

Newsletter

Dasu Hydropower Project

General Manager/Project Director Dasu Hydropower Project.

Dasu Hydropower Project stands as a flagship initiative, bringing transformative impacts to Pakistan's energy landscape and local communities. By harnessing the power of renewable energy, this project addresses the country's growing demand for electricity and promotes energy security and environmental sustainability. Moreover, it serves as a catalyst for economic growth in the region, creating employment opportunities, improving infrastructure, and uplifting the lives of local communities. As General Manager of the Dasu Hydropower Project, I am deeply committed to ensuring its successful implementation, recognizing its immense significance in driving Pakistan's progress toward a prosperous and self-reliant future.



Engr. Amir Shafiq ur Rehman

WAPDA, Dasu HPP Signs Contract for Relocated Schools Package-I.

Dasu, July 3, 2025 – In another major step towards fulfilling its commitment to the affected communities of the Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP), the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has signed a significant contract agreement with M/s Shaheen Construction Company for the construction of relocated schools under Package-I.

The agreement, titled “Relocated Schools Package-I (NCB No: DASU-RS-01)”, marks an important milestone in the resettlement and community development efforts associated with the project. The contract signing ceremony was held at the Dasu Hydropower Project Office and attended by senior officers from WAPDA, Dasu Hydropower Consultant (DHC) and the contractor.

The contract was signed by Mr. Shoaib Afridi, Director (Social and Resettlement), WAPDA, and Mr. Imad Uddin, Director Operations of M/s Shaheen Construction Company. Also present on the occasion were key representatives from both WAPDA and the consultant (DHC), reflecting the importance of this collaborative effort. The scope of this contract includes the construction of modern, fully equipped school buildings at Janasabad, Ucharseer Medan and Uchar Afsarabad—locations identified as part of the resettlement plan for communities displaced due to the construction of the Dasu hydropower project. These new facilities are designed to provide improved educational infrastructure, offering better learning environments for children in the relocated areas.



WAPDA Signs Contract for Dasu Hydropower Project Colony (Phase-2A)

Dasu, 23 May 2025 – Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) today signed a contract agreement with RSL&SWEG (JV) for the construction of Project Colony and Infrastructure (Phase-2A) of the Dasu Hydropower Project. The agreement was signed by the General Manager/Project Director of Dasu HPP, WAPDA, and representatives of RSL&SWEG in the presence of the Chief Engineer Contracts (Dasu HPP), Chief Engineer (A&P), Director Services, and representatives of Dasu Hydropower Consultants (DHC).

Scope of Work:

The contract includes the construction of the following key facilities along with allied utilities:

(1). Hostels (Category-III & II) (2). Market/Shopping Centre (3). High School for Girls, High School for Boys, and Primary School (4). Jamia Masjid (5). Information Centre & Aquarium (6). WAPDA Club (7). Post Office (8). Fire Station (9). Rest House (10). Bank

Project Timeline & Significance:

With a construction period of 2.5 years, this phase marks a major milestone in the development of Dasu HPP's residential and community infrastructure. Once completed, it will significantly enhance living standards and provide essential facilities for project personnel and the local community, paving the way for smoother project execution.

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Dasu Hydropower Project: Chairman WAPDA reviews construction on Main Dam, Power House ‘Several critical targets achieved; electricity generation to start in 2027’.

May 15, 2025: Chairman WAPDA Engr Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd) visited Dasu Hydropower Project, being constructed on River Indus in Upper Kohistan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. During his day-long visit, the Chairman reviewed construction progress on key sites, which include River Diversion System, Main Dam, Power House and Relocated Karakoram Highway (KKH-1).

