Enterprise Challenge Pakistan
A transformative journey of students turned social entrepreneurs

SHOWCASE
As we reach the culmination of yet another cycle of Prince’s Trust International Enterprise Challenge Pakistan programme, we at SEED are delighted to bring to you glimpses of the incredible journey of young people from Pakistan who are now proudly running their social enterprises. Enterprise Challenge provides the opportunity to school children across Pakistan to explore social entrepreneurship as a career avenue opening the doors to financial freedom and focusing on creating meaningful and sustainable enterprises that offer solutions to social, environmental and economic problems of their communities.

The programme through simulation, business ethics case studies, industry experts assigned as mentors to the participating students to develop their business acumen, and various important soft skills, prepares the young people to come up with a social enterprise idea for the National Finals and pitch it live to a panel of judges and audiences.

We are thrilled to share with you some of the transformative stories of these students who through Enterprise Challenge, have now become social entrepreneurs. The National Finals winning team receives £3000 each year and National Finalists in the Year 2017 received funding from an anonymous, generous donor from the corporate sector which enabled all seven teams to launch their social enterprises.

These social enterprises are now operating in Sind, Punjab, Baluchistan, Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan, Federal region and Kashmir, and range from creation of livelihoods for underprivileged women, education, efficient use of resources like electricity, and creating revenue streams from local natural resources. Enterprise Challenge programme has enabled these ‘youthpreneurs’ to hone their skills, get on-ground experience as social entrepreneurs, work through societal nuances and find solutions to tackle challenges.

The delightful stories of these young people have further strengthened our resolution to continue facilitating them to explore and experience social entrepreneurship, changing lives and creating a difference along the way.

Sincerely,

Sadaf Mahmood
Programme Manager, Enterprise Challenge Pakistan
Enterprise Challenge Pakistan is a national level, inter-school competition that encourages young people to explore entrepreneurship and discover it as a tool to bring about change in the society. The programme introduces entrepreneurship at a stage where children are susceptible to new ideas and pathways that can potentially change their future.

For this reason, Enterprise Challenge Pakistan, also known as ECP, is offered to secondary school students within the age bracket of 13-16 years in various schools across the country. The programme ensures an inclusive approach that does not discriminate on socio-economic class or geographic boundaries. It is an avenue for creating opportunities for young minds to work towards contributing to the development of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, as well as improving the quality of life for themselves and their communities.

ECP is essentially a simulation business challenge where students playing in teams of four or five employ their creativity in cyber-scenarios. The objective is to profitably run an enterprise using the fundamentals of enterprise development.

Since the first year of execution in 2016, Enterprise Challenge has encouraged the students to believe that no idea is insignificant or too small; no problem is too difficult to be mitigated and while each province of the country where the programme is implemented, presents a diverse set of social challenges, there can be an entrepreneurial solution to address these. To enable the youth to be more aware of their surroundings and not just limiting them to the boundaries of basic classroom education, is the driving force for ECP team that executes this programme. Hence, the programme has expanded rapidly in its short span and has increased its outreach to all parts of the country from urban centres to remote areas of Pakistan.

“It was really exciting when we landed in Karachi, the city of lights and opportunities; and we experienced an enthralling moment when we presented our idea in front of the judges. We were shaking with nervousness although we did not reveal it through any of our gestures. For the first time in our life, we were interacting with people of this caliber.”

-Students of Trust School, WAPDA Town, Lahore
## ECP Statistics

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*Note: The map shows the provinces of Pakistan, including Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Gilgit Baltistan.*
A random sample of 300 participants from Enterprise Challenge Programme belonging to different schools and diverse areas of Pakistan, was used to conduct an impact assessment at the end of the year, 2017. This survey was administered before, during and after the programme to track the changes and improvement. Findings from this survey showed the following:

Charts show considerable improvement in the confidence level as well as business knowledge of the students after receiving six weeks of mentorship through Enterprise Challenge Pakistan.

The mentorship was inclusive of group discussions, presentations and lectures. The underlying factor for business knowledge development proved to be the case studies and the business simulation game where students learnt about the various essential components of the business such as finance and marketing.

The basis of social entrepreneurship i.e. understanding the essence of the concept and recognizing the need for employing ethical practices was also laid by providing reading/learning material, discussions, reinforcement through assessments and mentorship.

