

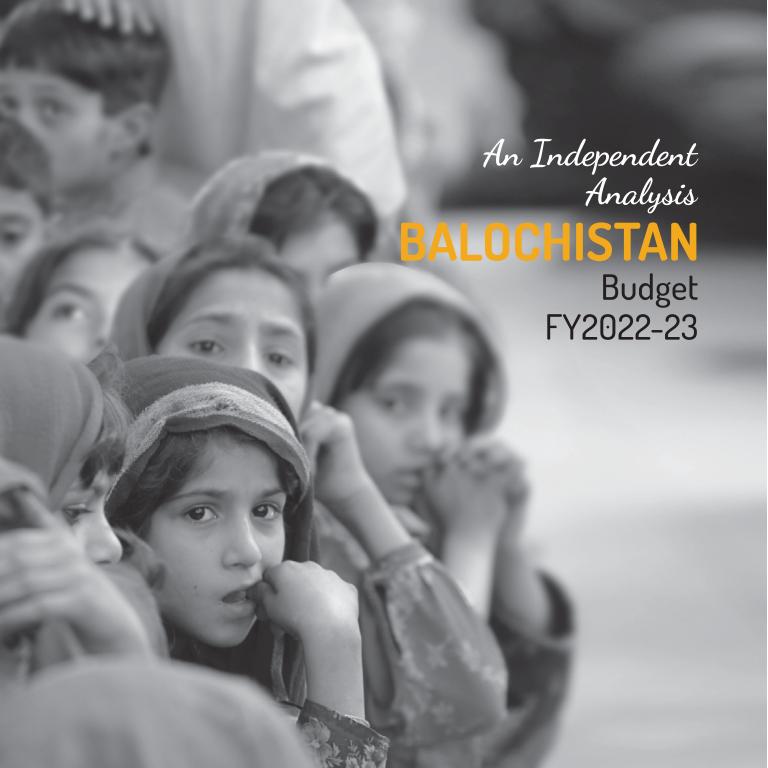


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## Acronyms

Balochistan Commission on the Status of Women Basic Health Unit BHU Balochistan Technical & Vocational Education & Training Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid DNA Darul Aman Foreign Project Assistance Financial Year Gender Based Violence Gender Responsive Budgets GRB Information Communication Technology Public Sector Development Programme PWDs Persons With Disability Sustainable Development Goals

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Rs.612.79 billion is Balochistan's total budget for FY2022-23. It is 5.06% more than the preceding year's Rs.584.08 billion. Of the total outlay, Rs.246.07 billion is allocated for development. This includes the Provincial PSDP of Rs.192.37 billion, Foreign Project Assistance (FPA) of Rs.14.06 billion and federally-funded projects of Rs.39.64 billion. Balochistan's current budget for FY2022-23 is Rs.366.71 billion.

Development funds grouped under different categories shows that Economy is allocated the largest share, i.e., Rs.73.20 billion or 29.74% of Balochistan's total development outlay of Rs.246.07 billion. This is followed by Social Sector that is allocated Rs.63.4 billion or 25.77% of the total. Under Social Sector, funds are included for Education, Health, Population Welfare, Women Development, Social Welfare and Sports & Minority Affairs.

	Allocation	% of Total
Economy	73.2	29.74
Social Sector	63.41	25.77
Infrastructure	56.98	23.15
Administration	12.87	5.23
	Rs. Billion	

#### **GRB** Proposal

Develop capacity & systems to help the government generate sex-disaggregated data. This may be done by initiatives like including a Gender Assessment in the PC-1 form. Within the Social Sector, Public Health Engineering has the highest allocation of Rs.22.88 billion, followed by Rs.19.77 billion for Education. More funds for these sectors may be included in block allocations, local government and umbrella schemes for district development.

The Foundation has applied a gender lens to its analysis of Balochistan's Budget FY2022-23 using Shirkat Gah's assessment of international obligations made under CEDAW and the SDGs. The findings of the analysis, including details of selected budget allocations and projects/schemes, are categorized under six themes:

- 1. Gender-based violence
- 2. Women's economic empowerment
- 3. Women & social services (health & education)
- 4. Climate change
- Social protection & vulnerable groups
  (PWDs, transgender persons & religious minorities)
- 6. Institutions that support women's empowerment

Since 2021 the Foundation and Shirkat Gah are consistently engaging with parliamentarians and government officials in Balochistan to promote gender responsive budgeting and compliance with CEDAW & SDGs. In consultation with the Balochistan's Women Parliamentary Caucus, other MPs and government officials, they helped prepare GRB proposals for Balochistan's Budget FY2022-23 which are also documented in this publication.







