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About Us

DOST stands for “Development of Societies in Transition”. DOST is non-government and non-political organization working in the fields of health, education, climate change and women empowerment in under privileged areas of Baltistan. We work in the Gilgit Baltistan region on a voluntarily basis to improve lives of the most deserving people. To set an exemplary trend to support educational and health projects, the foundation has come up with an innovative idea.

The DOST Foundation, previously known as the Muhammad Ibrahim Memorial Society (MIMS), was established in 2001. MIMS is a non-profit organization based in Skardu, Pakistan, that seeks to improve living standards in the surrounding Baltistan region through education, health, and infrastructure projects. The organization has undertaken efforts ranging from bridge construction to the distribution of food and warm clothes among poor families. In the last five years, MIMS has prioritized education as a means toward social development. The group has built schools from the ground-up in villages where there were none. It now provides hundreds of students both boys and girls with full educational facilities. MIMS continues to expand its efforts as more and more local communities approach the group requesting schools. In Skardu, MIMS is currently updating the building facilities for its school in the village Gulabpur Shigar by adding a boundary wall and additional latrines.

Mission

“To improve living standard of people through rigorous participation of beneficiaries, service delivery and public partnership”

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Vision

“DOST envision a conscious minded, well-educated, ethical, equitable, inclusive and progressive society”

Core Objectives

Create a well-educated society to eliminate poverty in the region by providing education and skills. Improve health facilities in Baltistan, especially among the disadvantaged communities. Improve living standard of the people of the region



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PROGRESS REPORT

YEAR 2023

INTRODUCTION:

DOST Foundation is a non-profit organization that works towards the upliftment and empowerment of communities in the region. As a non-profit, the foundation prioritizes its social mission over generating profits, and its activities are aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of the people it serves. This non-profit status allows the foundation to receive donations, grants, and other forms of support to fund its initiatives and programs for the betterment of the community.

DOST Foundation Gilgit-Baltistan has made significant progress to improve the lives of people in remote areas of the region.

We have mentioned some of the important aspects here.

A. EDUCATION:

DOST Foundation has successfully established and supported several schools in remote and underserved areas of the region, providing access to quality education for numerous students. DOST is a pioneer in the field of education and continues its efforts to promote quality education in the remote villages of the region. In this context, eight schools are running under the umbrella of DOST, out of which education is provided in two schools completely free and in the remaining schools, very reasonable fees are charged from the children.

Efforts have been made to provide all the necessary facilities to the students in these schools, science labs and computer labs have been established in some schools and efforts are being made to provide these missing facilities in some schools.

These schools have contributed to increasing literacy rates and creating greater educational opportunities for the local population. The foundation has also emphasized the importance of girls' education and has been instrumental in promoting gender equality in education.



A.1-DOST School

DOST support the Global Partnership for Education's strategic directions, which focuses on learning outcomes, the education of female in the remote areas of Baltistan. Our projects are designed to expand and improve comprehensive early childhood education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. We are committed to ensuring that all children, particularly girls, children in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality.

DOST work towards ensuring that the educational needs of all young people and adults are met through access to appropriate learning and life-skills programs. We are committed to eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education, with a focus on ensuring girl's equal access to basic education of good quality. Lastly, DOST work to improve the quality of education and ensure excellence so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, especially in literacy, numeracy, and essential life skills.

Through workshops, trainings, curriculum development as well as Subject Matter Experts, DOST supports curriculum development for NGOs and governments in the areas of community-focused vocational, early childhood development, entrepreneurial, empowerment. We also support and facilitate efforts towards training formalization, existing protocols into formalizations, governance, process management, project management, quality management, monitoring and evaluation, transparency, anti-corruption, accountability and accreditation. We believe in measurable results developed in collaboration with academics and practitioners.

B. HEALTHCARE:

DOST Foundation has worked to improve healthcare facilities and services in remote areas of the region. They have established medical camps, provided basic healthcare training to local community members, and facilitated access to essential **First Aid** medical resources for the people of the region.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The Foundation has been actively involved in community development initiatives, including supporting local businesses, providing vocational training, and promoting sustainable development practices. These efforts have had a positive impact on livelihoods and economic empowerment in the region.



D. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

The foundation has prioritized initiatives to empower women in the region. This includes programs focused on women's education, vocational training, and leadership development. The foundation has also been involved in advocacy efforts to address gender-based discrimination and promote women's rights.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE:

The DOST Foundation has contributed to infrastructure development in the region, particularly in rural areas. Projects have included the construction of bund, renovation of community centers, water supply systems, and other vital infrastructure.

