



IGNITE
(A Company incorporated under section 42
of the Companies Act, 2017)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

BDO Ebrahim & Co. Chartered Accountants

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IGNITE

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the annexed financial statements of **IGNITE (the Company)**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and we state that we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the statement of financial position, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows together with the notes forming part thereof conform with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and give the information required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), in the manner so required and respectively give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at June 30, 2024 and of the loss, the comprehensive loss, the changes in equity and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report but does not include the financial statements and our auditors report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and the requirements of Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Board of directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw



attention in our auditors report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Based on our audit, we further report that in our opinion:

- a) proper books of account have been kept by the Company as required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);
- b) the statement of financial position, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows together with the notes thereon have been drawn up in conformity with the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and are in agreement with the books of accounts and returns;
- c) investments made, expenditure incurred and guarantees extended during the year were for the purpose of the Company's business; and
- d) no Zakat was deductible at source under the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980).

Other Matter

The financial statements of IGNITE for the year ended June 30, 2023, were audited by another firm of Chartered Accountants, who expressed an unmodified opinion vide their report dated on January 16, 2024.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors report is Atif Riaz.

ISLAMABAD

DATED: 04 OCT 2024

UDIN: AR202410060NdDrzMO19



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

IGNITE**(A Company incorporated under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017)****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT JUNE 30, 2024**

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	6	32,283	29,555
Intangible assets	7	32,173	14,259
Right of use asset	8	592,137	189,446
Long term security deposit	9	3,219	3,219
Long term loans and advances - considered good	10	10,589	1,279
		670,401	237,758
CURRENT ASSETS			
Loans and advances - considered good	10	27,571	35,166
Short term prepayments		684	487
Funds receivable	11	728,895	602,210
Accrued interest on bank balance		75	109
Bank balances	12	132,101	99,764
		889,326	737,736
TOTAL ASSETS		1,559,727	975,494
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		-	-
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	13	475,191	164,546
Deferred capital grant	14	64,456	43,814
		539,647	208,360
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Current portion of lease liabilities	13	221,331	65,633
Trade and other payables	15	798,749	701,501
		1,020,080	767,134
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		1,559,727	975,494
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	16		

The annexed notes 1 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER



DIRECTOR

IGNITE**(A Company incorporated under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017)****STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
INCOME			
Grant income recognized from:			
R&D Fund, MoITT	17	1,665,383	1,730,749
Public Sector Development Program (PSDP)	17	963	-
		1,666,346	1,730,749
EXPENDITURE			
Project / program activities	18	1,207,630	1,384,680
Operating costs	19	431,719	330,679
Finance costs on lease liabilities	13.2	7,302	9,800
		1,646,651	1,725,159
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		19,695	5,590
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Items that will not be subsequently reclassified to income and expenditure			
Re-measurement loss on staff gratuity	15.3.4	(19,695)	(5,590)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		-	-

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**
DIRECTOR

IGNITE**(A Company incorporated under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017)****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND****FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds Rs '000
Balance at July 1, 2022	1,444
Surplus for the year	5,590
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(5,590)
Return of funds to Ministry of Information Technology (MoITT) and Telecommunication	(1,444)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(1,444)
Balance at June 30, 2023	-
Surplus for the year	19,695
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(19,695)
Balance at June 30, 2024	-

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IGNITE**(A Company incorporated under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017)****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	19,695	5,590
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation on property and equipment	11,522	9,380
Amortization on intangible assets	5,642	782
Depreciation on right of use asset	80,321	57,260
Finance costs	56,385	21,129
Amortization of deferred capital grant	(17,164)	(10,162)
Amortization of funds receivable	(1,649,182)	(1,720,587)
Provision for staff gratuity	22,733	19,207
	<u>(1,470,048)</u>	<u>(1,617,401)</u>
Changes in:		
Long term loans and advances - considered good	(9,310)	3,578
Loans and advances - considered good	7,595	83,086
Short term prepayments	(197)	(150)
Trade and other payables	125,321	230,424
	<u>123,409</u>	<u>316,938</u>
Cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,346,639)</u>	<u>(1,300,463)</u>
Contribution made to staff gratuity fund	(72,151)	(15,116)
Funds received during the year from MoIT	1,556,480	1,483,000
Funds received during the year from PSDP	10,422	-
Funds lapsed during the year	(4,914)	-
Funds returned during the year	(39,067)	(30,821)
Interest income received on bank balance	261	179
Refunds from projects / programs	38,805	31,445
Net cash flow generated from operating activities	<u>143,197</u>	<u>168,224</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Return of funds to MoIT	-	(1,444)
Acquisition of property and equipment	(14,250)	(9,703)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(23,556)	(13,355)
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(37,806)</u>	<u>(24,502)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Lease rentals paid during the year	(73,054)	(62,947)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	32,337	80,775
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	99,764	18,989
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>132,101</u>	<u>99,764</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

1 THE COMPANY AND ITS OPERATIONS

1.1 Status and nature of activities

"Ignite" (the "Company") was incorporated in Pakistan on November 20, 2006, as a Not for Profit Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital under section 42 of then applicable Companies Ordinance, 1984 (Repealed by the Companies Act, 2017). The Company was formed under Section 33(D) of Pakistan Telecommunication (Reorganization) Act, 1996. The registered office of the Company is situated at 3rd Floor, Telecom Foundation Complex, 7-Mauve Area, G-9/4, Islamabad.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Research and Development Fund Rules 2006, operations of the Company are funded by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT), Government of Pakistan through a Research and Development Fund (the "Fund"), [a separate entity established under section 33(C) of Telecommunication Re-organization (Amendment) Ordinance, 2005]. The Fund is under the control of Federal Government, which administers the Fund through a Policy Committee.

