

Balochistan Boy Scouts Association



Disaster / Crisis Management Program - 2015

Introduction:

Scouting is a Global Movement that started in Britain in the year 1907 by Sir Robert Stephen Smith Baden Powell. He believed that the youth may be provided scout training that is essential to promote national building and social activities and make them able to work in any situation i.e. floods, earthquakes, storms, epidemic and rescue the human being in disaster and provide them help as much as they can. The scouting in Balochistan has its roots since 1920 when land was acquired for the purpose of scout training headquarters. The permanent Scout Unit or Islamia high School on his arrival at Quetta in 1943 presented the Guard of honor to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The Governor General Balochistan Sir Obroy Metcof inaugurated the Boy Scout Headquarter Balochistan in November 1943.

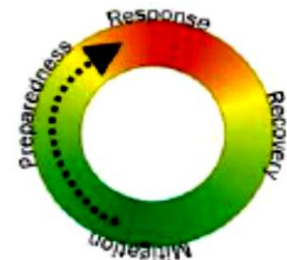
Apart from Scout Trainings in different fields of scouting and competitive activities Balochistan Boy Scouts Association (BBSA) also works voluntarily during Moharram ul Haram, traffic weeks, tree plantation campaigns, international environment days, different awareness campaigns and in the time of disaster, relief and emergency. The boy scouts actively participate in different Polio Campaign which is always appreciated by the communities, local administration and concerned departments.

In the past few years BBSA in collaboration with Government of Balochistan, UNICEF, UNESCO, ASAR, WFP, Plan Pakistan, USAID and UNOCHA worked on several social and community based projects in Balochistan.

Purpose of the Program:

This crisis disaster management plan provides the management structure, area of expertise, key responsibilities, emergency assignments, and general procedures to follow during and immediately in case of any emergency, relief and disaster. This plan will also address the instant requirements for any major disaster or emergency in which day to day operations are disturbed and special measures are required:

- Protect and preserve human life, health and well-being
- Minimize damage to the natural environment
- Minimize loss, damage or disruption to the local facilities and resources
- Manage rapid and effective communications and information regarding emergency response operations



- Provide essential services and operations
- Provide and analyze information to support decision-making and action plans

Organizational Introductory Information:

Name of Organization	Balochistan Boy Scouts Association
Name of the Head/ President	Mr. Sabir Hussain Niazi (Provincial Secretary)
Type of Organization	A Volunteer and Non-Governmental Organization
Registration Number	Affiliated with World Scout Bureau Registration Act 1860 (XXI of 1860)
Establishment Since	1943
Official Address	Balochistan Boy Scouts Association, Hali Road Quetta
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E-mail addresses	info@bbsapk.org bbsassoc@yahoo.com
Organizational Aims & Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To develop good citizenship in Pakistan by forming their character ▪ Promote their physical, mental and spiritual development ▪ Train them in habits of observation, obedience and self - reliance ▪ Inculcate in them loyalty to their country and thoughtfulness for other ▪ Teach them service useful to the public and vocational training useful to themselves. ▪ Make them useful and helpful in community development ▪ Generally to help them irrespective of race creed or colour to become worthy citizens of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, reverencing Allah, subordinating their personal interests to the welfare of others and abstaining from violence of thought, word and action. ▪ Improve health conditions by providing basic health and hygiene education and services to the communities residing in neglected areas. ▪ To act as a catalyst of positive change in society through advocacy, and promoting/creating linkages/coalitions and partnerships with GO's on issues relevant to sustainable development, ▪ Respond and extend support to the victims of natural calamities and disasters.
Organizational Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender Equality & Diversity ▪ Transparency, honesty and sustainability ▪ Trust and Non-Discriminatory approach ▪ Mutual respect and integrity ▪ Team work, Empowerment and Commitment. ▪ Mutual Cooperation and continuous improvement

