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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

Director General Social Safeguards Dasu Hydropower Project.

Dasu Hydropower Project is committed to ensuring effective social safeguards, fair resettlement, and sustainable livelihood support for project-affected communities. The social safeguards team is working closely with stakeholders to ensure transparent compensation, relocation assistance, and implementation of social and environmental management plans. Through continuous stakeholder engagement and monitoring, the project aims to address community concerns and contribute positively to regional development while safeguarding the rights and welfare of affected people.



Brig. (Retd) Khalid Khan Jadoon

PROJECT NEWS & UPDATES

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January 16 2026-The Dasu Hydropower Project (Dasu HPP) has reached a key milestone with the commencement of excavation on the Shori-1 Tunnel, part of the Dasu KKH-02 Realignment Road Project. Energy China Pakistan confirmed that the first controlled blast was conducted on December 29, 2025, officially marking the start of tunneling work for the 530-meter-long tunnel. The tunneling is being executed under challenging geological conditions, employing advanced engineering techniques and strict safety protocols to ensure steady progress. Dasu HPP, with a total capacity of 4,320 megawatts, is the largest hydropower initiative in Pakistan, designed to provide sustainable, clean, and affordable electricity to the national grid. Upon completion, Stage-I will contribute around 12 billion units annually, while Stage-II will add 9 billion units, taking the total to 21 billion units of electricity. The project highlights successful China Pakistan collaboration in energy infrastructure, boosting the country's green energy potential and supporting long-term electricity security.



World Bank Technical, Social & Environmental Team Visits Dasu Hydropower Project

January 27-30, 2026- A delegation of the World Bank Technical, Social and Environmental Team visited the Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP) to review the overall progress of the project and assess the ongoing activities at various construction sites.

During the visit, a comprehensive review meeting was held at the office of the General Manager/Project Director (GM/PD), where all major project components were discussed in detail. The meeting focused on current construction progress, key implementation challenges, and the future course of action to ensure timely execution of project activities.

The session was attended by the DHPP Project Management Team, representatives of the contractors, and Dasu Hydropower Consultants (DHC). Each component team presented updates on their respective areas of work, highlighting achievements, ongoing tasks, and critical issues requiring coordination and support. The discussion also covered practical solutions and strategies to overcome challenges and maintain project momentum.

In addition to technical and construction progress, the World Bank Social and Environmental Team carried out a review of the implementation of social and environmental plans, ensuring compliance with agreed safeguards, standards, and commitments. The review emphasized strengthening community engagement, environmental management measures, and the continued implementation of mitigation plans at the project sites.

Following the meeting, the World Bank team visited the project area and inspected the ongoing construction activities at different locations. The team observed the operational progress on ground and reviewed site arrangements, safety measures, and implementation of environmental and social safeguards.

The GM/PD Dasu Hydropower Project, Mr. Amir Shafiq ur Rehman, briefed the visiting delegation during the site visit and provided an overview of current developments, major milestones achieved, and upcoming priorities.

The visit reaffirmed the World Bank's continued support and commitment towards the successful implementation of the Dasu Hydropower Project, which is a key national initiative aimed at enhancing clean energy generation and contributing to Pakistan's sustainable development.



A farewell dinner in honour of Ex-DG (SS), Brig. Khalid Jadoon (Retd.)

January 31, 20026- A farewell dinner was graciously hosted by worthy GM/PD DHPP, Mr. Amir Shafiq Ur Rehman, in honour of Ex-DG (SS), Brig. Khalid Jadoon (Retd.), on his retirement from WAPDA, and AXEN Mr. Mohammad Shehroz on his transfer from Dasu HPP. Chief Engineers and Directors of DHPP graced the occasion. Shields and gifts were presented to the distinguished officers as a token of appreciation for their valuable services. We once again extend our sincere best wishes to both officers and pray for their success in future endeavors.



WAPDA Empowers Youth through Digital Marketing & Freelancing Training under Dasu Hydropower Project

Feb, 2026. WAPDA has successfully completed a Digital Marketing, Freelancing, and E-Commerce Training Program under the Dasu Hydropower Project, aimed at empowering youth from the project-affected communities of Upper Kohistan. The training program was conducted at Govt. Centennial Model High School (GCMHS), Dasu, from July 2025 to January 2026. Implemented in collaboration with Abdullah Institute of Technology, Abbottabad, the initiative focused on equipping participants with practical, industry-relevant digital skills. The comprehensive curriculum covered key areas including digital marketing strategies, social media marketing, content creation, online advertising, freelancing platforms, and e-commerce business models. The program was designed to promote self-employment, enhance digital literacy, and prepare participants for opportunities in the rapidly growing online marketplace. A total of 80 students, trained in two batches, successfully completed the program. The training enabled participants to explore freelancing opportunities, build online brands, and manage e-commerce ventures effectively. To mark the successful completion, a certificate distribution ceremony was held at Govt. Centennial Model High School, Dasu (Upper Kohistan). The event was attended by NESPAK officials, with Deputy Director WAPDA, Mr. Riaz Ahmed, as the Chief Guest. Certificates were distributed among all 80 participants. In his closing remarks, Mr. Riaz Ahmed emphasized the importance of such capacity-building initiatives, stating that skill-based training programs are a critical need for the future and play a key role in youth empowerment and sustainable development. This initiative reflects WAPDA's continued commitment to community development, skill enhancement, and socio-economic uplift of populations affected by major hydropower projects.



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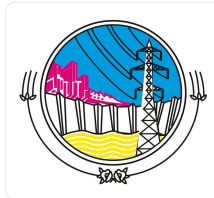
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