The primary objective of the Company is to promote research and development activities in the field of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) through disbursement of grants to implementing partners, received from the Government of Pakistan and other national and international funding agencies.

During the year, Federal Government has approved a PSDP project titled Prime Minister's Initiatives - Support for IT Startups, Specialized IT Trainings and Venture Capital. The Company is an executing agency for Component 1 of the project i.e. Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart Pakistan having budget of Rs. 3,000,000 thousand for two years starting from February 16, 2024.

The Company's license issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) under section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (now Companies Act, 2017) expired on July 13, 2020. In accordance with the SECP's SRO 1574(I) / 2021 dated November 29, 2021, the requirement of renewal of license by the Company under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017 has now been omitted from Associations with Charitable and Not for Profit Objects Regulations, 2018. Accordingly, renewal of license is not required to be obtained and the existing license issued by SECP dated July 14, 2015 remains valid.

2 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan. The accounting and reporting standards applicable in Pakistan comprise of:

- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS Standards) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) as notified under the Companies Act, 2017; and
- Accounting Standard for Not for Profit Organizations (Accounting Standard for NPOs) issued by the Institute of the Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) as notified under the Companies Act, 2017; and

- Provisions of and directives issued under the Companies Act, 2017.

Where provisions of and directives issued under the Companies Act, 2017 differ from the IFRS Standards, the provisions of and directives issued under the Companies Act, 2017 have been followed.

3 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MEASUREMENT

3.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared under 'historical cost convention' except as otherwise disclosed in respective accounting policy notes.

3.2 Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The financial statements are presented in Pakistani Rupees (PKR), which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information presented in PKR has been rounded off to the nearest of thousand, unless otherwise stated.

3.3 Significant accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with approved accounting and reporting standards requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which, form the basis of making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following estimates and judgements which are significant to the financial statements:

- i) Estimated useful life and residual value of property and equipment - note 5.1 and note 6
- ii) Estimated value of staff retirement benefits obligations - note 5.6 and note 15.3
- iii) Impairment of non-financial and financial assets - note 5.3 and note 5.4
- iv) Expected credit loss allowance - note 5.4
- v) Right of use assets and corresponding lease liabilities - note 5.11, note 8 and note 13
- vi) Contingencies and commitments - note 16

4 APPLICATION OF NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS TO PUBLISHED APPROVED ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING STANDARDS

4.1 New accounting standards, amendments and IFRS interpretations that are effective for the year ended June 30, 2024

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are effective for the year ended June 30, 2024. These standards, amendments and interpretations are either not relevant to the Company's operations or did not have significant impact on the financial statements other than certain additional disclosures.

	Effective date (annual periods beginning on or after)
Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements- Disclosure of Accounting Policies	January 01, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' - Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments	January 01, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' - Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments	January 01, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 16 'Leases' - Amendments to clarify how a seller-lessee subsequently measures sale and leaseback transactions	January 01, 2023

The Company adopted the narrow-scope amendments to the International Accounting Standard (IAS) 1, Presentation of Financial Statements which have been effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to accounting policy themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements.

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting the Company to provide useful entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

Management reviewed the accounting policies and updates to the information disclosed in Note 5 Material accounting policies (2023: Significant accounting policies) in certain instances in line with the amendments and concluded that all its accounting policies are material for disclosure.



4.2 New accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that are not yet effective

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are only effective for accounting periods, beginning on or after the date mentioned against each of them. These standards, amendments and interpretations are either not relevant to the Company's operations or are not expected to have significant impact on the Company's financial statements other than certain additional disclosures.

Amendments to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' - Supplier finance arrangements January 01, 2024

Amendments to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' - Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments January 01, 2026

Amendments to IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' - Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments January 01, 2026

Amendments to IFRS 16 'Leases' - Amendments to clarify how a seller-lessee subsequently measures sale and leaseback transactions January 01, 2024

Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' - Classification of liabilities as current or non-current January 01, 2024

Amendments to IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' - Supplier finance arrangements January 01, 2025

Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' - Classification of liabilities as current or non-current January 01, 2025

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts January 01, 2026

IFRS 1 'First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards' has been issued by IASB effective from July 01, 2009. However, it has not been adopted yet locally by Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).

IFRS 18 'Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements' has been issued by IASB effective from January 01, 2027. However, it has not been adopted yet locally by SECP

IFRS 19 'Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures' has been issued by IASB effective from January 01, 2027. However, it has not been adopted yet locally by SECP

IFRS 17 - 'Insurance contracts' has been notified by the IASB to be effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. However SECP has notified the timeframe for the adoption of IFRS - 17 which will be adopted by January 01, 2026.

5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

5.1 Property and equipment

These are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any. Depreciation is charged using the straight-line method so as to write off the depreciable amount of property and equipment over their estimated useful lives. The rates used are stated in note 6 to the financial statements. Depreciation is charged on additions from the month the assets become available for intended use up to the month in which these are derecognized. The assets residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Statement of Financial Position date.

Maintenance and normal repairs are charged to Statement of Comprehensive Income as and when incurred. Major extensions, renewals and improvements are capitalized.

