Making life better. Together.
“Upon the land pour shower 'pon shower
That happy may the herdsmen be”

Song of the Rani - Dhah Abdul Latif Bhittai
Every child in Thar will receive access to quality education

Glad in an ageless, timeless beauty reminiscent of simpler times, Thar and its people embody a bygone era – a way of life that is supported by the beauty of their environment. The region is a vital repository of biodiversity, and its inhabitants continue to live in harmony with the land.

Hidden away in a cocoon away from civilization, Thar and its people represent an ageless, timeless beauty and a way of living that has long been lost. Yet, what remains is a striking feature of the desert landscape is the resilience and tenacity of the people who continue to live a century behind the rest of the country.

Regarded as one of the poorest districts in Sindh, Tharparker region is known for Human Development Index (HDI) in almost all districts of Sindh; yet, the harsh reality has not changed the humble, humble nature of the Thar people who reveal in HHD that they have - portraying an effortless spirituality that is born out of their synchronicity with the desert and the lessons it teaches them.

The genesis of Thar Foundation stems as an ode to those people of Tharparker who continue to live harmoniously with their surroundings. Thar Foundation is a partnership between Thar Coal Mining Company and its partners and associated companies - plans to uplift the lives of the people of Tharparker who are the focus of our story of change.

Thar Foundation has been set up as a Section 42 Company for the betterment of the principal stakeholders of Thar Coal projects through graduated and sustainable interventions that can guarantee a better living standard for the people of Thar. The Foundation is working with various local and international partners to deploy the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and plans to develop Tharparker as the first SDG-compliant town in Pakistan.

I strongly feel that any organization taking up commercial operations in the region is advisable to the people and must ensure that it doesn’t have an adverse impact on their cultural identity, which has thus far eluded the erosion of time and urbanization - and continue to improve life for the thousands of communities that the desert continues to host.

I am hopeful that together with the support of people like yourself, Thar Foundation will become a source of constant to finding and adopting solutions that will have a positive impact on Thar and its people – Kiran Ali Khattak

Amir Iqbal  |  Chief Executive Officer
Develop skilled and employable workforce in Thar and broaden means of income generation

The Foundation has emerged as a powerhouse for good in the region of Tharparkar where its interventions across a broad array of high impact areas has already driven to be an effective impetus in bringing about a positive change in the region.

Adopting global best practices for social development, the ‘Thar Foundation’ aligns its interventions with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In keeping with its commitment to the welfare of the local population, the Foundation has pledged to pursue the selected SDGs for Balirkot and make it the country’s first SDGs-accelerated Tehsil by 2024.

The Foundation, established to improve the life standard of the indigenous communities, pursues various sustained interventions in key sectors at human development such as Health, Education, Safe Drinking Water, Sustainable Livelihood, Women Empowerment, and Human Resource Development.

Through our flagship program, the Mam Mother & Child Health Clinic, women and children of the area now get basic medical health facilities and medicine free of cost, at the nearest point possible. By establishing primary and secondary schools, the Foundation provides quality education to the children of the area. By installing the area’s water pump with 770 pumps, the Foundation provides safe drinking water to the communities who would otherwise drink unhealthy water. A dedicated scheme is functioning to empower women economically and, thus, socially, by supporting them in creating home-based enterprises and viable small businesses. All of this has also helped the women entrepreneurs “have started taking pride in the Foundation’s school uniforms which should lead them into taking up industry level orders in the future interventions.” The Foundation has also pioneered a unique project of women empowerment through training them to drive heavy dump trucks. These women have demonstrated their extraordinary capacity by accepting this challenge and driving 60-lens heavy dump trucks.

Besides service delivery in the basic human development sectors such as health and education, the Foundation lays great emphasis on the human resource development through various programs so that the employability of the local population can improve. For this, the Foundation lends local youth in different technical fields and skills including driving, machine, carpentry, pipe-lifting, and industry painting. The projects coming online in Thar have employed a massive number of indigenous workforce directly and many others receive livelihood opportunities through the vendors that these companies have developed out of the local individuals.

