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Message from Chairman



I would like to begin by paying a tribute to all the “Heroes of BDSBS” to me, heroes are individuals who give their time, wealth or talent for the greater benefit of all. As Chairman of Board of Directors of BDSBS I am continually inspired by the unwavering passion demonstrated by our Board of Directors, Staff members, and volunteers, generous donors, all of whom have enabled us to carry out our mission of serving the underserved communities in Pakistan and especially in Balochistan province. At BDSBS we believe that the poverty complex in Pakistan can only be addressed through a multi sector approach. It is for this reason we implement Social Mobilization, Advocacy, Livelihoods support, Education, Health care, in emergencies Food and Non Food, Shelter, WASH and early Recovery. In 2014 we reached more than 12000 families and 84000 individuals. This is our big achievement for achieving our organizational Mission and objectives. I remember here that BDSBS was established in October 1994 in a small village Haji Shaher of District Kachhi (Bolan) as Community Based Organization (CBO). In these days, I am proud to see BDSBS progressing despite many challenges it faced during early days of the establishment. The revival of this Organization which started in early 2007, after a period of inactivity depended almost entirely on financial assistance extended by Save the Children and on the strong moral and technical support given by Save the Children and SPO. But with the courage and commitment, the management, staff and volunteers demonstrated their best capacities to attract more partners thus enabling it to extend its operations to three other Districts JhalMagsi, Naseerabad and Jaffarabad from 2010.

The social mobilization and advocacy component of BDSBS has helped many communities to organize themselves as community Organizations, a platform to initiate self-help endeavors. Creation of more 6000 Change Makers in we can end Violence against women campaign towards achieving the goal of reducing the violence against women in the region. Leadership along with the dedicated staff members and volunteers started new initiatives and extended the program coverage.

All this could not have been possible without the support by local communities, philanthropists, donors and aid organizations.

I am also thankful to the dedicated members of Board of Directors, staff members and volunteers of BDSBS for their commitment and hard work.



Message from Chief Executive

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) has completed its 20th years in 2014, striving hard to alleviate poverty and enhance the quality of the underprivileged through an integrated program approach comprising of Social Mobilization, Advocacy, Education, Healthcare, Economic development, Livelihoods support, working in emergencies Shelter, WASH and Early Recovery and Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM). Its now reaching out 6 districts of Balochistan included Sibi, Kachhi, Jhal Magsi, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad and Sohbatpur. BSDSB has completed more than 30 projects in the above mentioned districts of Balochistan.

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) having its vision to see peaceful just Society, have been working, since the establishment, with participatory approaches to organized and educate them towards intended objectives during different interventions implemented in collaboration with different donors in Social Mobilization, advocacy, research, education, health, livelihoods, Agriculture, human right and WASH sectors. Conducting base line and sharing information with all major stakeholders including Govt Line Agencies and communities were remained an essence an every project. BSDSB since its establishment has experience to motivate the communities to be active recipient and participants. In the future initiatives, projects and programs will further strengthen vision of BSDSB about stronger rural community.

In Balochistan 24 out of 30 districts are the poorest districts of the country and socio-economic indicators lag farbehind the rest of the country with nearly 60 percent of the population living below the poverty line of US\$ 1 per day. Given the situation there is a greater need to invest in the province to actualize the targets given in PRSP and MDGs.

I would like to extend my humble gratitude to all our well-wishers, donors, partners, members of Board of Directors, Staff and volunteers for their valuable support and I assure them of our full commitment and conviction to the cause of human development and sustainable livelihood.

History/Introduction of BSDSB

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) was established in October 1994 at Sub Tehsil BalaNari Haji, Shaher, District Kachhi (Bolan) by the young professionals and volunteers of the area. BSDSB was registered on August, 1995 as Voluntary Organization under the Voluntary Social welfare act 1961 in August 1995 and Under Societies 1860 in January 2010.