5.2 Intangibles assets

An intangible asset is recognized if it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to such asset will flow to the Company and the cost of the asset can also be measured reliably. These are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and identified impairment loss, if any. Amortization is charged on a straight line basis so as to write off the amortizable amount of the intangible assets over their estimated useful life. Amortization is charged on additions from the month the assets become available for the intended use up to the month in which these are derecognized.

5.3 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that are subject to depreciation / amortisation are reviewed for impairment at each statement of financial position date or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Reversals of the impairment losses are restricted to the extent that assets carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss has been recognised. An impairment loss or reversal of impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

5.4 Financial instruments

Initial recognition

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at cost which is the fair value of the consideration given or received. These are subsequently measured at fair value or amortised cost as the case may be.

Classification of financial assets

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories:

- at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"),
- at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"),
- at amortised cost.

The Company determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition. The

classification of instruments (other than equity instruments) is driven by the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at FVTOCI:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL.

The Company classifies its financial liabilities in the following categories:

- at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), or
- at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL (such as instruments held for trading or derivatives) or the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL.

Subsequent measurement

i) Financial assets at FVTOCI

Investments elected to be as equity instruments at FVTOCI are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value, with gains or losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income / (loss).

ii) Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost

Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortised cost, and in the case of financial assets, less any impairment. *rebut*

iii) Financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL

Financial assets and liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Where management has opted to recognise a financial liability at FVTPL, any changes associated with the Company's own credit risk will be recognized in other comprehensive income / (loss). Currently, there are no financial liabilities designated at FVTPL.

Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses ('ECL') associated with its debt instrument assets carried at amortized cost and FVTOCI. The Company recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Expected credit loss measurement

IFRS 9 outlines a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition as summarized below:

- A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in 'Stage 1' and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Company.
- If a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to 'Stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired.
- If the financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is then moved to 'Stage 3'.
- Financial instruments in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that result from default events possible within the next 12 months. Instruments in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on expected credit losses on a lifetime basis.
- A pervasive concept in measuring ECL in accordance with IFRS 9 is that it should consider forward-looking information.

The key judgments and assumptions adopted by the Company in addressing the requirements of the IFRS 9 are outlined below:

Significant increase in credit risk (SICR)

The Company considers a financial instrument to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when one or more of the quantitative or qualitative criteria have been met including past due history, aging, probability of default etc.

Measuring ECL - Explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques

The Expected Credit Loss (ECL) is measured on either a 12-month (12M) or Lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired. Expected credit losses are the discounted product of the Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD), and Loss Given Default (LGD), defined as follows:

The PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation (as per "Definition of default and credit-impaired"), either over the next 12 months (12M PD), or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation.

EAD is based on the amounts the Company expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime EAD). The expected amount to be drawn up is computed after adjustment of the appropriate credit factor.

Loss Given Default (LGD) represents the Company's expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. LGD varies by type of financial instrument, counterparty, type and seniority of claim and availability of collateral or other credit support. LGD is expressed as a percentage loss per unit of exposure at the time of default (EAD). LGD is calculated on a 12-month or lifetime basis, where 12-month LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be made if the default occurs in the next 12 months and Lifetime LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be made if the default occurs over the remaining expected lifetime of the loan.

Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL models

The assessment of SICR and the calculation of ECL both incorporate forward-looking information. The Company has identified the key economic variables impacting credit risk and expected credit losses for each portfolio / party.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

(i) Financial assets

The Company derecognises financial assets only when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial assets expire or when it transfers the financial assets and substantially all the associated risks and rewards of ownership to another entity. On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying value and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in statement of comprehensive income. In addition, on derecognition of an investment in a debt instrument classified as FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to statement of comprehensive income. In contrast, on derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Company has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to statement of comprehensive income, but it is transferred to statement of changes in equity.

(ii) Financial Liabilities

The Company derecognises financial liabilities only when its obligations under the financial liabilities are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the

carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

5.5 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and bank balances.

5.6 Staff retirement benefits

Accumulated compensated absences

The Company accounts for accumulated compensated absences in the period in which these absences are earned. An accrual is made for employees compensated absences on the basis of accumulated leaves at the last drawn pay.

Gratuity scheme

The Company operates a funded gratuity scheme for its employees who have completed the qualifying period as defined under the respective scheme. Liabilities for the scheme are recognized on the basis of an actuarial valuation using the Projected Unit Credit Method. The latest actuarial valuation was performed on June 30, 2024 details of which are given in note 15.3.

5.7 Funds Receivable, Restricted Funds and Grant Income

Grants are recognized as deferred income, when there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Company will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. Amounts received from the Ministry of Information Technology and other donors are included in the balance of the restricted funds. Any income earned on these funds is also included in the fund. Any excess of expenditure incurred by the Company over the grant received is recognised as funds receivable in the statement of financial position, when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated; and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Grants that compensate the Company for expenses incurred are recognized in statement of comprehensive income in the same period in which the expenses are recognized. Grants that compensate the Company for cost of an asset are transferred to deferred capital grant and recognized in statement of comprehensive income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the related asset, upon capitalization.

5.8 Expenditure on projects / programs activities

Grants received from Ministry of Information Technology, Government of Pakistan, and other donors are allocated to the projects / programs based on an evaluation of the envisaged projects' budget. Company recognises expenditure on projects / programs activities on accrual basis of accounting i.e. when expense is incurred by the implementing partner organization in accordance with the relevant agreements.