Rs.20.00 million is allocated under Women Development for establishing a Women Centre, Helpline and Shelter in Quetta. Rs.50.00 million is the total cost of this ongoing scheme and its reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.10.00 million. Under Social Welfare, Rs.20.00 million is allocated for establishing technical training institutes within Darul Amans (and also Rehabilitation Centres for Drug Addicts).

Under Health, Rs.149.57 million is allocated for establishing a forensic laboratory in Quetta. The total cost of this ongoing scheme is Rs.747.85 million and its expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.249.29 million. This laboratory will improve response to GBV if it helps enhance DNA testing facilities.

Under Local Government, Rs.29.43 million is allocated in FY2022-23 for providing Birth Registration facilities in Balochistan. No expenditure is reported under this ongoing scheme, which has a total cost of Rs.147.16 million. Better birth registration is essential to prevent early-age marriages.

In Balochistan's PSDP, Rs.11.44 million is allocated under Local Government for street lights in Quetta, which can help prevent and better respond to GBV. Under Science & Information Technology, Rs.1,434.39 million and Rs.400.00 million are allocated for the Quetta and Gwadar Safe City projects. Rs.4,377.89 million is the total cost for Quetta and Rs.1,475.89 million for the Gwadar project. As of 30 June 2022, expenditure reported under the Quetta project is Rs.1,303.50 million and Rs.362.06 million under Gwadar. Including installation of street lights in these projects will help prevent and respond to GBV.

#### **GRB Proposals**

- Build capacities of first responders (DUA staff, police & the judiciary) to better understand GBV and its impact on survivors so that they are able to serve them with greater sensitivity.
- Implement a creative, effective public information campaign to prevent & respond to early-age marriage & sexual harassment.

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Under Women Development, Rs. 56.00 million is allocated for Women Business Incubation Centres at Gwadar, Kharan, Khuzdar, Loralai, Pishin & Quetta. Another Rs.36.00 million is allocated for Women Bazaars in Gwadar, Kharan, Khuzdar, Loralai & Quetta. The total cost of these schemes is Rs.316.00 million and their cumulative expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.157.40 million.

Under Balochistan's development budget, Rs.10,148.74 million is allocated for 143 projects related to agricultural extension, research and engineering. This includes Rs.114.22 million allocated for promoting olive, saffron, pistachio, garlic and ginger cultivation in the province. Rs.100 million is provided to support tunnel farming in Balochistan and another Rs.12.50 million for its promotion in Ziarat. Under Agricultural Research, Rs.8.60 million is allocated in FY2022-23 for innovations to enhance crop productivity in Balochistan. This ongoing scheme's total cost is Rs.363.25 million and its expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.354.65 million. Rs.80.00 million is also provided for research to expand olive production.

Under Livestock & Dairy Development, Rs.1,627.85 million is allocated for 8 new and 51 ongoing schemes, including Rs.58.81 million for backyard rural poultry in the province.



The lack of sex-disaggregated details makes it difficult to assess if women will benefit from these resources and schemes.

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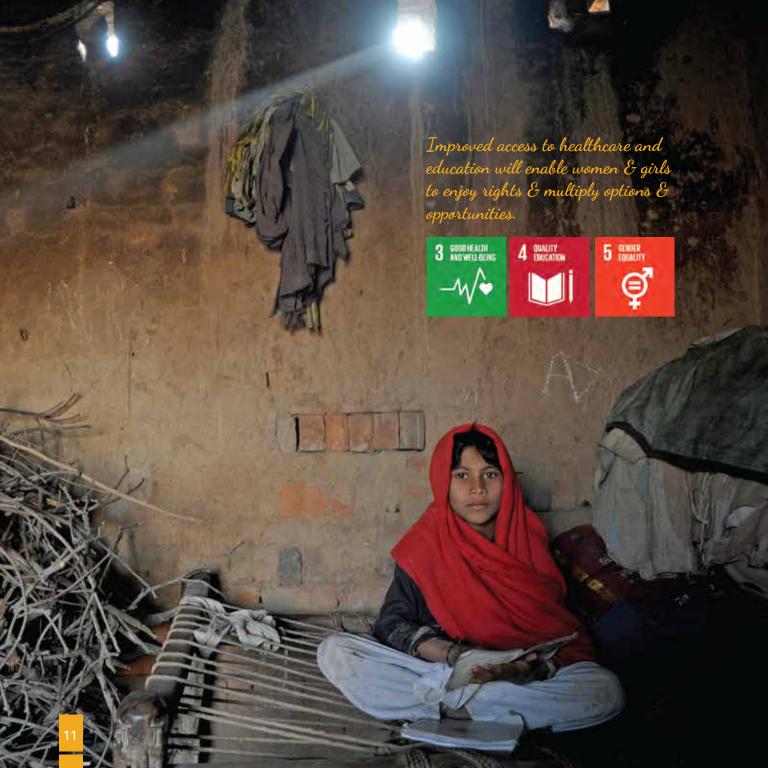
Under Industries & Commerce, Rs.986.44 million is allocated for 18 projects, including Rs.50.00 million for a one-window facilitation of investors and Rs.20.00 million for constructing a technical & vocational training institute for small industries in Quetta.

