

Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainable Development

During 2023, NBP provided Donations to support the causes related to different UN SDGs to the following organisation:

Network of Organisations Working for People with Disabilities, Pakistan (NOWPDP) for services / training to PWDs.



Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) for the 14th edition of NBP T-20 (Grade 1 & Grade 2) Blind Cricket Trophy to encourage visually impaired players for capacity building and social inclusion.



Women's Empowerment Group to purchase an Ultrasound machine for early diagnosis of breast cancer at Pakistan's first dedicated breast cancer hospital i.e. The Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Hospital in Lahore.



The Citizens Foundation for installation of solar power systems in 5 primary schools (one each in Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, KPK & AJK).



Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI) to support construction of a Girl's Hostel as well as installation of a Solar Power System.



Besides these donations we also sponsored different events including but not limited to Spring Festival, Summer Camp, Golf Tournament, International Conference on Education and Research, Environment and Health Summit, Awards and International Conference, Awards on Environment, Health & Safety.



ESG CONSIDERATIONS

Commencement of Operations of Green Banking Working Group

In the course of the year, the Board of Directors approved the Green Banking Policy. In adherence to the Policy directives, two Bank-level Working Groups have been established, comprising Senior Executives from various Groups. The principal responsibility of these Working Groups is to supervise the development of strategies, suggest administrative procedures and institute accountability mechanisms within the pertinent Groups to ensure the efficient execution of the Green Banking Policy. These strategies and procedures are explicitly directed towards three key areas: Environmental Risk Management, Green Business Facilitation and Own Impact Reduction, as delineated in the Green Banking Policy.



Green Financing

The Bank has extended green financing facilities to Corporate, Investment, Islamic, Commercial / SME, Agri and Consumer clients. This initiative encompasses Wind Power, Hydro, and Solar-Powered projects under the SBP Renewable Energy Finance Scheme in addition to conventional bank financing options.

NBP has also issued Sukuk Facility (Islamic Bonds) and TFCs to Hydro Power Projects through its Aitemaad Islamic Banking and Investment Banking counters.



NBP Roshan Ghar

The Bank has developed a Solar Financing Product Program under the name “NBP Roshan Ghar,” targeting the salaried class, business persons and self-employed professionals. To enhance energy efficiency, the Bank has implemented various measures such as replacing traditional bulbs with energy savings LED lights across Branches, Regions and the Head Office. As part of a trial initiative, sensor lights have been introduced at the Head Office. Additionally, the Bank has replaced conventional air conditioners with inverter-type units, resulting in a significant improvement in energy efficiency.

The successful installation of 495 solar-powered ATMs /Branches nationwide is a testament to the Bank’s commitment to sustainable practices.



Internal Capacity Building

The Green Banking Wing, in collaboration with the Learning & Development Division, has launched an e-Learning Awareness Module on Green Banking. Participation in this training module is now mandatory for all employees. Aligning with the Environmental & Social Risk Management Implementation Manual issued by the State Bank of Pakistan, both the Board and Management are dedicated to establishing an Environmental and Social Management System. This System aims to comprehend, monitor and manage the Bank’s social, environmental and economic impact, allowing it to contribute to the broader societal objective of sustainable development.



CSR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Inclusion of Differently Abled Persons

To promote inclusion of differently abled persons, NBP supported **Network of Organisations Working for People with Disabilities Pakistan (NOWPDP)** for the services provided in their Center of Excellence for Financial Inclusion (CEFI). This package included Training of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Certification Audit of NBP Branches, Employee Sensitization, Account Opening & Financial Literacy Training and Branding.



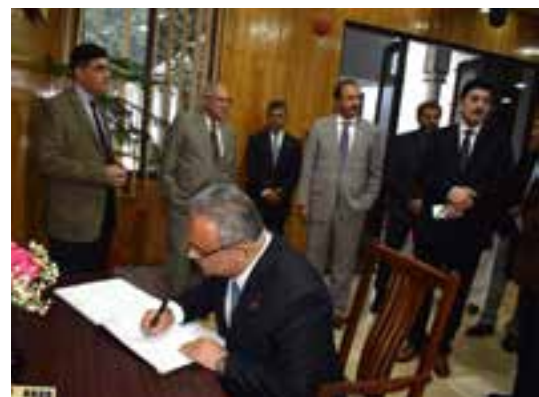
NBP has been sponsoring **Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC)** cricket tournaments for the last thirteen years as a part of its diversity and inclusivity initiative for differently abled persons. This year as well, the Bank was Title Sponsor for the 14th edition of NBP T-20 (Grade 1 & Grade 2) Blind Cricket Trophy that was held in Islamabad and Faisalabad respectively. Teams from 16 cities participated in this tournament. Players from different ethnic backgrounds came together on a platform that encouraged their development, capacity building and social inclusion in normal society.