5.9 Taxation

The grant income of the Company is exempted under clause 102 (A) of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. Therefore, no provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

5.10 Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

A contingent liability is disclosed when the Company has a possible obligation as a result of past events, whose existence will be confirmed only by one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Company; or the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of the past event but it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

5.11 Leases

Right of use asset

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of the contract. The Company recognises a right of use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right of use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentive received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

Lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

Lease payments in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- i) fixed payments including in-substance fixed payments;

- ii) variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- iii) amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees; and
- iv) the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Variable lease payments are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which the condition that triggers those payments occurs.

The Company has opted not to recognize right of use assets for short-term leases i.e. leases with a term of twelve (12) months or less. The payments associated with such leases are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income when incurred.

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6 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold improvements	Furniture and fittings	Vehicles	Office equipment	Computer equipment Note 6.1	Total
	Rs '000					
As at July 1, 2022						
Cost	24,226	6,355	103	4,677	32,146	67,507
Accumulated depreciation	(6,864)	(2,801)	(103)	(1,514)	(26,993)	(38,275)
Net book value	17,362	3,554	-	3,163	5,153	29,232
Year ended June 30, 2023						
Opening net book value	17,362	3,554	-	3,163	5,153	29,232
Additions	-	712	-	336	8,655	9,703
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	4,845	520	-	422	3,593	9,380
Closing net book value	12,517	3,746	-	3,077	10,215	29,555
As at July 1, 2023						
Cost	24,226	7,067	103	5,013	40,801	77,210
Accumulated depreciation	(11,709)	(3,321)	(103)	(1,936)	(30,586)	(47,655)
Net book value	12,517	3,746	-	3,077	10,215	29,555
Year ended June 30, 2024						
Opening net book value	12,517	3,746	-	3,077	10,215	29,555
Additions	-	1,070	-	372	12,808	14,250
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	4,845	555	-	460	5,662	11,522
Closing net book value	7,672	4,261	-	2,989	17,361	32,283
As at June 30, 2024						
Cost	24,226	8,137	103	5,385	53,609	91,460
Accumulated depreciation	(16,554)	(3,876)	(103)	(2,396)	(36,248)	(59,177)
Net book value	7,672	4,261	-	2,989	17,361	32,283
Annual rate of depreciation (%)	20	10	20	10	33	

6.1 This includes assets amounting to Rs. 4,061 thousand (2023: Nil) relating to Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project being executed by the Company.

6.2 Depreciation for the year is allocated as follows

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Operating costs	11,409	9,380
Project / program activities - Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project	113	-
	<u>11,522</u>	<u>9,380</u>

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7	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	Note	2024	2023
			Rs '000	Rs '000
	Softwares	7.1	17,021	1,327
	Capital work in progress (CWIP) - Softwares	7.2	15,152	12,932
			<u>32,173</u>	<u>14,259</u>
7.1	Softwares			
	Cost			
	Opening balance as at July 01		2,756	2,333
	Additions	7.4	3,094	423
	Transfers		18,242	-
	Closing balance as at June 30		<u>24,092</u>	<u>2,756</u>
	Accumulated amortisation			
	Opening balance as at July 01		(1,429)	(647)
	Amortisation charge	7.3	(5,642)	(782)
	Closing balance as at June 30		<u>(7,071)</u>	<u>(1,429)</u>
	Net book value as at June 30		<u>17,021</u>	<u>1,327</u>
	Annual rate of amortization (%)		33	33
7.2	Capital work in progress (CWIP) - Softwares			
	Balance at beginning of the year		12,932	-
	Additions during the year	7.5	20,462	12,932
	Transfers during the year - Softwares		(18,242)	-
	Balance at end of the year		<u>15,152</u>	<u>12,932</u>
7.3	Amortization for the year is allocated as follows			
	Operating costs		5,614	782
	Project / program activities - Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project		28	-
			<u>5,642</u>	<u>782</u>
7.4	This includes softwares Rs. 1,000 thousand (2023: Nil) relating to Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project being executed by the Company.			
7.5	Additions in CWIP-Softwares during the year amounts to Rs 7,460 thousand (2023: Rs 7,460) of Grant Management System and Rs 12,769 thousands (2023: Rs 5,472) for Ignite Startup Portal and Rs. 233 thousands (2023: Nil) for Travel Management system. Grant Management System and Travel management system softwares are currently in its development phase.			
8	RIGHT OF USE ASSET		2024	2023
			Rs '000	Rs '000
	Cost			
	Balance at the beginning of the year		315,785	269,667
	Additions during the year		483,012	46,118
	Balance at the end of the year		<u>798,797</u>	<u>315,785</u>

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Accumulated depreciation

Balance at the beginning of the year	(126,339)	(69,079)
Depreciation charge for the year	(80,321)	(57,260)
Balance at the end of the year	(206,660)	(126,339)

Net book value	592,137	189,446
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Annual rate of depreciation (%)	10-33	10-33
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8.1 Depreciation for the year is allocated as follows

Operating costs	44,638	41,590
Project / program activities - National Incubation Centres	35,683	15,670
	<u>80,321</u>	<u>57,260</u>

8.2 Right of use asset represents premises, obtained on rent, by the Company. During the year, the Company had entered into agreements with its related parties i.e. Telecom Foundation, PTCL and NITB for rental of premises of Ignite Islamabad office, National Incubation Centre Peshawar and Islamabad.

