

OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

- OPF was established under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 as a non profit company.
- It is a public sector company, registered under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017.
- The Board of Governors of OPF is the governing body and all operations of OPF are managed under overall control of the Board.
- The present BOG was reconstituted on 11th June, 2018 by the Government of Pakistan.

FUNCTIONS

- Social welfare of the emigrants and their families in Pakistan and abroad.
- Establishing housing societies for the emigrants.
- Scholarships to the children of overseas Pakistanis for studies in the discipline of science, technology, art, management etc. in Pakistan and abroad.
- Establishing educational institutions where emigrants' children can study.
- Welfare activities for overseas Pakistanis as decided by the OPF Board of Governors/ Government of Pakistan.

WELFARE SCHEMES

- **Financial Aid Scheme:**

Introduced in 1980-81 to provide financial assistance to the destitute families of overseas Pakistanis in the event of death or disability of an overseas Pakistani. Present limit of grant is Rs.400,000/- in death and 300,000/- for disability cases, as one time grant (Non refundable). Total amount paid so far is Rs.2.89 billion to 13,252 destitute families and disable overseas Pakistanis.

- **Facilitation Counters for overseas Pakistanis at International Airports in Pakistan:**

In order to assist the overseas Pakistanis, OPF has established airport counters at all International Airports in Pakistan. Airport facilitation counters are functioning in the arrival/departure lounges of Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Multan, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Turbat, Gawadar and Islamabad airports. Necessary assistance is provided to the overseas Pakistanis at the time of arrival and departure.

- **Complaint Cell:**

A Complaint Cell has been established in OPF to expeditiously process the complaints of overseas Pakistanis.

- Operate through focal persons appointed in each district.
- Online Complaint Management System alongwith Pakistan's Citizen Portal of PM office are all being managed efficiently by OPF for resolution of complaints of overseas Pakistanis.
- Personal intervention by OPF officials to resolve the complaints.
- So far, 28,056 complaints out of 33,808 have been resolved (success rate 82.98%).

- **Settlement of Dues:**

OPF processes the dues/death/compensation cases of deceased and repatriated overseas Pakistanis with their Overseas Employers through Pak Mission of host countries and disburse recovered amount among legal heirs through a proper procedure. So far, 8,892 cases were settled and an amount of Rs.6.03 billion has been received and disbursed amongst legal heirs of overseas Pakistanis through concerned Deputy Commissioner's offices.

- **OPF Membership Cards:**

Overseas Pakistanis who have proceeded abroad after 23rd March, 1979 on valid protected work visa by the protectorate of Emigrants, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BE&OE) and Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) are automatically registered with OPF and can avail the services of OPF.

- **OPF Ambulance:**

OPF also extends all possible help and provides the facility of an ambulance free of cost from airport to deceased/disabled overseas Pakistanis' native town/village.

- **OPF – NADRA Swift Centre:**

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) and National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) had mutually collaborated on a joint initiative for establishment of OPF – NADRA Swift Centre at OPF Headquarters, Islamabad in order to facilitate overseas Pakistanis.

- **Relief Activities:**

OPF extends helping hand by initiating Emergency Relief Cell to deal with crisis / unforeseen circumstances or evacuation / repatriation of Pakistanis from host countries.

- **Overseas Desks at Police Stations F-6, Islamabad, Parachinar and Sadda:**

Overseas Desks at Police Stations F-6, Islamabad, Parachinar and Sadda have been inaugurated for early resolution of the complaints of overseas Pakistanis and their families. Ultimately, this facility will be extended to provincial capitals followed by other cities as well

- **MOU with GIZ Pakistan:**

An MOU has been signed with GIZ, Pakistan for grant of 3.13 Million Euros to facilitate the returning overseas Pakistanis in terms of their skill development in Pakistan's social and economic fabric for gainful employment. Under the MOU, 219 trade-specific Tool Kits as an In-Kind support were distributed amongst Returnee migrant workers to help them start sustained self-employment, in Pakistan.

- **OPF-DGI&P MRP Facilitation Centre for overseas Pakistanis:**

Establishment of Machine Readable Passport (MRP) facility in collaboration with Directorate General of Immigration & Passports (DGI&P), for the overseas Pakistanis and their dependents at OPF Head Office, Islamabad.

- **OPF–NH&MP Facilitation Centre for issuance of International Driving Licenses to overseas Pakistanis:**

NH&MP Facilitation Centre at NH&MP Driving Licensing Authority (DLA), H-8/2, Islamabad for issuance of international Driving licenses to overseas Pakistanis.

- **Funeral Grant:**

Funeral Grant by OPF for the destitute and needy families of overseas Pakistanis @ Rs.25,000/- as announced by the Prime Minister of Pakistan will be given on priority basis for performance of last rights and burial in a dignified manner, as per an approved disbursement criterion.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (27)

- OPF has established twenty seven (27) educational institutions (Schools/Colleges) throughout the country including AJ&K.

