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**DASU HYDROPOWER PROJECT**  
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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



Engr. Amir Shafiq ur Rehman

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.

## 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

## Honorable Member (Water), WAPDA, Reviews Progress at Dasu Hydropower Project:

**December 10, 2025** — Dasu, Upper Kohistan:

In a significant move to further expedite the development of one of Pakistan's flagship energy projects, the Honorable Member (Water), WAPDA, Mr. Syed Akhtar Ali Shah undertook an official visit to the Dasu Hydropower Project (HPP) today to review progress on all major components.

Upon arrival, the Honorable Member (Water) was warmly received by the General Manager (GM)/PD Dasu HPP, Mr. Amir Shafiq-ur-Rehman along with senior representatives from the project's consultants and contractors. A detailed briefing session was held, during which the teams presented comprehensive updates on civil, electrical, and mechanical works. The discussions also included key challenges and bottlenecks, with all stakeholders focusing on practical and time-bound solutions to ensure the achievement of critical project milestones.

As part of the visit, the Honorable Member (Water) also inaugurated the 4.8 MW Siglo Power Station, established for the testing and commissioning of the crushing and batching plant required for the upcoming main dam RCC (Roller-Compacted Concrete) trials. The inauguration marks a crucial advancement in preparing the site for large-scale RCC operations.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the Honorable Member (Water), accompanied by the GM Dasu HPP and technical experts, visited various construction fronts, including the main dam site, diversion tunnels, power intake structures, and powerhouse area. The on-site inspection offered a firsthand perspective of the project's scale, complexity, and the dedication of the workforce engaged in this vital national undertaking.

The Honorable Member (Water) appreciated the commitment and hard work of the project teams and underscored the strategic importance of the Dasu Hydropower Project in meeting Pakistan's growing energy demands through clean and renewable sources. He reiterated WAPDA's firm resolve to overcome all challenges and ensure the project's timely and successful completion.



### Ground breaking Ceremony of Relocated Schools and Rehabilitation Works at Dasu HPP , Project Area .

**Saturday, 25 October 2025:** The Ground breaking ceremony of the relocated Government Girls Primary School (GGPS) Sigloo at Khursil and the rehabilitation work of Government Boys Primary School (GBPS) Shah Jahan Abad was held today under the LADP Dasu Hydropower Project (HPP). The ceremony was graced by the Mr. Shoaib-Ur-Rehman Afridi, Director (Social & Resettlement Unit), Dasu HPP, along with other senior WAPDA officers. Members of the local community, teachers, and students warmly participated in the event. During the visit, the Camp Office of M/s Zain Ul Abideen & Sons was also inaugurated by the WAPDA officials. The occasion was attended by representatives from the local community and project stakeholders, marking a significant step toward improving educational and social infrastructure in the project area. The initiatives reflect WAPDA's continued commitment to supporting community development and ensuring access to quality education as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Resettlement and Rehabilitation Program under the Dasu Hydropower Project.



### Final Payment Distribution & Plot Handover Ceremony – Khushi-1 Resettlement Village

**October 17, 2025:** A landmark event took place at the GM/PD Office, WAPDA Colony, Choochang, where 65 affected households were handed over their resettlement plot certificates and Temporary Relocation Package (TRP) cheques. The ceremony was graced by Director General Social Safeguard Brig. Khalid Khan Jadoon (Retd.), WAPDA, and Mr. Achlie Gullepo, Project Manager, DHC. This milestone under the Dasu Hydropower Project Resettlement Program reflects WAPDA's enduring commitment to community welfare, ensuring smooth transitions and sustainable futures for families affected by the project.



### Groundbreaking Ceremony of Dogah Basic Health Unit (BHU) Kohistan Upper.

**October 28, 2025:** The Dasu Hydropower Project (DHP) WAPDA, inaugurated the construction work of the Basic Health Unit (BHU) at Dogah, Upper Kohistan, through a groundbreaking ceremony held for the benefit of the project-affected communities.