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) is a non-profit, non-political and local organization of Balochistan. BSDSB has been working for the last 19 year in Sibi, Kachhi (Bolan), JhalMagsi, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur and Quetta Districts of Balochistan. BSDSB has been working in the sectors of Social Mobilization, Advocacy, Community Physical Infrastructures (CPI), Education, Health, Livelihoods support, WASH, Shelter, working in Emergencies, DRR and human rights. The promotion of traditional handicrafts and are sub sectors of our alternate livelihoods projects. BSDSB is proud to be one of the few local organizations working in southern Balochistan on the above mentioned projects, and considers *social mobilization* as the back bone of the organization, that forms an integral part of all its activities. BSDSB has a trained and committed board of directors, volunteers and staff, work since several years to achieve the Organizational Goal and objectives.

Vision: A healthy and prosperous society based on equity and equality.

Mission: Safeguard and ensure the protection of poor and needy people by improving the quality of life of underprivileged communities, in particular women and children. BSDS will undertake risk to respond to calamities.

Objectives

1. Contributing towards the betterment of the most vulnerable community especially women and children through skill development, health, education and income generation services.
2. Ensuring the participation of community in the development of their areas.
3. To improve the living standards of the community of underprivileged people.
4. To provide Humanitarian Assistance during natural calamities.
5. To raise awareness of communities on their basic rights.
6. To struggle and provide the basic needs of life to the poor and needy peoples.

Summary of completed and ongoing projects 2014

S#	Name of Project	Start Date	End Date	Donor
1	Building Resilience through Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)” for district Jaffarabad	01-10-2014	30-01-2016	Concern Worldwide Pakistan/ OFDA-USAID
2	Early Recovery Livelihoods Support for Flood-Affected Populations in Sindh and Balochistan, Pakistan	01-09-2013	30-11-2014	Concern Worldwide Pakistan/ DFID-UKAID
3	Supporting the flood affected vulnerable families of District Sohbatpur, Balochistan through the provision of transitional Shelter.	17-06-2014	16-10-2014	Concern Worldwide Pakistan/ OFDA-USAID
4	Provision of Transitional shelter to vulnerable flood affected families of District Jaffarabad, Balochistan.	30-12-2013	30-04-2014	Citizen Voice Project (CVP/TDEA/USAID/TAF)
5	Promotional of Traditional Balochi Leather Embroidery	01-01-2014	30-12-2014	Self help basis

Progress of the Projects

Building Resilience through Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)” for district Jaffarabad

In the response of Floods 2012 Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) completed 6 Early Response and Early Recovery Projects and now implementing a Project namely “Building Resilience through Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)” in 22 Union Councils of District Jaffarabad with collaboration of Concern Worldwide Pakistan /OFDA-USAID from October 2014 and project will end on January 2016. The project will build local-level resilience to disasters, equipping communities and local authorities with the skills, knowledge, capacities, and access to early warning systems that will help them reduce the loss of life, shelters, assets, and livelihoods that commonly result from frequent disasters (especially flood, drought, and earthquake) in project target area.

In this project BSDSB will deliver extensive awareness-raising, mobilization, and capacity-building sessions, working through village- and UC-level Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) and Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) that will be formed/strengthened under the program. Such groups will be facilitated to engage in hazard and vulnerability assessments, development of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) plans, and linkage/building/advocacy with local authorities to ensure that their DRM plans are incorporated into district-level development and disaster program, policies, and plans. At the community level, teachers/children will also be a primary focus of the program and will be engaged to develop DRM plans for schools and trained on basic disaster preparedness/response approaches. Communities will also receive access to stockpiles of critical life-saving supplies that can be used during immediate response to emergencies. BSDSB will also work to strengthen existing local/indigenous systems of early warning and will link these with the Pakistan Meteorological Department’s (PMD’s) early warning systems to lay the groundwork for more effective, rapid, and sustainable pathways of disaster-related information to reach remote communities, many of which are currently cut off

from vital early warning systems that could significantly enhance their ability to prepare for and respond to the onset of a disaster. To further minimize the destruction/damage to houses and assets and the loss of lives that frequently result from disaster especially in the remote villages, BSDSB will work with communities to provide village-level flood-proofing/mitigation measures and drainage improvements. **(The project is in early stage of implementation)**