Witnessing the pace of the ominous local development work, we look forward to Balirkot and Tharparkar, in general, transforming into a developed, prosperous region where human development index will set new benchmarks.

Naseer Memon | General Manager
Harnessing Hope, Revitalizing the Region
In the arid and unforgiving land of Thar, there now blooms an oasis of hope and progress - the Thar Foundation. Established to improve the lives of a desert population, long deprived of education, vital resources such as water and power and access to healthcare.

Why is Thar in need of this humanitarian intervention so urgently? Just a few eye-opening facts about one of the poorest regions in Pakistan, will make the picture clear:

- Maternal Mortality Rate: 297/100,000
- Infant Mortality Rate: 87/1000

Access to Health Facilities
Lowest ranking in health facilities in Pakistan

Access to Drinking Water
Lowest ranking in drinking water & sanitation coverage

Education
Lowest ranking in learning, retention & gender parity out of all districts in Sindh
Thai Foundation has been established as a Section 42 Company under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) framework with an objective to improve the lives of the underprivileged communities living in Tharparkar district of Islamkot in the Sindh province of Pakistan. The Foundation aims to improve life for these people through graduated and sustainable interventions by adopting the UNDP’s Sustainable Development Goals framework to ensure that Islamkot becomes SDG-compliant by 2024—six years ahead of the global timeline for SDG implementation.

UNDP’s Sustainable Development Goals Framework

In accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations in 2015, the Thai Foundation’s vision is to work with specialized organizations to create a healthier and more prosperous Thailand, with a particular focus on the communities living around the mining and power projects.

Since these goals are a universal call-to-action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity, the Thai Foundation has adopted these Global Goals with a vision to uplift the communities in Thai and usher in a new era of peace and prosperity. By adopting the SDG framework, the Thai Foundation has divided these 17 Global Goals into three key categories: Overarching Goals; Prioritized Goals and Advocacy Goals.
Overarching Goals
Thai Foundation aligns SDGs as the foremost agenda in its interventions. From zero hunger to no poverty to provision of education, healthcare to improve quality of human life in a sustainable manner. By adopting the SDG framework, the Thai Foundation has divided these 17 Global Goals into three key categories:
- Prioritized Goals
- Overarching Goals
- Advocacy Goals (not reliant on Thaparkar and IF work)

 Advocacy Goals
While SDG14 and SDG16 are not relevant to the landscape of Thai and the scope of Thai Foundation, the Foundation continues to advocate their achievement through support of other organizations.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER
Conserving and sustainably use the marine, coastal and marine resources for sustainable development.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies with justice for all and ensure that all have access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Prioritized Goals
Prioritized goals under the SDG framework are the Thai Foundation’s focus as a commitment to these goals will ultimately lead the Foundation to its final goal: end poverty, protect the people of Thai and bring peace and prosperity into the region. In addition, the goals set by Thai Foundation as a priority align with the goals of the Government of Thailand whereby both entities will work towards employing systemic changes that will help create a more prosperous and progressive Thai.

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

5 GENDER EQUALITY

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

9 INNOVATION AND INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

13 CLIMATE ACTION

15 LIFE ON LAND
Health for All: A Humanitarian Imperative
To be responsible for complete healthcare in Islamkot

Tharparkar district in Sindh is ranked as one of the least healthy in the country with regards to health indicators. It continues to make headlines for the high number of maternal and child deaths due to malnutrition and poor healthcare. Lack of health education and the practice of early marriage lead to girls giving birth from an early age of 12. The current Maternal Mortality Rate is as high as 297/100,000 live births while the Infant Mortality Rate is as high as 87/1000 live births.

Malnutrition and stunted growth are by-products of poverty, negligence and lack of awareness in terms of community healthcare. In addition, due to its desert environment, the area faces frequent droughts.

