

SOCIAL COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE PROFILE

ABOUT US

CREATING A LASTING IMPACT THROUGH TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

FOUNDED IN 2011, THE SOCIAL COOPERATION INITIATIVE (SCI) IS A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE TANGIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR LIVES. INITIALLY REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT 1860, SCI IS NOW REGISTERED AS AN NGO/NPO UNDER SECTION 42 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2017, REFLECTING ITS GROWTH AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OVER TIME.

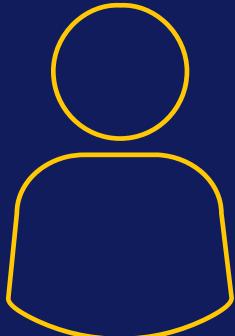
SCI IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING INTEGRATED, HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED DEVELOPMENT BY ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE CHALLENGES PEOPLE FACE. THROUGH COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC ADVOCACY, WE ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS AND PARTNERS AT BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING OF THE MOST VULNERABLE. OUR WORK EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES, PROMOTES EQUALITY, AND BUILDS LASTING, INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS, ENSURING AN EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE FUTURE FOR ALL.

10+



DISTRICTS REACHED

1M+



LIVES IMPACTED

20+



PARTNERSHIPS



OUR MISSION

WE EMPOWER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES TO LEAD SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY AND INJUSTICE, BUILDING A JUST AND DIGNIFIED FUTURE FOR ALL.



OUR VISION

AN EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY WHERE ALL PEOPLE CAN FULLY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

OUR VALUES

TRANSFORMATIVE AND LASTING IMPACT

TRANSPARENCY AND SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND RESPECT

WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY AND INJUSTICE, CREATING SUSTAINABLE IMPACT AT BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

WE OPERATE WITH EFFICIENCY, RESPONSIBILITY, AND FULL ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE COMMUNITIES, DONORS, PARTNERS, AND GOVERNMENTS WE WORK ALONGSIDE.

WE PROMOTE A JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST MARGINALIZED ARE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND BEING HEARD AS A VALUED PARTNER IN CHANGE.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

AT SCI, WE EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES THROUGH INNOVATIVE, RIGHTS-BASED STRATEGIES. OUR WORK STRENGTHENS LOCAL EFFORTS WHILE FORGING CONNECTIONS TO PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES, PROPOSING TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY. AS THE WORLD EVOLVES, SO DO WE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING NEW APPROACHES, CONTINUOUSLY TESTING OUR THEORY OF CHANGE, AND ADAPTING TO CREATE LASTING IMPACT.

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND FUTURISTIC SKILLS



EMERGENCIES, FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICES



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

AT SCI, WE ARE DEDICATED TO CREATING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. WE DO THIS THROUGH TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND STRONG, COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS. OUR PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN MANAGING DIVERSE PROJECTS REFLECTS OUR EXPERTISE IN BOTH PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT EXECUTION. BY WORKING WITH LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS, WE LEVERAGE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE IMPACT.

TRANSFORMING LIVES BY
PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGES



STRENGTHENING ELECTORAL
AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

GENDER EQUITY
PROGRAM (GEP)



CITIZEN VOICES FOR FAIR
AND FAIR ELECTIONS

MILK VALUE CHAIN
FOR YOUNG FARMERS



TRAINING OF LOCAL
COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
THROUGH FUTURISTIC SKILLS



SUPPORT TO WIDOWS & ORPHANS
(WEFAR & DEVELOPMENT)

AWARNESS AND POLICY ACTIONS
ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILD



AWARNESS AND POLICY ACTIONS
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

PROJECT PORTFOLIO 1

Project Title: Transforming Lives through Prevention of Child Marriages

Donor: READ Foundation UK

Duration: 36 Months (November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2027)

Location: Tharparkar District, Sindh, Pakistan

Overview: The Transforming Lives through Prevention of Child Marriages project is a three-year initiative led by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with funding from the READ Foundation UK. The project seeks to create an enabling environment where girls in Tharparkar can fully enjoy their rights and realize their potential. Through a combination of education, empowerment, and livelihood interventions, the project aims to reduce cases of early child marriage and ensure girls have access to quality public education and economic opportunities. It promotes a holistic approach to girls' well-being by engaging families, schools, and communities in dialogue and action to shift harmful norms and strengthen systems that support girls' education and agency.