Core Areas/Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Camping, Workshops, Courses, Training, Hiking, Rallies, Walks, Services, Advocacy, Social activities, Disaster Management, Floods, earthquakes, storms, epidemic, relief and rescue
Focal Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Sabir Hussain (Provincial Secretary) Tel: (9201477) ▪ Mr. Sheeraz Mansoor (Master Trainer) Tel: (0300-3844661)

Balochistan Boy Scouts Association is specialized and trained in the following key areas:

- Education and Literacy
- Health
- WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)
- Disaster, emergency and relief management
- Capacity and community Building

Sustainability of Balochistan Boy Scouts Association:

Balochistan Boy Scouts Association has a strong partnership with the Government of Balochistan. The Government of Balochistan is also financially supporting the BBSA. The grant in aid is utilized for the scouting activities throughout the province and also to meet the administrative cost. BBSA has also established a mechanism for Revenue. The revenue is generated from the fund raising components like Scout Shops, membership of scouting and there are various multipurpose Halls which are utilized for holding workshops seminars, conferences and for functions and exhibitions. These all revenue generating activities contributed towards the sustainability of BBSA

Also in 2014 creates a scouts youth body with the name “*Scout Youth Council*” who is working to create opportunities and provide them with a platform to participate in different scout and youth related events, such as:

- Scout Youth Forum
- Urdu language as a catalyst to promote Unity
- Model United Nation – Quetta
- Cultural Heritage Exhibition

These sort of events help youth and students to involve themselves in research, public speaking, debating, writing skills including critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities It was a great need of time to organize such a platform for the youth of Balochistan which could address the frustration and anxiety of the divided Youth of Balochistan and got a chance for them to express their views, talent, culture and unity. It is another fact that there are very few opportunities for the adolescent of the province to participate and express their views and talent. Therefore, when they were facilitated with such platform, they were as zealous and motivated as any youth in the globe.

This was evident from their involvement from the first minute when the Forum started and everyone was keen and interested to come forward and express their explicit innermost.

Impact of Balochistan Boy Scouts:

The impact of Balochistan Boy Scouts in the social development is quite significant and its impact supports the intervention of Balochistan Boy Scouts in the education as well as in other sector. From an identification and enrollment point of view the children's (both boys and girls and the most vulnerable groups). Nearly 35,000 children were identified and enrolled in different educational and learning centers across the province. During flood emergency 2012 those 355,215 affected were helped through this response based project. Also, in cooperation with WFP food relief assistance was provided in districts Quetta, Kohlu, Barkhan, Mastung, Kalat, Khuzdar and Jaffarabad. Similarly in the health sector, the areas of concern were immunization and in this component around 16,895 children's have been immunized in accordance to WHO guidelines. Hygiene and Sanitation component was also targeted, and in these activity almost 13,500 household latrines have been constructed in various parts of the province, which had its impact in managing the street garbage and human excreta in the open air and with the outcomes of healthy communities.

The impact study shows that the communities have gained sense or awareness, education, better healthy life and good environment. Keeping the need base of the communities, it is proposed to support these deprived communities in extending good health care services in its various components.

- Number of homes visited by Scouts and Volunteers 400,000
- Number of children (Boys and Girls) identified and enrolled 35,000
- Number of children Immunized 17,000
- Number of Latrines constructed 13,500
- Schools opened from BBSA resources 08 (630 enrolled)

Scouting and Volunteerism in Balochistan

As per latest scout census 2014, comprehensive detail of the trained scouts and volunteers in all the districts of Balochistan are as under:

Age Range (Year)	Section Name	Male Member	Female Member	Total
7 - 11	Shaheen Scouts	38476		38476
+ 11 – 17	Boy Scouts	34320		34320
+ 17 – 25	Rover Scouts	3250		3250
	Volunteer Leaders	6800	83	6883
	Professional Executive Staff	09		09
	Professional Supporting Staff	13		13
	Others (Describe)	68	15	83

Sub - Total	82936	98	83034
Committee / Council Member and Non- Warranted Helpers	714		714
Support / Clerical Staff	12	7	19
Other (Describe)			
Grand Total	83662	105	83767

