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### TOP SKILLS/ TRADES OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN

1. Carpet weaving
2. Driving
3. Solar wind and UPS repair
4. Plumbing
5. Motor vehicle repair
6. Carpentry/wood work
7. Heavy machinery operators
8. Machinist
9. Industrial Electrician
10. Masonry
11. AC and refrigeration
12. Mobile repairing
13. Welding
14. Aluminium Fabricator

### GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS OF UNHCR LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES BY DISTRICT

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A three-month tailoring training enabled me to become an entrepreneur inside my house.” - Samar

Samar (40) is an Afghan refugee and a mother of eight children aged between 3 to 17 years. She lives in Barakai refugee camp, Swabi district of Pakistan. Her husband is a daily wage earner and has no stable income source to support his family.

In September 2018, Samar participated in a skills development project in the refugee camp which taught advanced tailoring and provided business start-up assets. Samar always had a keen interest in tailoring but she did not have the confidence to pursue her interest.

After completing the course, she was given a sewing machine and started a tailoring business at home. Eventually, she received orders from customers and made their dresses.

Samar now earns about Rs 8,000 (60 USD) per month and regularly contributes to the family's income. With the money she makes, she is able to pay for her children's educational, health and daily expenses. “The training gave me confidence in myself,” says Samar. Her husband noted that thanks to Samar's contributions, he no longer experiences financial stress and plans to provide schooling to their children, as they now can easily afford to do so. Samar also said that children now have books, bags, uniforms and new shoes, and happily go to schools every day.

When asked about her future aspirations, she replied:

“|I will utilize the skills I've learned during the skills training that I received in this project. I'll save some money and will start a home-based female clothing shop in the future, along with my sewing business. "My skill is my asset; I am using it productively now, and it will be very useful after repatriation to Afghanistan to support my family."
UNHCR Livelihood Activities for Afghan Refugees in Pakistan

LIVELIHOOD WAY FORWARD / PROVISION

Placement of refugees in formal job markets (conditional on the granting of the right to work by the Government of Pakistan and the relevant visa regime)

Self-employment opportunities

Right to work, SIM card use and business registration

Cross-border livelihoods programme (in partnership with GIZ, WB and IOM)

Refugee inclusion in the national "poverty graduation approach"

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