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# IFRAP SPECIAL REPORT

## FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE



# Community Participation and Ownership in IFRAP Balochistan

A model of Bottom-up Planning & Top-Down Investment

## Empowering Communities for Sustainable Reconstruction and Resilience Building

Community ownership is the foundation of sustainable recovery. In the flood-affected regions of Balochistan, IFRAP's Post-Flood 2022 Housing Reconstruction Unit is pioneering a participatory approach that puts people at the center of rebuilding efforts. Through the formation of Village Reconstruction Committees (VRCs), local residents are no longer passive beneficiaries but active decision-makers in reconstructing their own homes and communities.



Community Engagement and Awareness Sessions in District Kohlu

## The 5Es Framework: A Roadmap for Community-Driven Recovery

At the core of IFRAP's efforts is the 5Es Framework, ensuring a transparent and sustainable rebuilding process. This framework aligns with Uraan Pakistan, an initiative under the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (MoPD&SI), championed by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Minister PD&SI Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary. Uraan Pakistan emphasizes grassroots participation, localized leadership, and collaborative recovery strategies—values deeply embedded in IFRAP's mission.

# Four-Tiered Model for Transparency and Community Ownership

To foster accountability and efficiency, IFRAP has structured a four-tiered approach:

- **Federal Oversight** – MoPD&SI provides the strategic umbrella to IFRAP.
- **Project Implementation Unit** – IFRAP Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU) drives the execution.
- **Project Implementing Partners (PIPs)** – Organizations such as NRSP, BRSP, Islamic Relief, Tameer-e-Khalaq, Taraqee Foundation, and Youth Organization mobilize communities on the ground.
- **Village Reconstruction Committees (VRCs)** – Community representatives ensure needs-based planning and implementation.

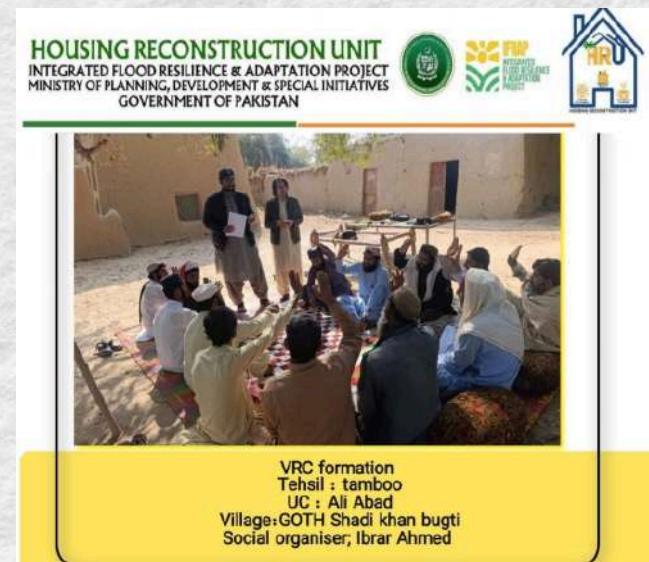
# Mobilizing Communities: On-the-Ground Success Stories

**“Leveraging the influence of opinion leaders for community mobilization ensures effective communication and engagement, making it the most adaptable and impactful model for far-flung and remote villages of Balochistan.”**

In District Lasbela, the formation of VRCs has been instrumental in rebuilding efforts. Project Implementing Partners such as Islamic Relief Pakistan and NRSP have worked closely with local residents, ensuring that housing reconstruction aligns with community needs.

In Kohlu, awareness sessions conducted by Tameer-e-Khalaq Foundation have empowered communities with vital knowledge and resources for safer housing structures.

In Kachhi, the establishment of the first VRC with Taraqee Foundation marks a milestone in local-led recovery, reinforcing transparency and accountability in flood-affected communities.



Community Involvement  
in Lot No. 7 Tehsil  
Tamboo, UC Ali Abad,  
Goth Shadi Khan Bugti



Tribal heads having an inclusive dialogue at District Lasbela

# VRCs: Strengthening Local Leadership and Participation

VRCs serve as the backbone of community mobilization, ensuring that reconstruction is transparent, inclusive, and locally driven. These committees:

- ✓ **Local Oversight** – MoPD&G provides the strategic umbrella to the IFAP implementation unit. The IFAP Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU) drives the execution.
- ✓ **Facilitate participatory decision-making in housing reconstruction.** Implementation Unit (IFAP) Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU) drives the execution.
- ✓ **Strengthen social cohesion and local governance.**
  - ↳ Project Implementing Partners (PIPs) – Organizations such as NPSR, BRSP, Sami, Shabab, Fazil, and others.
- ✓ **Ensure cultural sensitivity and inclusivity in all development activities.**
- ✓ **Monitor reconstruction progress and promote accountability.** The reconstruction needs-based planning and implementation.



Formation of Village Reconstruction Committees VRCs in District Lasbela

# A People-Centric Approach for Lasting Impact

By integrating community participation into the heart of reconstruction efforts, IFRAP is not only rebuilding homes—it is restoring dignity, resilience, and hope. Through initiatives like VRCs, the affected communities of Balochistan are proving that the most sustainable solutions are those driven by the people themselves.

With continued collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to inclusivity, IFRAP and its partners are setting a precedent for community-led resilience in Pakistan.

“We call upon international and national organizations to join us in rebuilding resilient homes and restoring hope for the flood-affected communities of Balochistan—because sustainable recovery starts with collective action.”

Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives IFRAP- Housing Reconstruction Unit Balochistan turning challenges into opportunities and building a stronger, more resilient future—For the People, By the People.



## VRC establishment at District Kachhi



## VRC establishment at District Duki