

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

LESSONS LEARNED AND  
PLANNING WORKSHOP  
– IFRAP 2025

- Three-day Lessons Learned and Planning Workshop under IFRAP from August 27–29, 2025, in Islamabad.
- 60 participants, representing all three project components—Component 1 (Infrastructure), Component 2 (Hydromet), and Component 3 (Housing)—alongside colleagues from the FPMU.
- Active involvement of the World Bank representatives



**Additional Secretary MoPD&SI, Mr. Bashir Khetran**, welcomed the participants on behalf of the MoPD&SI and represented the Federal Government as the Guest of Honour. He conveyed his best wishes to IFRAP and the people of Balochistan, and commended the joint learning session organized by FPMU. He further reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to fulfilling its promises to the people of Balochistan.

Learnings from the  
World Bank Team

The workshop was enriched by a special session featuring three representatives from the World Bank: **Mr. Rehan Hyder** (**Procurement Specialist**), **Mr. Carlo Alberto Amadei** (**Team Leader**), and **Mr. Faaiz Ajaz** (**Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist**).

## Panel Discussion – Challenges in Project Implementation



The workshop opened with a high-level panel discussion moderated by **Dr. Barira Bakhtawar**, bringing together key leadership from the project. Panelists included **Mr. Samiullah Baloch** (Project Director, Component 1), **Mr. Ijaz Kashif** (Deputy Project Director, Component 2), **Mr. Rashid Razzaq** (Project Director, Component 3), and **Mr. Muhammad Zubair** (Financial Management Specialist, FPMU).

### IFRAP Stakeholder Management Frameworks



The session concluded with each team outlining their stakeholder maps and proposed engagement strategies to the wider group.

Stakeholder management is a key focus for public sector projects, and this session led by **Mr. Haroon Kasi, Program Specialist IFRAP** provided an in-depth look at IFRAP's stakeholder management frameworks in Balochistan.

### The Housing Resilience Unit (HRU) Challenge Lab



Divided into five cross-functional teams, participants were asked to develop comprehensive plans around five core dimensions of project delivery.

The Housing Resilience Unit (HRU) Challenge Lab was designed as a dynamic, hands-on exercise to test participants' ability to apply workshop learnings in real-world contexts. **Mr. Haroon Kasi** presented participants with realistic scenarios and obstacles commonly faced during project implementation.

**Senior Strategy & Operations Specialist at IFRAP, Mr. Asim Haniff Bhatti**, shared his insights on the project, highlighting that IFRAP is a highly complex initiative comprising multiple components, each with its own technical, institutional, and operational dimensions. He emphasized that its implementation in the difficult and diverse terrain of Balochistan further adds to the challenges, requiring innovative approaches and strong inter-agency collaboration. Mr. Bhatti elaborated on strategies to effectively address these challenges in the future, underscoring the importance of adaptive planning, capacity building, and timely resource mobilization. Looking ahead, he pointed out that adopting a proactive, solution-oriented approach will be key to ensuring that IFRAP achieves its objectives and delivers sustainable impact for the people of Balochistan.



→ Senior Strategy & Operations Specialist at IFRAP, Mr. Asim Hanif Bhatti



Risk Register: Anticipating and Managing Risks



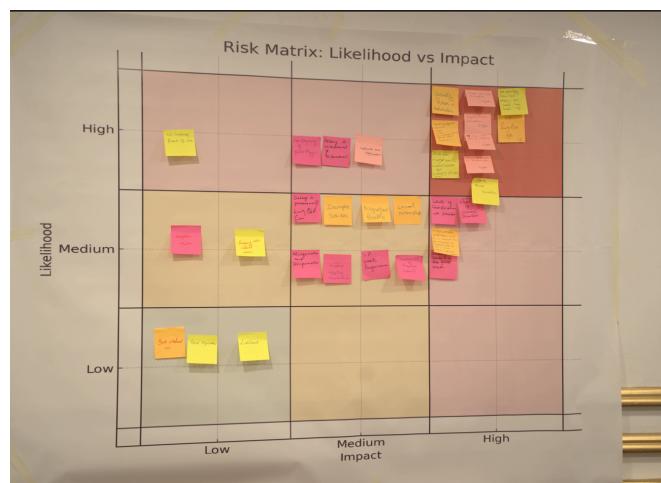
M&E Framework, Impact & Progress Mapping, Results Framework and Theory of Change

