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Foreword

BRDS' management is pleased to present BRDS' achievements during the period from July 2016 to June 2017. BRDS' ultimate goal of a developed and progressive Balochistan was what guided our efforts and steered us into the right direction.

BRDS successfully broadened its contacts and collaboration with local, national, and international donors and other development actors. The organization played a key role in establishing consortiums of the Balochistan NGOs to bring them on one page to alleviate poverty and improve the living standards of the poorest of the poor people in the province by encouraging foreign donors and philanthropists.

Amid steep financial constraints and funding crisis, the organization kept alive its struggle to achieve its goal and objectives. We were able to develop closer linkages with PPAF, GIZ, UNICEF, UNHCR, the Ministry of SAFRON as well as government departments, such as education, health, agriculture, irrigation, forest, PHED, NADRA, etc.

The organization ably developed and strengthened local community institutions. It contributed to the creation of human capital in the far-flung, rural areas. It provided farm-to-market access to the wretched and backward communities by providing means of transport. It created sustainable livelihoods for the ultra-poor and vulnerable households in areas, such as Dera Bugti. It intervened in the education and health sectors; improved government-run schools and health units. In brief, BRDS applied an all-inclusive approach to poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

In addition, the organization took the initiative of aligning its development agenda with the SDGs. BRDS, now, internalized the SDGs into its program implementation and has committed to working within the framework of the SDGs over the next ten years' period.

The organization's most significant and major achievement has been the establishment of its technical and vocational training institution in the Sibi Division. First of its type, the institution aims at developing male and female youth's skills according to the supply and demand theory.

In conclusion, we at BRDS have thought out a multi-faceted sustainability strategy of the organization. The sustainability strategy of the organization comprises registration and certifications with organizations, agencies, and departments, such as SECP, PCP, EAD, etc. The organization intends to create its endowment fund; it aims to become self-sustaining entity by offering services to other NGOs, academia, and government departments.

Thanks

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Acronyms & Abbreviations

BHU	Basic Health Unit
BRDS	Balochistan Rural Development Society
CBT	Competency based training
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CI	Community institution
CMST	Community Management Skills Training
CPI	Community Physical Infrastructure
CRP	Community Resource Person
DWSS	Drinking Water Supply Scheme
EAD	Economic Affairs Division
EDT	Enterprise Development Training
EHN	Education, Health, and Nutrition
ERF	Emergency Response Fund
EU	European Union
FGD	Focused Group Discussion
GIZ	German Development Agency
HAP	Humanitarian Accountability Principles
HDI	Human Development Index
HI	Helpage International
ID	Institutional Development
IP	Implementing Partner
LIP	Livelihood Investment Plan
NADRA	National Database & Registration Authority
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PCP	Pakistan Center for Philanthropy
PHED	Public Health and Engineer Department
PO	Partner Organization
PPAF	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
Prof.	Professor
PSC	Poverty Score Card
SAFRON	States and Frontier Regions
SECP	Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TTB	Trade Testing Board
TVO	Trust for Voluntary Organizations
UAF	University of Agriculture Faisalabad
UC	Union Council
UCDP	Union Council Development Plan
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VDP	Village Development Plan
VO	Village Organization
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WB	World Bank
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

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BRDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Introduction to BRDS

BRDS is a Balochistan-based non-government and non-profit organization for development. It aims at mitigating poverty of the poorest of the poor by empowering them socially, economically as well as politically. Since its inception in 2005, BRDS has been proactively involved in the social and economic development of the ultra-poor and vulnerable people in districts of Balochistan with poor indicators and alarmingly lower HDI.

BRDS employs a range of locally-appropriate and tailor-made strategies to eradicate poverty of the poverty-stricken people on-a-sustainable-basis. They entail, among others, capacity building, training, awareness raising, campaigning, advocacy, as well as service delivery.

By adopting the tool of social mobilization and approach of participatory development, BRDS has been able to reduce poverty and thereby increase livelihood opportunities.