For the sustainable development of Tharparkar, the Foundation's goal is to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for people of all ages. It aims to improve health indicators in the desolate Tharparkar region through long-term sustainable interventions. In order to do this, the Foundation is partnering with The Indus Hospital to implement its health programs.

In underserved and remote regions such as that great determination, passion and resolve is needed to bring about improvements.
Mother and Child Healthcare Center (M&CHC), Gorano
TF has established an M&CHC in Gorano village. The center is being run at government dispensary building, adopted by TF through a mutual understanding with district health department. A senior doctor, a female doctor, a nurse, and a health worker are on duty at the center. The dispensary provides free medical treatment, medicines, and supplies to all patients.

Additional Services of Referral, Seroepidemiology, Polio, EPI & EYECare
In addition to above facilities, TF collaborates with NVSS to refer the patients to Karachi, and approach reputed health institutions in organizing eyecare, hepatitis and tuberculosis screening camps in Bil QQ and Gorano area communities. Over 15,000 screening and vaccination for Hepatitis and 5,000 screening for tuberculosis cases are carried out. Over 3000 persons have been screened for eye care.

- 65,000 persons vaccinated for COVID-19
- 22,000 persons tested for COVID-19 PCR, antigen and antibodies
- Every year more than 100,000 persons are being treated and provided medicine free of cost at TF Health facilities.

New Shani Dera (Kosnullam) Dispensary
TF in collaboration with district health department has established a dispensary in Kosnullam village, adjacent to the Shani Dera village (Kosnullam Village) to provide doorstep primary healthcare services to the villagers.
Every child in Thar will receive access to quality education

The region of Thar has been deprived of good educational systems since schools are few and enrollment very low. Even in comparison with the rates in other parts of the province of Sindh, students here drop out more frequently to contribute to the limited family incomes. Consequently, the literacy rate is one of the lowest in the province.

In order to combat this problem, Sindh ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and access to a functional schooling experience for all children and youth. The Thar Foundation is establishing a network of schools and around 1200 teachers which will focus on providing affordable, quality primary and secondary education.

To this effect, the Thar Foundation has partnered with one of the leading educational sector NGOs - the Citizens Foundation (CF) - which has an experience of establishing over 1500 schools across Pakistan with a focus on providing quality, low-cost education to the underprivileged.

Together with CF, the Thar Foundation has demonstrated a keen resolve to improve the educational statistics of the region by establishing a network of primary and secondary school units. To date, the Foundation has established a network of 34 school units and plans to increase these to around 40 school units by 2018. These schools are jointly managed by the Foundation, CF and Charity for Compassion.

The Thar Foundation is also working on education endeavors at the macro level by developing a more comprehensive, transitional approach towards medium-language of instruction. In this connection, the Foundation is sponsoring adoption of the medium-language formula in the Thar Foundation-sponsored schools which entails:

- 5-year cycle being developed on a 2L Formula
- 3L Formula is based on global practice of teaching in mother tongue ( Sindhi), national language (Sindhi), and English

The unique aspect of this endeavor is that while CF is working on developing this agenda in close collaboration with the Thar Foundation, the 3L Formula will not only support the Thar Foundation-sponsored schools but will also be able to help impart a much more robust educational experience to over 600 schools spread across the province.
Teaching in Mother Language

The TIF knows the significance of global practice of teaching in mother tongue. In working on education endeavors at the macro front by developing a more comprehensive and translational approach towards medium of instruction, the Foundation has adopted a Three-Language curriculum in TIF-managed schools. Aiming for making the schools in Sindhi/Sindhi (mother tongue), Urdu (national language) and English in collaboration with The Citizens Foundation (TOF).

Scholarships and Incentives

The Foundation provided various incentives and scholarships to Thai students in various disciplines and supported Associate Engineers in getting quality education and training; Local girls are provided scholarships for advanced education.

