable populations. Key topics included expanding resettlement and relocation pathways, creating international skilled migration opportunities through Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB), and embedding environmental resilience directly into humanitarian response strategies. The exchange highlighted a mutual dedication to advancing sustainable, climate-aware, and human-centric solutions.

Effective partnerships remain fundamental to driving meaningful, long-term impact. We appreciate the British High Commission's continued engagement and collaboration. SHARP remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard the rights, livelihoods, and futures of displaced communities while fostering legal pathways for global talent to thrive.





The leadership had in-depth discussions on legal protection and humanitarian aspects for vulnerable communities.

SHARP-Chairman Syed Liaqat Banori, CEO Mudassar Javed and PD-KP Memoona Batool met with the Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees KP to align on priorities for service delivery, rights, and durable solutions. Appreciation to Mr. Shakeel Muhammad Safi and the team for continued commitment.





A high-level internal coordination meeting was held at the SHARP LOP Peshawar office, bringing together the organization's leadership and program management team to review progress, celebrate achievements, and discuss future strategic planning.



The meeting was chaired by Mr. Syed Liaqat Banori, Chairman SHARP, and attended by Mr. Mudassar Javed, CEO SHARP; Ms. Memoona Batool Khan, Project Director KP; Atif Afzal, Project Director ICT; Project Managers, Field Managers; and Team Leaders. The session provided a platform to review the organization's ongoing progress and key achievements while identifying priorities for future programming and organizational growth. Participants discussed strategic planning, enhanced coordination, innovative approaches, and opportunities to strengthen SHARP's institutional capacity, improve program quality, and expand its impact through sustainable development initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to collaboration, excellence, and continuous improvement, reaffirming SHARP's vision of delivering impactful, accountable, and sustainable services to the communities it serves.



SHARP CEO, Muhammad Mudassar, had the pleasure of attending the farewell reception hosted by the British High Commission Islamabad last night. It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with colleagues, partners, and fellow professionals across the network.

A huge thank you to Ms. Zoe for her incredible partnership over the years—we wish her all the very best in her next chapter. At the same time, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Charlie as he steps into his new role. We look forward to building on our strong relationship with the BHC team in the time ahead.

Honored to represent SHARP Pakistan at the U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Pakistan's "Freedom 250 – REPS Reception" on August 20, 2026.

The event celebrated 250 years of American independence while highlighting the enduring partnership between the United States and Pakistan. It provided an excellent platform to engage with diplomats, development partners, and leaders committed to advancing shared goals of human rights, community empowerment, and bilateral cooperation.





Mr. Muhammad Mudassar Javed, CEO SHARP and Ms. Memoona Batool Khan, PD KP, participated in an introductory meeting with Ms. Reyhaneh SHAKIBAIE, new Head of Office, UNHCR Sub Office Peshawar.

All NGO implementing partners joined the session to share experiences, interventions, and key lessons from the field. The discussion focused on enhancing coordination and delivering effective, dignified support to refugees and host communities across KP.

SHARP remains committed to working closely with UNHCR and all partners to ensure protection, solutions, and sustainable impact.

We thank UNHCR Pakistan for convening this important platform for collaboration.





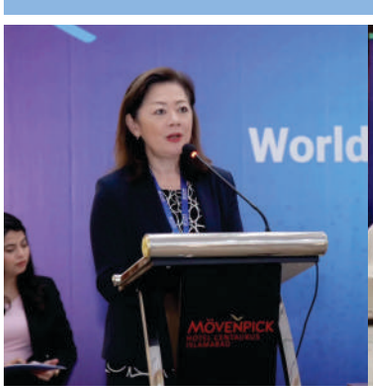
SHARP-Pakistan organized a comprehensive training session on Integrity, conducted in collaboration with UNHCR. The interactive session was facilitated by Mr. Marcin Derkacz, Associate Integrity Officer UNHCR, alongside the presence of all staff members of SHARP and leadership including Mr. Mudassar Javed (CEO SHARP), Mr. Aatif Afzal (Project Director, ICT) and Ms. Anila Kanwal (AHMR). The initiative focused on reinforcing ethical principles and professional accountability across all levels of humanitarian operations.

The session began with welcome remarks by Mr. Mudassar Javed, CEO of SHARP-Pakistan, who expressed his sincere appreciation to UNHCR, in his opening address, he emphasized the vital importance of full compliance, robust complaint mechanisms, and unwavering humanitarian commitment—especially when serving vulnerable communities living in uncertainty.

The training covered the Principles of the UNHCR Code of Conduct, with a specific focus on identifying and managing Conflicts of Interest to maintain strict impartiality. Mr. Marcin Derkacz also outlined the role and mandate of the Inspector General's Office (IGO), detailing established mechanisms for reporting misconduct and safeguarding organizational integrity.

SHARP staff actively participated throughout the session—engaging in open discussions, asking interactive questions, and working through practical scenarios related to ethics in daily field operations.

The training took place physically at the SHARP Islamabad Office with full local attendance, while teams from all regional offices connected virtually to participate. SHARP-Pakistan remains dedicated to promoting a culture of transparency, ethical leadership, and zero tolerance for misconduct.







CEO-SHARP Muhammad Mudassar Javed joined the multi-stakeholder plenary in Islamabad for "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons" The theme "Trapped Behind the Scam" highlights the growing threat of trafficking people into forced criminality and cyber-enabled scams.

Appreciations to FIA, MoHRD, UNODC, IOM, UNHCR, ILO, ICMPD and partners for advancing prevention, protection, and justice. Pakistan's new National Action Plans 2026-2030 are a vital step. Ending trafficking takes all of us, together.



