



# 12-Month Strategic Plan Report



## Vision Statement:

"Creating a sustainable and equitable future by empowering communities through quality education and accessible healthcare, fostering collaboration, and driving systemic change."

## Mission Statement:

"Partners in Progress Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the well-being and prosperity of communities by implementing solutions in education and healthcare. We strive to achieve excellence in our projects, forge meaningful partnerships with government, non-government, and community organisations, and work relentlessly towards the realisation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 4. Through our commitment to institutional development and continuous improvement, we aim to become an accredited and trusted partner for positive change."

## Objectives:

- 1- Enhance the effectiveness of current projects while developing and implementing new initiatives that align with and further our mission and vision.
- 2- Forge collaborative relationships and partnerships with governmental, non-governmental, and community organisations across various levels to reinforce Partners in Progress' commitment to advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 4.
- 3- Strengthening and optimising the institutional framework of Partners in Progress (PIP) Foundation to achieve accreditation from the Australian government.



## Initiative 1: The Health Collab : Transforming Healthcare in Disadvantaged Communities

The Health Collab Clinic is dedicated to providing free, basic healthcare to underserved communities in Faisalabad, Pakistan. Since opening its doors as a one-room outpatient clinic on November 19th, 2022, the clinic has been met with overwhelming community support. In a short span of time, we have served over 6,000 patients, ranging from infants to the elderly. Our services include consultations for seasonal and viral illnesses, medication provision, minor injury treatments, and basic first aid.



### Expanding Our Reach and Services:

As The Health Collab continues to grow, we aim to broaden our range of services to include vaccinations, inpatient care, and additional clinic locations as resources permit. To better serve the female patients in the community, we are currently seeking to hire a female doctor and midwife, offering dedicated hours in accordance with cultural expectations.

### Community Outreach and Health Promotion:

Beyond clinical services, The Health Collab is committed to engaging in community outreach and health education. We will launch an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign to raise public consciousness about the risks, prevention methods, and treatment options associated with the disease. By mobilising the community, our goal is to reduce stigma, lower infection rates, and support those most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.



## Initiative 2: Empowering Afghan Women and Girls Through Online Education

The dreams and aspirations of girls and young women in Afghanistan have been severely impacted due to recent political changes, limiting their rights to education and self-determination. We are determined to help them reignite their dreams and regain control of their future through the power of the internet.



The Progress Academy, supported by the Rotary Club of Carlton, will establish an Online Education Portal connecting Afghanistan and Australia. This portal will facilitate virtual learning experiences between volunteer and professional educators from both countries. We will create learning hubs in Afghanistan, equipped with laptop computers to enable small-group instruction by our Melbourne-based educators, who will also use laptops to connect and teach.

Our Australian volunteers, including a former Afghan refugee with Canadian teaching qualifications, will train educators in both Melbourne and Afghanistan on effective teaching strategies tailored to the needs of our target audience.

The online classes will focus on enhancing basic literacy and numeracy skills for women, improving English language proficiency among high school girls, and developing their technology and computer skills. Our goal is to provide women and girls with the knowledge and skills needed to access online job and educational opportunities that were previously out of reach.



**The Progress Academy**, established in 2023, is committed to empowering Afghan women and girls by providing them with access to quality online education through its innovative learning portal and website. Designed as an interactive platform, the website seamlessly connects educators from Australia and Afghanistan with Afghan students, fostering a dynamic and supportive learning environment. It features a wide array of educational resources, including engaging video lessons, interactive assignments, and real-time virtual classrooms, which cater to the diverse needs of our students. By bridging the geographical and cultural divides, the Progress Academy's learning portal and website enable Afghan women and girls to pursue their educational aspirations, while equipping them with essential skills for a brighter future in a rapidly changing world.



In the long term, this initiative aims to equip Afghan women and girls with the necessary skills and qualifications for seamless integration into Australian online university systems and international job markets. By providing opportunities for further studies and employment in Australia and beyond, we strive to empower them to pursue brighter futures and contribute positively to the global community.



## Expected Outcome:

Empowering Teachers and Students with Online Education and Skill Development

### Creation of a Website and Portal:

Establish an online platform by Australian partners to facilitate the delivery of education and skill development courses.

### Assembling a Volunteer Team:

Build a team of dedicated Australian volunteers and conduct regular weekly Zoom meetings with teachers, starting from the first week of April.

### Teacher Selection and Support:

Identify and support six female teachers in Jalalabad City to assist students in accessing online studies and job opportunities.

## Long-term Educational Opportunities:

Provide educational exchange programs, scholarships, and skill-building courses to prepare students for the ever-evolving digital global job market.

## Equipment Provision:

Supply laptop computers to teachers, enabling them to effectively support students in accessing online job opportunities and furthering their education.



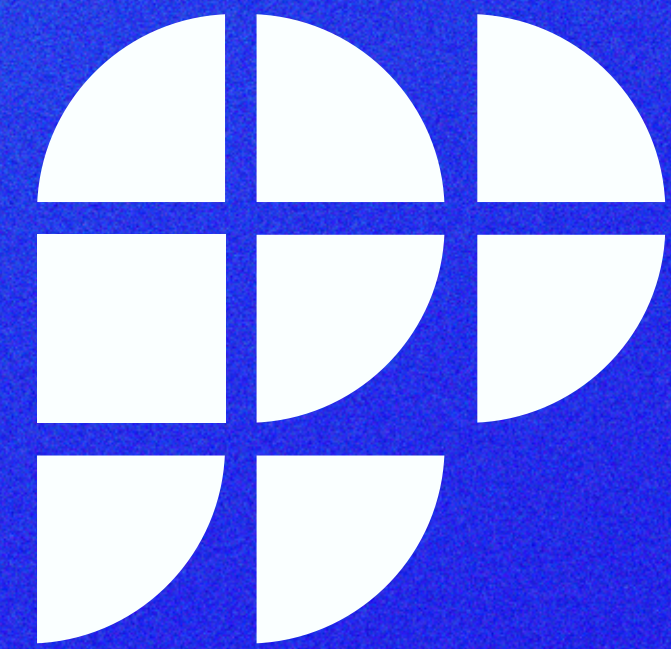
## In conclusion,

both The Health Collab and The Progress Academy initiatives embody our unwavering commitment to empowering and uplifting disadvantaged communities. Through innovative approaches in healthcare and education, we seek to transform the lives of those in need by providing essential services and opportunities for growth.

The Health Collab focuses on making a tangible impact on the healthcare landscape in Faisalabad, Pakistan, by offering free basic healthcare services and engaging in community outreach and health education. By expanding our range of services and being sensitive to cultural expectations, we aim to improve health outcomes for all community members. The Progress Academy, on the other hand, strives to empower Afghan women and girls by connecting them with dedicated educators and resources, ultimately helping them acquire the skills necessary for a brighter future. By facilitating access to online education, we aim to enable these women and girls to overcome barriers and embrace opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Together, these initiatives represent our determination to create lasting change and foster hope within underserved communities. Through collaboration, innovation, and dedication, we continue to work towards a more equitable and prosperous world for all.





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