Capacity Building of Teaching and Administrative Staff

The Foundation facilitates teachers in obtaining training on modern teaching methodologies and relevant subjects and academic requirements. The education team organizes in-house training workshops and engage accredited training institution to impart training to teachers. Special sessions on career counseling for youths and students are also organized.

To nurture the Thai youth to become empowered professionals, Thai Foundation is also working to establish avenues of higher learning for the youth in Thai. In collaboration with the Higher Education Commission, Thai Foundation aims to establish a world-class campus of NED University in Istanbul. Development has already begun for this initiative. Moreover, the Thai Foundation has partnered with institutes such as the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) and TREND University of Engineering and Technology (MITE) to provide various higher education opportunities for the Thai youth.

A robust scholarship program has also been initiated to ensure that no youth in Thailand derided opportunities of higher learning due to financial constraints. These scholarship initiatives include:

- Zero Semesters in collaboration with IBA Karachi
- Four adult literacy centers operational in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Need-and-Merit-Based Scholarships for students at MITE
- Sponsoring the first doctoral of Thai Silicon at IBA University.

Thai Foundation has established a network of 24 school units and plans to increase these to around 40 school units by 2019. These schools are jointly managed by Thai Foundation, TOF and率达for Compassion.
Nourishing Lives through Food Security
To bring food security to Thar through innovative agricultural and livestock rearing practices, the Thar Foundation has implemented a project to plant more than 1,000,000 trees to combat the impact of climate change. As part of its initiatives, the Thar Foundation has established a mobile nursery, which provides seedlings to local communities and organizations free of cost to make the Thar green.

**Desert Fisheries – Aquaculture Development**

A non-conventional initiative of the Thar Foundation has been established. Initially, 100,000 fish seeds were released in Goria Pond after rigorous testing of fish species in saline water. Ponds and fish farms were raised on organic feed. A third-party testing of fish meat was carried out by SGS and GEMS laboratories. They declared the fish suitable for human consumption. The extension launched under “Desert Fisheries” in collaboration with Livestock and Fisheries Department and Government of Sindh, 200,000 fish seeds were released in May 2018. It produces fish among local villages, school going children and women free of cost.

**Bashir Ansari Green Park**

The Thar Foundation has built the Bashir Ansari Green Park, the first of its kind in the region, to promote recreational activities for children and adults on 65 acres area. The Green Park has become a popular tourist spot where hundreds of visitors visit regularly. About 100,000 trees have been ombined part of Thar Million Tree project. As part of mission, the Thar Foundation has established Sindh’s largest private sector nursery, which provides seedlings to local communities and organizations free of cost to make the Thar green.
Clean Water and Sanitation
Village Improvement Program (VIP)

The villages of Senth Dar and Thakal Malvan situated in the south of SEDCO Mining site in Block 4 have to be shifted and resettled at new locations. In phase one, 122 families of Senth Dar village have been shifted to newly established new Senth Dar village situated in the southwest of the Block 4 block road.

This well-planned village with all basic amenities is a state of the art settlement that has become an exemplary model in the country. The communities settled in the village are enjoying civic and social sector facilities.

Considering the significance of the societal values and cultural scenario, TF has launched a project Village Improvement Programme (VIP) for...
Creating Livelihoods, Enriching Life
Develop skilled and employable workforce in Thr and broaden means of income generation

Thr’s human resource development is an important and essential component to ensure skills enhancement for sustainable economic growth of local communities. The Foundation created an enabling environment in providing opportunities to locals with a special focus on young boys and girls to develop a cadre of highly skilled engineers and technical persons to work with Thr coal mining and power projects. Keeping aside all assumptions and barriers, Thr believes in harnessing the potential of local youths. At present, more than 62% of the project’s human resource including management cadre is local Thris.