Did you know?
Over 85% of Enterprise Challenge Pakistan participants improved their understanding of the skills required to succeed in a business.
The journey of young students becoming social entrepreneurs was not an easy one for the National Finalists of 2017. Hours of hard work, persistence, overcoming challenges, breaking and building, un-doing and re-doing and finally fine polishing, describes this journey to the least.
A milestone-based timeline was developed for the young entrepreneurs to support their endeavours along with their academic life. The zeal and excitement of the National Finals instilled hope and the motivation in these young people. This was demonstrated throughout the time period where they finalized their business ideas and developed plans for execution.

All of this was achieved in a span of 6 months, starting from June, 2018 – November, 2018 and was arranged as follows:

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Note: The progress of each start up is individualistic. This model best represents the progress made over the course of 6 months.

Challenges and Methodology

While it was comparatively easier to generate a strategy, it was a lot more challenging to execute and integrate it in the business cycle of each start-up.

The key learning from the entire process was that: each start-up is different. This was obvious from the beginning and we always knew that it would be a challenge to deal with young people with a diverse calibre and rudimentary knowledge of setting up social enterprises. The goal was to ensure that all start-ups are able to achieve at least 2 months of operations until November, 2018. Keeping this in mind, we kickstarted the process by ensuring that all the teams had rock solid ideas and business plans that are in line with the essence of social entrepreneurship.

This was by far, the most difficult stage for the students as well as ECP team and a number of our resources were dedicated to these students during this stage in order to provide assistance, guidance and mentorship. Constant back and forth, vetting old ideas, developing new ones, integrating the social aspect, all seemed like a major challenge. Not only this, but it was highly important that all team members were aligned on the idea and felt devoted to solving the social problem that they were addressing.

The challenge with setting up social enterprises is that it requires complete ownership. You are not just owners of an enterprise but spokespersons of a social phenomenon that impacts lives daily.
It was not until August, that most of the teams were able to finalize their ideas and were finally satisfied with their business plans. The main challenge while developing the business plan was to ensure that the goals of the organization were realistic and achievable. Moreover, they had to ensure that they were utilizing the capability of the entire team, intellectually and creatively. This period helped the young entrepreneurs in understanding their positions within their teams and realizing their own skill sets. This phase required them to get out of their comfort zones and gather material for research, pilot test, identify and reach out to the stakeholders and manage finances. All of this was rather new for the individuals and can be considered as a milestone for them in becoming future entrepreneurs as well as professionals in their industry.

Once the business plans were finalized and vetted, it was time for the most exciting bit that was the execution stage. It was a make it or break kind of a situation for the young entrepreneurs. They were going to put their ideas out in public to test whether whatever they had thought or perceived was going to be received well or not. Much to their surprise, majority of the start-ups received a positive, and some quite an overwhelming response from their target audience.

Delighted and overjoyed with the results, the students now had to re-evaluate their strategies and to figure out what went right and what went wrong. If something can be improved, then how and to what extent? These are the questions that are yet to be answered by these young entrepreneurs and will help them scale their enterprises and take them to the next level.

“Success is a function of persistence and perseverance and the willingness to work hard for twenty-two minutes to make sense of something that most people would give up on after thirty seconds.”

-Malcolm Gladwell
To aid the establishment of these start-ups, monitoring and evaluation tools were used to ensure that the mentorship continues. There was no doubt regarding the scale of what the students were going to achieve since the beginning. In order to achieve something of this magnitude, it was immensely important to make sure that these children are provided with the right kind of support for their ideas.

Continuing with this mindset, SEED, with its expertise in launching and scaling start-ups, provided persistent mentorship, guidance with the input of possible collaborative opportunities, and a bit of technical support, and these young entrepreneurs bloomed from ideation to execution; They are now ready to scale their businesses.

With these young entrepreneurs spread all over the country, support was provided via weekly calls, mentorship sessions, technical and creative assistance, as well as on-ground visits.

“Enterprise Challenge Pakistan Programme is an excellent initiative at nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurship in youngsters. It was a fulfilling, and rewarding experience mentoring for the ECP. I am positive that it will play a significant part in preparing the leaders of tomorrow.”

