

# THE ECI QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

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## ECI Speaks in 2021?:

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With the beginning of the new year 2021, where the world anticipated a new chapter, ECI with new hopes, new ambitions, and new energy continued outdoing its efforts in challenging times. These continued efforts have been to bring a change in shaping and transforming lives simultaneously innovating and standing out in creativity with the new normal. The aim has been to reach out to those that remained vulnerable during the most aggravating times of COVID-19 as well as the stakeholders involved, therefore, ECI with its considerable efforts successfully achieved great results where:



674

Lives Transformed



06

Comprehensive  
Curriculum Designed



15

Trainings



11

Districts

Once again, ECI with its vision and mission of empowering individuals and enabling institutions and beneficiaries for progressive growth emphasized bringing positive change in the lives because every life matters. There have been no limits to ECI's potential and the challenges are embraced with dedication and persistence observing teamwork and consultative processes with the team/s, partners, and beneficiaries.

ECI welcomed and embraced the first-ever warm partnership proffered by the new reknown International Trade Centre (ITC) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The partnership's goals varied, enabling ECI to develop the capacities and branch out to the untapped geographic regions, and administer the process efficiencies.

ECI strongly believes that with challenges come opportunities. ECI thrills and takes pride to conceptualize along with broadening its horizons while overcoming the challenges and sharing the successes. ECI takes much pride in having a committed team, supportive associates, talented beneficiaries, active partners, and trustful clients that remain indispensable in forwarding the cause along with putting confidence in ECI for exploring new avenues for future transformations in human resources.



## On-Campus Engagement of at least 15,000 students enrolled in Public Universities

The Community Engagement Program (CEP) is being conducted in the Khyber Pakhtunwa (KP) province of Pakistan to facilitate 15000 youth (50% of which are female) from different public Universities in KP.

During this quarter, ECI, despite the challenges has been victorious to reach 369 youth among which 210 were indirect participants. The activities of the quarter included sports competition, debates, meetings with administration.



Some of the comments of the participants noted are:

"This training has changed my way of thinking to look at problems. I learnt that we need to find creative ways to address any issues at hand"

**Aisha**  
mentioned

"This is the first-ever kind of training of my life where I learned about positive and creative thinking. The training also taught me the ways to work for peace promotion while being patient and receptive."

**Atif**  
4th-semester  
student commented



## The Art of Counselling For Muslim Hands Teachers

Career counseling is a key element that will help you to know and understand yourself and the world of work to make career, educational, and life decisions. ECI has been providing counseling services to Muslim Hands Teachers for an extended period of time.



During the quarter, ECI conducted a 2-day training on the "Art of Counselling" with the selected target group of trainees i.e. teachers, to transform them into lead and peer counselors for a better understanding of students' issues on different layers. The training was backed up by the handbook covering guidelines, exercises, and sessions coupled with sufficient provision of Powerpoint presentations as learning material.

After the training, monitoring visits were conducted where the performance and progress of teachers and students were supervised, monitored, and debriefed. Based on the findings of monitoring visits, ECI also conducted a refresher training.

Training Description	# of male	# of female	Total
Refresher	8	24	32
Initial	3	26	29

"The training methodology and training techniques used in the training by both the trainers made it easy for us to understand the content otherwise..... It was so engaging that even we could not sense that the training ended"

**Faiza Ijaz**  
Said



### Empower Youth for Work

The EYW, an initiative undertaken by the ECI in collaboration with OXFAM, to empower 300 unemployed youth (mostly girls) from the rural and urban areas of Jomshoro, Sindh, The phase-wise training process was rigorously done by ECI which included but were not limited to providing the trainees with essentials such as handbooks, training manuals focusing on soft skills, entrepreneurship development, job readiness, etc. that facilitated the trainees in understanding complex concepts. Consequently, among these target numbers, the project aimed:



To place 250 trainees on the job and

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To facilitate and support 50 trainees to initiate their businesses.



In this quarter, ECI identified STARS from existing youth pool available with the project the first phase, the individuals were trained and named as stars and Youth Group Members (YGM), stars and YGM purpose was to build further youth groups in their respective areas. Simultaneously, mini job fairs were conducted to bring the potential young applicants and employers from different organizations/firms/companies together where these applicants could be shortlisted and hired.

Total:

158

In this context, ECI with its continuous efforts connected almost 158 applicants to various employers.

## Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP)

GRASP, a project designed to reduce poverty in Pakistan by strengthening small-scale agribusinesses in two provinces: Balochistan and Sindh. GRASP is implemented by the International Trade Centre – the joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization – with active participation from local partners.

During this quarter, ECI conducted a 5-day ToT for participants in Quetta. The participants for the ToT were selected from various target districts through a thorough process. Breakdown of selected participants is as follows:



Area	Female	Male	Area	Female	Male
Khuzdar	3	3	Quetta	3	9
Lasbela	2	4	Zhob	2	4
Pishin	3	4	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>



## Training of Government Officials and Community Participants on DRM

In the project Four (04) Training Sessions (each training for 4 days) of Government Officials and Community Participants from Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, Line Department and other relevant stakeholders were conducted on Disaster Risk Management. The overall aim of this training was to develop the necessary understanding and skills of concerned with regards to disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and reporting and associated roles and responsibilities of different categories of groups for each of these phases. Furthermore, two customized handbooks full of examples, definitions, scenarios, group activities, etc. were also provided to the two target groups.