Summary of the major project activities

S#	Name of Activity	Targets	Achieved	No. of Families benefited	No. of Individuals benefited
1	Baseline survey	1	1		
2	Community Mobilization Sessions (UC)	22	Planning Phase		
3	Mass Awareness	30	Planning Phase		
4	Planning, meeting with communities, authorities, preparation & agreements (Incase of mobile SMS, cable operators, Radio officials)	30	Planning Phase		
5	Dramas/skits	15	Planning Phase		
6	Formation of Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) at Revenue Village Level with the participation of all stakeholders	154	12	180	1260
7	1.1, Formation of UDMC & Sharing of SoPs	22	Planning Phase		
8	1.1, Training of DMC members on Basic Disaster Management Skills	176	Planning Phase		
9	1.3. Formation of School Disaster Management Committees	44	Planning Phase		
10	1.4 Training of School Teachers on disaster preparedness and DRM	1	Planning Phase		
11	1.5, Developing School DRM plans	44	Planning Phase		
12	Formation of Emergency Response Teams, (ERTs) at Union Council Level with the participation of all stakeholders	22	Planning Phase		
13	Participatory Risk Assessment and development of village and UC level DRM plans	176	Planning Phase		
14	Printing of village and UC level DRM Plans	176	Planning Phase		
15	Printing of village and UC Hazard Map and action plan on Metal Board	176	Planning Phase		
16	Hydro meteorological Hazards (Disaster measures small Infrastructures)	320	Planning Phase		

Total Direct project beneficiaries		
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Early Recovery Livelihoods Support for Flood-Affected Populations in Sindh and Balochistan, Pakistan

In 2012, Pakistan experienced the worst internal displacement crisis of its history when Up to Thousands individuals were forced to leave their homes also in Jaffarabad District. Responding to this IDP (Internally displaced person) crisis, Concern Worldwide funded BDSDB to implement Rehabilitation of Livelihoods project in District Jaffarabad. Based on the need assessment by BDSDB the said project was designed for restoration of livelihood means to pre-conflict status for long term economic sustainability of the area and its inhabitants. The project was started from September 2013 and was ended on November 2014. This project is multi sector activities for restoration of livelihoods of the vulnerable flood affected community of three targeted Union Councils Naseerabad, Khudaidad and Dirgi of district Jaffarabad Balochistan.

Summary of the major project activities

S#	Name of Activity	Targets	Achieved	No. of Families benefited	No. of Individuals benefited
1	Baseline survey	1	1		
2	Village Committees (VCs) Formation	200	200	2000	14000
3	Distribution of Wheat seeds and Fertilizers	2400	2400	2400	16800
4	Rabi vegetables Seed Package (Seed and farming tools kit)	2000	2000	2000	14000
5	Provision of information on improved Agriculture and Livestock management practices to farmer (sessions)	80	80	2000	2000
6	Distribution of Goat and feeds	1200	1200	1200	8400
7	Kharif Seed Package (Rice seed and fertilizer)	1400	1400	1400	9800
8	Provision of seed storage bins and trainings	320	320	320	2240
9	Provision of Agroforestry trees small farming households	2000	2000	2000	14000
10	Rabi Seed Package (Fodder seed and fertilizer)	1200	1200	1200	8400
11	Kharif Seed Package (Fodder seed and fertilizer)	1200	1200	1200	8400
12	Organize Livestock vaccination & de-worming campaigns at village level	16	16	240	1680

13	Provision of livestock extension worker (LEWs) trainings for selected beneficiaries	1	1	10	70
14	Small Enterprise Restoration Support Grants	120	120	120	840
15	Vocational/Skill Trainings along with tool kit	4	4	100	700
16	Conduct enterprise development trainings for the beneficiaries of enterprise grants and vocational skill trainings	4	4	120	840
17	Cash for Work schemes	101	101	2020	14140
18	Formation and capacity building sessions of village level disaster management committees	80	80	1200	8400
Total Direct beneficiaries				19530	136710
Note: The project was multi sector activities and beneficiaries were involved in trainings, VCs formation and different kind of trainings and other project activities, so in this project more than 9000 beneficiaries/families benefited and indirect beneficiaries are 63000.					