The Project team, comprising GM/PD Dasu Hydropower Project, the Consultants and the Contractors, briefed the Chairman about site-wise targets and achievements. It was briefed that construction activities on 20 work fronts are progressing at a good pace. Several critical targets have recently been completed, while a number of milestones are about to be achieved. As per the details, excavation of right and left abutment of the Main Dam has been completed. Likewise, the extended right bypass tunnel and right-side open channel are also ready for operation to pass excess water during the high flow season. After completion of the upstream and downstream starter (coffer) dams, excavation of the Main Dam’s foundation is in progress and will be completed in August 2025. Yet another critical activity of placing Roller Compact Concrete (RCC) in the Main Dam is likely to be started by December this year. Excavation of the Power House will be completed in January 2026, while 25 Km-long KKH-1 with seven tunnels and three bridges will also be completed in February 2026. Electricity generation from the Project is scheduled in 2027.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman urged upon the Consultants and the Contractors to expedite their efforts for completion of the Project as per the timelines.

In the second leg of the visit, the Chairman participated in a Jirga with local elders. Detailed deliberations were made on payment issues under Enhanced Self-Managed Relocation (ESMR) Package and implementation of Local Area Development Schemes (LADS). The Chairman said that WAPDA stands committed for socio-economic development of the people hailing from the Project area. He added that WAPDA is spending a hefty amount on resettlement of the locals, environmental management and social development in the Project area. He directed the Project Management to keep close liaison with the locals to address grievances.

It is important to note that the 4320 MW-Dasu Hydropower Project is planned to be completed in two stages. At present, WAPDA is constructing stage-I of 2160 MW and annual energy generation of 12 billion units of clean, green and affordable electricity.



Rehabilitation and Improvement of Tayal Road by LADP fund of WAPDA Dasu .

A groundbreaking ceremony for the 2.7-kilometer Tayal Road rehabilitation project, under the Local Area Development Programme (LADP), was held on May 9, 2025, in Upper Kohistan. The event was attended by Director S&R Mr. Shoaib Afridi, Tehsil Nazim Dasu Mr. Ghulam Saeed, and representatives from the contractor, consultant, WAPDA, and the local community.

As part of WAPDA's continued efforts to enhance infrastructure and promote regional development, this significant project aims to rehabilitate and upgrade 2.7 kilometers of Tayal Road.

The improved road is expected to benefit over 1,500 residents by enhancing connectivity, improving access to essential services, and boosting the overall socio-economic conditions of the area. More than just a road, this project represents a meaningful step toward progress and prosperity for the people of Kohistan.



Mobile Health Team visit to Chuchang Village, Serves 160 Residents

Dasu, May 8, 2025 — A mobile health team under the Dasu Hydropower Project (WAPDA) provided vital medical services to 160 residents of Chuchang Village, Upper Kohistan, as part of its Community Mobile Health Initiative.

The outreach included general health checkups, five ultrasound exams for women, and consultations with a female doctor to address gender-specific needs. The beneficiaries Comprised 49 men, 53 women, and 58 children, reflecting the program's inclusive approach.

This effort is part of ongoing plans to improve healthcare access in remote, project-affected communities.



Awareness Session Held for Pakistani Workers at Dasu Hydropower Project, Kohistan

May 7, 2025– The Migration Management Team of the Dasu Hydropower Project (WAPDA Kohistan) conducted an awareness session for over 300 Pakistani workers employed by CGGC at CR-9. The session focused on the project’s code of conduct, local cultural norms, and religious values to promote a respectful and harmonious work environment. As a key infrastructure initiative, the Dasu HPP brings together professionals from across Pakistan, necessitating cultural sensitivity and teamwork.

WAPDA’s efforts highlight its commitment to both national development and fostering social cohesion among project personnel/work force.



Sport Gala at Kas Camp Organized by CGGC.

April 25, 2025-China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) successfully organized its first-ever sports activity under the SOP initiative at Kass Camp, bringing together employees from both Pakistan and China. The event featured a race with enthusiastic participation from a total of 84 participants. To celebrate outstanding performances, prizes were awarded to the top five winners from both the local and Chinese staff categories. This milestone event not only showcased teamwork and sportsmanship but also fostered stronger bonds between employees of different cultures. Congratulations to the entire CGGC team for this remarkable achievement.