Overall, the DOST Foundation has made significant strides in its mission to uplift and empower the communities of the region. Despite facing challenges such as limited resources and geographical barriers, the foundation has shown commendable progress in addressing the diverse needs of the region and fostering positive change.

F. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPORTUNITIES

The DOST Foundation is working to ensure gender equality in employment, which is an important step towards creating a more inclusive and diverse workplace. By providing equal employment opportunities to both men and women, the foundation is not only promoting fairness, but also tapping into the full potential of their workforce. This will ultimately lead to a more dynamic and productive work environment. Our organization taking proactive steps towards gender equality.

Currently, at least **50** teachers are serving in DOST Foundation schools, more than half of whom are females, and this number is increasing every year. And DOST Foundation pays them with the help of various welfare organizations in which the role of **Mahvash Foundation** is noteworthy they are always ready to help.



G. VISITS OF OFFICIALS OF DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS

G.1-Managing Trustee Future Trust

The visit of a managing trustee **Future Trust** to the Dost Foundation schools involves a high-ranking official from a charitable organization visiting the schools and providing support and guidance. The managing trustee is responsible for ensuring that the foundation's support for the schools continues in the future. This may involve evaluating the current state of the schools, assessing the needs and challenges they face, and developing plans for ongoing assistance and collaboration. The managing trustee's visit and commitment to supporting the **DOST Foundation** schools are crucial for ensuring the continuity and success of the foundation's educational initiatives.



G.2- CEO ILM Foundation

We were honored to host the **CEO of ILM Foundation** at our schools, where he took the time to meet with our staff and appreciate our initiatives in the education sector. His visit was a testament to his commitment to improving education and his recognition of the positive changes we are making in the field.

During his visit, the CEO of ILM Foundation expressed his support for our efforts and highlighted the importance of enhancing the skills of teachers to keep up with modern



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educational trends. He assured us of the organization's commitment to facilitating a teacher's exchange program, which will allow educators from different schools to share their knowledge and learn from each other.

This exchange program is expected to bring about significant positive changes in our educational practices and contribute to the professional development of our teachers. We are grateful for the encouragement and support from ILM Foundation and look forward to the positive impact that the teachers exchange program will have on our school community.





H. MoUs Signed between DOST Foundation & different Organization:

Following are the details of the important **MoUs** signed between various organization and **DOST Foundation** so far.

- An MOU is signed with **Mountain Glacier Protection Organization** (MGPO) to work with the community on behalf of MGPO for community mobilization, monitoring and implementation of small projects in progress.
- A project proposal on public private partnership with **GB Disaster Management Authority** for Construction of Protective Walls over the river side of Shigar to protect the cultivable land of the local community is completed.
- Construction of new school building at Alchori in progress.
- Bulk Plantation in District Shigar with **AKRSP** completed.
- Construction of additional room at KIPS Gulabpur funded by **Maraffie Foundation Pakistan** is completed.
- A Mosque under construction for community in Gulabpur Funded by **Maraffie Foundation Pakistan** is progress.
- New MOU signed between **DOST Foundation Pakistan & AKRSP Baltistan** for “Run Vaccination Campaign/ Drives with Communities through / LSOs/ CSOs on COVID-Vaccination under the DG-ECHO Project”.
- Community of Union Council Gulabpur were mobilized for higher number of plantation under Prime Minister of Pakistan, Ten-billion tree tsunami project and 45000 forest plantation were made by the community. This task were made under an MOU signed between **AKRSP** and **DOST Foundation Pakistan**.
- Different projects in agriculture section were identified with the consultation of the Local Communities of Union Council of Basha, Tissar, Gulabpur and Alchori to develop a funded proposal to be submitted to **Planning and Development Department Gilgit-Baltistan**. This task was completed under MoU between MGPO Pakistan and DOST Foundation Pakistan.
- In 2020-21 DFP signed MoU with **Mountain Glacier Protection Organization** (MGPO) the mobilization of community supervision and implementation of small projects. This project in progress and will be extended.
- A project proposal was submitted to **Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authority** (GBDMA) for the construction of Protective Walls over the river bands of



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Shigar in different villages of Shigar valley to protect their cultivable lands from river erosion.

- New block of school building was approved for KIPS (MJS Campus) Alchori by **Maraffie Foundation Pakistan** in 2020 but construction could not be completed due to Covid-19. This construction work started and foundation stone was laid by the Deputy Commissioner Shigar. 80% of construction is completed and classes of 6th and 7th will be shifted in the new block by May 2022.
- Construction of additional rooms at KIP Gulabpur is now completed.
- Covid-19 awareness program successfully completed in 02 UCs of Shigar under an MoU between **AKRSP** and **DOST Foundation Pakistan**.