Government Polytechnical Institute (GPI), Mithi

For upgradation of the institute in cooperation with Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Institute (STEVTI), SCHICHT has adopted Government Polytechnical Institute, Mithi. Scholarships are being provided to students of Mechanical and Electrical Departments for three years Diploma in Associate Engineering. New faculty, laboratories have been equipped, curriculum updated, and instructors and teachers were trained. The Institute Management Committee (IMC) is notified to work for ensuring upgradation of academic activities and industrial training. Two hundred local youth graduated in electrical and mechanical technologies from the Institute.

Vocational Training

For providing off-site and on-site specialized vocational training to youths, Thr Foundation collaborates with reputable technical training institutions:
- Descon Training Institute (DTI)
- National Logistics Cell (NLC)
- Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTI)
- AmanTech
- Human Foundation
- Sajal Welfare Trust-I programs
The Information Technology Program (TIP)

Considering that the mining and power projects at Thar Block I cannot accommodate even 10% of the total Thar population, the Thar Foundation has initiated several skills development programs with regards to engineering and technology—The Information Technology Program is one such program which aims to equip the Thar youth with the skills required of the modern world.

The Foundation, in partnership with the South Western Information Technology (SWIT), aims to train selected young Thars in the field of Information Technology to become professional and app developers through a 3-year long program covering different modules on Basic IT training, English language, web and Android app development. The personality grooming will be an essential part of the entire program.

The Associate Engineering Program (TAP)

The Thar Foundation in collaboration with the Technical Training College Dahachi has started a 3-year DAE program for young Thar students in order to prepare them for potential technical employment opportunities at power plants. The applicants selected for this 100% scholarship program and after carrying out the required verification, 119 candidates qualified for the test.

For the final selection, taking into consideration the standards of the Thar Foundation and TTD Dahachi, 90 candidates were finalized after interviews, medical tests, documents verification and other necessary formalities. These students are competing with other students of the College as the records show that they outshine their peers.

The group is well ready to "$\Delta 1.000 in positions which will be created in the power sector in near future, thanks to the Thar Coal."

Thar Trainee Engineers (TTE) Program

Thar Foundation invests in developing local youths to mainstream them in both engineering and management cadres. For this purpose, 25 young Thar Trainee Engineers were selected through a transparent and competitive process. These young engineers were provided with a $1000 monthly stipend at the site through employing various partner organisations namely, KMA Karachi and Gomal Institute. This was a rigorous process of four stages: Functional Projects, Evaluation, Meritships and Placements.

Thar Foundation's (TMDG) went 75 local (mostly) Thar engineers to China for training on Operation & Maintenance (OM) of power plants. After successful completion of training these engineers are deployed at Site to operate and maintain power plants.

Small & Medium Enterprise-Business to Locals

Thar Foundation encourages the local vendors to establish sustainable enterprises, has provided PKR 2 billion to small and medium-sized businesses. TF also provides grants to women and differently-abled persons for establishing their own small to medium enterprises. Under local vendor development program, the Thar Foundation has capitulated and registered 5 local vendors.

Krushaal Nari (KN)

With an aim to empower women of the area, the Thar Foundation has initiated a dedicated project, Krushaal Nari, which trains & supports women of the area to become entrepreneurs & market tree products. In its first phase, the Foundation has successfully trained 20 individuals into trained vendors who are now our proud entrepreneurs.

As a first, the Thar Foundation awarded contracts of worth Rs. 2.1 million to these women entrepreneurs to stitch student uniforms for the TP Primary Schools. They successfully delivered the first consignment in time.

In order to meet demands of the potential future industries in the area, the Foundation is training the women entrepreneurs to be able to take up industrial orders in bulk. This group of entrepreneurs are a new introduction of Thar women—since they are given a chance to work, make etc.