The ceremony was led by the Director Social and Resettlement, Dasu Hydropower Project, Mr. Shahid Afridi, and was attended by XEN Mr. Tariq Azam, along with representatives from consultants, contractors, and other key stakeholders. The initiative reflects WAPDA's commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and improving access to essential medical services for the affectees of the Dasu Hydropower Project.

Speaking on the occasion, project officials emphasized that the establishment of the BHU will play a vital role in providing primary healthcare facilities to the local population and demonstrates the project's focus on sustainable development and community welfare alongside infrastructure development.



## World Bank Team Visits Dasu Hydropower Project to Review Social & Environmental Progress.

**September 29 to October 2, 2025** : A World Bank Social and Environment mission visited Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP) from September 29 to October 2, 2025 to assess progress on resettlement and environmental safeguards.

The Social Resettlement & Environment Unit of Dasu HPP, consultants, and contractors briefed the delegation on social development measures, resettlement progress, and environmental management initiatives. The team also conducted site visits, reviewing ongoing construction and safeguard practices.

The mission emphasized timely implementation of resettlement plans, effective community engagement, and robust environmental monitoring. The World Bank team acknowledged the progress achieved and encouraged continued efforts to align social and environmental commitments with engineering milestones.



## Worthy Chairman WAPDA Visits Dasu HPP: RCC Works on ‘Main Dam to begin in 2nd Quarter of 2026’. ‘20.4 Km Relocated KKH-1 of CPEC Standards to be Opened in June 2026’.

**September 26, 2025:** Chairman WAPDA Lt Gen Muhammad Saeed (Retd) during his visit to under construction Dasu Hydropower Project was briefed that excavation of the main dam pit (foundation) area will be completed in January 2026, followed by the roller-compact-concrete (RCC) trial, to be completed in next two to three months. Subsequently, RCC works on the Main Dam will start during the second quarter of 2026.

Chairman WAPDA reviewed construction progress on key work fronts including main dam pit area, crushing and batching plants, power house and transformer caverns, Logro tunnel and Barseen Bridge of relocated Karakorum Highway (RKKH-1).

GM/PD Dasu Hydropower Project and Project Managers of the consultants and the contractors were also present on the occasion.

During on-the site briefings, the Chairman was apprised that construction activities are in progress on 20 work fronts side by side. A number of major milestones have already been achieved which included river diversion system, excavation of main switch yard for 765 KV transmission line, excavation of right and left abutments of the main dam, project colony (phase-A), land acquisition etc. It was further briefed that excavation works of the underground power house is scheduled to be completed in February 2026; while 20.4 Km-long RKKH-1, comprising 7 tunnels and 3 bridges, is nearing completion, and will be opened for traffic by June 2026. WAPDA is constructing RKKH in the project area as part of Dasu Hydropower Project and in accordance with the CPEC standards.

Underlying the significance of Dasu Hydropower Project for improving the energy mix in favour of clean, green and affordable electricity in the country, the Chairman directed the contractors and consultants with an intent to make up for time lost due to security and law and order issues to accelerate construction work. All stakeholders working on the project emphasized the critical role of local administration and police for ensuring continuity of work at all sites which interrupted very frequently due to protests and road block.

The Chairman also inaugurated arch portion of Barseen Bridge, which is the longest arch bridge in Pakistan. Security arrangements in the project area were also reviewed in detail during the visit.

WAPDA is also implementing local area development program, comprising 69 schemes of infrastructure and public health worth billions of Rupees for socio-economic empowerment of the local populace. Of these, 28 schemes have so far been completed, while rest are in progress.

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-1 with installed capacity of 2160 MW and annual generation of 12 billion units low-cost and environment-friendly electricity.

World Bank is providing financial assistance worth US\$ 1.57 billion for the Stage-1, which is likely to start electricity generation in December 2028. The Stage-2, when implemented, will also provide 9 billion units per annum to the National Grid.

## Dasu Hydropower Project

On completion of both stages, Dasu will become the project with highest annual energy generation in Pakistan i.e., 21 billion units on the average.



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