Vaccination program arranged by **DOST Foundation** and successfully completed with the collaboration of **District Health Office Shigar** and **AKRSP Baltistan**. The team of DOST Foundation visited door to door for vaccination and covered UC Gulabpur Shigar.

This year **DOST Foundation** bought one kanal of land near **KIPS, Mehvash & Jahangir campus Alchori, Shigar** with the kind support of **Future Trust Pakistan**.

Additionally, an agreement has been signed between **DOST Foundation Pakistan** and **Aga Khan Rural Support Programme Baltistan**. This partnership aims to work together in the Union Council Gulabpur, focusing on improving the local community's health, education, and rural development sectors. **DOST** Foundation will be the partner organization responsible for implementing projects in UC Gulabpur.

Negotiations are also underway between **DFP** and **WWF Pakistan**, following the same pattern as with AKRSP, in UCs Gulabpur and Tisser Shigar.

I. CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL EVENTS AT SCHOOLS

All national & different International days are celebrated with great enthusiasm in all schools.

The celebration of **Pakistan Day** on **23rd March** and **Defense Day** on **6th September** at the Schools would likely involve various activities and events to commemorate these important national occasions.

On **Pakistan Day (23rd March)**, the Foundation may organize events such as flag-hoisting ceremonies, patriotic music and cultural performances, and speeches highlighting the



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significance of the day. The event may also include community outreach programs, involving the local community in activities that showcase the spirit of patriotism and national pride.

The **National Day of Pakistan**, also known as **Pakistan Independence Day**, is celebrated on **14th August** each year to commemorate the country's independence from British rule in 1947. The day holds immense significance for all Pakistanis and is celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

The celebrations include flag-hoisting ceremonies, singing of the national anthem, speeches highlighting the significance of Pakistan's independence, and cultural performances. Bringing together the local community in a spirit of camaraderie and national pride.

The celebration of **Defense Day** on **6th September** may include activities aimed at honoring the sacrifices of the Pakistani armed forces. This could involve organizing different activities and tablos to pay tribute to the armed forces, as well as engaging with current or retired military personnel from the local community.

Additionally, both occasions may also serve as opportunities to promote unity and solidarity, with other local organizations to take initiatives that bring people together in the spirit of national pride and patriotism.

Through these celebrations, the **DOST** Foundation can play a crucial role in fostering a sense of national identity, promoting unity, and honoring the contributions of the armed forces to the nation's defense. It also provides a platform for community engagement and the nurturing of a strong sense of patriotism among its members and the local community.

Overall, the National Day celebrations at the Schools would likely be a blend of sports, culture, and national pride, reflecting the importance of these days and its contribution to fostering a sense of national identity and unity.





J. Reconstruction of School:

The Khadija Ibrahim public school Arindo Gones was destroyed due to snow avalanches. The school reconstruction project, made possible by Mr. Zeshaan friend of the DFP Chairman, was successfully completed within the specified period of time. The community, kids, and educators all supported the transformation. Beyond just improving the physical infrastructure, the rebuilding had a positive effect on the community's spirit of pride and attention to education.



A. Tuc Shop:

The main purpose of opening a Tuc shop is to make our NGO's sustainable. This innovative store offers a platform for significant change rather than just products. Each and every transaction at Tuc Shop directly supports programmes that work to enhance healthcare and educational opportunities for communities that are underprivileged.



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Activities done in year 2022

1. Enrolment Campaign for out of School Children

Before open admissions open at schools DOST Foundation Lead a campaign school aged children to enroll them in Schools. Children who were out of schools. The purpose of this campaign was to provide awareness to parents about the importance of education, consequences of illiteracy, and increase literacy rate in the remotest mountainous area of Shigar, Gilgit-Baltistan.



2. Renovation of Khadija Ibrahim Public School Lagaf

Renovation of whole building of KIPS, Lagaf by financial support of Mr. Rizwan Hafiz based in U.S and Member BoD. DOST Foundation.

3. Construction of Boundary Wall and Washrooms at KIPS Lagaf

Construction of boundary wall of about 1-kanal area and construction of 2nos. of washrooms for students at KIPS, Lagaf started in July and completed in October by the kind financial support of our respected Member BoD. DOST Foundation Mr. Rizwan Hafiz based in U.S.