Mainstreaming & Empowering Differently-abled Persons

"We are born as human beings, live to be known by abilities not by disabilities," Thar Foundation aims to promote entrepreneurship among differently-abled individuals in line with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. The Foundation’s Livelihood-Grants program aims to reach out to differently-abled individuals in Block I-11 Garano areas to support them generate income through providing financial assistance to develop small and medium enterprises. In this way, 10 differently-abled persons in Block I-11 and Garano villages are given grants and running the businesses. All the grantee vendors earn PKR 15,000 monthly."
Promoting gender equality and ensuring empowerment of women at all levels in Islamabad

The Foundation believes in gender equality, women empowerment and is committed to take affirmative actions in line with UN Sustainable Development Goals 5, Gender Equality and Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. The following initiatives have been taken in this regard.

Women Dump Truck Driving Program

The women in safety helmet operating 60-ton dumper trucks easily qualifies as manual for women’s empowerment.

Foundation aims to develop a new generation of empowered women through enhancing the skills to better understand economic affairs and creating linkages with markets. 63 women of under 35 years of age identified and employed for the training on driving. After successful completion of training and other requirements, 25 women have been employed at mining operations. These women drivers are driving dumper trucks to transport coal from mine to the power plant site.

Women RO Plant Operators:

Women RO Plant Operators: TF has trained local women to operate and manage RO plants in villages.

As of now 13 women have been trained and employed as RO plant Operators in various villages.

As the program forges ahead successfully, we have been inspired to induct more females and the outreach for the next batch of female dump truck drivers has already been commenced.

Women are also being trained in tailoring and embroidery through the Khushdil Haan program. There is a fully operational ‘Hunar Gift Shop’ in Islamabad where Thar handicrafts are being sold - proceeds of which go directly to the women making the handicrafts.

Katergah (Thar Hunar Gift Shop)

The idea behind establishing Katergah is to empower women through marketing their handmade products and support them through enhancing their capacity in handicrafts business by eliminating middlemen influence. Having this in view, the Thar Foundation has started to purchase handicrafts directly from working women at reasonable rates and sell them at the Model House in Thar Block A. Since the Foundation has eliminated the middlemen factor by directly placing orders with these women entrepreneurs, these women have started earning considerable amount and making their families prosperous.
Spurring Regional Development through Infrastructure
Moreover, to achieve the goal of sustainable cities and communities, the Thai Foundation aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. In collaboration with the Government’s Directorates of Urban Policy & Strategic Planning, the Thai Foundation is developing a Master Plan for Integrated Towns:

• Optimize future industrial growth
• Plan residential and commercial areas
• Guide urban economic and infrastructure development

The Thai Foundation is also undertaking infrastructure development in the region. As a first step, the plan is to relocate two villages as part of the mining project requirements under the supervision of the Foundation. Both international and national laws and guidelines on involuntary resettlement have been complied with and a comprehensive plan has been developed to ensure community-led ownership.

In the first phase, the entire population of the village is to be relocated. Approximately 200 households have all voluntarily consented to the relocation, done through a participatory approach, including both males and females of the community. The design and construction process for Phase 1 (village seem) has been carried out by renowned housing & town planning experts who will ensure state-of-the-art structures enhancing the quality of life without compromising the natural ecosystem, social fabric, lifestyle and traditions of the Thai people.

“Developing industries and start-ups to make the Thai economically self-sufficient.”

The Thai Foundation is cognizant of its role to develop Thailand into cities of tomorrow. This starts at the micro level from the various villages that form the tapestry of Thailand. The Foundation, together with some of the leading urban planners, has developed the resettlement framework for the village of Sangkhlaburi. The new housing community of 450 households features access to all basic and modern amenities of life and will be a stepping stone towards improving the quality of life for the residents of this model village.
These new facilities will not only provide housing but also numerous common facilities such as:

- Schools
- Hospitals & Clinics
- Reverse Osmosis plants
- Parks
- Waste Management System and Community Centers

As part of the Village Improvement Program (VIP), the Foundation will also sign Social Contracts with each village to:

- Stop gender-based consumption
- Stop consumption of raw alcohol
- Commit to sending children to school

In exchange for:

- Solar Power
- Street Pavements
- Public Amenities
- Pit Latrines
- Drainage & Sanitation Facilities

In addition, the Foundation believes in creating modern spaces within the infrastructure setup of Tharpari so that the communities can benefit from access to these shared spaces. To this effect, the Foundation has constructed the Bani Aavas Green Park—a modern recreational park—providing communities with a green space to spend time. The Bani Aavas Green Park has a playground, recreational rides for children and a functional area as well.