In addition, BRDS plays a pivotal role in the event of a natural calamity and or disaster. It instigates its emergency and relief operations within 48 hours and extends a helping hand to different humanitarian agencies and the government to contain the losses to the minimal.

Being aware of the humanitarian challenges, BRDS attaches great importance to the HAP and replicates them in all its activities and interventions.

OUR VISION, MISSION & OBJECTIVES

VISION

BRDS envisages an ideal life where people from all races, creeds and backgrounds, without discrimination of their religion, status and values, have the prospect to serve and to be served in consideration with gender-equality and respect for their rights and cultures.

MISSION

Commitment to raise self-reliant communities by helping them acquire greater control over their critical resources; carrying forward initiatives and concerns; harnessing their potentials through participatory people's activities; and empowering them through building their capacity with emphasis on women.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Alleviate poverty of the ultra-poor and vulnerable communities to meet their basic needs of water, food, shelter, health, education, etc.
- ✓ Establish local community based organizations and to enhance their capacity for collective voice and participatory development.
- ✓ Introduce livelihood enhancement programs to ensure ultra-poor and vulnerable population starts earning income on-a-sustainable-basis.
- ✓ Build community basic physical infrastructure, i.e. water, sanitation, irrigation, agriculture, road, etc. to improve living standards of the community and thereby improve their income.
- ✓ Contribute to the primary, secondary and high school education by increasing access of children to school, by improving quality of education, and by ensuring parents and teachers' active participation in improving children's education.
- ✓ Provide basic and reproductive health facilities and services in far-flung and disadvantaged areas of the province with primary emphasis on mother and child.
- ✓ Initiate awareness raising and advocacy programs for the human rights of the children, women, youth, etc.
- ✓ Contribute to natural resource management through awareness raising, capacity building, advocacy, introduction of innovative technology.
- ✓ Provide humanitarian assistance to disaster affected areas in the province.

**OUR OUTREACH,
PARTNERS AND
ALLIANCES/NETWORKS**

BRDS OUTREACH

BRDS has its presence in the following districts:

- Quetta
- Sibi
- Jhal Magsi
- Dera Bugti
- Naseerabad
- Jaffarabad
- Pishin
- Loralai
- Qilla Saifullah
- Chaghi
- Harnai
- Ziarat
- Kalat
- Khuzdar
- Lasbela

PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

BRDS' partners are the following:

- ✓ PPAF
- ✓ UNICEF
- ✓ Concern Worldwide
- ✓ USAID
- ✓ UNOCHA (ERF)
- ✓ HelpAge International
- ✓ WWF
- ✓ TVO
- ✓ Government of Balochistan



BRDS IN ALLIANCES AND NETWORKS

BRDS is a member of the following alliances and networks:

- ✓ Pakistan Coalition of Education
- ✓ Youth Advocacy Network
- ✓ Human Resource Development Network
- ✓ National Humanitarian Network
- ✓ Gender Based Violence Network, Balochistan
- ✓ Alliance for Social Mobilization Balochistan
- ✓ Balochistan Education Forum
- ✓ Green Member of WWF

OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE – 2016-2017

- ✓ During the year, 2016-2017, BRDS was able to meet with success, as it was able to inch closer to the realization of its vision, mission, and objectives. The organization successfully extended its base in the district Dera Bugti by launching a two-year poverty alleviation and sustainable growth and development program through the model of institutional development and the element of capacity building.
- ✓ BRDS' staff and CI members attended a crucial meeting of the World Bank in Karachi to present program achievements, success stories and learned lessons of the focused areas of the Sibi district of the Balochistan. The meeting was called by the PPAF.
- ✓ The organization went from strength to strength, as it ably expanded its coordination with EU and GIZ in a bid to explore new avenues of joint collaboration and partnership.
- ✓ Likewise, the organization became a coordination partner and supporter of the HI in Balochistan to create an enabling environment for the later to implement its activities in the province of the Balochistan.
- ✓ The organization, eventually, was able to establish its long-thought and desired institution to impart technical and vocational CBT trainings to the male and female youth of the district Sibi and adjoining areas in the Sibi division.
- ✓ BRDS, a champion of environmental protection and awareness raising, planned to take control of the Kerkhasan Park located in the Quetta City of Balochistan. It was an out-of-the-box idea, which was conceived to give a new dimension to the development agenda of the organization.