SHARP-Pakistan and Superior University Law College Sign MoU on Migration, Human Rights, and Environmental Jurisprudence

SHARP-Pakistan and Superior University Law College have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance academic collaboration on key areas, including migration, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, victim protection, and environmental jurisprudence.

The MoU was formally signed by Mr. Mudassar Javed, CEO of SHARP, and Dr. Aabida, Principal of Superior University Law College.

The signing was witnessed by Ms. Arooj and Dr. Aabida Khaliq, Dean of the Law and Business School. The session was facilitated and convened by Mr. Hassan Zaman.





CEO-SHARP Mudassar Javed, along with PD KP Memoona Batool, held a review meeting with the SHARP-EU “Access to Justice” Project Team in Peshawar.

The meeting reviewed progress, impact, and the quality of services delivered under the EU-funded project, “Enhancing Access to Justice and Protection of Vulnerable Detainees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.” Discussions focused on strengthening legal aid and protection services for vulnerable detainees, women, and children, enhancing coordination with justice sector institutions, and maintaining quality, rights-based service delivery.

With the support of the EU PAKISTAN, SHARP reaffirmed its commitment to promoting an inclusive, accountable, and accessible justice system in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The meeting also highlighted priorities for the next phase, with a focus on expanding impact, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring sustainable outcomes across the province.





A key coordination meeting was held at SHARP LOP, chaired by Project Director (KP) Ms. Memoona Batool Khan, alongside Project Managers, Field Managers, Admins, and Team Leads.

The discussion focused on evaluating ongoing progress, streamlining field implementation, and overcoming operational challenges across teams. Ms. Khan provided strategic direction, emphasizing strong teamwork, transparent accountability, timely reporting, and seamless cross-departmental communication to achieve our project goals.



SHARP Representation at Punjab Charity Commission Capacity-Building Session.

Ms. Arooj Awan, FM Lahore, represented SHARP at a high-level interactive capacity-building session hosted by the Punjab Charity Commission in collaboration with ACT International.

During the session, Ms. Awan engaged with key sector stakeholders to advocate for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). She strategically highlighted critical operational challenges facing CSOs, specifically focusing on No Objection Certificate (NOC) processing, banking compliance hurdles, and Punjab Charity Commission (PCC) documentation requirements.

SHARP Karachi representatives Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain & Mr. Akram delivered a brief presentation on the operations of the Refugee Documentation Centre (RDC), highlighting key achievements, partner activities, ongoing issues, and operational challenges.

The discussion was held at the Multi-Purpose Hub (MPH), Karachi, with UNHCR Country Representative Mr. Oscar Manuel Sanchez Pineiro and UNHCR Government Liaison Officer Mr. Farman Khilji. The meeting provided an opportunity to review ongoing activities, discuss operational matters, and strengthen coordination among key stakeholders.







SHARP-Pakistan & UN-IOM successfully hosted a 4-day Protection Training from August 17–20, 2026, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Karachi, bringing together government and social sector representatives to strengthen field-level humanitarian standards.

Day 1 (Foundational Frameworks): Covered UN-IOM Protection Unit operations in Karachi, legal protection standards, and practical field mainstreaming workflows.

Day 2 (PSEA Compliance): Addressed definitions of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment, victim-centric impact analysis, and mandatory reporting protocols.

Day 3 (Child Protection & Disability Inclusion): Focused on child rights in migration contexts, overcoming disability barriers, and mainstreaming integration pathways through OPD consultations.

Day 4 (GBV & Referral Execution): Focused on survivor-centered approaches to Gender-Based Violence and establishing secure referral pathways for field disclosures.

Participants praised the organizers for closing the gap between administrative mandates and practical enforcement, concluding the workshop with a formal certificate ceremony and a shared commitment to local protection efforts.



A meeting was held between Commissionerate CAR Sindh, Mr. Qaim Uddin, and Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain from SHARP at Multi Purpose Hub Karachi.A detailed discussion was held regarding the needs and concerns of vulnerable communities and ways to strengthen community engagement.

Mr. Qaim Uddin appreciated SHARP's services and efforts in supporting vulnerable communities and acknowledged the organization's contribution. Both sides also discussed future areas of collaboration and engagement for the benefit of the community.

The meeting also included discussion on arranging an upcoming meeting with community elders to facilitate better communication, understand community concerns, and strengthen coordination and engagement with the community.







Legal Clinics & Psychosocial Support Sessions

Under the EU-funded project, SHARP-Pakistan conducted legal clinics and psychosocial support (PSS) sessions across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reaching vulnerable communities in both Lower Dir and Panam Dheri, Peshawar.

Key Highlights

Legal Support & Guidance: Provided direct legal information, tailored counseling, and guidance for men and women to improve access to justice and rights awareness.

Psychosocial Wellbeing: Delivered PSS sessions—with dedicated focus on women—centered on emotional resilience, coping mechanisms, and support services.

Community Outreach: Reduced barriers to formal protection systems, delivering timely, dignified assistance and mental health support directly to marginalized populations in KP.



A two-day comprehensive training was organized by IOM in Karachi for SHARP field staff w.e.f 11th to 12th August 2026, to strengthen the capacity and enhancing the understanding of protection monitoring, data collection ethics, tools and risk assessment.

The training also aimed to equip participants with practical skills and knowledge to effectively implement protection monitoring activities in the field while maintaining ethical and safety standards.

The two-day training proved to be highly productive and interactive, contributing significantly to the professional growth of field staff. Participants expressed appreciation for the engaging methodology and practical exercises that linked theoretical knowledge with real-life field experiences. The sessions conducted by IOM will support improved protection monitoring and ensure ethical, safe, and effective data collection in future activities.