— Mentor, Ahmed Sajjad Zaidi
Challenges and Methodology

SEED works extensively with startups, social entrepreneurs and young people. Enterprise Challenge Pakistan, however, was one of the first few projects where we worked with students within the age bracket of 13-16 years of age who established student led social enterprises.

Communication barriers

The journey was far from being easy. From developing the strategy to actual monitoring and evaluation, it was a roller coaster ride. The team struggled with technical as well as general issues. Considering that these students were based in different parts of the country was a challenge in itself. Skype, WhatsApp and telephone calls were the chosen medium of communication for teams based in all other provinces, except Sind. Wherever and whenever school visits were possible, they were organized. Close contact with the school point of contacts and representatives made this journey possible.

Relationship Management with schools

The school representatives played a pivotal role in bridging the gap between the students and SEED team. They noticed the dynamics of the young entrepreneurs within the team, provided technical support and motivated them. Wherever this support was not present, SEED team along with the students experienced a setback.

Communicating with the school management and aligning with them on the monitoring and evaluation plans became testing. Traditional red tape, non-serious attitude and lack of support was also noticed in some schools. However, this was dealt with precaution and stringent action to ensure that the students were receiving the best possible on-ground support. New point of contacts were appointed, senior management was reached out to and were aligned to ensure that the students were fully aided in cases of investment disbursement processes, seeking approvals, legalities and partnerships with third parties.

Think Big Mentality

Initially, the team worked upon instilling the mindset of pulling of something big within the children and reviving the confidence which they had showcased while presenting their ideas at the National Finals, 2017. The “THINK BIG” mentality was still missing. Weeks of mentorship, plenty of calls and tonnes of messages later, the students realized the importance and the need for turning their ideas into reality.

Taking Ownership

This was a big win for our team as it meant that now the students are ready to bring about a change and take full ownership of their social enterprises, which is the essence of entrepreneurship.

The next struggle was to help the students replicate and execute their business plans. The novice social entrepreneurs struggled with maintaining a balance between their studies and their young start-ups. Executing their business plan meant scheduling meetings, sharing and gathering information, market visits, vendor management etc. During this time, SEED team took a back seat realizing the need for the students to learn, experiment, make mistakes and stabilize their enterprises.

Emotional Support

SEED team ensured that they weren’t just supporting these young individuals technically, but also personally and emotionally. Frequent bouts of hopelessness, fear of failure and self-doubt was experienced by all the students at one point or the other. It was very important for our team to ensure that they were motivating the students and reassuring them of their abilities.
I have no words to express my joy. As a team, our objective was to work for women empowerment and our progress up till now has been considerable. Through guidance and investment we have been successful in achieving the goals we had set for ourselves.

Obaid-ur-Rehman
(Student and Founder EFE Pishin)

Five individuals from Pishin, Baluchistan began their journey as participants of Enterprise Challenge Pakistan and ended up stealing the show in the National Finals 2016 held in Karachi. Young individuals, Sanaullah, Muhammad Idrees, Muhammad Faraz, Barak Khan and Obaid ur Rehman from Little Angels High School, Pishin entered the competition with high hopes and ambitions.

After passing through six weeks of rigorous mentorship, sweeping the Regional Finals with a profit of $6.3 million, these students finally qualified for Enterprise Challenge Pakistan National Finals.

LightBulb Moment

Pishin, formerly part of Pishin Quetta District, lies in the Northwest of Baluchistan and is home to a number of tribes. With a population of just 736,481 people, Pishin has an overall literacy rate of 31.1% with women only contributing 13%.

Young participants, with their agility in understanding business concepts and practices, identified this gap and aimed to develop a sustainable solution to the pressing problem of female literacy in Pishin.

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Our mission is to promote female education in district Pishin by directing financial support from the enterprise

Initially, the young people had planned to engage local women by employing them at the canteens however, due to cultural barriers, the students were unable to materialize this.

The women, who were approached, refused to work outside their homes. This issue proved to be a learning experience for the young entrepreneurs. It allowed them to take a step back and re-evaluate the feasibility of their business model.

The Future

The enterprise endeavours to work on delivering a greater social impact in the following manner:

- The enterprise will award scholarships to underprivileged female students to encourage continuation of education.

