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Institution name Heritage Foundation of Pakistan

Address of headquarters E-6, 4th Gizri Street, DHA 4, Karachi, 75500, Pakistan

Address of nominated institution if different from headquarters _____

Date of creation 1981 Main fields of activity Heritage and Humanitarian Aid

Size 35 persons Organization structure Not for Profit. Research based

Annual budget and sources of income Pak Rs. 30 million (Heritage and Humanitarian Budget Combined), Donations from diverse sources and training fees for DRR compliant strategies

Name and title of chief executive officer Yasmeen Lari, SI, Chair and C.E.

For those submitting nominations, please provide your details

Nominator's name International Organization for Migration

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Present position Intergovernmental Organization

Previous posts and functions N/A

In less than 400 words, please describe the remarkable and innovative effort carried out by the nominee to reduce the impact of disasters and build disaster resilience under the theme “*Shaping the Future.*”

The nominee, Heritage Foundation of Pakistan (HF), has developed the technical and training basis for programmes undertaken by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in recent years, as detailed below. In addition, HF has supported project implementation as a key technical partner by training, mentoring and monitoring IOM’s implementing partners.

a. Low carbon footprint construction of 38,500 shelters since 2011 undertaken by IOM through its One Room Shelter Programme, with technical support from HF

Heritage Foundation’s assessment and analysis of existing vernacular construction practices in Sindh, as presented in its publication titled “Build Back Safer with Vernacular Methodologies,” informed the design of IOM’s One Room Shelter Programme. Based on the findings, recommended technical modifications were adopted to make prevailing shelter typologies more resistant to future disasters, while promoting a low carbon footprint through the use of sustainable and locally available materials such as mud, lime and bamboo rather than timber and burnt brick. IOM accordingly adapted shelter methodologies and training curriculum to better suit the needs and environment of affected communities. Shelters constructed with the recommended DRR modifications in response to floods in 2011 and 2012 have withstood rains and floods in subsequent years, contributing to more resilient communities.

b. Women-centered Community Based Disaster Risk Management Programme (CBDRM) undertaken by IOM in 7 villages of Sindh in 2013

Following a holistic and integrated model, the women-centered CBDRM Programme promotes disaster preparedness among communities as an essential element in order to enhance their resilience. The communities are trained to achieve self-reliance by implementing activities focusing on hygiene, WASH, food security, alternative income generation activities etc. As women play a key role in the family, the approach is to enhance their awareness and make them cognizant of their own role to address the factors of core poverty, leading to vulnerabilities. Since it is imperative to avoid displacement after a disaster, communities, particularly women, are provided training to take a leading role in disaster preparedness.

Building on the achievements of the CBDRM Programme, HF’s Barefoot Village Entrepreneurs, trained in “green skills,” have begun to market DRR-compliant, low cost products (e.g. safer shelter, eco-toilets, fuel-efficient earthen stoves, earthen platforms to store water, grain, animal feed etc.) in surrounding villages. This forms part of a comprehensive disaster preparedness strategy, aiming to alleviate poverty and regenerate local economies.

In less than 100 words, please describe how the nominee's work is funded.

- The ORS and women-centered CBDRM programs have been funded by IOM.
- Funds for training in green skills have been provided by the International Labour Organization which has expressed an interest in funding another green skills training program in Sindh.
- HF's pre-2011 experimental work was funded by the Scottish Government International Development Fund, Swiss Pakistan Society and US-based Architecture for Humanity.