

## Project Name: PPAF Combined Portfolio

**Organization(s):** Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)

**Dates of Implementation:** 2014 ongoing

**Country:** Pakistan

**Partner(s):** Local Civil Society Implementing Organizations; Technical Institutions

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**Website:** <http://www.ppaf.org.pk/>

**Project description:** PPAF's Poverty Graduation Approach provides tailored interventions to specific subsets of the population that are assessed as being poor (different degrees of poverty are identified through a poverty score card tool). PPAF's projects emphasize on key value of inclusion: female, low income groups, people with disabilities (PWDs) and those from disadvantaged settings.

**Target Population:** Households in poverty band 0-23 on the Poverty Score Card with a focus on youth and women; Physically disabled youth; Afghan refugees; Rural youth from 15 to 29 years old

### Results to-Date and/or Target Results:

In the past 10 years, PPAF has supported 280,175 youth to get employed/self-employed by providing livelihood assets to 59,945 youth (33,457 female and 26,488 male), skills trainings to 117,475 youth (51,315 female and 66,160 male) and 102,755 Interest Free Loans (60,240 female and 42,515 male).

Key indicators:

- Percentage of target households that have moved up the poverty score card or exited from poverty
- Numbers of newly employed/self-employed individuals as a result of receiving tangible/ intangible assets and or training/vocational training (gender, disability and age disaggregated)
- Percentage increase in income, consumption, savings and investment as a result of productive use of assets and access to working capital
- Women's control over resources and decision-making within the household and within the enterprise

To address the new focus on start-ups and social enterprise, PPAF adds new indicators on:

- Annually 20 rural startups/social enterprises throughout Pakistan have increased access to compete for slots in business incubators, to avail the opportunity of state-of-the-art facilities, access to national and international mentors and access investments for their businesses.

### Interesting Features & Innovations:

-PPAF harnesses the Youth Centers (YCs) mechanism to improve rural connectivity. YCs are designed as a one-stop-shop to satisfy various needs of rural/semi urban youth. They also bridge young rural entrepreneurs/starts-up and investors.

-PPAF undertakes geographically contextualized market and value chain assessments to support decisions around type of asset and skill training required.

-PPAF is scaling up its program to link up with the Government's social protection program, BISP, with the aim to graduate 157,000 households out of the BISP registry.