Gurmeet Singh initiated another such initiative created at the Daroni reservoir, which features an artificial pond with over 100,000 fish species, dedicated alley area for children, and Thar’s largest wildlife sanctuary. In order to promote eco-cultural tourism

In Tharpari, the Tar Foundation has also signed an agreement with the Bawana Foundation which will work towards creating tourist spots in Thar. Besides long-term sustainable plans for improving social and cultural conditions in Thar, it’s also important to understand that there are many natural and man-made disasters that the area is prone to. These include earthquakes, fires, drought conditions and famine etc. For this reason, a Disaster Management Cell has been formed under the Foundation. Moreover, since its inception, the Tar Foundation has evolved into “first responders” in the area whenever a calamity strikes.

Disaster Preparedness & Management

Since the region has a long history of natural calamities and man-made disasters, in a long list of disasters, the droughts and the incidents are frequently occurring disasters in Tharpari. As an emergency response, Disaster Management Cell (DMCell) has been set up at the STC/TF Site. The DMCell provides rescue, relief, recovery and rehabilitation support to affected communities. The crew coordinates with concerned state/central, state departments and district administration. It has helped dozens of communities during incidents of fire, flood which include over 15,000 households were provided shelter for livelihood to prevent out migration at the time of drought.

Cultural Promotion, Heritage Preservation

Due to its remote location, the rich cultural heritage of Tharpari has remained undisturbed for centuries. Even today, to literature to historical sites, this region is a treasure house and it is a privilege to be able to promote and protect this treasure.

The Tar Foundation has joined hands with the Enheritance Fund Trust for the heritage preservation of Sikhism to develop a book on Thar. This includes a Bani-Aavas Before photographs as well as Bani-Aavas After photographs as well as written by experts on culture and history. It is reprinted one of the first volumes on Thar.

Over the next few years, the Foundation plans to adopt and restore key archaeological sites. As a first step, it plans to adopt the Tarar Fort to promote tourism at the site. It will also be working extensively on promoting and developing eco-tourism through promotion of local Thar musicians, artists, crafts and festivals in Thar.
The Desert dreams in Green
As the world’s 9th largest sub-tropical desert, the Thar remains dry for much of the year with a high propensity for wind erosion. High velocity winds blow soil from the desert, depopulating some of neighboring towns and causing shifting sand dunes within the desert. While classified as a ‘green desert’, that for the most part remains an arid region — but that is changing. The Thar Foundation, together with its partners, is in the process of changing the patchy, desert landscape of Thar, and the effect, has commenced the ‘Thar Million Tree Project’.

Conserving Life On Land
Protect and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests sustainably, combat desertification, halt forest degradation and biodiversity loss.

Creating a Brighter, Sustainable Future
The Thar Foundation believes that renewable energy is the future and is, therefore, committed to providing clean energy wherever appropriate. The Foundation has taken affirmative action to employ clean and renewable solutions across all schools that are run by the Thar Foundation.

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Innovating to Create Prosperous Partnerships
The Thar Foundation and its associates companies believe in the agenda of good growth and therefore, are working towards creating inclusive development and growth opportunities for the local communities. To date, through its industrial associations, the Thar Foundation has developed over 100 vendors in and around Rajasthan by providing and creating various small and medium-size enterprise opportunities. These vendors are provided with business support, increased production, increased project experience to develop their capacity, mentoring to enhance their quality of service, and economic opportunities to create a sustained stream of income.

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The Foundation, together with its partners, is aiming to create a better Tharparker and a better Pakistan. We believe that with your support, we can empower people and communities and create a meaningful change which will last generations.

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