World Bank Social Team Conducts Comprehensive Review of Dasu Hydropower Project

April 19, 2025 – The World Bank's social team wrapped up a two-day mission to assess the progress of the Dasu Hydropower Project, focusing on social safeguards, community engagement, and compliance with international standards. The visit, initially slated to include field inspections of resettlement camps, was adapted due to heavy rainfall, with discussions taking center stage instead. The World Bank's social team reviewed progress and discussed the critical aspects of the Dasu Hydropower Project with DHPP management. The visit, originally planned to include field inspections of camps, was adjusted due to rain, shifting focus to high-level meetings with project stakeholders. On the first day, discussions centered on key social safeguards and implementation plans. The team reviewed the Gender Implementation Plan, Public Consultation Processes, and the In-migrants Management Plan, engaging with specialists from WAPDA and DHC. Updates on legal compliance, communication strategies, and monitoring systems (M&E/MIS) were also presented.

The second day began with a briefing on the Independent Grievance Redressal Committee (IGRC), followed by strategic talks on an upcoming ESF event. The mission concluded with a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner of Upper Kohistan, reinforcing collaboration with local authorities.

The World Bank team later returned to Islamabad, marking the end of a productive visit aimed at ensuring the project's social and developmental goals remain on track.



Vocational and Skill Development Trainings:

As part of the Dasu Hydropower Project's livelihood support initiatives under SRMP, vocational training programs have equipped 364 affected youth with essential skills across various trades, including computer applications, Auto-CAD, graphic design, civil surveying, building and auto electrician work, auto mechanics, tailoring, plumbing, and heavy machinery operations (LTV, HTV, excavator, crane). Some individuals have launched their own businesses, while others have secured employment with contractors, contributing to improved livelihood conditions for their families.

To mark the completion of the 12th batch, a closing ceremony was held at NLC Dina, attended by WAPDA's training supervisor and the principal of NLC. During the event, WAPDA's supervisor emphasized the significance of vocational training and expressed gratitude to the institute for its continued efforts. With future programs planned at the same institute, the 13th batch is set to commence in July, further advancing the project's commitment to skill development and economic empowerment.



World Bank Technical Mission and IPOEs Visit to DHPP for Progress Review:

The World Bank Mission, accompanied by International Panel of Experts (IPOEs), visited the Dasu Hydropower Project site in Upper Kohistan, under the aegis of WAPDA. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the implementation status of this vital energy initiative. During their time on-site, the Project Authority delivered a comprehensive briefing to both the World Bank Team and the IPOEs, shedding light on project activities, progress milestones, and the impact of ongoing developments. This engagement underscores the commitment to transparency and collaboration in advancing Pakistan's energy security.



Ramadan FOOD Package Distribution:

During Ramadan, WAPDA and its main contractor, CGGC, distributed 100 food packages to underprivileged families in Kohistan Upper, reinforcing their commitment to supporting communities impacted by the Dasu Hydropower Project.

The distribution ceremony was attended by key stakeholders, including Mr. Shoib Afridi (Director Social & Resettlement, WAPDA), Mr. Shakiriullah (Assistant Deputy Commissioner Relief, Kohistan Upper), and Mr. Shahab Uddin (Camp Manager, CGGC). Their presence highlighted the collaboration between WAPDA, CGGC, and local authorities to ensure essential support reaches vulnerable families. The packages, containing rice, flour, oil, and dates, reflect Dasu HPP's broader social responsibility efforts, prioritizing education, healthcare, and livelihood programs for affected populations.



Green Kohistan: WAPD's Fruit Trees Distribution Drive under Dasu HPP:

April 18, 2025- To uplift the environment and economy of Upper Kohistan, WAPDA has launched a fruit tree distribution initiative under the Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP). This two-day campaign (March 25-26, 2025) aims to support local communities by providing free fruit trees, and enhancing greenery in the Kohistan upper.

