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Australia commends the work of its community-based development partners in Pakistan

The Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Peter Heyward commended the work of Pakistan community-based Non-Government Organisations by today presenting plaques of appreciation in Lahore.

“These organizations are but a few amongst the many that work tirelessly for the betterment of the lives of the less fortunate in their country” Mr Heyward said. “It is a sector of society of which Pakistanis should be very proud”

At the Australia Day in Spring ceremony in Lahore on 17 April, High Commissioner Heyward awarded certificates to Ali Faateh Foundation (AFF) and Good Thinkers Organisation (GTO) for Human Development.

The Australian High Commission granted funding under its Direct Aid Program to AFF for its ‘Walled City Education’ project in the old Lahore city area and GTO for a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project for public schools in Kasur.

DAP is an AusAID-funded annual small grants program that provide funding to community-based organisations for projects aiming at relieving humanitarian hardships across 60 countries worldwide.

“Ali Faateh Foundation and Good Thinkers Organisation are NGOs doing excellent work that is having a real impact on communities in Punjab province”, Mr Heyward said. “We are pleased to be able to contribute to the capacity of community based organisations, to create participatory and sustainable communities.”

The DAP is an ongoing program that funds small community development initiatives in Pakistan with large social impact. In the last five years, DAP has disbursed approximately PKR 80 million to community development initiatives across Pakistan. In 2012/13, DAP had funded 11 projects across Pakistan.

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