- **05 Colleges**

- ✓ OPF Girls College (Girls Campus F-8/2), Islamabad with hostel facilities.
- ✓ OPF Girls College (Boys Campus F-11/2), Islamabad.
- ✓ OPF Boys College, H-8/4, Islamabad.
- ✓ OPF Girls College, Rawalpindi.
- ✓ OPF Girls Higher Secondary School, Hangu.

- **22 Public Schools**

- ✓ Punjab 08 Sialkot, Multan, Bhalwal, Depalpur, Gujrat, Kallar Sayedan, Pakpattan and Sheikhpura.
- ✓ Sindh 05 Dadu, Larkana, Sanghar, Badin and Karachi
- ✓ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 04 D.I. Khan, Mansehra, Peshawar and Parachinar
- ✓ Balochistan 02 Quetta and Turbat
- ✓ AJ&K 03 Mirpur, Muzaffarabad and Kotli

- 100% admission guaranteed to overseas Pakistanis children in all OPF educational institutions.
- 50% Fee concession upto 4 children of overseas Pakistanis registered with OPF. Those overseas Pakistanis who have returned permanently to Pakistan can also avail this facility upto three years. OPF membership card, valid visa, copy of passport is required for grant of concession.
- **OPF Scholarship Scheme:**
OPF has launched a scholarship program for the children/spouse of overseas Pakistanis studying in Intermediate, Graduation and Master/MS level called Overseas Pakistanis Education Fund (OPEF). An amount of Rs.43.23 million has been distributed among 990 students since 2018.

- **E-Learning Initiative:**

- ✓ In order to enhance academic standard and to provide better and improved education, OPF has launched E-learning program.
- ✓ During the last three years, technology-aided online lectures have been started in nineteen (19) OPF educational institutions throughout Pakistan.
- ✓ To facilitate the children of overseas Pakistanis studying abroad OPF has extended its E-Learning Initiative (online lectures) to Pakistan International School in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayd Arab Pakistani School, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Efforts are underway to provide this facility to other Pakistani community schools in other countries as well.

HOUSING SCHEMES (12)

- Completed (07): Lahore (Phase-I), Gujrat, Larkana, Dadu, Peshawar, Turbat, Mirpur (AJ&K).
- Ongoing (04): Zone-V Islamabad, Lahore Phase-I Extension, OPF Farm Housing (OPF Greens) Islamabad and OPF Town Housing Scheme Lahore.
- Future Scheme (01): OPF Housing Scheme at Rawat.

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS FOUNDATION**

ACHIEVEMENTS / PERFORMANCE OF OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS FOUNDATION (OPF)
DURING THE INCUMBENCY OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT

Vision:-

To ensure the welfare of overseas Pakistanis and their families.

Mission:-

To ensure welfare of overseas Pakistanis and their families and contribute towards their systematic rehabilitation on return, by generating sufficient resources and coordination with the stakeholders

Objectives:-

1. Social welfare of the emigrants and their families in Pakistan and abroad.
2. Establishing Housing Societies for the emigrants.
3. Scholarships to the children of overseas Pakistanis for studies in the discipline of science, technology, art, management etc. in Pakistan and abroad.
4. Establishing educational institutions where children of Pakistani emigrants can study.
5. Welfare activities for overseas Pakistanis as decided by the OPF Board of Governors / Government of Pakistan.

Welfare Sector:

1. **Overseas Facilitation Desks** in Kurram District at Police Stations of **Parachinar and Satta** were inaugurated in June, 2022 for early resolution of the complaints of overseas Pakistanis and their families.
2. **Rs. 433.28 Million** has been recovered from the employers in the host country of those overseas Pakistanis who expired while working abroad.
3. Financial Assistance amounting to **Rs.293.3 Million** has been disbursed amongst **739 destitute families** of overseas Pakistanis.
4. **One Window Facilitation Desks (OWFDs)** at all major International Airports in Pakistan have been revamped.
5. **1,918 complaints** out of **2,171** received through Prime Minister Citizen Portal and Online Complaint Management System (OCMS) were resolved.
6. Liaison with Pakistan Mission abroad in **231 cases of Pakistani prisoners** abroad for provision of necessary facilitation admissible under the law of host countries.

8. 04 critically injured overseas Pakistanis patients repatriated to Pakistan.
9. Under MoU with **GIZ, Pakistan** to facilitate the **returning overseas Pakistanis** in terms of their skill development in Pakistan's social and economic fabric for gainful employment, etc, 85 trade-specific Tool Kits/Food Carts as an In-Kind support to help them start sustained self-employment were distributed amongst returnee migrant workers, in a ceremony organized by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) on September 20, 2022 at Islamabad.
10. A ceremony was organized in Peshawar under OPF's Pak – German Facilitation & Reintegration Centre (PGFRC) at Government Technical & Vocational Center for Women (GTVC-W), Hayatabad Peshawar on 02.01.2023, where certificates and toolkits were handed over to 60 females from returning migrants households in the fields of tailoring and cookery. These returnee migrants had also completed a comprehensive one and a half month business development training from GTVC-W, Hayatabad in these selected trades. Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & HRD was the chief guest at the ceremony
11. **3,693** CNICs/NICOP have been issued to the overseas Pakistanis and their families through OPF NADRA Swift Centre during the period.
12. During the period, **250** Passports were issued to the overseas Pakistanis through MRP Facilitation Centre for overseas Pakistanis established at OPF Head Office, Islamabad.
13. 564 complaints received at overseas desk, Model Police Station, F-6, Islamabad which were resolved with the concerned agencies.

