



PAKISTAN ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND (SINDH)

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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

2024-2025

EMPOWERMENT | INCLUSION | INDEPENDENCE

“ Working together for a more inclusive, accessible and empowered Sindh. ”



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TOGETHER
WE CAN BUILD
A MORE INCLUSIVE
AND ACCESSIBLE
SINDH



EDUCATION
Opportunities
for Every Child



WELFARE
Care, Support &
Dignity for All



ADVOCACY
Stronger Voice for
Equal Rights



MOBILITY
Independence
Through Access



EMPOWERMENT
Building Skills.
Building Futures.

Empowering Persons with Visual Impairment through
Education, Welfare, Advocacy, Skill Development, Sports & Inclusion

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Executive Summary

During 2024–2025, Pakistan Association of the Blind Sindh continued to strengthen its role as one of the leading organizations working for persons with visual impairment across Sindh. The Association remained actively engaged in education, welfare assistance, advocacy, sports, and accessibility initiatives. Through Silver Line School, the Braille Printing Press, district branch support, social welfare programs, and awareness activities, the Association expanded its outreach and delivered meaningful services to the visually impaired community. A significant highlight of the year was public participation in national awareness events and the visit of the Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, to the PAB Sindh exhibition stall during Independence Day celebrations. The year reflected organizational growth, stronger community engagement, and continued commitment to inclusion and dignity.

Vision

A society where persons with visual impairment enjoy equal opportunities, accessibility, dignity, and full participation in all aspects of life.

Mission

To empower persons with visual impairment through education, rehabilitation, advocacy, social welfare, sports, and institutional support, while promoting inclusion and protecting their rights across Sindh.

1. Education: Silver Line School for the Blind & Deaf

Silver Line School remained one of the Association's flagship educational institutions. The school continued providing inclusive education and a supportive learning environment for visually impaired students as well as children with hearing and speech impairments. Students actively participated in co-curricular and national events during the year. Total expenditure: **Rs. 4,339,872.**



Students and staff of Silver Line School participating in Independence Day celebrations.

2. Community Outreach, Advocacy, Awareness & Seminars

The Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, visited the Association's stall, reviewed publications and appreciated the services being delivered for persons with visual impairment.



Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah visiting the PAB Sindh stall.

During the year 2024–2025, Pakistan Association of the Blind Sindh remained actively engaged in advocacy, awareness, and capacity-building initiatives aimed at promoting the rights, dignity, accessibility, and inclusion of persons with visual impairment across Sindh. These activities provided important opportunities to strengthen public awareness, enhance community participation, and reinforce the Association's mission through outreach, training, and institutional engagement.

Key initiatives undertaken during the year included:

- **Promotional and awareness activities** organized to highlight the capabilities, achievements, and rights of persons with visual impairment while strengthening the visibility of the Association's services and outreach.
- **Training workshops and seminars** conducted at various levels to build awareness regarding disability inclusion, accessibility, education, rehabilitation, and social participation, while creating opportunities for dialogue among members and stakeholders.
- **Official travelling and coordination meetings** with district branches, institutions, and community representatives to strengthen communication, planning, and organizational coordination across Sindh.



- **White Cane Awareness activities** observed to promote independent mobility, safe access, and broader public understanding of the importance of accessibility for visually impaired persons.
- **Distribution of white canes** among visually impaired persons across Sindh, supporting mobility, independence, and confidence in daily life.
- **Women's Wing activities** focused on participation, empowerment, and social engagement of visually impaired women, encouraging meaningful involvement within the Association and the wider community.
- **Women's Wing special programs** arranged to strengthen inclusion, representation, and community participation among women members.
- **Women's training sessions and seminars** organized to support awareness, personal development, leadership, and practical learning opportunities for visually impaired women.
- **Community-based programs and awareness events** held throughout the year to strengthen public engagement, encourage inclusion, and create platforms for participation and advocacy.
- **Printing of souvenirs and awareness material** for public events and institutional programs, helping strengthen communication and promote the Association's work among supporters and stakeholders.
- **Fundraising and donor engagement activities** organized to support sustainability of welfare and development programs and strengthen institutional capacity for future outreach.

Through these combined efforts, the Association continued strengthening advocacy and awareness, expanding community outreach, and promoting a more inclusive and accessible environment for persons with visual impairment throughout Sindh. **Total expenditure under Advocacy, Awareness & Seminars: Rs=5,877,560**



Community participation during national awareness activities.

3. Braille Printing Press

The Braille Printing Press continued producing accessible educational material and remained an important source of learning support for visually impaired students across Sindh. Total expenditure: **Rs=814,567.**

4. Social Relief & Welfare

The Social Relief & Welfare Program remained one of the most impactful and far-reaching service areas of Pakistan Association of the Blind Sindh during the year 2024–2025.

Through this program, the Association continued extending direct support and practical assistance to visually impaired individuals and families across Sindh, particularly those facing financial hardship and limited access to resources.

A major part of this initiative was the **annual Eidi distribution**, through which deserving visually impaired persons received financial support during Ramadan and Eid, bringing relief and helping families meet essential needs during the festive season.



The Association also continued its **PAB Income Support Program**, providing regular financial assistance to deserving members to help strengthen financial stability and support day-to-day living requirements.

Financial assistance was further extended through targeted support in key areas including:

- **General financial aid** for urgent personal needs
- **Medical assistance** for treatment and healthcare support
- **Educational assistance** to help visually impaired students continue their studies
- **Wedding assistance** to support deserving members and families during important life events

As part of strengthening institutional services throughout the province, financial support was also provided to **district branches of PAB Sindh**, enabling branches to continue local programs and remain active in serving their communities.

Additional support was extended toward **repair and maintenance assistance** for branch facilities including Nawabshah and Noshero Feroz, while office rent support was also continued for **PAB Shikarpur** to help maintain uninterrupted branch operations.

Through these combined welfare initiatives, the Association continued its commitment to dignity, compassion, and practical support for persons with visual impairment throughout Sindh. Total expenditure under Social Relief & Welfare Program: Rs=9,789,115/. This program remained a vital pillar of the Association's mission and directly strengthened the wellbeing, independence, and social inclusion of visually impaired individuals across the province.



5. Sports Activities

Sports remained an important part of inclusion and participation. Blind cricket activities continued successfully and encouraged confidence and teamwork among visually impaired athletes. Total expenditure: **Rs= 1,159,960/**

7. Operational Support

Administrative and operational support ensured continuity of services, institutional management, and coordination with district branches throughout the province. Total expenditure: **Rs= 3,455,739/**

Future Program & Strategic Priorities

Looking ahead, Pakistan Association of the Blind Sindh remains committed to further strengthening its services and outreach across the province. The Association aims to expand educational opportunities through enhanced support for Silver Line School and Braille learning resources, strengthen district branch capacity, increase welfare coverage for deserving persons, and broaden awareness activities related to disability inclusion and accessibility. Future priorities also include promoting women's participation, expanding skill development opportunities for youth with visual impairment, strengthening sports programs, and building stronger partnerships with government departments, donors, and civil society institutions.

Conclusion

The year 2024–2025 marked another important milestone in the journey of Pakistan Association of the Blind Sindh. Through collective efforts, community trust, and institutional commitment, the Association continued advancing inclusion, opportunity, and empowerment for persons with visual impairment throughout Sindh.