

Impact Case Study

Orientation Workshop of Local Councils Association of the Punjab



Impact Case Study: **Orientation on LCA Punjab and Mobilizing Local Councils Member's**

The Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP) is ever made Association of Local Governments in the Punjab province. The overall purpose of the Association is to promote and provide coordination and a unified approach among local governments to resolve common issues and develop participatory governance for the well-being of citizens.

GIZ launched a project "Support to Local Governance Program" (LoGo) for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces. Under this project it support Local Councils Associations in both provinces to develop their institutional capacity, strengthening their voices for democratic self-governing local governments and hub of knowledge and information. For the purpose, GIZ and LCAP mutually planned orientation workshops for elected local government representatives at divisional levels in entire province where number of delegates from each district shall participate to get sufficient information on information on Association and prepare them to take part actively in forthcoming LCA elections. Therefore, a series of orientation workshops were organized from August 2017 to January 2018 at 10 locations of Sahiwal, Multan, Bahawalpur, D.G Khan, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Rawalpindi and Lahore.

The overall impact of these workshops were evidenced that maximum numbers of elected representatives brought on board and developed their understanding on Association and prepared them for LCA elections. During the workshop, the participants shared their experiences, challenges to local governments and proposed their valuable suggestions on proposed structure of LCA Punjab.

Besides the general impact of these workshops, it also influenced and harnessed the individual's potential. This is a case study is one of these individuals that clearly demonstrates the positive impact of these mobilization workshops.

Fouzia's potential unleashed by Mobilizations Workshop



I am elected Chairperson of District Council Toba Tek Singh and belong to Wariach Family. My in Laws have always been involved in politics. My father in law, my husband and husband's brother has been elected as MNA and MPA in different tenures. I am the first Lady in this conservative family who entered in politics and come out in public gatherings and finally took oath as the district council chairperson after a rigorous campaign and handwork.

One day in July 2017, Mr. Anwar Husain, Executive Director-LCAP first time contacted and briefed me about the LCAP and LoGo programme of GIZ. He invited me for participation in the workshop held on in Lahore.

The workshop was held on July 20, 2017 at Pearl continental Hotel, Lahore. I was introduced among all participants and oriented with the history and struggle of LCAP regarding restoration of local democracy, progress of the LCAP. I also enjoyed a debate of participants where I impressed on the work done and plan for the promotion of Local Government system in Punjab both by LCAP and GIZ. This workshop boosted my interest and enthusiasm towards promotion of local government system and interest for coming LCA elections. This workshop impressed me up that I was rushed to participate several LCA executive meeting and workshops where I learned to introduce herself, listen to others' opinions, and share the common issue of local government. I also attended the LCAKP on board workshop. Observing my keen interest, I was offered an opportunity to visited UCLG-ASPAC event in China. This international level conference further gain my interest for the promotion of local governments in Pakistan and decided to become a permanent member of LCAP. So I designed a lobbying campaign and became part of LCAP board for an interim period and now interested to run for Executive Committee Member of LCA Punjab. Now being an active member of LCA I am contributing as I can do my best. Presently, I am leading among political members and organizing an International Conference on Local Government to be held at Islamabad. Playing and effective role and influencing government authorities I am succeeded to ensure the participation of Prime Minister in the Conference. Acknowledging my efforts and strong networking, I have been become a member of steering Committee for this event.

I am still not so satisfied with the work that I have done so far. In future, I look forward for coming LCA elections and Insh Allah I will run for President seat of LCAP and

continue my struggle for noble cause of Association.



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