Under Women Development, an internship programme is provided Rs.20.00 million. Its expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.4.06 million against a total project cost of Rs.100.00 million. Under Social Welfare, Rs.27.00 million is allocated for dastkari (embroidery) centres.



Also under Women Development, Rs.141.00 million is allocated for constructing working women's hostels at the divisional headquarters. Rs.705.00 million is the total cost for these facilities and Rs.335.92 million is the reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022. Rs.13.54 million is also allocated under the current budget for working women hostels in Kech, Loralai, Quetta & Sibi.

Rs.24.00 million is allocated in FY2022-23 for the construction of Day Care Centres in six girls' colleges in Loralai, Mastung, Pishin, Quetta, Sibi, Turbat and Zhob. The same amount allocated in the preceding year is shown as expended as of 30 June 2022 against a total project cost of Rs.120.00 million. Under Administration, Rs.10.00 million is allocated for constructing a Day Care Centre at the Civil Secretariat in Quetta. Rs.25.00 million is the total cost of this scheme and Rs.15.00 million has been expended as of 30 June 2022.



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Under Education, Balochistan's PSDP includes Rs.19,786.65 million for 740 schemes related to primary, secondary, college, university, technical and general education. 55% of the total amount, i.e., Rs.10,879.35 million is allocated for primary and secondary education. For recurrent costs, the Education sector is allocated Rs.102,779.18 million.

Under Health, Balochistan's PSDP includes Rs.11,987.00 million for 146 ongoing and 65 new schemes. The Population Welfare Development Programme has an allocation of Rs.100.00 million. Its total cost is Rs.500.00 million, and expenditure reported as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.60.00 million. Under the current budget, Health is allocated Rs.23,546.02 million and Population Welfare Rs.1,339.60 million.

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ensure citizens, especially women & the poor, have better access to information & services like healthcare. It will be particularly benefit those in remote areas of the province by improving their ability to connect & interact with service providers.







Projects & funds to build climate resilience are included in several sectors under Balochistan's Budget FY2022-23. example, under Forests & Wildlife, the Ten Trees Tsunami Programme is Billion allocated Rs.1,014.70 million against a total cost of Rs.4,667.22 million. Rs.1,160.42 million is its reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022. A multi-sectoral project for conserving the Juniper forest is allocated Rs.8.80 million in FY2022-23. Its reported expenditure is Rs.355.01 million, which is 98% of its total cost of Rs.363.81 million. Rs.127.32 million is allocated for improving rangelands. Another Rs.50.00 million is allocated for strengthening protected areas for biodiversity conservation, education and scientific research. Rs.20.00 million is allocated for a research centre to develop mangroves along Balochistan's coastline. Rs.20.00 million is provided for eco-tourism in the Shaban Valley near Quetta.

539 Irrigation schemes are allocated Rs.15,754.12 million. These include several schemes for improving water and flood management. For example, Rs.1,000.00 million is allocated for constructing check dams and retention structures. Its total cost is Rs.5,000.00 million and reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.1,848.60 million.

More than 900 schemes on clean energy are included in different sectors under Balochistan's PSDP. For example, under Energy, Rs.60.00 milllion is allocated for solarization of off-grid high schools and Rs.74.44 million for off-grid BHUs. The total cost of these ongoing schemes is Rs.672.19 million and expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.67.50 million.

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Rs.963.61 million is allocated for Minority Affairs. This includes Rs.291.45 million for recurrent costs and Rs.672.16 million for 50 development schemes related to improving worship & funeral places, graveyards and shamshan ghats (cremation grounds). Funds for religious minorities are also allocated in other sectors. For example, Rs.10.00 million is allocated under Local Government for constructing a hall at the Guru Nanak Darbar Shahi Bagh in Khuzdar. Under Social Welfare. Rs.31.00 million allocated for multi-purpose halls for the Hindu community in Mastung and Quetta and Rs.10.00 million for the Gospel Vision Church in Quetta.

Funds for PWDs allocated under Social Welfare include Rs.50.00 million for a Rehabilitation Programme, Rs.20.00 million distributing tri-motorcycles Rs.50.00 million for a new scheme to establish an adaptive sports complex in Quetta. Rs.25.00 million is also allocated for a Special Education Complex in Sibi. Its reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022 is Rs.5.00 million against a total cost of Rs.30.00 million. Another new scheme for establishing a rehabilitation centre for the mentally challenged is allocated Rs.50.00 million. Under Local Government, Rs.20.00 million (out of a total cost of Rs.100.00 million) is allocated for constructing ramps, toilets and other facilities in public places.







