

Religions for Peace Pakistan

Progress Report 2025

Building Bridges, Fostering Resilience, and Championing Justice

Introduction

Religions for Peace Pakistan (RFP Pakistan) has continued to champion interfaith harmony, climate justice, and social equity in 2025. Religions for Peace Pakistan (RFP Pakistan) continued to serve as a national and regional leader in advancing interfaith harmony, climate justice, and social equity. Through strategic partnerships, community-rooted initiatives, and robust advocacy, the organization has made a meaningful impact across diverse communities in Pakistan and extended its influence beyond borders. From high-level engagement with government and international institutions to deep grassroots efforts in conflict-prone and climate-vulnerable areas, RFP Pakistan has worked with integrity and compassion to create sustainable and inclusive change. This report elaborates on the organization's key achievements, recognitions, events, and collaborations throughout the year.

This report highlights key achievements, events, and recognitions from the past year.

Key Events and Conferences

1. Interfaith Peace Conference

- **Organized by:** President Khalid Nawaz Khan Marwat.
- **Participants:** 300+ leaders from Muslim, Christian, Hindu, and Sikh communities
- **Outcomes:** Signed a *Multifaith Justice Pact*

2. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards & Conference

- **Organized and Led by:** Huma Ikramullah, Associate Secretary General for RFP Asia.
- **Attendees:** Ministers, corporate CEOs, and 50+ faith leaders.
- **Key Initiative:** Channeling CSR funds into faith-based environmental projects.

3. Mind-Heart Dialogue Training: Organized by UNICEF, JLI, and RFP Pakistan, this training equipped 40 faith leaders with tools as Master Trainer .

Huma Ikramullah led as Facilitator and National Coordinator on MHD and represented Religions for Peace Pakistan in July 2024.

4. Interfaith Iftari at Pentecostal Church

- **Hosted by:** Ateeq Pastor Bhatti, Chairperson.
- **Highlights:** 150+ attendees, including bishops, imams, and diplomats and spoke on importance of Interfaith harmony .

5. High-Level Parliamentary Engagements

- **Associate Secretary General** represented RFP Pakistan at:
 - **18th Speakers' Conference:** Advocated for gender-responsive climate legislation.
 - **EU Delegation Consultations:** Pushed for policies linking minority rights to climate adaptation.
 - **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association First Joint Conference of Asia and South Asia**
 - **High level meetings with different Donors, CSO, Businessmen and Parliamentarians**
 - **Was invited as Chief Guest to Indus University as Chief Guest to speak on Women Rights on International Woman's Day 2025**
 - **Peace Club**

Awards and Recognitions

1. Women Excellence Award 2025

- **Recipients:** Associate Secretary General and Secretary General of RFP Pakistan. Huma Ikramullah
- **Awarded by:** Women Chamber of Commerce.
- **Significance:** Recognized for advancing gender equity in interfaith and climate initiatives. This prestigious recognition was awarded for the continued efforts to integrate gender equity into interfaith programs and environmental justice campaigns. It has enabled the inclusion of women's voices in religious, social, and policy spaces, bridging traditional faith narratives with modern feminist advocacy.

2. Award for Justice and Interfaith Harmony

- **Recipient:** Khalid Nawaz Khan Marwat President Religions for Peace Pakistan .
 - **Achievements:** For promoting Justice , Peace and Interfaith for minorities and mediated interfaith dialogues in conflict-prone regions. His work strengthened minorities participation in peace processes
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3. CSR Award for Community Service and Women interfaith network

- **Recipient:** Seemi Ikramullah, Chairperson, Women of Faith Network.
- **Achievements:** For Women Interfaith Network Award and Community Service work for marginalized women and mediated interfaith dialogues in conflict-prone regions. Her work strengthened women's participation in peace processes and built sustainable livelihood pathways for religious minorities.

4. Pro Bono Advocacy Award

- **Recipient:** Muhammad Kashif, Chairperson, Legal Rights and Human Rights Committee.
- **Awarded by:** Minister for Human Rights.
- **Impact:** Spearheaded legal aid for 200+ women and children and filed landmark petitions linking climate change to human rights violations.

5. Rotary International Honor

- **Recipient:** Seemi Ikramullah, Chairperson, Women of Faith Network.
- **Achievements:** For Vocational training centers for marginalized women and mediated interfaith dialogues in conflict-prone regions.

6. Governor of Sindh Leadership Award

- **Recipient:** Associate Secretary General Huma Ikramullah
 - **Reason:** Excellence in peacebuilding and Climate Change . Commended for visionary leadership in post-flood rehabilitation efforts, fostering multisectoral cooperation among government agencies, faith communities, and humanitarian partners to advance climate resilience and peacebuilding.
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Community Outreach and Humanitarian Projects

Clean and Accessible Drinking Water for All Religious Communities

1. **Initiatives:** In an effort to ensure equitable access to safe drinking water, RFP Pakistan initiated the installation of solar-powered water filtration plants and hand pumps in underserved areas, particularly those inhabited by religious minorities. These facilities now serve thousands of residents across rural Sindh, Balochistan, and South Punjab. Over 80 handpumps installed in collaboration .
2. **Interfaith Collaboration:** Local religious leaders—imams, pastors, pundits, and granthis—were engaged in site selection and community sensitization to promote ownership and sustainability.
3. **Impact:** Beyond addressing waterborne diseases and child malnutrition, this initiative also strengthened interfaith solidarity by demonstrating shared concern for human dignity and public health.

Solar-Powered Water Filtration Plant and 15 handpumps funded by RFP

- **Location:** Sindh.
 - **Capacity:** Provides clean water to 10,000+ residents daily.
 - **Sustainability:** Funded by RFP Pakistan
4. **Ramadan and Easter Relief Programs**
 - **Led by:** Zeeshan, Chairperson, Civil Society Organizations Network.
 - **Impact:** Distributed food/clothes to 15,00+ families; installed 80 handpumps in drought-hit regions.
 - **Wheelchair Initiative:** Provided mobility aids to 200+ disabled children.
 5. **Climate Change Awareness Campaigns**
 - **Led by:** Sadia Tariq, Chairperson, Media and Youth.
 - **Activities:** Seminars at universities; partnered with CSO on a youth-led *Green Influencers* program.

Interfaith and International Collaboration

1. **Dialogue with Indian Shrine Leadership**
 - **Delegation Visit:** Met the Head of Nizamuddin Aulia Shrine (Delhi) to explore joint peace initiatives.
2. **Interfaith Legal Advocacy Network**

- **Launched at:** Lawyers' Roundtable convened by President Marwat.
- **Goal:** Mobilize 200+ pro bono lawyers to defend climate refugees and persecuted minorities.

Ms Valentina Gomes EC Member also organized various interfaith events in collaboration with Focolare Movement and other platforms.

Future Goals (2026)

1. Expand the *Women of Faith Network* to all provinces, targeting 50% female representation in climate governance.
2. Scale up *Green Initiative* to fund solar projects in rural worship spaces.

Conclusion

Religions for Peace Pakistan remains a beacon of hope in turbulent times. By merging spiritual wisdom with legal rigor and grassroots action, we are proving that unity in diversity is not just an ideal—it is a practice. As Seemi Ikramullah remarked at the Award ceremony, *“When women lead, resilience follows.”*

“There is no faith without service, no peace without justice.”

— RFP Pakistan Motto