- The enterprise will provide financial support to deserving female students. Accessing schools may pose to be a challenge in the area where the students have to cover larger distances.

- The enterprise will endeavor to make books, stationery and other essential items to enhance chances of continuing education.

- The enterprise will conduct awareness campaigns to promote female education in the district.

- Develop partnerships with local schools to expand the scope

Through pilot testing and careful evaluation, the team arrived at the conclusion of tackling the root cause of this barrier which was lack of ambition and willingness of females towards acquiring education. Taking this forward, the young entrepreneurs have been successful in providing basic education and supporting the skill development of 18 women belonging to different households, residing in Pishin.

Bottomline

These young people are a testament to the potential that the youth of Pakistan possesses. It is true that the youth are the builders and leaders of tomorrow. However, in order to achieve this, it is of essence that the youth become more aware of their surroundings and the society in general. It is only then that pressing issues such as female illiteracy will emerge and be mitigated.

The education system’s lack of inability to cater to the evolving needs of the society has developed a gap for programmes such as Enterprise Challenge Pakistan. Participants through active learning and decision making have been successful in identifying social issues and developing sustainable solutions to solve these issues. It would be an understatement that these young people are entrepreneurs as they are the future leaders and change makers of our society.
Youthpreneurs

A young social entrepreneur who believes in something bigger than themselves.

It is not often that we see a group of 13-16 year olds, discussing business plans, developing strategy, doing market analysis and comparing costs. Enterprise Challenge Pakistan through its planned mentorship paired with adequate investment, constant guidance and monitoring, ensured that these children had all the opportunities to achieve something that is a lot bigger than themselves.

It is safe to say, that SEED has been successful in creating a cohort of highly ambitious, competitive, dynamic and headstrong young entrepreneurs who have reached great heights in a short span.

“Being an entrepreneur at this stage of life is an amazing experience which none of us would ever be able to forget. We are extremely thankful to ECP for providing us this chance and giving us the confidence for taking up this challenge”

- Students of Dawood Public School
In the 2017 competition, five students representing Abruzzi School, Shigir with their remarkable business idea and an eloquent pitch secured an investment worth £3,000, making them the winners of the competition.

The students showed immense confidence on stage and wooed the audience with their well thought out idea, complete with financial projections.

**Business Idea**

**Business Idea:** Shigar is a city where apricots are available. To mitigate this issue, naturally dry it due to which their quality is below par. Women of the community were engaged in the growing and drying process of these apricots with the help of multiple sorting, sifting and drying techniques.

These apricots are then attractively packaged into packs of 250 gms and sold in the market to individual customers locally and across the country. Up to 447 Kgs of apricots have been bought and processed till date.
Team Federal represented by The Citizen’s Foundation, Rawalpindi won the Audience Choice Award. The winning team was announced after conducting a poll within the audience.

The attendees of the event voted for the business ideas that they deemed conceivable for developing into a successful venture and the young girls won everyone's hearts!

Business Idea

Business Idea: To train women, who possess basic skills of stitching and to improve upon the same in order to turn them into professionals in their field. These clothes would then be sold online to generate revenues.

Investment Utilization: PKR 123,750 has been used as initial investment to purchase stitching machines that were given out to women who had been selected through a criteria. Trainings were organized to polish the skills of the women and to equip them to fulfil commercial orders.
Business Idea: To design and produce modern, every day, ready to wear clothing for young girls, by employing underprivileged women thereby providing them with a source of income and ultimately empowering them as contributing members of our society.

Investment Utilization: The girls set up an exhibition where they showcased a variety of designs in multiple sizes and were able to generate a revenue of PKR 21,600. The team utilized an initial investment of PKR 41,950 only. Another exhibition is in the planning, where the young entrepreneurs will showcase remaining designs.

Future Plans: Developing a strong online presence and setting up an e-commerce website.

On Challenges

"It was difficult to get good quality raw material at cheap prices. But we researched markets and managed to get it at best possible prices. Secondly, it was challenging for us to find women with skills who would stitch clothes according to latest trends and fashion. After a lot of searching, we found a lady who was good at stitching and was also in need of a job."
The exhibition we held enhanced our ability to do effectively communicate with people. It helped us understand the basics of managing finances and how to deal with people belonging to different mindsets in different situations. We discovered a new level of confidence as we got exposure to face and experience the real entrepreneurial world.