Key Focus Areas:

- Girls' Education: Enhancing access to and quality of education for girls aged 6–18 years.
- Prevention of Early Child Marriages: Addressing social and economic drivers that perpetuate early marriage through awareness, advocacy, and community engagement.
- Livelihood Support: Building vocational and entrepreneurial skills among adolescent girls and young women to increase self-reliance and household resilience.

Project Title: Strengthening Electoral and Legislative Process (SLEP)

Donors/Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA)

Duration: October 16, 2019 – March 25, 2020; February 15, 2019 – October 15, 2019

Location: Vehari, Mailsi, and Burewala, Punjab, Pakistan

Overview: The Strengthening Electoral and Legislative Process (SLEP) project, implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with technical and financial support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA), sought to enhance women's political participation and civic engagement in Tharparkar. Across three project cycles, SCI mobilized women and young girls as active voters, facilitated their registration, and organized awareness campaigns and training workshops in collaboration with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). These efforts aimed to reduce barriers to women's participation in democratic processes, promote inclusive governance, and strengthen the capacity of local institutions and communities to support women's electoral engagement.

Key Focus Areas:

- Voter Mobilization and Registration: Encouraging and facilitating women's registration as voters through outreach and assistance.
- Civic Education: Raising awareness about electoral rights, processes, and the importance of women's participation.
- Capacity Building: Conducting training workshops with ECP officials, community leaders, and women's groups to ensure inclusive, transparent, and informed electoral participation.

PROJECT PORTFOLIO 2

Project Title: Citizen Voice Project (CVP)

Donors/Partners: United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA)

Duration: April 2018 – December 2018

Location: Vehari, Mailsi, and Burewala, Punjab, Pakistan

Overview: The Citizen Voice Project (CVP), implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with financial and technical assistance from USAID and the Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA), aimed to strengthen citizens' voices and participation in ensuring free, fair, and peaceful elections across Pakistan.

Through four implementation cycles, SCI mobilized communities, especially women and young people, to engage in the democratic process as informed and active citizens. Activities included voter registration drives, awareness campaigns, and training workshops conducted in collaboration with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to promote civic education and inclusive participation.

Key Focus Areas:

- Voter Education and Mobilization: Encouraging eligible citizens, particularly women and youth, to register and vote.
- Civic Awareness: Promoting understanding of democratic rights and responsibilities through community-based outreach.
- Peaceful Electoral Participation: Strengthening local capacity to support inclusive and nonviolent electoral processes.
- Capacity Building: Conducting training workshops with ECP officials, community leaders, and women's groups to ensure inclusive, transparent, and informed electoral participation.

Project Title: ZAKAT Foundation of America

Donors/Partners: Support to Orphans and Widows

Duration: September 2024 – March , 2025

Location: Katchi Abadis of Rawalpindi and Islamabad, Pakistan

Overview: With support from Zakat Foundation of America, Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) identified deserving widows and orphans and conducted a comprehensive needs assessment. Based on the findings, immediate welfare assistance was provided to address urgent needs. In parallel, longer-term development and empowerment priorities were identified, with a focus on education, skills development, and sustainable livelihood pathways, to ensure lasting empowerment and self-reliance.

Key Focus Areas:

- Identification and verification of vulnerable widows and orphans through community consultations and household-level assessments.
- Conduct of a detailed needs assessment covering food security, health, shelter, education, and income-related vulnerabilities.
- Provision of immediate welfare assistance, including food rations, cash or in-kind support, and essential household items to address urgent needs.
- Support for education-related needs of orphaned children, including school enrollment, learning materials, uniforms, and related expenses.
- Identification of longer-term empowerment pathways, including skills development, livelihood support, and linkage to education and income-generation opportunities to promote sustainable self-reliance.