On March 25, fruit trees were distributed at GCMHS Dasu and GHS Shatial, while on March 26 the initiative will reach GHS Seo, thooti kandia and Kiagah Bridge. Registered DHPP affected families are receiving apricot, walnut, peach, orange, and apple, pomegranate, persimmon and lemon trees across all four tehsil of Dasu.

This effort is part of WAPDA's broader commitment to local area development like education, health and infrastructure development ensuring a greener and more prosperous future for Kohistan.



MNA Kohistan Upper Briefed on Dasu Hydropower Project Developments:

February 7, 2025 – MNA Kohistan Upper, Muhammad Idrees, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Power Division, met with GM Dasu Hydropower Project (HPP) at Chuchang Colony, Dasu. Officials briefed him on the Local Area Development Program (LADP) schemes and the Enhanced Self-Relocation Package (ESMR) under WAPDA.

Senior officials, including the Chief Engineer WAPDA, Director Social and Resettlement, and Dasu Hydropower Consultants (DHC), participated. Discussions focused on development benefits for local communities and resettlement measures.

MNA Idrees stressed the timely execution of LADP and ESMR initiatives to ensure community welfare. Officials reaffirmed their commitment to smooth project progress and assured to implement all Social and Resettlement Plans of Dasu HPP WAPDA in time.



WAPDA Launches Educational Scholarships for Students of Upper Kohistan Under Dasu Hydropower Project:

WAPDA uplifts Education in Kohistan Upper under Dasu Hydropower Project. On November 13, 2024, WAPDA hosted a distinguished inauguration ceremony at the Government Centennial Model High School Dasu to launch its educational scholarship program for students in Upper Kohistan. The event, graced by the Deputy Commissioner of Upper Kohistan, Mr. Tariq Ali Khan, alongside GM Dasu Hydropower Project WAPDA, Mr. Amir Shafiq ur Rehman, and Director General Khalid Khan, highlighted WAPDA's ongoing efforts to uplift the local community.

As part of its corporate social responsibility, WAPDA has committed to improving the region's social infrastructure by completing key development projects and initiating schemes for educational enhancement.



These initiatives include providing free transportation services, establishing solar-powered computer labs, and renovating school buildings. Under WAPDA's approved scholarship policy, students from classes 9th to graduation are now eligible for financial support to expand their educational opportunities.

WAPDA's Mobile Health Unit: Transforming Healthcare in Remote Kohistan Villages

In a heartfelt endeavor to uplift public health, WAPDA has unveiled its Mobile Health Unit under the Dasu Hydropower Project's (HPP) public health initiative. Since its inception in June 2024, this program has been a lifeline for remote villages such as Chuchang, Dogha, and Kaigah, delivering much-needed healthcare to their doorsteps.

The mobile health fleet, comprising two state-of-the-art vans equipped with advanced diagnostic tools, is staffed by a dedicated team of professional male and female doctors, along with compassionate nursing personnel. To date, the unit has conducted 27 field visits, offering free medical check-ups, medicines, and crucial health screenings to 1,844 patients—476 men, 682 women, and 686 children. Services have included monitoring of blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, and body temperature. Advanced care, such as blood sugar testing, ultrasounds for women, and prenatal services, has further elevated the standard of community healthcare.

Special attention has been given to maternal health, with services like prenatal check-ups, distribution of nutritional supplements, and provision of menstrual hygiene products for underprivileged women. By eliminating the need for exhausting journeys to distant healthcare facilities, this initiative has won the heartfelt praise of residents.

The WAPDA Mobile Health Unit symbolizes a transformative step toward bridging healthcare gaps in underserved areas, highlighting WAPDA's unwavering commitment to community welfare and public health.



