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LEAD Governance Program- Making the Difference

LEAD Pakistan's Governance Program (GP) is motivated by the organization's rich experience with the good governance debate in Pakistan and an attempt to carve a niche wherein LEAD Pakistan feels that based on its core competencies, it has substantial contribution to make to the ongoing governance reforms in the country.

The basic strength of LEAD Pakistan to meet this goal is unique network of LEAD Fellows. The Fellows will be involved in all steps to achieve sustainable development agenda of LEAD governance program. In the level first, Fellows will be involved in setting the direction and contents of the program. In the second level, Fellows will contribute to design proposals. Third level will be implementation of the projects. LEAD will formulate the committees of Fellows to monitor and measure the impacts of Governance program.

As a step forward, the LEAD Governance Program has recently signed an agreement with the Government of Punjab in its endeavor to compile Local Government laws, rule, regulations etc. The project shall proceed under the umbrella of Decentralization Support Program (DSP).

LEAD Pakistan would facilitate the working of Local Governments (LG) in Punjab by collating laws/rules relating to LG system in a compendium, providing easy access to these laws, rules etc. along with their Urdu translation, making it available in downloadable format on LG & RD Department and DSP's website and periodically updating all laws and rules. The assignment would be completed by February 2005 with the help of a four-member team lead by a Local Government Legal Expert assisted by a Communication Specialist, a Translator and an IT Expert.

Globally, 2.3 billion people suffer from diseases linked to water. These diseases cause an estimated 12 million deaths a year, 5 million of them from diarrhea diseases. Only half of South East Asia's 550 million people have access to safe drinking water.

Broadening Partnerships for Sustainable Development

LEAD Pakistan recognizes the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable development at the grassroots level because these are a key mechanism for translating commitments into action.



LEAD Pakistan in partnership with the International Development Research Center (IDRC) has delivered a training program for IDRC's 17 partner organizations in Pakistan. This training program was focused on achieving financial sustainability and discovering options for pro-active resource mobilization. The participants deliberated on strategies and planning to broaden the range of financial and non-financial resources for their organizations to improve sustainability. One of the participants, Sirmeer Khan, said that this training provided him with a unique approach towards resource mobilization, its constraints and challenges through public/ private partnerships.

LEAD Pakistan believes that such trainings help participants to network with each other which give them a closer view that how other people are managing and raising their resources for sustainability.



Whether Cities Can Ever be Sustainable

We are fast approaching a unique point in human history. Within five years half the earth's population will live in cities. By 2006, we will be a predominantly urban species. In 1800 London was the only city with a population over 1 million. Today, there are **20** cities around the world with more than 10 million residents, **35** with more than 5 million and hundreds with a million or more residents. Every two weeks, the combined population of these cities swells by a million more.

This rate of change is driven by the shift from rural to industrial economies in the developing world. Asia alone accounts for half the world's urban population. Within 10 years China plans to create **100** new cities – each with a population of more than a million people. And the cities of Latin America are growing at five times the rate of their smaller, scarcer North American counterparts. The scale of this migration marks the greatest social change since agriculture began 15,000 years ago.

The world population is increasingly isolated in urban centers. Cities exist within an international economic system, and their faults must be seen as systemic. The problems they create go beyond their borders. The basic issue is that attempts to create sustainable cities addresses the symptoms, but does not treat the cause. **Source: The Ecologist**

Event Calendar (October 2004)

No	Trainings	Venue
1	NHA training- Environmental aspects 5-6 October 2004	Peshawar
2	NHA training- Social aspects 11-13 October 2004	Peshawar
3	Training for Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment (DTCE) 11-15 October 2004	LEAD House
4	Sustainable Agriculture 12 October 2004	Sukkur
5	Sustainable Agriculture 14 October 2004	Bahawalpur

Join the LEAD Network Today LEAD Pakistan Calls Applications for Cohort 11

Leadership Development Program (LDP) is a flagship training activity of LEAD Pakistan. This 18 month non degree training includes four regional and two international sessions. More than 100 LEAD Associates from business, media, academia, government and NGOs have graduated as LEAD Fellows, working in more than 77 organizations located in over 27 cities across Pakistan.

LEAD Pakistan advertises this training every consecutive year. So far, our 10 Cohorts have graduated after completing LDP training. Now we have invited applications for Cohort 11. If you want to join us to strengthen your leadership skills, please visit our website <http://www.lead.org.pk/c11.htm> for further details. You can also request application forms at c11@lead.org.pk

LEAD Fellows- Lifetime Sustainable Development Ambassadors (Lal Jan Mohammad –LEAD Fellow)

I joined LEAD Pakistan in cohort 6. At that time I was working for promotion of girls' education in rural areas of Balochistan especially in Kalat and Mekran Division with the support of Balochistan Primary Education Program. This was the time when I was not familiar with linkages and complexity of environment and sustainable development issues. After series



of training's and several other activities with LEAD Pakistan, I feel that I have developed better and deep understanding of these issues.

During LEAD training, I established my relationship with a great LEAD network for getting support from different faculty members, Associates and Fellows for strengthening my ideas. I also used these learning's in areas where I was involved. I believe that LEAD experience helped me to build and create local level leadership at different levels in Balochistan

During the LEAD training, I opted to establish an Institute for Development Studies and Practices (IDSP) as part of my LEAD Associate Project to develop sustainable partnership with communities. The focus of IDSP was to create and develop human resources that will change the power structure by demystifying the development process. My experiential learning with LEAD helped me for critical thinking about institutional development and management.

From 1997 to 2003, IDSP was recognized as Community Development College in Balochistan. This self sustained academic and research institute is now working with the University of Balochistan for offering Masters degree in community development and I am the Vice President of the Board of Directors of IDSP.

Presently, I am working with IUCN Pakistan as District Coordinator for IUCN District Office Gwadar, for devolving Balochistan Conservation Strategy (BCS) at district level. I assist district government for formulation of sustainable development plan for the district. I also closely work with the Balochistan Coastal Development Authority for developing coastal zone management plan of Gwadar coast.

LEAD experiences also helped me in my selection with IUCN and provided me better opportunity for workings in environmentally threatened districts. It also helped me in identifying the constituency at district level and sensitized districts governments to make plans for strengthening their capacity.

I am also voluntarily working with the Bilsum (Rainbow) a local organization for identifying promising young leaders in rural communities, training them in leadership techniques, and linking them in an effort to guide local development in district Khuzdar.

After working with the Bilsum Ashoka an International Organization selected me as fellow for three years since 2003.

Pakistan has a high rate of medical injections: around 4.5 per capita per year. 94 percent of injections are administered with used injection equipment. According to WHO estimates, unsafe injections account for 62 percent of Hepatitis B, 84 percent of Hepatitis C, and 3 percent of new HIV cases.

Fellows and Associates can send us details of their achievements, job alterations, or any other news they wish to share with the LEAD Family. All contributions will be an asset to the bulletin. Write to us at: ldp@lead.org.pk