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Ms Khan is founder and CEO of the Mountain and Glacier Protection Organization (MGPO), which has an impressive record of working in mountainous areas of the country in challenging circumstances to rehabilitate, provide relief, and deliver basic social services to marginalized segments of society. Opportunity for all and access to resources are the main drivers for the organization, which works with mountain communities in the areas of education, health, physical infrastructure, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and environmental protection, with disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies as emerging themes. MGPO has undertaken several projects that contribute to safeguarding the social, economic, and environmental integrity of the mountain areas of Pakistan, and promoting a balance between human activity and nature. Equal emphasis is placed on developing linkages with mountain communities to develop strategies that reflect their hopes and aspirations. Gender mainstreaming and empowering communities for the equitable distribution of resources underlie the approach to integrated development. Aisha Khan is committed to mountain communities and works to promote social, economic, and environmental security of the disadvantaged communities living in the remotest areas of Pakistan.