Education Sector:

1. Development of Education Portal integrated with separate websites of OPF educational institutions. On 22nd April, 2022, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi, Federal Minister, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & HRD grace the ceremony as "Chief Guest".
2. Establishment of OPF Public School, Parachinar.
3. Fee Concession of Rs.87 million for children of overseas Pakistanis studying at OPF Educational Institutions on account of monthly tuition fee.
4. Scholarship amounting to Rs.15 million has been awarded to the children / spouses of overseas Pakistanis studying in Pakistan from Intermediate to Masters/MS/M.Phil level.
5. Ms. Asia Shahnawaz D/o Shahnawaz Khan, a student of OPF Public School, Larkana has secured 2nd position in the Matriculation Examination held under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Larkana.

6. Ms. Zainab Afzal, a student of OPF Girls College, Islamabad has achieved outstanding learner award in Cambridge International Examination, 2022 in Physics.
7. Student strength increased from 18921 to 20173 in all OPF educational institutions.

Housing Sector:

1. **Approval of building plans** for construction of **high-rise commercial complex** at 8.17 Kanals land at OPF Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore by LDA.
2. **Hiring of Contractor** for construction of **high-rise commercial complex** at 8.17 Kanals land at OPF Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore by LDA. Tender for the same has already been published.
3. **Construction of 50 built up houses** (country homes) to overseas Pakistanis at OPF Housing Scheme, Zone-V, Islamabad. (Construction works 70% Completed).
4. **Construction of apartment buildings** (120 Apartments) to overseas Pakistanis at OPF Housing Scheme, Zone-V, Islamabad. (Construction works 55% Completed).
5. **Energization of Electrification** at **OPF Housing Scheme Zone-V**, Islamabad by sanctioning of 700 KW load through IESCO from existing system.
6. **Provision of Water Supply** at **OPF Housing Scheme Zone-V**, Islamabad by laying of Water pipe line at the area which was earlier under litigation.
7. **Approval of Gas Connection** by SNGPL for provision of Gas at OPF Housing Scheme Zone-V, Islamabad.
8. Approval of **Revised Master Plan of OPF Housing Scheme Phase-I & Extension** by Lahore Development Authority (LDA), which resulted in handing over of possession of plots to overseas Pakistanis / Allottees pending since 2008.
9. Acquisition of **45 kanal land at OPF Housing Scheme, Peshawar through Supreme Court of Pakistan.**
10. Initiated following projects for **uplifting / Revamping of OPF Housing Scheme Zone-V**, Islamabad:-
 - a. Landscaping Works at DAM Surroundings.
 - b. Installation of Tube Well within the scheme.
 - c. Installation of Street Lights.
 - d. Levelling / dressing, cleaning of shrubs from plot areas.
 - e. Horticulture works.
 - f. Construction of Mosque.

- g. Construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- h. Development of Green Areas.
11. **Redemption of mortgaged plots by CDA** (227 residential plots including commercial area of Block-F). These 227 plots include the plots of all the allottees who were pressing hard for getting possession of their plots. OPF is now in position to hand over possession of these plots to the allottees.
12. **Development** of OPF Town Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore (80% Completed).
13. **Initiated Electrification works** at OPF Housing Scheme Phase-I Extension Lahore.
14. **Initiated underground Electrification works** at OPF Farm Housing (OPF Greens) Scheme Raiwind Road, Lahore.
15. **Construction** of school building at Dadu.
16. Construction of **additional academic block** at OPF School Quetta.
17. Completion of Hostel Building and Principal residence at OPF Boys College H-8/4, Islamabad.
18. **Revamping and upgradation of OPF School / Colleges** at Badin, Sanghar, Sheikhupura, Multan, Gujrat, Peshawar, F-8 Islamabad and Quetta.

Source of Income:-

- Welfare fund created under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 and the Rules made thereunder; @ Rs. 2000/emigrant
- Income from investments
- Income from Education Sector
- Receipts from Housing Schemes
- Rental Income (Rental, Interest on Loans and other Misc. Income)

Constraints:-

1. Insufficiency of financial resources to improve OPF's ongoing welfare activities and / or to introduce further welfare schemes / programs for the benefit of overseas Pakistanis and their families. Non revision of the rate of welfare fund contribution (Rs.2000/-) for more than 10 years.
2. In Housing Projects seeking approval / NOC's from civic agencies.