DETAILS OF INTERVENTIONS DURING 2016-2017

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Dera Bugti Development Program – Phase II

In June 2016, BRDS and PPAF had entered in a financing agreement to launch a multi-sectoral project for eighteen months with the cut-off date of November 2017. The project aimed at strengthening community institutions, building physical infrastructure, improving health and education, creating livelihoods, and developing a pool of institutional and sectoral community resource persons in the UC.

The project carried forth with the development of a UC profile, which depicted the characteristics and other information of the UC. PPAF and we organized a training in UCDP planning, wherein CRPs were trained, who went on to develop seven VDPs and a UCDP in the UC. Together with PPAF, we trained institutional CRPs, who imparted trainings to the CI members in CMST.

Under the CPI component, the CIs, so far, prioritized drinking water schemes. In total, four CPI schemes were implemented in the UC, which was DWSS. All the schemes aimed at ensuring structures for water storage for drinking purposes.

Under the EHN component, the CIs identified and selected twelve CRPs for training as trainers in education and health. Six CRPs were trained as education trainers, whereas the other six were prepared as health trainers. The CRPs held awareness sessions in the field and trained community members in primary education and preventive health practices.

During the implementation, BRDS and the CIs undertook a carpet PSC survey in the UC. After completion of the field survey, the already-developed PSCs were verified and endorsed by the CIs. In the light of the PSCs, the livelihood staff members made LIPs of the ultra-poor and vulnerable households. A pool of CRPs was trained in EDT, who imparted EDT training to the asset beneficiaries. Subsequently, we transferred tangible, productive assets to the ultra-poor and vulnerable families in the UC to develop their small enterprises and help them start generating income on a sustainable basis.

In addition, two CRPs received training in livestock from the UAF for one month. Now, they are offering their services in their respective UC to ensure health and safety of the livestock.

Participation in World Bank Meeting in Karachi

Upon the completion of the WB Phase III funding umbrella, the WB's team held a number of meetings and workshops to assess the achievements, case studies, success stories and best practices of the PPAF under WB Phase III.

As a result, an important workshop was arranged in Karachi in August 2016, wherein three POs from Balochistan, including BRDS, were invited to take part in it. BRDS' staff and LSO members of Sibi attended the WB meeting to present their program achievements, case studies, success stories and best practices of the focused UC of district Sibi, Balochistan.

During the WB meeting, the staff and LSO members gave a detailed presentation and thereby answered questions of the WB team members. The meeting eventually culminated in submission of the presentations to the WB team members.

New Avenues of Joint Collaboration and Partnership

In November 2016, BRDS ably expanded its coordination with EU and GIZ in a bid to explore new avenues of joint collaboration and partnership. On behalf of the EU, BRDS was invited to attend an EU consultative workshop in Quetta. BRDS' CEO and director program participated in the workshop and shared their knowledge and experience with the participants of the workshop. During the workshop, BRDS' staff successfully coordinated with the representative of the GIZ. BRDS' program director gave a brief yet comprehensive introduction of BRDS to the representative of the GIZ and elaborated BRDS' thematic areas and vision and mission. Thus, the consultative workshop of the EU ended on a positive note with BRDS having established effective coordination with EU and GIZ representatives.

Post the workshop, the director program continued coordination with the representative of the GIZ and informed him about BRDS' future planning about technical and vocational trainings program, which BRDS was planning to launch across various districts of the Balochistan in phases. He also let him know about BRDS' first ever technical and vocational training institution, which the organization was going to establish in the near future.

Eventually, the communication between the two organizations started bearing fruits, as one of GIZ's Quetta staff visited BRDS' head office and had a thorough discussion with its senior management regarding technical and vocational trainings and the possibility of joint venture.