9 LONG TERM SECURITY DEPOSIT

This represents payment made to Telecom Foundation, related party as security deposit equivalent to one month rent for office premises against lease term of five years.

10 LOANS AND ADVANCES - CONSIDERED GOOD

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Unsecured - considered good			
Advances to implementing partners	10.1	1,834	24,204
Advances to employees		3,000	211
Advances to suppliers and contractors	10.2	<u>3,275</u>	<u>-</u>
		8,109	24,415
Secured - considered good			
Loans against gratuity	10.3 & 10.4	<u>30,051</u>	<u>12,030</u>
		38,160	36,445
Less: long term portion of loans and advances shown under non-current assets	10.5	<u>(10,589)</u>	<u>(1,279)</u>
		<u>27,571</u>	<u>35,166</u>

10.1 This represents advances for implementation of different projects which will be adjusted against actual expenditure as per the provisions of the relevant project implementation agreements.

10.2 This represents advance payments made to the vendor for procurement of an email security system.

10.3 This includes interest free loan given to Ex-Chief Executive Officer / director in accordance with the Company's policy. Details are as follows:

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		2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Balance at the beginning of the year		263	895
Disbursement during the year		-	-
Repayments during the year		(263)	(632)
Balance at the end of the year		-	263
Less: current portion of loan to director		-	263
Non-current portion of loan to director		-	-
10.4	This represents loans and advances given to employees against their gratuity in accordance with the Company's policy with repayment terms of maximum twenty four (24) months and carry no markup.		
10.5	Management considers that the impact of recognizing long term loans and advances at present value of future cash flows would be immaterial, in context of overall financial statements.		
	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
11 FUNDS RECEIVABLE			
Funds receivable from R&D Fund - MoITT	11.1	728,520	602,210
Funds receivable from PSDP	11.2	375	-
		<u>728,895</u>	<u>602,210</u>
11.1 Funds receivable from R&D Fund - MoITT at beginning of the year		602,210	342,353
Add:			
Recognized as grant income	17	1,648,360	1,720,587
Transferred to deferred capital grant	14	32,745	23,058
		<u>1,681,105</u>	<u>1,743,645</u>
Less:			
Grant received during the year		(1,556,480)	(1,483,000)
Funds returned during the year	11.1.1	39,067	30,821
Interest income		(227)	(164)
Refunds from projects / programs		<u>(38,805)</u>	<u>(31,445)</u>
		<u>(1,556,445)</u>	<u>(1,483,788)</u>
Funds receivable at the end of the year	11.3	<u>728,520</u>	<u>602,210</u>
11.1.1 This includes refund of Rs. 23,171 thousand (2023: Nil) from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on closure of project of National Incubation Centre Lahore and Rs. 14,783 thousand (2023: 30,875 thousand) from PhD scholarship program.			
	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
11.2 Funds receivable from PSDP at beginning of the year		-	-
Add:			
Recognized as grant income		822	-
Transferred to deferred capital grant		5,061	-
		<u>5,883</u>	<u>-</u>
Less:			
Grant received during the year	11.2.1	(10,422)	-
Funds surrendered/lapsed during the year		4,914	-
		<u>(5,508)</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds receivable at the end of the year		<u>375</u>	<u>-</u>

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- 11.2.1 This represents total grant received from Federal Government during the year for execution of a PSDP project titled Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart Pakistan.
- 11.3 Operations of the Company are funded by Ministry of Information and Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT). This represents excess of expenditure already incurred by the Company over the grant received from MoITT. The Company is confident that the amount will be received in the ensuing period.

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
12 BANK BALANCE			
Cash at bank in:			
Current account	12.1	132,101	99,764
Current account - Project	12.2	-	-
Saving account	12.3	-	-
		<u>132,101</u>	<u>99,764</u>

- 12.1 This represents balance held in non-lapsable assignment account maintained with National Bank of Pakistan in compliance with Cash Management and Treasury Single Account Rules 2020 issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan.
- 12.2 This represents balance held in lapsable assignment project account maintained with National Bank of Pakistan in compliance with Cash Management and Treasury Single Account Rules 2020 issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan.
- 12.3 This represents bank balance in saving account and carries mark-up of 20.5% (2023: 12.25% to 19.50%) per annum.

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
13 LEASE LIABILITIES			
Balance at the beginning of the year		230,179	225,879
Additions during the year		483,012	46,118
Unwinding of interest on lease liabilities	13.2	56,385	21,129
Payments during the year		<u>(73,054)</u>	<u>(62,947)</u>
Balance at the end of the year		696,522	230,179
Less: current portion of lease liabilities shown under current liabilities		<u>(221,331)</u>	<u>(65,633)</u>
		<u>475,191</u>	<u>164,546</u>

- 13.1 The undiscounted maturity analysis of lease liabilities at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Up to 1 year	Between 2 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	-----Rs '000-----			
Lease payments - 2024	<u>302,185</u>	<u>454,354</u>	<u>528,215</u>	<u>1,284,754</u>
Lease payments - 2023	<u>85,099</u>	<u>165,346</u>	<u>51,424</u>	<u>301,869</u>

- 13.2 The unwinding of interest on lease liabilities is allocated as follows:

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Project / program activities - National Incubation Centres	49,083	11,329
Finance costs on lease liabilities	<u>7,302</u>	<u>9,800</u>
	<u>56,385</u>	<u>21,129</u>

