

### Newsletter

“Skill Training in Afghan Refugee Affected Areas of Lower Dir at GTVC Chakdara, under UNHCR – RAHA, 2015.”

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#### **RIPORT introduction:**

RIPORT is a Pakistani NGO involved in research, training and project work since 2005. It has an administrative structure headed by a chairman and assisted by other staff. The organization is accountable to its Board of Directors. It produces its annual audit report and review that can be accessed at [www.riport.org](http://www.riport.org)

#### **Project statement:**

Through RAHA project “Skills Training of Beneficiaries at Government Vocational Training Centre Chakdara”, RIPORT will deliver skill training to 200 male beneficiaries living in Lower DIR in skills of Electrician, Machinist, Welder and AC/refrigerator repair. The project outlay is budgeted at PKR. 13,707,000.

#### **Objectives:**

Vocational training/Technical skills.

In line with the regional solutions strategy for afghan refugees endorsed by the government of Pakistan, UNHCR supports afghan refugees through this project to acquire transferrable skills, so that refugees families are able to support themselves in a dignified manner for the duration of their stay in Pakistan and can carry their skills on return to Afghanistan. The same skill training is provided to the Pakistani beneficiaries to enable them to participate in the labour market to achieve a steady income to support their families. Thus an opportunity is provided to the refugees and the host communities, through the RAHA program, aimed at reducing conflict over scarce opportunities like skilled job training and thus contribute to social cohesion.



For this purpose project, “Skill Training of Beneficiaries at GTVC Chakdara” will provided skill training to 200 male beneficiaries (150 Pakistani & 50 Afghans) of Lower Dir District.

The project was endorsed by the KP Government Provincial Task Force (PTF) in December 2014 and approved by the Ministry of SAFRON in January 2015.

### **Major Activities conducted since February to June 2015 Period**

**Establishment of field office at Lower Dir:** The field office Chakdara, was established for the implementation of the project.

**Field Staff Hiring & Orientation:** 7 project staff members were trained by Project Manager.



**Formation of Community Based Organizations (CBOs):** RIPOORT staff formed the following CBOs for candidate selection as under:

- Five CBOs in UC Chakdara covering 14 villages.
- One CBO for UC Khush Mukam covering 12 villages,
- One CBO each was formed in Darbar, Alimast, Shaheedabad and one CBO for 2 villages in Chakdara Khas.



### **Selection of beneficiaries:**

More the 450 vulnerable individuals were

identified and interviewed from the above target villages for possible participation in the project.



### **Selection & placement of beneficiaries:**

From the above 450 candidates, 200 deserving beneficiaries were selected with the help of UNHCR and communities and invited for training at Government Technical & Vocational Center Chakdara, in different trades as under;  
Welding (50)      Electrician (50)      Machinist (50)      AC & Ref repairing (50)



### **Monthly Stipends:**

At the end of each month RIPORE provides PKR 3,000/trainee/month as income support.

### **Monitoring of activities:**

The staff monitors daily activities and submitted reports to Project Manager on daily basis.

The staff also checks trainee attendance, course outline and training material and keeps record on daily basis, regarding presence of trainees for training.





**Monthly coordination meetings:** Every month RIPORT staff participated/attended the monthly coordination meeting at UNHCR field office Timergara, Dir lower for updating and sharing activities with the stakeholders working in same field area.

### **Tool Kits**

A certificate & tool kits distribution ceremony will be arranged after completion of the training in which all stakeholders will participate.

### **Some Activities in Progress**