4. Cleanliness Drive Campaign (Cleanliness is Next to godliness)

A cleanliness week was organized in our all 8 campuses under the title 'Cleanliness is Next to godliness' from July 18-23 to create awareness among students about cleanliness. During the first two days the students went from door to door in the village and motivated the villagers to keep their surrounding clean. Dustbins were put at different points in the streets and people were requested to use them. dustbins were also put in every room and student took oath to keep the school clean. On third day slogan writing, poster making and essay writing competition were held in which all the students took part. On fourth day a debate on cleanliness was held. The teachers of our school helped the students. The last two days were given to students to clean and decorate their rooms. The students of ninth class bagged first position in class decoration competition. At the end of this celebration; our Principal thanked all the students and the teachers.

5. Seminar on Girls Education with the collaboration of AKRSP Baltistan

A one-day seminar was held on 20 and 21 December, 2022 at Khadija Ibrahim Public School, Gulabpur and KIPS (Mahvas and Jahangir Campus Alchori, Shigar) respectively organized by DOST Foundation with collaboration of AKRSP Baltistan. The theme of seminar was "Awareness Seminar on Girls Education" particularly in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, and specially in reaching SDG-4 & 5 of Quality Education and Gender Equality and supporting the achievements of other SDGs. DOST Foundation is providing services in education sector aiming to provide quality education without any discrimination of gender and we have been striving to achieve the goal for the last 20 years.

Significant progress has been made over the last few years to educate the girls of far-flung areas of Shigar valley. According to academic enrolment record a total 736 students are studying at KIPS under umbrella of DOST Foundation from which 430 are boys and 306 are girls. But still majority of girls are out of schools and illiterate due to in access to their reach.

The seminar was included the following sessions.



Session: Presentation of Tablo, Speech and Concluding Remarks

➤ **Schedule 1: Gulabpur**

Scholars, DD Education, Shigar, DDos Education UC Gulabpur, notables of local communities and parents of students were invited in the seminar who showed interest with their actively participation. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali DD Education, Shigar was the chief guest. Mr. Nisar Ali Principal School was hosting the whole event through a well-organized schedule.

The proceeding of seminars started with the recitation of Holy Verses with translation at both schools. Interesting tablos were performed by the students of schools which were appreciated by the audience of the seminar. During seminar different speakers were invited to highlight their views and comments on the importance of girl's education at both schools.

Mr. Muhammad Kazim Shaikh made a comprehensive speech on Girls Education keeping in the light of Islamic point of view and the need to quality education linking with the modern education and need of our civil society. He also stressed parents to pay their attention to give their inputs for development of their children's attitude and behavior in a positive way. He mentioned that without involvement of parents it is impossible to build character of students. Because more than 75 percent time are spent at home under the guidance of parents who are more responsible to caring of their siblings and lovely ones.

DDO High school Gulabpur Mr. Nawaz appreciated the progressive performance in a short period for education development specifically to promote girl's education in the entirely remote areas of Shigar valley. He appreciated the students participated in the different role of plays and encouraged parents on their active participation in the event.

The honorable chief guest Mr. Zulfiqar Ali appreciated the continuous efforts made by DOST Foundation with a limited resources and financial constraints filling the gap of basic education facility to the remote and back ward areas in Shigar Valley. He encouraged appreciated the students who participated in different plays and characters. Honorable chief guest showed his interest and committed to extend his cooperation for assistance fulfilling the requirement of any kind of missing facilities and capacity building of teachers in teaching methods.





➤ **Schedule 2: KIPS (Mahvas & Jahangir Campus) Alchori**

Religious Scholars, HM, High School, Alchori Mr. Fida Ali, SMC Chairman Mr. Arif, notables of local communities and parents of students were invited in the seminar who showed keen interest with their act fully participation. Religious scholar and Imam-Juma Alchori Sheikh Nawazish was the chief guest. Mr. Muhammad Aslam Principal KIPS, Alchori was chairing the whole event.

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The Chairman SMC Mr. Arif appreciated the continuous efforts made by DOST Foundation with a limited resources and financial constraints filling the gap of basic education facility to the remote and back ward areas in Shigar Valley. He committed to extend his cooperation for assistance in future.

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In the last of event Mr. Imtiaz Ali Manager, DOST Foundation was invited to for his concluding remarks of the seminar. He paid thanks of all participants especially the respected Sheikh



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Muhammad Nawazish, HM High School, Alchori, SMC Chairman, local notables and parents who encouraged the students by their active participation and made possible for a successful event. He made a brief introduction of mission and vision of the organization.



At the end of seminar refreshment with Hi-tea was served to all participants. The participants include guests, community notables, parents and teachers.