

Impact Case Study

Orientation Workshop of Local Councils Association of the Punjab



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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.

Rabiya Zahid's potential unleashed by Mobilizations Workshop



Mrs. Rabiya Zahid is an elected Women Councilor of Union Council 133, Green Park, District Lahore and belongs to a simple and non-political family. Before electing as councilor, she was a social worker and struggle for the rights of women in her local area. She has also been a part of some reputed civil society organizations pursuing right based women development programs. Her family and husband always supported her in such social cause. During the course, once she got an opportunity to participate a workshop organized by WISE where she first time learn about Local Government system in a session delivered by LCAP's trainer. This session raised her first motivation to take part in Local Govt. elections right from grass root level on Councilor's seat. The main urge of this

motivation was to work for women development and highlighting the issues of local ordinary women becoming the part of local government system as envisaged in Local Government Ordinance 2013. Her family fully supported her decision to participate in LG elections of 2015. She was a first Lady in her family who entered in politics and come out in public gatherings and finally took oath as the women councilor after a rigorous campaign and efforts.

One day in July 2017, she was invited by LCAP in orientation workshop under the LoGo programme of GIZ. This workshop was held on July 20, 2017 at Pearl continental Hotel, Lahore. She was introduced among all participants and oriented with the history and struggle of LCAP regarding restoration of local democracy, progress of the LCAP. She enjoyed a debate of participants and got more knowledge, information on local government system. She impressed on the

work and planning for the promotion of Local Government system in Punjab both by LCAP and GIZ. This workshop raised her motivation that she frequently started to participate several LCA executive meeting and workshops where she learned to introduce herself, listen to others' opinions, and share the common issue of local government. Observing her keen interest and innovative ideas, LCAP also offered her in some international level forum and conferences. Now being an active member of LCAP, she also contributed in designing lobbying campaigns of LCAP with the best of her ideas. Presently, she is in leading role among other women councilors in organizing an International Conference on Local Government to be held at Islamabad.

Perusing her efforts, networking and playing an effective role influencing other women councilors, Now she is motivated to contest the LCAP elections and looking forward for member board of Governors (BoG) of LCAP.



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