Collaboration with HelpAge International and Joint Interventions

BRDS has been a potential IP of the Concern Worldwide since 2011. Both BRDS and Concern Worldwide worked thrice in partnership in Balochistan and enjoyed mutual working relationships. Thus, on Concern Worldwide's recommendation, HI contacted BRDS to carry out joint activities in Balochistan. HI looked forward to acquiring BRDS' support for the conduct of its activities in Quetta, Balochistan. Consequently, BRDS extended its full, selfless support to HI. Both the organizations worked jointly to conduct activities focused on the human rights of the older people. As a result, BRDS arranged two FGDs with a group of eight to ten people each.

Upon the satisfactory completion of the FGDs, the advocacy and communication coordinator of the HI extended its profound gratitude to BRDS and its team and appreciated their efforts for a noble cause. He opined that HI and BRDS would go a long way together in future as partners and humanitarian actors.

Setting up of Technical and Vocational CBT Training Institution

In November 2016, BRDS finally achieved its long awaited milestone: establishing first-of-its-kind institution to impart technical and vocational CBT trainings to male and female youth of the district Sibi and neighboring areas. The opening of the institution was one of the broader development strategies of the organization.

In the current scenario, where billion-dollar mega projects are underway in the country, the need for technically apt and sound human resource was felt greatly. Therefore, to fulfill the gap between the supply and demand in the province of Balochistan, BRDS was keen on setting up its technical and vocational training institution. The institution was formally initiated in November, wherein BRDS cordially invited PPAF's CEO Qazi Azmat Essa Sb along with other senior staff members of the PPAF.

PPAF's CEO inaugurated the opening of the institution, wherein BRDS' team briefed him about the institution and its purpose and functions. The team also shared with him that the institution was different from the typical technical centers in that the institution offered a holistic training approach, which firstly focused on competency based trainings and secondly

on hundred percent job placement. Thirdly, the institution is meant to function as an incubator, aiming at creating employment opportunities, especially abroad by developing productive linkages with institutions, organizations, firms, and others to build a potential human capital capable of harnessing their technical and vocational skills in return for money.

In the month of March 2017, BRDS formally registered with the TTB. Now, the organization is authorized legally to impart trainings and thereby issue certificates to successful trainees, who can go on with the certificates to land jobs.

Promotion of Tourism through Environment-Friendly Intervention

One of BRDS' core values is environment. BRDS attaches utmost significance to environment and its conservation and expansion. In all its projects and programs, we take forward environment as a cross-cutting theme and even keep the grass-roots communities posted on environment and its protocols. Thus, being a champion of environmental protection and awareness raising, BRDS has decided to take control of the Kerkhasan Park located in the city of Quetta, Balochistan. The park portrays a natural landscape of fauna and flora in its surroundings with a variety of wild bird and animal species and wild herbs, plants, and trees. It has water in abundance in the surroundings, flowing from the mountains right to the surface in the form of streams and springs.

In addition, the park attracts a large number of visitors on a regular basis, who come to the park for getting refreshed.

Nevertheless, the park is not used to its full potential. Although a good number of visitors stop by the park, they are not properly managed and income generated. As well, there are no facilities for families to hang around the park. Therefore, BRDS' management in consultation with the board members of the organization planned to formally take control of the park to promote tourism and thereby generate income by developing the park in terms of facilities.

The objective is to promote tourism and generate income by developing the park in terms of fundamental facilities: zoo, forestation, water management, and improvement in the ecological system in the surroundings of the park.

In order for the above to be achieved, BRDS management held a series of meetings and its board members also met on three occasions to help materialize the idea of park development

and management to offer amusement to the visitors. Moreover, the senior management of the organization held a couple of productive meetings with the secretary of the forest department and other stakeholders to familiarize them with BRDS' idea.

As a result, the transfer of the control of the park is in process. The relevant ministry of the province is in constant touch with BRDS on the matter. The park, sooner or later, will be formally handed over to BRDS for a certain period of time to develop it and thereby promote tourism.

PICTURE GALLERY