*The happiness of the first item sold is difficult to express.*
School Name
Burraq School, Kashmir

Team Members
• Nayab Mustafa
• Raja Sahil Sheraz
• Muhammad Faisal Ejaz
• Choudary Shoab Pervaiz
• Syed Muhammad Taqi
  Imam

Business Idea: To set up an institute that uses blended learning to nurture the communication, critical thinking and collaborative skills of young people. 50% of the revenue from the institute will be used to sponsor children and young persons and provide free of cost education. The rest shall be reinvested in the institute and shared equally between the members. The institute provides spoken English Language course with a strong focus on listening, speaking, reading, writing and vocabulary.

Investment Utilization: PKR 200,000 was utilized for setting up the learning centre. The monthly revenue is PKR 8,000 only at the moment. The centre charges PKR 1,000 as registration fee and also sponsors one child.

Future Plans: To introduce the following programmes:
• Computer Literacy (MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Urdu Typing, Internet Use, Installation)
• Personality Development
• Maths, Science, English and Urdu (Activity-based learning programme)

On Challenges

An important challenge was to convince people for enrolment in this spoken language course. We talked to our relatives, our fellows of different schools, most of them first agreed but never really joined!

Our enterprise had a rough start, when one of the partners refused to contribute. But we never gave up on him. All of us contacted him again and again, until he finally agreed to join us. We have not looked back since.
A feeling of being young entrepreneurs was very exciting for us as we were going to start our own social enterprise, where we can learn and earn as well.

We were so happy to see the turnout when the registrations first opened. It is overwhelming to see so many people interested in our initiative and it really gave us hope.
Team Profile

School Name
Trust School, WAPDA Town, Lahore

Team Members
• Raviha Ajmal
• Maryam Iqbal
• Fizza Ijaz
• Laraib Saif
• Sameen Sohail

Name of Enterprise:
Social Printing Solutions

Business Idea
Business Idea: Setup a photocopy station in school that puts special emphasis on efficient use of resources such as electricity and paper usage. Printing is scheduled to be done in bulk quantity only and both sides of the paper is utilized. The profits are re-invested and are used to provide financial assistance to deserving children.

The organization also runs awareness campaigns on environmental issues e.g smog and water conservation.

Investment Utilization: PKR 180,000 was used as initial investment for setting up the enterprise. Total sales of PKR 82,722 has been made till date.

Future Plans: Expansion in other branches of the institute.

To put better marketing strategies in place and use the remaining investment amount to expand and develop a robust social impact plan.

Challenges and finding solutions

The first challenge was to manage all the requirements of business within the available resource. It was also difficult to manage time from our tough school routine to run our business.

Furthermore, as a young enterprise it was hard for us to manage finances and to stay updated with profit and loss.

We overcame the first challenge by purchasing a second-hand photocopy machine at a reasonable price. It helped a lot to start the business within resources. We are thankful to our teachers and staff members who helped us manage our time and resources. We also employed individuals who can help deliver the service and also manage the day-to-day expenses.
On a personal level, ECP enabled us to find our potential. While dealing with merchants and schools administration, we also improved our communication and negotiating skills. The greatest thing our team explored is that:

Teamwork brings Innovation that enables us to move forward in a short time.

In the beginning we had no idea how to start our enterprise, so we consulted our parents, teachers & school Director who is also an entrepreneur. As we started off, we faced problems such as finding the perfect cloth merchant providing quality cloth in reasonable prices that matched our budget.

We took help from social media and posted ads to connect will merchants and did the same to find schools and underprivileged women. At last we found "Asian Model School" whose uniform was easier for the women to stitch, then we made an agreement on behalf of our school with Asian Model School to provide them quality uniform on subsidized rates.

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Business Idea:

Business Idea: 4 out of 5 women in Peshawar know how to stitch clothes and do so out of the comfort of their homes. "WEDO" organization aims to empower these women by collaborating with cloth merchants and educational institutes to fulfil the need for good quality and affordable, stitched uniforms in the area.

Investment Utilization: PKR 67,000 has been utilized as initial investment. 113 units of uniforms have been sold to Asian Model School, the first customer of the enterprise.