PROJECT PORTFOLIO 3

Project Title: Gender Equity Program – Advocacy for Allocation and Rehabilitation of Women- and Girl-Friendly Spaces

Donors/Partners: Aurat Foundation and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Duration: 14 Months (January 16, 2015 – May 31, 2016)

Location: District Courts, Rajanpur District, Punjab, Pakistan

Overview: The Gender Equity Program (GEP), implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with support from the Aurat Foundation and funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aimed to promote gender equality and strengthen institutional mechanisms that ensure women's access to justice and public spaces. Through this initiative, SCI led a focused advocacy campaign for the allocation and rehabilitation of women- and girl-friendly spaces in district courts, providing safer and more dignified environments for women seeking legal recourse. The project engaged with local government departments, bar associations, chamber of commerce, and civil society organizations to raise awareness, advocate for policy change, and promote inclusive infrastructure design that supports women's rights and participation in the justice system.

Key Focus Areas:

- Advocacy for Institutional Reform: Promoting gender-responsive planning and policy adoption in district courts and chamber of commerce.
- Safe Access to Justice: Ensuring women and girls have secure and supportive spaces when engaging with legal institutions.
- Partnership and Capacity Building: Strengthening collaboration among government bodies, judiciary, and civil society for sustainable gender equity measures.
- Institutional Reforms: Advocating for institutional reforms in district administration and chamber of commerce to promote safe environments for women.

Project Title: Milk Value Chain Management for Young Farmers

Donor/Partner: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Duration: 5 Months (April 1, 2013 – August 31, 2013)

Location: Lodhran District, Punjab Province, Pakistan

Overview: The Milk Value Chain Management for Young Farmers project, implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with financial and technical support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), focused on strengthening livelihoods and promoting economic resilience among young farmers in rural Punjab. The project aimed to enhance the skills and productivity of young farmers through farmer field education, enterprise and livestock management training, and community mobilization. SCI facilitated market linkage development and supported networking with government departments and private-sector actors to ensure sustainable income generation and improved value chain performance. By empowering rural youth with technical knowledge, business skills, and access to markets, the initiative contributed to improved household livelihoods, better livestock productivity, and stronger community engagement in local economic development.

Key Focus Areas:

- Livelihood and Enterprise Development: Building technical and entrepreneurial skills of young farmers.
- Market Linkages: Facilitating access to buyers, cooperatives, and input suppliers for sustainable income generation.
- Collaboration and Networking: Strengthening coordination between communities, government departments, and private-sector stakeholders.

PROJECT PORTFOLIO 4

Project Title: Strengthening Citizen Voice for Free, Fair, and Peaceful Elections

Donors/Partners: The Asia Foundation, with technical collaboration from USAID and the Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA)

Duration: 5 Months (March 18, 2013 – August 31, 2013)

Location: Vehari, Mailsi, and Burewala, Punjab, Pakistan

Overview: The Strengthening Citizen Voice for Free, Fair, and Peaceful Elections project, implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with support from The Asia Foundation, and in collaboration with TDEA and USAID, aimed to enhance civic participation and public confidence in Pakistan's democratic processes.

As part of the broader Citizen Voice Project (CVP) portfolio, SCI worked to strengthen citizen engagement, promote voter education, and foster inclusive participation—particularly among women and young people. Activities included voter registration drives, awareness campaigns, and training workshops organized in partnership with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to build understanding of electoral rights, responsibilities, and peaceful participation. The project played a vital role in mobilizing grassroots voices to advocate for accountability and transparency during elections, contributing to Pakistan's democratic consolidation and strengthening community trust in electoral institutions.

Key Focus Areas:

- Voter Mobilization and Registration: Facilitating participation of women and youth as registered voters.
- Civic and Electoral Education: Promoting awareness of democratic rights, responsibilities, and inclusive governance.
- Peaceful Participation: Encouraging nonviolent, informed engagement in the electoral process at the community level.