**Dr. Bakhtiar Kasi- ICT Specialist IFRAP** facilitated a highly interactive workshop on risk identification and management, equipping participants with practical tools to anticipate and address uncertainties within IFRAP. The session introduced the concept of the Risk Register as both a diagnostic and a planning instrument, guiding participants through the processes of risk identification, prioritization, and mitigation planning.

How can IFRAP ensure that its activities are delivering meaningful, measurable results? Guided by this central question, **Mr. Muhammad Rafay, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialist IFRAP** led an intensive and highly interactive session with participants from all Project Implementation Units (PIUs).



The sessions served as both a technical training and a collaborative platform, enabling participants to strengthen their understanding of IFRAP's results framework and risk register management while also engaging in practical, thought-provoking exercises that deepened their grasp of the project's strategic direction.



# IFRAP Communications Framework

**Dr. Barira Bakhtawar,**  
**Communications Specialist IFRAP**  
led an engaging and interactive session on the IFRAP Communications Framework, with a particular focus on Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) and Communication for Development (C4D). To provide practical context, she introduced the Uraan Pakistan initiative, illustrating how structured communication strategies can effectively influence community engagement and project outcomes.



## Planning Exercise for Component 1

The Component 1 session of the IFRAP workshop was designed as a practical capacity-building exercise, enabling the PIU team to translate strategic objectives into actionable plans for the next phase of implementation. Under the guidance of **Mr. Abdul Jalil, Program Specialist IFRAP**, participants were divided into two groups, Irrigation and Roads & Bridges, to critically review subcomponent objectives, risks, and challenges, while also integrating stakeholder considerations across the entire project cycle.

The Irrigation group concentrated on planning priority activities such as drainage upgrades and flood protection works, mapping key risks, charting mitigation strategies, and setting realistic targets and timelines.

The Roads and Bridges group, meanwhile, conducted a parallel review of subcomponent goals, addressing both technical and stakeholder dimensions to strengthen resilience planning.



We cannot thank our wonderful finance team enough! **Finance Management Specialist IFRAP, Mr. Muhammad Zubair (Left), and Finance Officer IFRAP, Mr. Asad Razzaque (Right)**, went above and beyond in supporting the event's organization. Their dedication kept everything on track—because, after all, nothing runs without finance!



## Empowering Women at IFRAP



IFRAP's women participants shared that the program truly values women and recognizes their worth.

They expressed happiness that all women from FPMU and PIUs not only enjoyed the event but also had a great learning experience.

## The Organizers Behind the Scenes

**Admin Manager IFRAP, Mr. Fazal ur Rahman (Right)**, played a pivotal role in organizing the entire event, working tirelessly to ensure its success. Behind every smooth event is an Admin Manager working his magic! Also noteworthy was the contribution of our dedicated team member, **Associate IFRAP, Mr. Ahmad Safi (Left)**, whose creative graphic designs and support in event coordination added immense value and cannot be overlooked.



**Usama Khan (Left) and Kamal Khan (Right)**, our dedicated **assistants at FPMU IFRAP**, played a vital role in managing the workshop. Their commitment and presence on the front lines ensured that the event was organized seamlessly and ran successfully.



**Mr. Hikmat (Left), FPMU Admin Intern, and Mr. Muhammad Arif, Admin Officer IFRAP (Right)** did an outstanding job, contributing significantly to the success of the entire event.



**Mr. Khurram Shehzad, Procurement Officer at IFRAP**, actively supported all procurement activities for the workshop and ensured that every detail was executed to perfection.

# Learning by doing together!





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A big thank you to everyone who made  
the Lessons Learned and Planning  
Workshop - IFRAP 2025 a true success.  
Together, we learn, plan, and grow  
stronger for the road ahead!

