



CLOSING ECONOMIC DIVIDE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOODS



SINDH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SCF)



**Sindh Community
Foundation**

ABOUT US

**Founded
in 2001**
Registered in **2007**

Sindh Community Foundation (SCF) is a leading NGO dedicated to community development and social services, with a strong focus on economic empowerment, social justice, climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability in Sindh. SCF has gained both national and international recognition, including Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). SCF is also certified with Pakistan center for Philanthropy (PCP).



OBJECTIVES OF OUR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Enhance economic resilience and rural livelihoods through skill development and market-driven initiatives. Support sustainable green skills to combat climate shocks and poverty in rural Sindh. Foster long-term market linkages and enable access to seed material for income generation.

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Enhancing Rural Livelihoods

- Promote Skill-Building and Income Generation
- Leverage SCF's proven expertise in designing and delivering skill development programs, focusing on equipping women and youth with practical, market-oriented skills.
- Target Climate-Vulnerable Areas
- Prioritize initiatives in regions heavily impacted by climate change to alleviate poverty and reduce vulnerability through sustainable income opportunities.

Green Skills Development

- Develop and promote green skills tailored to rural communities facing the brunt of climate impacts. These include solar-powered irrigation, sustainable farming techniques, and crafting natural material-based products. Core areas of training packages:
 1. Agro-Value Chain
 2. Vocational Skills
 3. Climate Smart Sustainable Livestock management
 4. Food preservation for Security Solutions
 5. Production of Packaging Solutions
 6. Alternate Energy skills.

Seed Support Business Growth & Linkages Building

- Provide beneficiaries with initial resources such as seed materials, livestock, tools, and micro-grants to enable immediate income-generating activities.
- Organize tailored training on business development, financial management, and scaling operations to empower micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Facilitate partnerships between beneficiaries, suppliers, vendors, and government agencies to ensure sustainable market integration.
- Support small businesses in registering with government bodies to access formal markets, credit facilities, and recognition.
- Create platforms for showcasing products, promoting local entrepreneurship, and connecting with larger markets through physical and digital channels.

SKILLING RURAL WOMEN

OFFSEASON poverty and climate impact are combined tigerring the economic position of women involved in Agriculture of Sindh.

SCF:

Provide income generation training to 825 women which increased their income in off season.





Through support to **100** women-led small businesses, families saw a

30% increase in income, significantly improving women's economic status.

Women's Economic Participation Promotes Growth, Reduces Poverty, and Improves the Well-being of Future Generations

SCF Integrates
Economic Development
with Climate Resilience &
Promote Women led Green
Bussinesses.

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Village Asadullah Mari



HOW WE WORK

SCF Established Skills Development Centers (SDCs)
Offering 3-month Courses in Various Vocational Skills

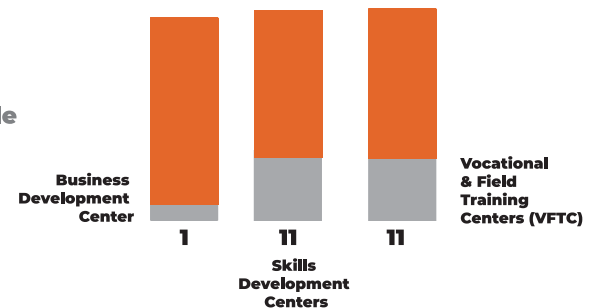
SCF established **11 Skills Development Centers (SDCs)**
offering 3-month courses in various vocational skills.

SCF developed a **Business Development Center (BDC)**
linked with market.

SCF conducts **Field Vocational Training Centers (VFTCs)**
providing advanced, theme-based skills training over five days.

The BDC connects **women entrepreneurs with the market**,
helping them grow their businesses.

This initiative has empowered **women to turn their skills into sustainable businesses**, enhancing their economic independence and market access.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2024-2025

Our Outreach 30 Villages

Beneficiaries

Embroidery and Stitching Skills	367
Livestock Management	121
Food Preservation	129
Basketry and Decorative Items	50
Poultry Rearing	101

Established

8 Skills
Development
Centers (SDCs)

Supported **100** women
with seed grant to
Establish small
businesses

Cash Based Transfer
provided to **625**
womens recovering lost
livelihood in post flood **2022**

Beneficiaries

825



Establishment of Business Development Center (BDC) – Makli, Thatta

The Business Development Center (BDC) in Makli, Thatta, serves as a vital hub connecting rural women to major markets and online platforms, helping them expand their businesses. Through seed funding, the center has supported 50 women in launching small enterprises, fostering financial independence and economic empowerment.

IMPACT

Embroidery & Sewing skills

367 Beneficiaries

SCF has provided advanced skills training in embroidery, stitching, and designing, focusing on color combinations, finishing techniques, and traditional patchwork. A total of 367 women benefited from these training sessions, with 257 women specializing in embroidery and stitching, and 110 learning traditional patchwork and RTALI making.

Livestock Management

121 Beneficiaries

SCF provided climate-smart livestock management training to 121 women. The training covered essential skills like disease prevention, vaccination, and improving milk and meat productivity. These skills have empowered women to manage their livestock more effectively, ensuring better income generation and food security.

Poultry Rearing

101 Beneficiaries

In rural areas, where poultry rearing is a common livelihood activity, SCF has supported 101 women by training them on best practices for poultry farming. This includes managing poultry health, breeding, and improving income generation through the sale of eggs.

Food Preservation

129 Beneficiaries

SCF trained 129 women in seasonal vegetable preservation techniques, including pickle making and drying, enhancing food security and creating income opportunities through small-scale sales of preserved products.

Basketry and Decorative Items

107 Beneficiaries

SCF trained 107 women in these crafts, with 57 women specializing in floor mat making and 50 women learning to make various decorative items.



WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FUND (WEEF)

Rural women in Sindh possess valuable skills in embroidery, food preservation, and livestock management but face barriers to economic independence due to limited resources and market access. High inflation, poverty, and climate-related challenges worsen their struggles, especially during the off-season. Considering the fact SCF has launched the Women Economic Empowerment Fund (WEEF) with an initial seed capital of USD 100,000, aimed at strengthening women-led economic initiatives. Recognizing the intersection between climate change, economic vulnerability, and gender inequality, SCF now seeks to scale its impact by introducing green skills and climate-smart economic activities for rural women.

WEEF's GOALS

To establish WEEF to empower 1,000 women entrepreneurs by providing financial support, skill training, and market linkages. This initiative will reduce off-season poverty, promote green jobs, and ensure sustainable economic growth.

FUND FRAMEWORK

Financial Support: Grants and microfinance to help women grow businesses. Capacity Building: Training in business development and financial literacy. Market Access: Linkages to local and international markets. Sustainability: Community savings groups and reinvestment of profits. Governance & Transparency: Regular reporting and annual audits.



FUTURE TARGETS

To promote economic resilience and sustainability by training 3,500 rural women in green skills, boosting income opportunities and supporting 500 women-led small businesses through diverse and eco-friendly livelihood options provide mentorship, seed grants.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Conduct awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of women's participation in green economy sectors.





Sindh Community Foundation

By Implementing Our Economic Empowerment Program, we Aim to Achieve

- Economic Independence and Financial Security
- Reduction in Poverty and Economic Inequality
- Enhanced Social Status and Gender Equality
- Increased Access to Education and Opportunities for Future Generations
- Decreased Vulnerability to Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



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