



# Pakistan Youth Network

## About the Network

VSO Pakistan supports and empowers young people to become leaders, take control of their own development and transform their communities. Its youth engagement work takes place within formal and informal youth networks of more than 200 young people across Pakistan.

The network has reached more than 10,000 young people through its social media pages and digital campaigning, as well as within physical spaces via touchpoints like education champions, rescue officers, youth trainers and primary actors while focusing on the most marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Pakistan's youth network not only allows young people to work together to have their voices heard, but also enables members' personal growth and identity development through volunteering.

Young people can build their social, emotional, leadership and communication skills, developing their confidence, agency, creativity, and problem solving.

### Youth empowerment

By developing skills, confidence, peer networks, and lines of communication with leaders and decision-makers, young people feel empowered to have a voice and proactively work within their communities. The Youth Employability Network (YEN), is a network of over 800 members collaborating to promote jobs and develop entrepreneurial skills through training, workshops and skill building.

This also provides opportunities and spaces for young people to engage with duty-bearers, policymakers, parliamentarians and other people in positions of power. They can make sure their own voice is heard, and add their voice to the collective, amplifying the calls-to-action far beyond what they could achieve alone.



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## Social cohesion and peacebuilding

Youth networks not only provide the opportunities for young people to develop their own capabilities, but also a space and structure for them to put their own contributions back out into the community.

This interchange helps build cohesion and solidarity among poor and marginalized youth, which in turn creates cooperation in times of peace, and more resilient communities in times of crisis – such as the Covid-19 pandemic and climate-related disasters.

Since 2015, over one million young people have received specialist training on emergency and disaster response, spanning all 36 districts of Punjab.



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