Supporting the flood affected vulnerable families of District Sohbatpur, Balochistan through the provision of transitional Shelter

In the response of Floods 2012 Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) was implemented Provision of Transitional Shelter RAPID Fund project in flood affected Union Council Khudaidad and Doda Eika of District Sohbat Pur with collaboration of Concern Worldwide Pakistan/OFDA-USAID. The objective of the project was “To ensure that the security, safety and physical protection needs of disaster-affected populations are addressed through the provision of appropriate shelter assistance”. In this project BSDSB was constructed 725 Transitional Shelters for most flood affected vulnerable families both targeted Union Councils in the period of 4 months from June 17, 2014 to Octobers 16, 2014.

Summary of the major project activities

S#	Name of Activity	Targets	Achieved	No. of Families benefited	No. of Individuals benefited
1	Baseline survey	1	1		
2	Village Committees (VCs) Formation	40	40	725	5075
3	Registration of beneficiaries	725	725	725	5075
4	Distribution Toll Kits	73	73	725	5075
5	Raising/Construction of 3feet Plat Form (Thalla) for DDR measures	725	725	725	5075

6	Construction of Transitional Shelters	725	725	725	5075
Total Direct project beneficiaries				725	5075

Provision of Transitional shelter to vulnerable flood affected families of District Jaffarabad, Balochistan

In the response of Floods 2012 Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) was implemented Provision of Transitional Shelter RAPID Fund project in flood affected Union Council Naseerabad of District Jaffarabad with collaboration of Concern Worldwide Pakistan/OFDA-USAID. The objective of the project was “To ensure that the security, safety and physical protection needs of disaster-affected populations are addressed through the provision of appropriate shelter assistance”. In this project BSDSB was constructed 900 Transitional Shelters for most flood affected vulnerable families of targeted Union Council in the period of 4 months from June January 01, 2014 to April 30, 2014.

Summary of the major project activities

S#	Name of Activity	Targets	Achieved	No. of Families benefited	No. of Individuals benefited
1	Baseline survey	1	1		
2	Village Committees (VCs) Formation	50	50	900	6300
3	Registration of beneficiaries	900	900	900	6300
4	Distribution Toll Kits	900	900	900	6300
5	Raising/Construction of 3feet Plat Form (Thalla) for DDR measures	900	900	900	6300
6	Construction of Transitional Shelters	900	900	900	6300
Total Direct project beneficiaries				900	6300

Social Mobilization and Advocacy

Social Mobilization and Advocacy is a broad scale movement to engage people's participation in achieving a specific development goal through self-reliant efforts. It involves all relevant segments of society: decision and policy makers, opinion leaders, bureaucrats and technocrats, professional groups, religious associations, commerce and industry, communities and individuals. It is a planned decentralized process that seeks to facilitate change for development through a range of players engaged in interrelated and complementary efforts. It takes into account the felt needs of the people, embraces the critical principle of community involvement, and seeks to empower individuals and groups for action.

For this purpose BSDSB is the active part of the Social Mobilization and Advocacy campaign with the collaboration of SPO and self help basis in region. In 2014 BSDSB has organized seminars, community dialogues, walks/rallies and corner meetings for the social mobilization and advocacy in the region.

For the active participation of community BSDSB has formed Community organizations and community groups on village and Union Council level in the region within their limited resources. BSDSB was continued its support the groups in the formation of legal documents like Birth registration, CNIC and local Certificates. Groups were linked with local government departments and PMAs/MNAs for the solution of their problems in their respective villages and areas. BSDSB staff and volunteers supported to the male and female voters in Local Bodies Elections for the using of their vote in right way for positive change in the society.

We Can End Violence Against Women Campaign

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) has worked as lead partner in District Kachhi (Bolan) in “we can end violence against women campaign” from 2005 to 2012, with the financial and technical support for OXFAM (GB), SEHER and SPO. BSDSB mandate is to raise awareness to help reduce violence and crimes against women, through campaigns innovated activities.