Future Plans: To target 40% schools of Peshawar by the end of 2020. Young entrepreneurs are also working on a plan to recycle/reuse the uniforms.
It was for the first time in our life that we were starting our own enterprise. That was a life changing moment because at this age students are just connected to home & their educational institutes. We got the opportunity to experience a whole new world of entrepreneurship. Our journey is filled with many special moments, especially getting our first contract from "Asian Model School" and the cloth merchant "Balouch cloth house".

The most beautiful moment while running an enterprise was to give employment to the poor ladies and providing them peace and sustainability.
School Name
Oxford Public School, Quetta

Team Members
- Habibullah
- Muhammad Ismail
- Tariq Shah
- Meer Wais

The business idea presented by the students aimed to encourage women education in Quetta by providing them with affordable course books.

The problem identified was that there are many children in a family and parents invest more in the education of boys than girls. To make education more affordable and encourage parents to invest in female education, the team wanted to utilize used course books, and sell them at subsidised rates.

Till date, 63 children have received books free of cost via the enterprise! Investment Utilization: PKR 215,000 has been used for procuring and distributing the books.

Future Plans: To support as many school children as possible by providing course books at lower prices and also free of cost, in future.
Future Plans

With Enterprise Challenge Pakistan expanding it’s reach each year, the purpose and objective of the programme, will continue to motivate us in developing an enabling environment for the future generations.

Young people are the back bone of any society. To develop an ecosystem that supports an entrepreneurial mind set and provide adequate opportunities for the young ones, we shall continue our efforts and endeavours.

The journey of these social enterprises does not end here. In fact, this is just the beginning to a long path of hurdles, challenges, technological changes and rewards for these young entrepreneurs who will, indeed be the builders of tomorrow.
Enterprise Challenge Pakistan is a platform which provides the students of different provinces of Pakistan to enter the world of entrepreneurship. It was completely a new and exciting experience for us.

It was an unbelievable moment for our team when a group of five students were selected from KPK and we were also a part of this lucky and hardworking team.

When we reached Karachi and presented our pitch in front of the panel of judges who liked our idea and gave us hope. The entire journey from getting selected till this day has been a memorable part of our life.

TEAM KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
“Super lucky to be a part of this programme. It was a great experience, especially, because I had never worked with children!”

- Gulbaz Khan

“ECP has been a life changing experience for me personally. I’ve learnt a lot about different cultures and so far it has been one the most impactful projects I’ve worked on as I get to see how talented children are. What motivates me the most is the that children from the toughest of backgrounds are able to showcase their ideas through ECP and will surely make our country proud one day!”

- Junaid Quadri

“There are countless memorable experiences I have had during this programme. I learnt about the mindset of our young people, their capabilities and their drive to do something in life. These were the things which kept me going because ECP is giving these students an opportunity of a lifetime to achieve something for themselves something that is greater than themselves.”

- Umer Abid
Words of Wisdom from the Teachers

This is an ode to all the teachers and school management who worked day and night with the young entrepreneurs to ensure that their ideas became a reality. From using their personal and professional contacts to providing emotional support to the students, the school representatives played a crucial role in helping these students grow into social entrepreneurs. They put their confidence in these children and their ideas and helped them grow.

In this section, the school representatives share their thoughts on the entire journey with SEED and the young entrepreneurs.

“Since the inception of this marvellous initiative till the implementation, our plan turned into a revolutionary idea and a journey of personal and social growth for the students. It has had a dramatic effect on their lives particularly as well as on their surroundings. SEED team has made a great contribution to this society. God bless your team for their efforts.”

Ms. Ismat – Trust School, Lahore

“Enterprise Challenge helped the students in exploring their creative side, being responsible citizens and confident and vocal individuals with a sense of purpose. Initially the idea of setting up an enterprise daunted the students. But later, as they shared responsibilities, they grew closer, worked harder, took bold steps and every idea began to take form.”

Ms. Safia Adnan – Dawood Public School, Karachi

“I think it’s a unique journey for the young ones that is packed with experiences, learning and a lot more. Enterprise Challenge Pakistan gave them the opportunity to do something they never thought they could achieve. To be the builders of a future where they are job givers instead of job seekers”

Mr. Jawwad Kazmi – Burraq School, Kashmir