Project Title: Training of Local Council Associations in District Kasur

Donor/Partner: Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment (DTCE)

Duration: 4 Months (July 2011 – October 2011)

Location: District Kasur, Punjab, Pakistan

Overview: The Training of Local Council Associations project, implemented by the Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) with financial and technical support from the Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment (DTCE), aimed to strengthen local governance and enhance the capacity of newly elected local government representatives. Through targeted training sessions, public awareness initiatives, and the development of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, the project focused on equipping local council members with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively engage with citizens and advance community development agendas. SCI's approach emphasized participatory governance, transparency, and accountability, fostering stronger linkages between local representatives and the communities they serve. This helped promote inclusive decision-making, improved service delivery, and increased public confidence in local governance structures.

Key Focus Areas:

- Capacity Building: Training local council representatives on governance, leadership, and community engagement.
- Public Awareness: Promoting understanding of local government functions and citizen rights.
- Participatory Governance: Strengthening interaction and collaboration between local authorities and communities.

OUR ONGOING ENGAGEMENTS

ACROSS ALL ITS ENGAGEMENTS, SCI EMPHASIZES COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING, POLICY ADVOCACY, AND INCLUSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY, WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE AND JUST PAKISTAN.

Youth Engagement and Empowerment: SCI partners with the Prime Minister's Youth Program to strengthen youth leadership and civic participation. Through trainings, seminars, and campus programs across Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

Education (Formal & Non-Formal): SCI advances inclusive education by working with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and the Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE).

Health, MNCH, SRH, GBV & MHPSS: In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, and MHPSS networks, SCI works to improve community health through Awareness on MNCH, SRH, GBV prevention, and mental health, Hygiene promotion and health education and Integrated community-based health initiatives.

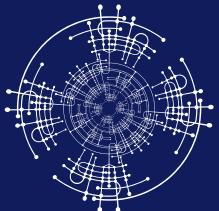
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Climate Change & WASH: SCI works with NDMA and PDMA to strengthen community resilience through Disaster preparedness and resilience training, Climate change awareness campaigns and Safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) promotion.

Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment: SCI is supporting sustainable livelihoods by Providing startup grants, vocational training, and market linkages, Partnering with NAVTTC, government, and private institutions, Empowering women entrepreneurs in stitching, handicrafts, and beauty services and Building financial literacy and business skills.

Support to Orphans and Widows: SCI continues to support orphans and widows by providing food, education, and safe shelter – helping families rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

MEMBERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

SCI BELIEVES THAT TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE HAPPENS THROUGH PURPOSEFUL INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTION.

