



# HRA Profile

## Housing Reconstruction Awaran Project







## Overview

Awaran is remote and poorest district of Pakistan inhabited by a population of 121,680 individuals (Census 2017). Although bestowed with natural resources, the challenges faced, to sustain the local livelihood and uplift of the economy, range from meager public sector investment in the past, poor public service delivery, remoteness and insufficient infrastructure, climate change resulting in recurrent droughts, civil disturbance causing law and order situation etc.

If those were not enough, the district was struck by an earthquake of 7.7 magnitude in September, 2013 resulting in loss of life and infrastructure. Soon after the disaster, the Government of Balochistan initiated relief work followed by a reconstruction project in 2014 with contributions from Government of Pakistan, other provincial governments, international donor organizations, Saudi Fund for development and civil society organizations.





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# Housing Reconstruction Awaran Project

Housing Reconstruction Awaran (HRA) Project was conceived in the wake of deadly earthquake that hit district Awaran and parts of Kech in September 2013. During the relief phase, and sequel to announcement/visit by Prime Minister and Army Chief it was decided to start reconstruction work. The task warranted construction of thousands of houses; so it was found difficult to protect

contractors in the disturbed region where law & order situation was precarious due to insurgency. Therefore, alternative project mode, that is Owner Driven mode of Reconstruction, was chosen to execute the project.

## Project Steering committee

Project related decisions are taken in the steering committee and Physical and financial progress reports also discussed in the **Steering Committee** headed by the Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department, having members from Finance Department, C&W Department, Southern Command, Federal Government (Planning Commission), PDMA and Housing Reconstruction Awaran Project





# Survey report and Damages assessment of earthquake 2013

Initial survey was carried out by Pak Army and District Administration. To reduce risk of duplication and ensure transparency regarding survey data and payments made to the beneficiaries, later on a private

consultant was hired to create a software and automate the entire data for swift functioning of the activities. According to the survey carried out more than 27000 houses were completely damaged.



## Owner Driven Reconstruction (ODR) Mechanism

The project operates on Owners Driven Mode of reconstruction where beneficiaries construct their houses by themselves, they are supported financially and to ensure that the seismic safe designs are followed, HRA has got a team of engineers for every union council who are always there in the field to assist beneficiaries. cosignatory accounts signed by PD and DPD, are maintained with NBP and UBL Awaran, from where payments are being made to beneficiaries per approved scope of the Project. For first phase of the project the beneficiaries are paid cross cheques of money grants (in installments Rs. 88,000 then 66,000 then 66,000 = Total 220,000) as they proceed with construction work of their houses.

Further payment is stopped by the Project in case of low quality or nonperformance by beneficiary (Affectee) after successful completion of the construction work the beneficiaries are provided with a solar home unit. So far, around thirteen thousand beneficiaries who successfully completed their construction work have been provided with Solar Home units. For Second phase of the project (SFD grant), looking at currency depreciation rates and cost of the material and labour charges the unit cost has been increased to Rs. 260,000/-. Cheque distribution to HRA beneficiaries is carried out by Pak. Army (70&328 Brigades) to ensure further transparency in the mechanism.





# HRA Project Proposal and Approval

A PC-1 costing 4000 Million was prepared for construction of 16000 Houses, it was approved by all competent forums based on the argument that construction by affectees as self-builders will not only cost less, it will minimize the security risk attached with contractor driven mode.

The grant was approved by CDWP and then ECNEC in April, 2014 on priority. The project was initiated in the

wake of PM's Directives. The NED University of Engineering & Technology are consultants for the project since they have tested various house models/structures for seismic safety all over Pakistan.



## Housing Reconstruction Awaran Project, PMU

HRA PMU is headed by Project Director, the team comprises of Deputy Project Director, Community Mobilizers, Engineers, I.T staff, M&E and Office Support Staff to run the project in field.





# Seismic Safe design

The Civil Engineering Department of NED University Karachi prepared seismic safe designs to be followed by the beneficiaries while constructing their houses. The design prepared by NED University was jolted on shake table to test it for seismic safety and it sustained 8.5 magnitude. Based on field supervision, Consultants/NED University have certified 75% seismic safety compliance in HRA Project which is highest compliance rate in Pakistan. The Project was also nominated for World Habitat Awards 2015 which is an international recognition in the field of low-cost, sustainable housing. The Housing Reconstruction Awaran for its seismic safe design won Asian Civil Engineering Award 2019 held at Tokyo Japan.