2. Environment

Our operations in this sector focus on investing in energy-savings and renewable energy projects to save valuable resources and manage potential environmental risks. This approach guided us in selection of several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where our projects are in line with Affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) and Climate change (SDG 13).

The initiative included support to **Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI)** for the installation of a solar power system at the University situated in Topi, KPK to promote Go Green initiative.



NBP also supported installation of 5 solar power systems in Primary School Units (1 each in Sindh, Baluchistan, Punjab, KPK & AJK) of [The Citizens Foundation \(TCF\)](#). The primary objective of this project was to reduce dependence on conventional power supply. TCF schools in less privileged areas are facing extreme power shortages which severely hampers education provision to an already marginalized community. The impetus is the need to mitigate the adverse effects of lack of electricity on the quality of education and student learning outcomes.



3. Women Empowerment

CSR can empower women in a multitude of ways from encouraging them to seek education to standing on their own feet and becoming revenue generating citizens. Our CSR policy also has been hailed as a new means to address gender inequality, particularly by facilitating women's empowerment. This involves empowering our women through granting them tools, opportunities and autonomy to overcome barriers and play a vital role in society.

The initiative in this regard included support to [Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology \(GIKI\)](#) in the construction of a Girls Hostel. The Hostel is named after NBP to facilitate young women from remote areas to embark on a journey of STEM education. Ghulam Ishaq institute estimated to construct 185 rooms to accommodate 335 girls in Female hostel. At present, 90 rooms are constructed, which accommodate 180 girls.



We also supported the [Women's Chamber of Commerce, Dera Ghazi Khan](#) in successfully arranging this Spring Festival targeted at providing opportunities for women of far flung areas to access financial services and participate in economic activities.



4. Health

NBP has donated an Ultrasound Machine for the patients at Pakistan's First Dedicated Breast Cancer Hospital, The Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Hospital located in Lahore, for early diagnosis of breast cancer.

PINKRIBBON a Project of Women's Empowerment Group (WEG) aims to provide diagnosis and treatment of cancer to patients from all strata of society. Over 4,000 underprivileged patients will be diagnosed each year using one machine.

NBP also collaborated with **Aga Khan University & Hospital** in raising funds for Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) surgeries by sponsoring their Annual Golf Tournament. CHD is a heart abnormality present at birth. Over 60,000 infants in Pakistan are born with CHD each year and over 60% are unable to survive beyond their first few years because of inadequate diagnostic and treatment facilities in our country.



5. Education

NBP also sponsored a Summer Camp for students of **SST Public School, Rashidabad, Tando Allahyar**. The objective of this camp was to provide an enriching and enjoyable experience to students during their summer break, allowing them to explore new interests, develop lifelong skills and foster camaraderie among their peers.



Support was extended to the **Aga Khan University - Institute for Educational Development** for organizing an International Conference to address "Technology, Pedagogy and Society: Critical Appreciation of the Present and Prospects for the Future" for the promotion of education and research in Pakistan. More than 500 participants from around the globe including policymakers, EdTech leaders, researchers, educators, practitioners, students and innovators attended.



Awards & Recognition

NBP's CSR initiatives have been recognized and the Bank has received several Awards in the categories of Education & Scholarships, Differently Abled Persons, Public Health & Safety Programs, Women Welfare, Empowerment & Development, Community Affairs, Crisis / Disaster Assistance and Partnership of the year.





CELEBRATING CSR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NBP Grabs five CSR Awards at the 13th Corporate Social Responsibility Summit & Awards. NBP received awards in the categories of Public Health / Safety Initiative, Women's Empowerment, Corporate Community Partnerships, Education / Scholarships Programs and Green Environment Stewardship.