14	DEFERRED CAPITAL GRANT	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
	Balance at the beginning of the year		43,814	30,918
	Property and equipment			
	Additions during the year			
	R&D Fund - MoITT	14.1	10,189	9,703
	Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project	6.1	4,061	-
		6	<u>14,250</u>	<u>9,703</u>
	Intangible Assets			
	Additions during the year			
	R&D Fund - MoITT	7 & 14.1	22,556	13,355
	Pakistan Startup Fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project	7.4	1,000	-
			<u>23,556</u>	<u>13,355</u>
			37,806	23,058
	Amortization of deferred capital grant			
	Depreciation charge for the year	6	(11,522)	(9,380)
	Amortization charge for the year	7	(5,642)	(782)
			<u>(17,164)</u>	<u>(10,162)</u>
	Balance at the end of the year		<u>64,456</u>	<u>43,814</u>

14.1 This represents property and equipment and intangible assets purchased during the year from the funds received from R&D Fund, MoITT as disclosed in note 11.

15	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
	Payable to implementing partners	15.1	635,182	562,851
	Rent payable to National Information Technology Board		34,551	34,551
	Leave encashment payable	15.2	1,477	34
	Payable to gratuity fund	15.3	78,358	72,151
	Payable to suppliers		18,350	4,875
	Accrued liabilities		30,831	27,039
			<u>798,749</u>	<u>701,501</u>

15.1 This represents payable to different parties for expenses incurred on implementation of different projects as per the provisions of the relevant project implementation agreements.

15.2	Leave encashment payable	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
	Balance at the beginning of the year		34	-
	Charge for the year		12,884	7,347
	Benefits paid during the year		<u>(11,441)</u>	<u>(7,313)</u>
	Balance at the end of the year		<u>1,477</u>	<u>34</u>

15.3	Payable to gratuity fund	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
15.3.1	The amount recognized in the statement of financial position is as follows:			
	Present value of defined benefit obligation	15.3.5	140,581	98,828
	Payables		10,028	5,303
	Fair value of plan assets	15.3.6	(72,251)	(31,980)
	Net liability at end of the year		<u>78,358</u>	<u>72,151</u>
15.3.2	The movement of amounts recognised in the statement of financial position is as follows:			
	Net liability at the beginning of the year		72,151	50,002
	Cost for the year recognised in statement of comprehensive income	15.3.3	22,733	19,207
	Payments / contributions made during the year		(72,151)	(15,116)
	Receivable from the Company		35,930	12,468
	Remeasurement loss recognised in statement of comprehensive income	15.3.4	19,695	5,590
	Net liability at the end of the year		<u>78,358</u>	<u>72,151</u>
15.3.3	The amounts recognised in statement of comprehensive income are as follows:			
	Current service cost		15,057	13,351
	Net interest expense		7,676	5,856
			<u>22,733</u>	<u>19,207</u>
15.3.4	Remeasurements recognised in other comprehensive income are as follows:			
	Remeasurement loss on defined benefit obligation		15,856	3,024
	Remeasurement loss on plan assets		3,839	2,566
			<u>19,695</u>	<u>5,590</u>
15.3.5	Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligation are as follows:			
	Present value of defined benefit obligation as at beginning of the year		98,828	85,116
	Current service cost		15,057	13,351
	Interest cost		15,565	10,596
	Benefits paid		-	(13,259)
	Increase in payables by the fund		(4,725)	-
	Remeasurement loss on defined benefit obligation		15,856	3,024
	Present value of defined benefit obligation as at end of the year		<u>140,581</u>	<u>98,828</u>

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	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
15.3.6 Changes in fair value of plan assets are as follows:		
Fair value of plan assets as at beginning of the year	31,980	40,417
Expected return on plan assets	7,889	4,740
Contributions during the year	72,151	15,000
Receivable from the Company	(35,930)	(12,468)
Benefits paid	-	(13,143)
Remeasurement loss on plan assets	(3,839)	(2,566)
Fair value of plan assets as at end of the year	<u>72,251</u>	<u>31,980</u>

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
15.3.7 Plan assets comprise of		
Bank balance - saving account	46,227	7,200
Advance gratuity payment to employees	<u>26,024</u>	<u>24,780</u>
	<u>72,251</u>	<u>31,980</u>
15.3.8 Actual return on plan assets	<u>2,576</u>	<u>2,961</u>
15.3.9 Expected contribution for the next year	<u>78,358</u>	<u>72,151</u>

The Company contributes to the gratuity fund on the advice of the fund's actuary. The contributions are equal to the current service cost with the adjustment for any deficit.

15.3.10 Significant actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	2024	2023
Withdrawal rate	Moderate	Moderate
Mortality rate	Adjusted SLIC (2001-05)	Adjusted SLIC (2001-05)
Discount rate per annum	14.00%	15.75%
Salary increase rate per annum	13.00%	14.75%
Weighted average duration of the obligation	10 years	11 years

15.3.11 Sensitivity analysis

The calculation of defined benefit obligation is sensitive to assumptions set out above. The following table summarizes how the impact on the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period would have increased / (decreased) as a result of a change in respective assumptions.

	Change in assumption	Impact on defined benefit obligation	
		Increase in assumption Rs '000	Decrease in assumption Rs '000
Discount	1%	(12,833)	15,171
Salary increase	1%	15,330	(13,233)

15.3.12 Projected benefit payments from gratuity fund are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Rs '000	Rs '000
For the year 2025	6,223	2,657
For the year 2026	6,422	3,129
For the year 2027	32,535	3,563
For the year 2028	6,630	27,143
For the year 2029	7,090	16,033
For the year 2030-33	87,150	73,995

The impact of changes in assumptions has been determined by revaluation of the obligation on different rates.