These efficient and productive scouts and volunteers are always ready to take help wherever it is required to deal with any disaster, risk or hazard, also playing their role in community building and making their respective local areas more accessible in terms of social activities. Most importantly experienced district organizers and unit leaders are always there for direction, coaching, and training that empowers today’s youth with the skills they will need to lead tomorrow. For that reason volunteers and scouts believe their time invested with the BBSA helps them be:

- A better citizen
- A better parent
- A better manager
- A better employee
- More patient and tolerant towards others
- More open to new ideas, innovations and opinions

Recent project related Information:

For the period 2013-15 BBSA start working with UNICEF on the project “*Promotion of Social Cohesion, Resilience Building and Demonstration of Disaster Risk Reduction through Scouting in Quetta, Jaffarabad and Naseerabad*”. This project aims to bring disperse societies together and help them to build themselves again. Also, drills, trainings and safety action plans were demonstrated within different Govt. schools and communities in order to deal with any hazard or natural disaster.

The core objectives of this project are as under:

- To approach and work on Social Cohesion and Resilience attitudes among focused populations particularly the most marginalized and deprived children and their families
- To enroll 75,000 children again those who were affected during flood emergency 2012 through implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies at school and community level
- To ensure the active participation of the scouts & girls guide and youths to take lead in implementation of the planned activities for achievement of the planned results

- Different activities with specific objectives with an aim to bring youths, parents and communities close to each other by engaging them in activities that encourage peaceful co-existence and develop skills among children to understand the concept of resilience and acquire skills and play their constructive role to live in harmony
- At the start of the project around 800 school remain redundant due to flood damages and affected nearly 100,000 children as well. With DRR in schools till now significant amount of improvement has been made and education sustained again in all those affected schools.
- All activities were undertaken with an active involvement of local administration, education department, Parent Teacher School Management Committees (PTSMC's), community based organizations and other key stakeholders and partners.

As per Balochistan Education and Management Information System (BEMIS 2013-14) and scouts census (2014) statistical data for the districts Quetta, Jaffarabad and Naseerabad regarding, school, number of children and number of scouts/unit leaders in relation to the project “*Social Cohesion & Resilience Building* and Demonstration of DRR” are as under:

Sr.	District	No. of Schools	No. of Enrolled Children	No. of Unadmitted Children	No. of Scouts	No. of Unit Leaders
1.	Quetta	529	131198	447	8003	386
2.	Jaffarabad	572	64227	112	2414	160
3.	Naseerabad	473	31497	164	5786	418
4.	Balochistan	12576 B: 9053 G: 3523	1104131	32915	83662	6802

Project Background: *Social Cohesion, Resilience Building and DRR*

This project "*Promotion of Social cohesion and Resilience Building and Demonstration of DRR in focused schools through scouting*" is based upon twofold approach of one promoting Social Cohesion Resilience (SC&R) attitudes among focused populations particularly the most marginalized and deprived children and their families and second to prepare schools to avoid massive losses (more 700 schools with the enrolment of 75,000 children were affected during flood emergency 2012 implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction strategies at school and community level. This project aims at ensuring the active participation of the scouts & girls guide and youths to take lead in implementation of the planned activities for achievement of the planned results. Social cohesion & Resilience Building (SC&RB) is a process which does not end with cessation of a conflict rather it is about transformation processes within societies that have experienced conflict. Instability and insecurity are among the most significant development challenges of our time, and

considerable barriers to realizing the right to education for all children and young people as envisioned under Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