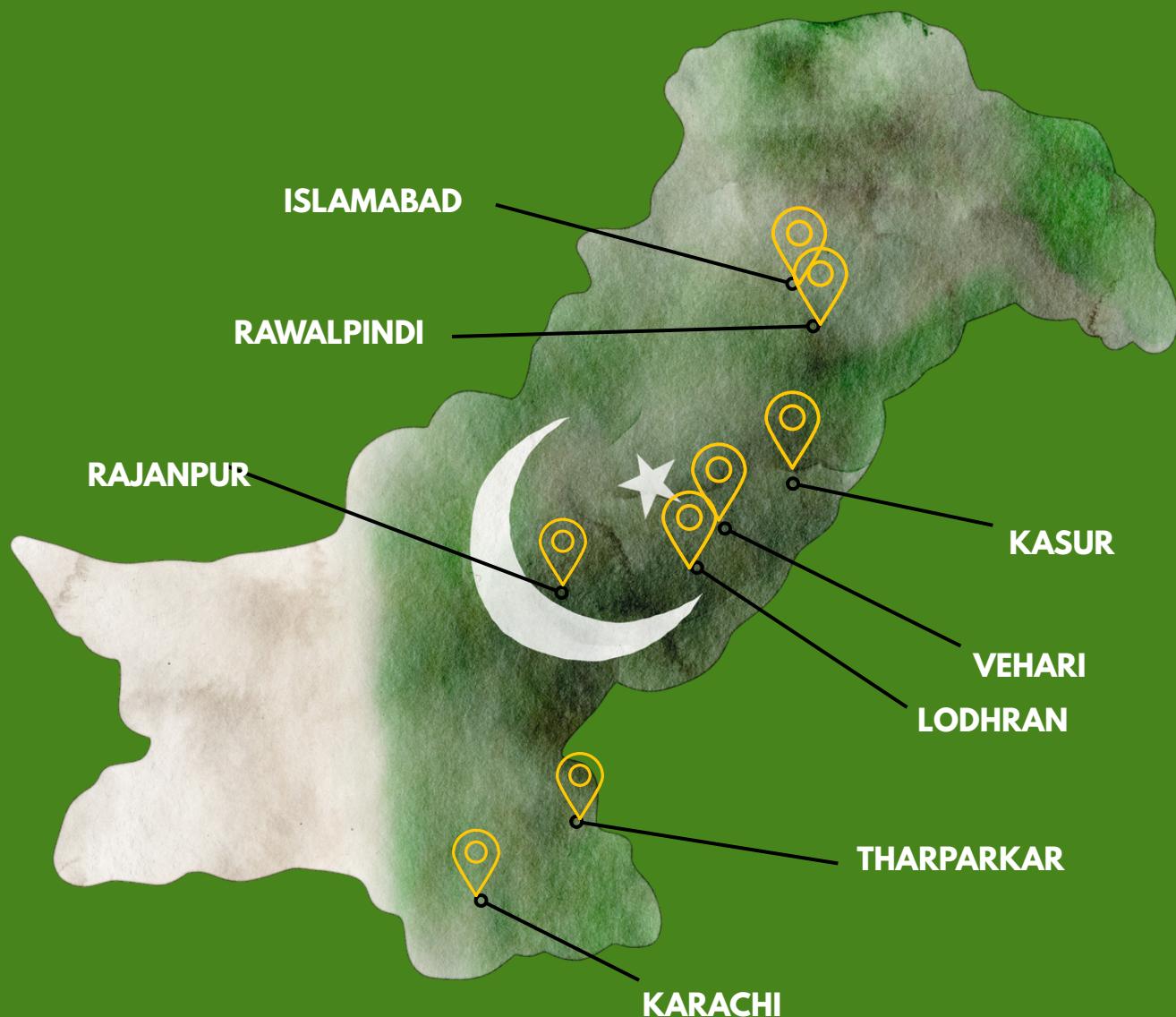


The Social Cooperation Initiative (SCI) is an active member of several national and international networks that promote collaboration, policy dialogue, and collective action for sustainable development, education, and humanitarian response.

- CIVIL SOCIETY ALLIANCE ON MIGRATION (C-SAM)
- PAKISTAN DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (PDA)
- NATIONAL SDGS TASK FORCE, PAKISTAN
- GLOBAL NETWORK OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS FOR DISASTER REDUCTION (GNDR) – UK
- NATIONAL ACTION & COORDINATING GROUP (NACG) – ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
- NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN NETWORK (NHN)
- WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF) PAKISTAN
- GENDER DEVELOPMENT FORUM (GDF)
- CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT (CRM)
- PAKISTAN COALITION FOR EDUCATION (PCE)

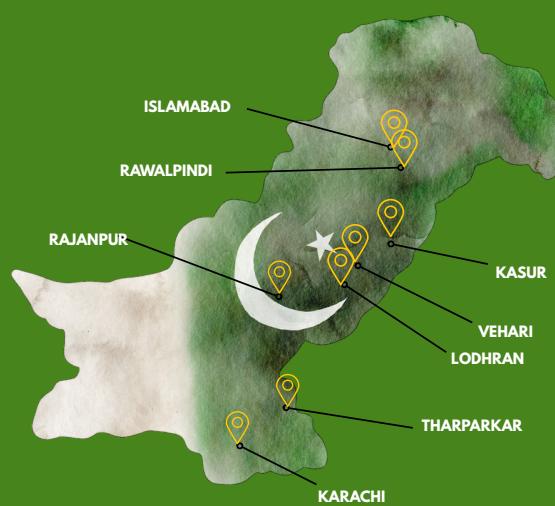


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SNAPSHOTS OF IMPACT: SCI IN ACTION





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