16 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

16.1 Contingencies

- 16.1.1 During the year, Deputy Commissioner Inland Revenue DCIR, passed an order on June 21, 2024 for Tax year 2018 and raised demand of Rs. 221,442 thousand for not-deducted/ short-deducted withholding tax on expenditures of Ignite employee salaries, assets purchases and project expenses under section 149 & 153. The Company filed an application with Alternate Dispute Resolution under section 134A for ignoring the facts and not considering the information provided by the Company. Based on the advice of tax consultant, the Company is confident that there are reasonable grounds for favorable decision and accordingly no provision in this regard has been recognized in the financial statements.

	Note	2024	2023
		Rs '000	Rs '000
16.2 Commitments to disburse funds in respect of:			
National incubation centers		<u>1,970,530</u>	<u>2,040,494</u>
Digiskills project		<u>75,684</u>	<u>420,233</u>
16.3 Capital expenditure commitments:			
Capital expenditure		<u>13,209</u>	<u>35,034</u>

17 GRANT INCOME RECOGNIZED

Grant income from R&D Fund - MoITT	17.1	1,665,383	1,730,749
Grant income from PSDP	17.2	963	-
		<u>1,666,346</u>	<u>1,730,749</u>

17.1 Grant income from R&D Fund - MoITT			
Amortization of deferred capital grant	14	17,023	10,162

Funds receivable recognized as grant income during the year

Operating costs	19.2	414,696	320,517
Finance costs on lease liabilities	20	7,302	9,800
Project / program activities excluding PSF project	18	1,206,667	1,384,680

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Remeasurement loss on defined benefit scheme	15.3.4	19,695 <u>1,648,360</u>	5,590 <u>1,720,587</u>
		<u>1,665,383</u>	<u>1,730,749</u>
17.2 Grant income from PSDP			
Amortization of deferred capital grant		141	-
Funds receivable recognized as grant income during the year			
Project / program activities		822 <u>963</u>	- <u>-</u>
18 PROJECT / PROGRAM ACTIVITIES			
National incubation centers		617,672	864,198
Digiskills project		276,090	330,788
Pakistan startup fund & BridgeStart - PSDP project		963	-
Technical research and development projects		78,682	86,600
Conferences, seminars and scientific events		234,223 <u>1,207,630</u>	103,094 <u>1,384,680</u>
19 OPERATING COSTS			
Salaries and benefits	19.1	279,830	225,905
Utilities		3,594	2,709
Travelling expenses		39,538	18,671
Communication charges and IT support		3,914	5,046
Printing and stationery		3,873	2,815
Repairs and maintenance		1,021	2,185
Janitorial services		4,305	3,220
Advertising expenses		8,429	7,133
Auditors' remuneration	19.3	1,055	1,058
Legal and professional charges		5,861	4,127
Depreciation on property and equipment	6.2	11,409	9,380
Amortization on intangible assets	7.3	5,614	782
Depreciation on right of use asset	8.1	44,638	41,590
Director fees and other expenses		14,828	2,414
Training, workshop and seminars		2,078	2,733
Miscellaneous		1,732 <u>431,719</u>	911 <u>330,679</u>
19.1 This includes post retirement staff benefits amounting to Rs 22,733 thousand (2023: Rs 19,207 thousand).			

	Note	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
19.2 Operating cost charged to funds receivable			
Operating cost	19	431,719	330,679
Less:			
Depreciation / amortisation charged to deferred capital grant		(17,023)	(10,162)
		<u>414,696</u>	<u>320,517</u>
19.3 Auditors' remuneration			
Statutory audit fee		750	750
Review fee of statement of compliance		100	100
Out of pocket expenses and applicable taxes		205	208
		<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,058</u>

20 FINANCE COSTS ON LEASE LIABILITIES

This represents unwinding of interest on lease liabilities recognised during the year, as disclosed in note 13 to the financial statements.

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21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
21.1 Financial assets and liabilities		
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Maturity up to one year		
Long term security deposit	3,219	3,219
Loans and advances - considered good	19,462	10,751
Funds receivable	728,895	602,210
Accrued interest on bank balance	75	109
Bank balance	132,101	99,764
	<u>883,752</u>	<u>716,053</u>
Maturity after one year		
Long term loans and advances - considered good	10,589	1,279
	<u>10,589</u>	<u>1,279</u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Maturity up to one year		
Lease liabilities	221,331	65,633
Trade and other payables	798,749	701,501
	<u>1,020,080</u>	<u>767,134</u>
Maturity after one year		
Lease liabilities	475,191	164,546
	<u>475,191</u>	<u>164,546</u>

21.2 Credit quality of financial assets

The credit quality of Company's financial assets has been assessed below by reference to external credit ratings of counterparties determined by The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited (PACRA) and VIS Credit Rating Company Limited (VIS). The counterparties for which external credit ratings were not available have been assessed by reference to internal credit ratings determined based on historical information for any defaults in meeting obligations.