Training roll-outs	<b>04</b>
Facilitated and sensitized	
Government Officials	<b>116</b>
Community Participants	<b>35</b>

Training Module Developed	
In Urdu	<b>01</b>
In English	<b>01</b>



It was honor to have honorable Chief Minister of Gilgit Baltistan on the venue for closure ceremony where his positive and encouraging remarks added to the highlights of the training.



Participant's comment:

"I attended a four-day training for DRM as an observer ...It's been relevant to all line departments... the approach used was collaborative. And people worked in a very cohesive manner. It was interactive, the environment was also great where everyone felt comfortable in sharing ideas and experiences. I feel that people will come out learning a lot from each other and the training and I would like to thanks ECI for the organization of this training."

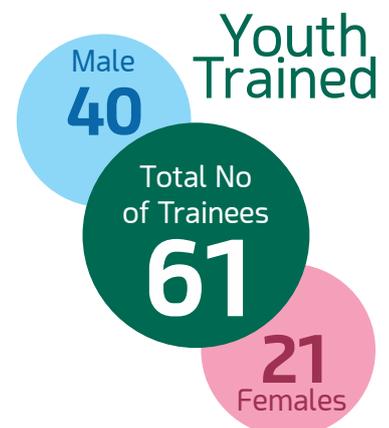
**Mariam Zafar**

Knowledge Management Consultant at UNDP



## Hiring of Training Firms to Conduct Digital Skills Training for Afghan Refugees Youth

In the era where individuals can take initiatives and work from home, the importance of digital skills and online jobs has increased manifolds particularly in the emerging COVID-19 situation where businesses are highly getting involved in online stream. During the challenging times of COVID-19, ECI provided consulting services to Inspire Pakistan for conducting digital skills training for Afghan refugee youth specifically designed to enhance the capacities of Afghan Youth (male and female) on digital and life skills in Quetta, Pakistan. This initiative during the tough times of COVID-19 by the ECI was happily taken on and continuously pursued for 17 weeks. By using both on-site and online expertise.





The training aimed to provide the opportunity of learning market-driven and innovative digital skills that is helpful for the youth in finding employment opportunities for sustainable and resilient livelihoods as well as equipping them with entrepreneurial skills leading them to contribute to social development. At the end of this project, ECI placed 17 youth in internship programs in various organizations.

Course Name	Course Duration	Training Mode
Soft Skills	3.5 weeks	Offline
Digital Skills (Photography and Graphic Designing)	10 weeks	Online
Freelancing Skills	3.5 weeks	Online

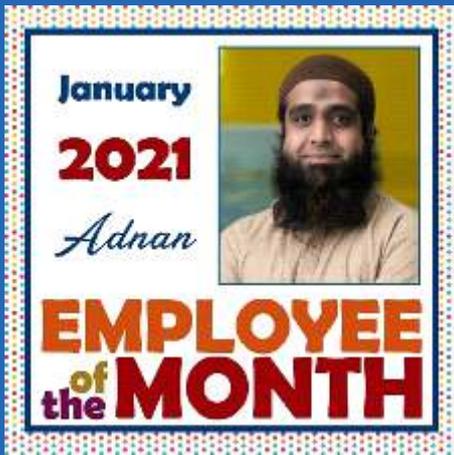




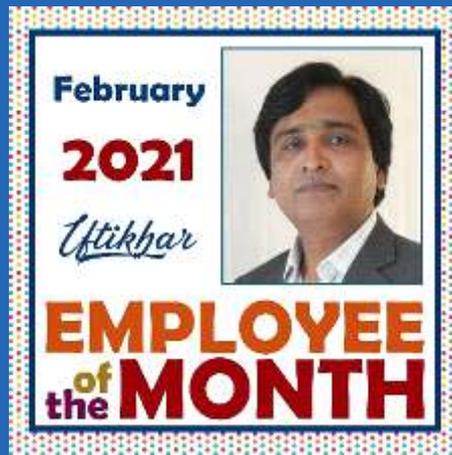
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## Employees of the Auspicious Quarter

January  
Mr. Adnan Bukhari



February  
Mr. Iftikhar Ali Memon



March  
Mr. Bakhtyar Ahmad



## ECI Celebrations

The continued celebrations at ECI are central to its family. The sharing of joy and success of its staff, partners, stakeholders, and everyone associated is core value of ECI.

## New Year's Celebrations:

The new year of 2021, started and celebrated with a new spirit and zeal at ECI. The remembrance of 2019 and 2020 pandemic aftermaths, with prayers for the bereaved ones and hopes for auspicious days of the future years for everyone.

## Women's day:

Three of the key positions at ECI are held by women. ECI uplifts and provides enabling environment to all its staff especially females to express and nourish in the learning stream of knowledge and skills. Token of appreciation were given by ECI to its female members.





## Learning Materials, Curriculum and Modules

In this quarter, ECI continued with its designing and production as below:

### Client

### Training Manual



6 day ToT Micro Agro Entrepreneurship  
1 day Enterprise Development Training

6 day training Disaster Risk Management  
Community Based Disaster Risk Management



1 day refresher on Career Counselling

4 day Enterprise Development Training



Following three  
manuals are  
in process:

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UNICEF - IPCI manuals

2

Nutrition International -  
E-training manuals of  
Iodization of salt

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Farmer's Agriculture  
Organization (FAO) -  
Curricula for Farmer's  
Field School



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