For the this purpose a number of events have been undertaken, school awareness raising programs, Teachers sessions, Meetings with line departments, Trainings of Connectors and Change Makers, District Allies meetings, Change Makers membership campaign, Tehsil and District level Change Makers assemblies, festivals, street theaters, study circles, celebration of especial days, Signature campaign, corner meetings and other campaign related activities.

BSDSB was the lead and Focal organization in District Kachhi (Bolan) to carry out these activities with other NGOs/CBOs of District level alliance of DistrictKachhi. After the end of funding from Oxfam GB the activities of the campaign are ongoing on self-help basis through the We can campaign and human rights activities throughout District Kachhion self-help basis and with help of members of District Allies, NGOs/CBOs, Social Activists and Change Makers of the campaign.

Livelihood program

Balochistan is rich in local handicraft that has international markets worth millions, but due to illiteracy and lack of knowledge less is done in this sector and with the passage of time the local artisans and interest to promote handy craft is vanishing as the common man today is struggling to survive and looks at alternate means for livelihood.

BSDSB, has included local handicraft as a cross cutting theme in all its programs and is working to develop this sector, through trainings of local artisans and marketing linkage development,

BSDSB has completed two projects of Balochi leather Embroidery and Balochi Mirror work projects with the collaboration of AikHunarAik Nagar (AHAN) in District Kachhi (Bolan).

The conservation of this sector, is therefore of vital importance and much is needed to be done not only to preserve the local trade but to also enhance the livelihood of the people with trade. A number of events have been launched since 1998 to date; these include exhibition, Sibi festival (Mela) and LokkVirsa in Islamabad and other local events.

For the continuation of this support to the poor community, during 2013 in Sibi, Kachhi and Jaffarabad BSDSB was conducted many activities on self-help basis included the trainings/capacity building of male and female Artisans. Help in Linkages and marketing of handicrafts products in local and national markets. From these efforts the local poor male and female Artisans were able to sale their products and earn money for life needs. In district Jaffarabad BSDSB was implemented Livelihoods and Early Recovery Project with the collaboration of Concern Worldwide Pakistan and supported to local poor communities in skill development and promotion of local Traditional Handicrafts.

BSDSB will continue these efforts for the promotion of traditional handicrafts of Balochistan and for promotion and help of poor male and female Artisans. The management of BSDSB is also trying to receive assistance from National and International donors for the strengthening of this sector in Balochistan.

Capacity Building

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB) always gives importance to capacity building of their staff, volunteers and partner NGOs/CBOs. In this purpose many training workshops were organized by BSDSB included one day training organized on “Social Mobilization and Advocacy” for BSDSB staff volunteer, Partners Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Social Activists at District Sibi. One day training was organized on “Humanitarian Principals” for BSDSB staff and volunteers at district Jaffarabad.

During the period of 2014 BSDSB CBDRM project staff participated in many Trainings and workshops included DRR workshop, HAP and Spare Standard, Procurement and Finance organized by Concern Worldwide Pakistan program. BSDSB staff has also participated in a three days workshop organized by the HelpAge International on DRR on the context of disabilities and old age. BSDSB was signed MOU with SPO for capacity building of staff and volunteers, in the response of this MOU BSDSB staff and volunteers are attending a series of the Trainings/Workshops like Social Mobilization, Advocacy, Proposal and report writing, Administration, Finance and Logs. BSDSB staff attended many webinars with the support of USAID capacity building program e-learning on different topics like Proposal and LFA development, Procurement, Use of IT technology, Monitoring and Evaluation etc. and achieve the knowledge and experience for the projects management. BSDSB will continue the capacity building of their staff and volunteers for emergency response and skill development.

Coordination and Linkages development

BSDSB gives importance and value to coordination and linkages development. BSDSB has strong linkages and coordination with local communities of their working target area, government line departments, National and International NGOs.

BSDSB is member of many National Networks like National Humaintarian Network (NHN), DRR Forum, NETPOW and applied for the membership in many other Networks. BSDSB is also member of Civil Society Network, Balochistan NGOs Federation and district level networks of NGOs/CBOs. BSDSB is the member of UN emergency clusters like WASH, Shelter and Food & Security clusters and attends regular meetings of these clusters on provincial and district level.

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