	Long term Rating	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Counterparties with external credit rating			
Accrued interest on bank balance	AAA	75	109
Bank balance	AAA	132,101	99,764
Counterparties without external credit rating			
Long term security deposit		3,219	3,219
Loans and advances - considered good		30,051	12,030
Funds receivable - Government of Pakistan		728,895	602,210

21.3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

21.3.1 Financial risk factors

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk and price risk). The Company's overall risk management policy focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board is also responsible for developing and monitoring Company's risk management policies.

a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to balances at bank. The management believes that the Company is not exposed to major concentration of credit risk as the exposure is limited and the major exposure is with a bank with reasonably high credit rating.

b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities. The Company applies prudent risk management policies by maintaining sufficient cash and bank balances. The table below analyses the Company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the maturity date. The amount disclosed in the table below are undiscounted cash flows:

	2024			2023		
	Maturity up to one year	Maturity after one year	Total	Maturity up to one year	Maturity after one year	Total
	-----Rs '000-----			-----Rs '000-----		
Trade and other payables	798,749	-	798,749	701,501	-	701,501
Lease liabilities	221,331	475,191	696,522	65,633	164,546	230,179

It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier or at significantly different amounts.

c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of the financial instrument may fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates or the market price due to change in credit rating of

the issuer or the instrument, change in market sentiments, speculative activities, supply and demand of securities and liquidity in the market.

i) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. It arises mainly where receivables and payables exist due to transactions with foreign buyers and suppliers. The Company is not exposed to currency risk as there are no foreign currency assets and liabilities.

ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk represents the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

iii) Price risk

Price risk represents the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. At the year end, the Company is not exposed to price risk since there are no financial instruments, whose fair value or cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

21.3.2 Capital risk management

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirement.

21.3.3 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value of consideration paid or received, net of transaction costs, as appropriate. The carrying values of financial assets and financial liabilities not carried at fair value is a reasonable approximation of their fair values.

22 REMUNERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVES

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Chief Executive		
Managerial remuneration	7,271	13,323
Perquisites	1,843	2,088
Company's contribution to gratuity fund	612	517
	<u>9,726</u>	<u>15,928</u>
Number of person - note 22.1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Executives		
Managerial remuneration	166,096	117,712
Bonus	16,852	12,763
Perquisites	41,322	30,675
Company's contribution to gratuity fund	21,282	17,804
	<u>245,552</u>	<u>178,954</u>
Number of persons	<u>42</u>	<u>35</u>

- 22.1 Upon the completion of Mr. Asim Shahryar Husain's three-year term as CEO Ignite, the Board of Directors assigned Mr. Adeel Aijaz Shaikh, General Manager Corporate Affairs, additional role of CEO effective January 18, 2024. No additional remuneration has been paid in this regard.
- 22.2 In addition to the above, the employees are provided with medical and life insurance benefits, as per Company's Policy.
- 22.3 The aggregate amount charged in the financial statements for the year as fees to Directors is Rs. 11,437 thousand (2023: Rs. 2,125 thousand) for attending Board of Directors meetings and sub-committee meetings. Rs. 62.5 thousand (2023: Rs. 62.5 thousand) per director per meeting was paid during the year.

23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- 23.1 The Company is wholly owned and sponsored by Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT), Government of Pakistan. Its related parties comprise of those companies which are owned and operated by Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, Government of Pakistan, and have a relationship with the Company by virtue of common directorship.

Aggregate transactions with related parties, other than remuneration to the chief executive, directors and executives of the Company under their terms of employment disclosed in note 22, were as follows:

	2024 Rs '000	2023 Rs '000
Grant received during the year:		
From Research & Development Fund - MoITT - Net	1,517,413	1,452,179
From Public Sector Development Program - Net	5,508	-
Disbursements made to:		
National Telecommunication Corporation	352	457
Virtual University of Pakistan	255,743	208,844
Universal Service Fund	-	84
Employees' Gratuity Fund	72,151	12,500
Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited	68,104	93,322
Telecom Foundation	49,292	45,322
Amount payable as at June 30		
National Telecommunication Corporation	16	17
Virtual University of Pakistan	32,910	12,961
Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited	64,251	36,101
National Information Technology Board	59,031	34,551
Employees' Gratuity Fund	78,358	72,151

23.2 Following are the associated companies and related parties with whom the Company had entered into transactions during the year:

	Basis of Association	Number of shares held in the Company	Aggregate %age of Holding
National Telecommunication Corporation	Common Control	N/A	N/A
National Information Technology Board	Common Control	N/A	N/A
Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited	Common Control	N/A	N/A
Virtual University of Pakistan	Common Control	N/A	N/A
Mr. Adeel Aijaz Shaikh	Chief Executive and Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Asim Shahryar Husain	Ex- Chief Executive and Director	N/A	N/A
Syed Junaid Imam	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Hassan Nasir Jamy	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Muhammad Mahmood	Director	N/A	N/A
Dr. Rabia Noor Enam	Director	N/A	N/A
Dr. Bilal Ahmed Alvi	Director	N/A	N/A
Dr. Shahid Farooq Alvi	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Salaal Hasan	Director	N/A	N/A
Ms. Aisha Humera Ch	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Saad Fazil Abbassi	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Rahim	Director	N/A	N/A
Mr. Hafeez ur Rehman	Director	N/A	N/A

Employees' Gratuity Fund

Employees'
Gratuity Fund

N/A

N/A

24 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Number of persons employed as on June 30, 2024 are 49 (2023: 50). Average number of employees during the year were 50 (2023: 48).

25 DATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUE

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors of the Company on 27th October, 2024



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**



DIRECTOR