## Progress Cheque distribution and disbursement details of 16000 beneficiaries (first phase) - January 2021

1st Installment  
Rs.88000/-








**15919**  
Beneficiaries

2nd Installment  
Rs.66000/-

**15421**  
Beneficiaries

3rd Installment  
Rs.66000/-

**15048**  
Beneficiaries

UC AWARAN	UC PARWAR	UC GISHKORE	UC DANDAR
 HOUSES	 HOUSES	 HOUSES	 HOUSES
Total Houses 4480	Total Houses 1603	Total Houses 2401	Total Houses 1502
Door Band Level 4390	Door Band Level 1572	Door Band Level 2309	Door Band Level 1449
Roof Band Level 4308	Roof Band Level 1522	Roof Band Level 2241	Roof Band Level 1407
UC GAJJAR	UC TEERTAJE	UC NOKJO	
 HOUSES	 HOUSES	 HOUSES	
Total Houses 2673	Total Houses 2382	Total Houses 878	
Door Band Level 2560	Door Band Level 2318	Door Band Level 823	
Roof Band Level 2505	Roof Band Level 2277	Roof Band Level 788	



## Skill building/trainings

Being a conflict zone it has not been easy to pull in labour from neighboring districts and what project have to depend on is the availability of local labour. HRA project aims at enhancement of skills of local people to involve them in some sort of positive activities and get the work done too. Accordingly, masonry trainings are planned for interested individuals from different areas of district Awaran and Dandar(Kech) engaging them to earn their bread and butter, simultaneously increasing the pace of construction work.



## Housing Reconstruction Awaran(Phase-2) -SFD grant

About 27,000 families/households have been identified as affected while only 16000 are covered by HRA phase I (which was approved before extensive survey/revalidation was carried out). Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) agreed to sponsor for remaining 8000 families at the rate of Rs. 260,000/- per beneficiary, besides, grants for construction of Government Buildings & Livelihoods Restoration in

the earthquake affected area are also included in SFD grant. Agreement with SFD was signed in April 2016 and distribution of cheques was inaugurated in March 2019 accordingly construction work started. Remaining project will commence shortly.





# Progress Cheque distribution and disbursement details of 8000 beneficiaries (second phase) - January 2021

— 1st Installment —  
Rs.88000/-

**7933**  
Beneficiaries

— 2nd Installment —  
Rs.66000/-

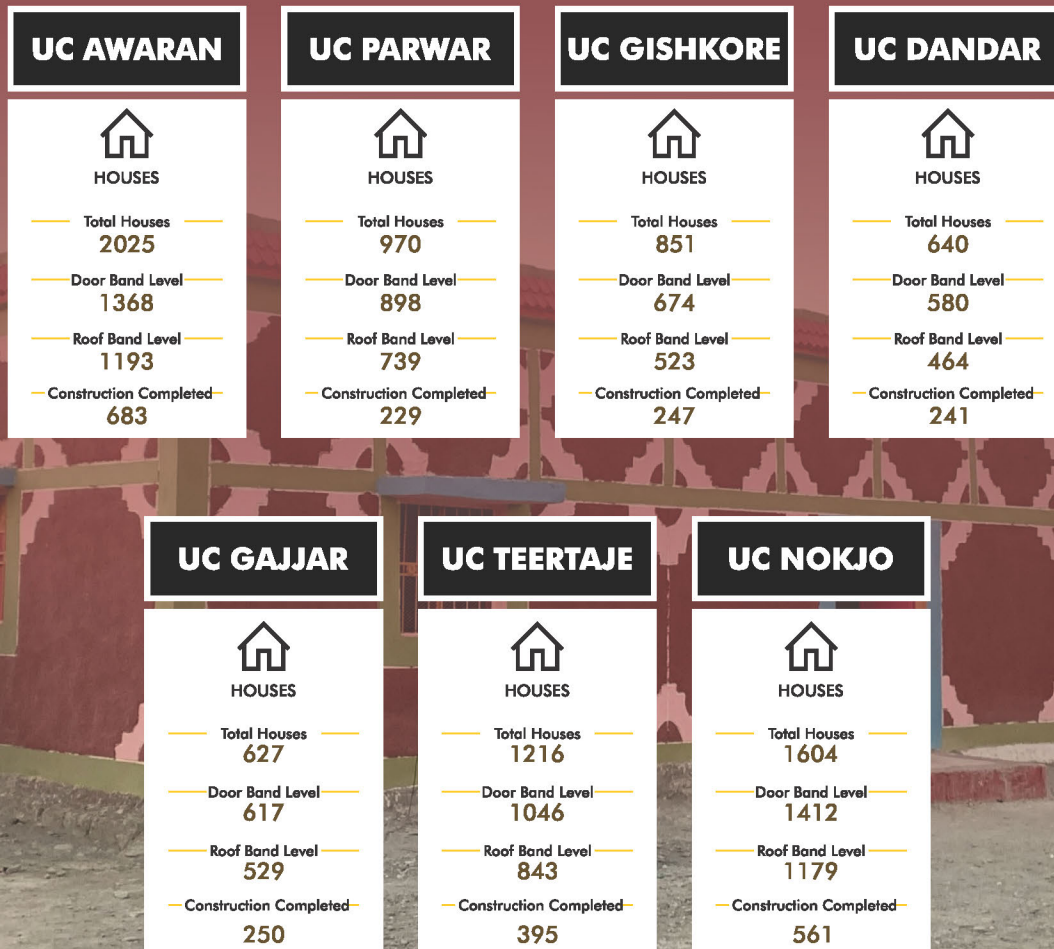
**6595**  
Beneficiaries

— 3rd Installment —  
Rs.56000/-

**5470**  
Beneficiaries

— 4th Installment —  
Rs.50000/-

**2606**  
Beneficiaries



## Chief Minister Punjab's Sponsorship for Awaran

Like other civil and military leadership Chief Minister Punjab also visited the area and looking at its deteriorated condition announced his sponsorship for the people of Awaran:

- ⑩ Awaran and Dandar(Kech)
- ⑩ Upgradation of DHQ Hospital Awaran
- ⑩ Construction of Park

- ⑩ Internship program for 550 Graduates of



# Internship Program for graduates of Awaran

Honorable Chief Minister Punjab announced for internships to 550 unemployed graduates of Awaran and Dandar (Kech), the two affected districts of Balochistan. The gesture and offer was well received; Project Management Unit (PMU) of Housing Reconstruction Awaran (HRA) Project coordinated for implementing the offered program.

Awaran Internship Program was so designed as to be rewarding for candidates as well as feasible for the recipient departments/organizations. It was also agreed upon that a portion of internship funds be reserved for graduates pursuing higher education in various institutions.

Five hundred and fifty (550) unemployed graduates of Awaran and Dandar(Kech) were appointed and posted as interns in different offices for their skill development. Each internee was paid Rs. 20,000 per month for a period of three years. The aim of this program was to involve unemployed graduates in productive activities to build their capacity and filling up the gaps of deficiency of staff in offices/schools in the district. In Awaran district most of the Schools in peripheries were not functional due to lack of

teachers, because of this program all such schools have been functionalized, more than fifty closed/nonfunctional schools were reopened. The benefit of the program has been acknowledged at all spheres, Pak Army including the Deputy Commissioner and EDO Awaran through their progress reports have appreciated services rendered by the interns in the district. In health sectors there was dire need of skilled personnel, as there are very few lady health workers and midwives in the district. Some interns have been placed at the disposal of health sector for filling up the HR deficiencies.





## Up gradation of District Headquarter Hospital Awaran

District Headquarter Hospital Awaran was not having proper human resource, equipment, basic infrastructure and supplies resulting in inappropriate provision of basic health care. There was a huge hospital building but it was not properly functional. It was direly needed to cater to these health needs in this hospital, which could not be provided by the Health Department due to limited resources. To improve and upgrade the quality of health services in DHQ following interventions were put in place by HRA.



Due to above mentioned interventions the health care services at DHQ hospital have remarkably been improved, Hospital OPD has increased from one hundred to around 350 per day, due to appointment of the General Surgeon and Anaesthetist minor surgeries started being carried out at the hospital.

## Construction of Park at Awaran

parks play a critical role in achieving the objectives of the Cultural ,recreational ,community development and educational activities . These form integral part of urban fabric . The first and only park was constructed at Awaran by this office through the CM Punjab grant to let the community avail these services up to some extent





## Other Social Sector Projects

Project funds have been kept in saving accounts and so far handsome amount has been earned as profit. To utilize the profit amount this office with the support and assistance of 70 Brigade have proposed some very useful projects.



**Patches Reh;/  
Repair of  
Awaran to Bela  
Road District  
Awaran**



**Const; of Boys  
Model School at  
Gishkore District  
Awaran**



**Dev; of Model  
Villages and  
Repair/  
Upgradation of  
Madrassas at  
Awaran**

## Projects in pipe line



**Furnishing of Gishkore  
Model School**



**Black top Road  
in front of Gishkore  
Model School**



**Establishment and furnishing  
of Boys Hostel Awaran**



**Street lights for  
Awaran Town**



**Solar power system  
for Gishkore Model  
School 15KV**

# Bank savings/ profit against Account maintained for Chief minister Punjab sponsorship

All the projects under Chief Minister Punjab Sponsorship have been completed. This office with the help and support of 70 Brigade Pak Army and district administration have proposed a scheme for procurement of tractors with implements to support local farmers cultivating their land.

## Conclusion

Overall, the Project has so far made a local investment of more than Rs. 6.0 Billion which generated huge economic activity in the area, created more than 650 jobs for the district & province and positively engaged more than 20,000 persons in reconstruction activities; thereby refuting the moral appeal of insurgent groups propagating anti-state sentiment in the area. All beneficiaries of HRA Project have preferred making NADRA CNIC and opening of Accounts in National Bank, UBL and Allied Bank of Pakistan, another step

towards national mainstreaming in the restive region. 550 graduates of Awaran and Dandar(Kech) were involved in a productive activity as interns and more than fifty closed/nonfunctional schools were reopened.

All efforts are made by the Project Management, in liaison with Pak Army and District Administration, to provide rehabilitation services to affected people in a transparent manner.