The activities planned under this PCA with specific objectives aim to bring youths, parents and communities close to each other through engaging activities that encourage peaceful co-existence and develop skills among children to understand concepts of resilience and acquire skills to live in harmony. Balochistan has seen the much of the most serious and disrupting violence among all provinces in the country. In the past few years the situation has become more serious with ethnic as well as sectarian violence witnessed in the province as a perpetual feature. This has led to demographic displacements, impacted business activity and even the education sector. Revival of peaceful co-existence is an Imperative. This would contribute to address the prevailing social disintegration due to that ethnic, sectarian and tribal conflicts are originated and each group is living, in an insecure and isolated environment. This will also contribute to the development and strengthening of skills needed to maintain the mutually acceptable harmony among all the ethnic, sectarian, religious and tribal groups. Capacity building of relevant age group of population especially out of school children, adolescents, parents and community are critical interventions to be taken for social cohesion and resilience building across the board. Balochistan in general, particularly parts that are being targeted for this PCA, are highly prone to disasters caused by natural hazards, in addition to the instability and insecurity. Such disasters result massive displacements that impede the social cohesion and disrupt the social fabric of society. The losses in such disasters could have been minimized and the population of the affected areas were properly prepared and would have a compatible level of awareness to combat the natural calamities. A certain level of awareness is to be created among the dynamic section of population for the preparedness and reducing the risks of and vulnerability towards disasters. Through this project activities focused groups including students, parents and community in disaster prone areas would be mobilized and their capacity enhanced on DRR and other preparedness measures. In last three years consecutively around 800 schools remain redundant due to damages received in floods or displacement of populations displaced affecting more than 100,000 children. With DRR in Schools, numbers can be significantly reduced and education sustained even in emergencies.

Project Objectives:

This project shall be implemented in district Naseerabad, Jaffarabad and suburbs of Quetta wherein these are conflict prone districts that experience most security incidents and demographic divisions and Naseerabad & Jaffarabad are emergency prone districts that almost receive floods every year. Following are the key results to be achieved through this project:

- Enhanced capacity of 25,505 youths (age group 10-19, including scouts and Madrassa students) to understand and cope with conflicts and spread Social Cohesion & Resilience building messages in their respective schools and communities by end of June 2014 in Quetta, Naseerabad and Jaffarabad districts of Balochistan.
- 30,000 School children & Scouts, 500 teachers (165 secondary school teachers & 335 primary school teachers/scout unit leaders) and parents are able to develop and demonstrate social cohesion & resilience focused disaster risk reduction plans, school safety action plans in 480 focused schools and communities by end of June 2014 in district Naseerabad & Jaffarabad.

Strategic background and Context:

In Balochistan, scouts and girls guides are a latent resource which if engaged and mobilized for promotion of basic education and empowerment would yield significant results particularly in context of the achievement of the results envisioned under this project. They can act as advocates for the cause and are in constant and direct contact with the youth, adolescents, children and parents and are at a better position to understand their situation. Moreover, the scouts and girls guides can act as change agents at the community level and thus propagate the concepts of child rights among other generational cohorts and they can act as role models for other children. "Young Champions for Education: A Progress Review - *Final Report*" clearly identifies the importance of scouts in bringing about change thus building upon the successful models this project would enable to achieve the set results. Through this project, in the focused districts the youth, adolescents and children through scouting activities would be engaged so as to bring about a transformation in their behaviors towards SC&RB and demonstrate through these groups ORR at the school level. This project adopts the four key strategic considerations" vis-a-vis the situation of young people and their engagement as agents of positive change in Pakistan:

- Identity
- Trust and Respect
- Participation and Dialogue
- Awareness and Aspiration
- Gender [cross-cutting)

The key strategies to be followed for effective and efficient implementation of the project include community involvement/participation at all stages of the project and the following:

Creating Leadership: Grassroots activities initiated, including with wider groups, through an inclusive approach, and regularly led by youth and adolescents (scouts) in partnership with adults will enable them to emerge as critical change agents in their own communities.

Motivation: to be engaged in something that benefits people other than themselves. Young people become aware about issues that affect them and their communities - they get to grasp the nature of the complexities and possible solutions.

Skills and capabilities: As the focused cohort gain skills, experience and knowledge, they also increase their ability to effect change. The youth, adolescents, scouts and other stakeholders focused in this project will be provided with regular training to build their capacity to become the change agents in their own communities or influence the change process.

Coordination & Partnership: The scouts will work in close coordination with the department of education, SWD department for the protection of out of school children and other stakeholders and in due course of time may develop a strategic partnership.