Chairman WAPDA Inspects Dasu Hydropower Project and Engages with Local

September 23, 2024- Chairman WAPDA, Engineer Lieutenant General Sajjad Ghani (Retired), visited the Dasu Hydropower Project in Upper Kohistan. During the visit, he reviewed construction progress at key sites, including the main dam, underground powerhouses, and Karakoram Highway tunnels. The project team briefed him on ongoing developments, highlighting uninterrupted work at 15 sites and the successful diversion of floods through the completed diversion system.

The Chairman emphasized the need for coordinated efforts to ensure timely completion of the project, which will generate 4,320 MW of electricity across two phases. Phase 1 is expected to add 12 billion units of clean energy annually to the national grid, with Phase 2 contributing an additional 9 billion units upon completion.

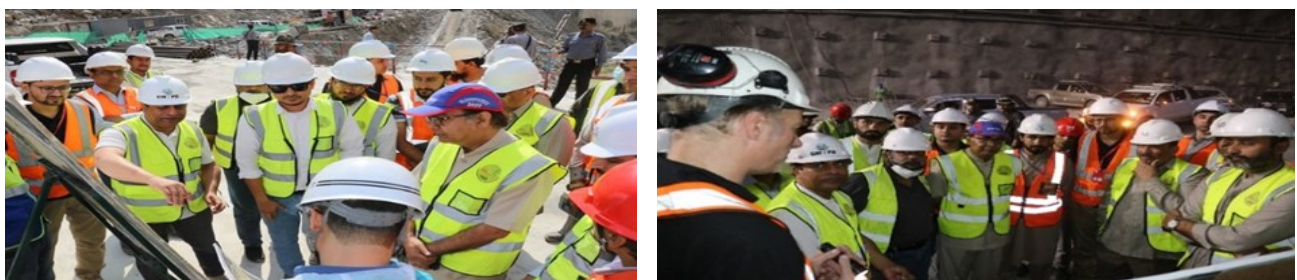
Later, the Chairman met local elders and civil administration officials, discussing payments under the resettlement package and local area development schemes worth PKR 17.34 billion aimed at positively transforming the lives of residents in the project area. He reiterated WAPDA's commitment to addressing local concerns and fostering development through various initiatives.



Member Water along With GM(C&M) Paid Visit to Dasu HPP

Member Water, alongside General Manager (C&M) WAPDA, recently visited the Dasu Hydropower Project to review progress and assess its current status. General Manager Mr. Amir Shafiq-Ur-Rehman provided a comprehensive briefing, highlighting accomplishments and challenges. Representatives from Dasu Hydropower Consultants (DHC) and contractors were also present.

The visit focused on evaluating construction progress and ensuring adherence to timelines. Member Water emphasized maintaining momentum for timely completion, as the project is critical for augmenting Pakistan's renewable energy capacity.



Dasu Hydropower Project Celebrates 77th Independence Day of Pakistan

Dasu Hydropower Project marked Pakistan's 77th Independence Day with a vibrant celebration. The event featured a flag-hoisting ceremony, embodying national unity and pride, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony at the office of the General Manager of Dasu Hydropower Project.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the Dasu management, Dasu Hydropower Consultants, and contractors, reflecting their shared commitment to the nation. The gathering highlighted their dedication to advancing Pakistan's energy future through their collective efforts on the project.

This Independence Day celebration was not only a moment of national pride but also a reaffirmation of the team's resolve to contribute to the progress and prosperity of the country.



The 1st GM Dasu HPP Cricket Tournament, WAPDA 2024

The 1st GM Dasu Cricket Tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Amir Shafiq ur Rehman General Manager Dasu Hydropower Project along with other senior officers and officials from WAPDA, consultants, and contractors, held from July 29 to August 1, 2024. Teams from Dasu Hydropower Management and Dasu Hydropower Consultants competed in the tournament, culminating in a prize distribution ceremony where the consultants' team showcased remarkable effort.

Sports in major projects like Dasu Hydropower enhance teamwork, resilience, and morale, creating a collaborative and motivated workforce. Events like this strengthen camaraderie, making the workplace more dynamic and productive while reinforcing leadership, communication, and unity essential for success.





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