



CHSS Financial Coordinator at LUMS

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## Sohaib Iftikhar

Sohaib Iftikhar is Financial Coordinator at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Pakistan, one of the five implementing partners of the CHSS transnational project. His role focuses on ensuring the seamless execution of financial operations that drive the success of the CHSS project. As a key member of the CHSS team based in South Asia, he noted “this project has provided me with the opportunity to collaborate with international organizations, enriching my learning experience and significantly enhancing my professional portfolio. In 2023, I extended my expertise internationally by collaborating with the West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar.”

Thanks to the CHSS network that extends beyond Asia across the Global South, Sohaib travelled to Senegal to share his expertise, provide technical support and conduct staff training to modernize WARC’s financial system. This collaboration has continued in 2024 with remote mentoring to help enhance operational efficiency and continue to build internal capacity.

For Sohaib “The cross-regional exchange experience was characterized by knowledge-sharing, mutual respect, and a commitment to fostering sustainable financial practices, earning the appreciation of my Senegalese colleagues. Notably, WARC will utilize this capacity-building effort to train financial counterparts in other regional partner organizations in West Africa, transforming the initiative into a train-the-trainer model.”