Under Social Welfare, Rs.20.00 million is allocated for distributing 1,000 sewing and 500 embroidery machines to support the livelihood of poor women. Another Rs.57.50 million is allocated for two new schemes under which sewing and washing machines will be distributed in Quetta and Ziarat. Rs.30.00 million is allocated for distributing laptops to deserving students in the province. No expenditure is reported as of 30 June 2022 against this ongoing scheme that shows a total cost of Rs.150.00 million. An additional Rs.30.00 million is allocated for a new scheme under which laptops will be distributed in Panjgur.

No budget allocation for transgender persons is apparent in Balochistan's Budget FY2022-23.



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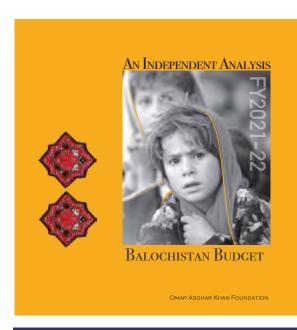
The Women Development Department is allocated Rs.724.71 million in FY2022-23, which is 28.68% less than Rs.932.62 million allocated in the preceding year. Funds allocated to WDD include Rs.442.24 million for 15 development schemes/projects, Rs.40.00 million for a Women includina Empowerment Centre, Women Academy and Women Digital Library in Quetta. Rs.40.00 million allocated in the preceding year for this scheme appears to be unutilized as of 30 June 2022. Another Rs.24.00 million is provided for Women Centres in Kech, Loralai and Naseerabad. Rs.54.26 million is this project's reported expenditure as of 30 June 2022 against a total cost of Rs.120.00 million. Of the total Rs.282.47 million provided for WDD under the current budget, Rs.184.61 million is provided for six Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women Centres.

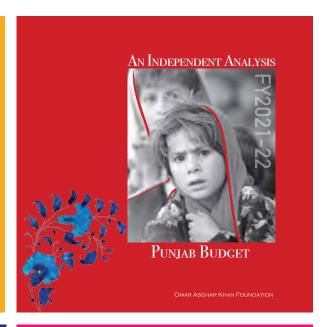
Rs.462.27 million is allocated for recurrent costs of the Ombudsperson Balochistan for the Protection of Women at the Workplace. Another Rs.40.00 million is allocated for the construction of the Ombudsperson's office. The same amount allocated in the preceding year appears to be unutilized.

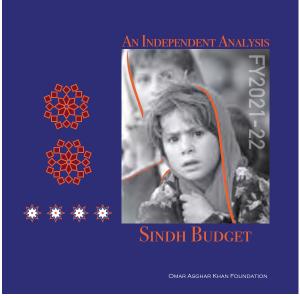
The Balochistan Commission on the Status of Women was established in April 2022. No allocation for the Commission is evident in the province's budget FY2022-23.

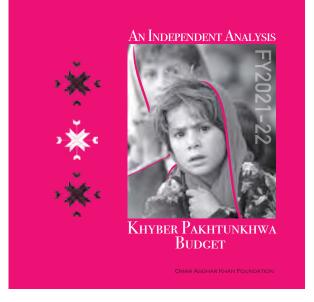
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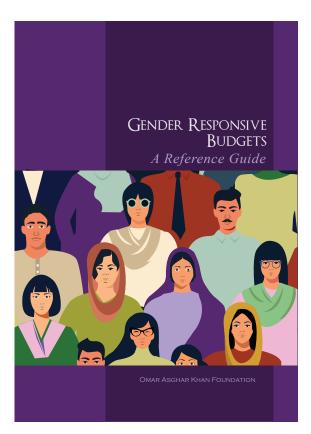
- Organize orientation sessions on CEDAW & SDGs for legislators and government officials, helping them become more familiar with its targets & compliance requirements.
- Publish a Gender Parity Report that presents gender disaggregated data, evaluating the status of women against selected indicators & themes, to help monitor & design gender-responsive policies, laws, budgets & programmes.
- Allocate funds for BCSW & the Ombudsperson for the Protection of Women at the Workplace, who is also authorized to respond to women's property matters.











Omar Asghar Khan Foundation has published its gender-based analysis of the federal & provincial budgets FY2022-23 & provincial budgets FY2021-22, and also produced A Reference Guide on Gender Responsive Budgets. It has also regularly published its analysis of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's budget since 2010. All publications documenting the findings of the Foundation's budget analysis & recommendations are available at:

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