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*The best people are
those who are most
useful to others*

—Prophet (PBUH)



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Editor's Note

I am pleased to share the 2nd edition of the Pakistan Chapter of the Talloires Network (PCTN) newsletter. The first edition was sent to all the HEC recognized universities in Pakistan, and received very warmly by all quarters. The Talloires Network also highlighted it prominently in their monthly newsletter. It was a moment of collective pride and a great achievement for the chapter.

The current edition of the newsletter goes a step further and includes community service activities from no less than twenty-five of our prestigious member institutions. Our narrative starts with a brief coverage of the steering committee meeting held in August 2014, in which the level of progress achieved by the network and agenda points for the way forward were shared. PCTN's plan to hold its Annual VCs'/ Rectors' Conference and seminar on Civic Engagement in Spring 2015 was also discussed in the meeting. Member universities are welcome to give suggestions on points that should be a part of the conference.

I am excited to share a new initiative by PCTN to connect member universities for community service seminars/ workshops and other related activities taking place in their respective campuses. Six universities have already participated in the workshops and activities held at NUST in September 2014. We look forward to more member institutions inviting students/ faculty of other institutions to participate with them in civic engagement activities.

I am grateful for the support of Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector NUST), the encouragement given by Chief Coordinator PCTN, Mr. Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, and the contributions from the focal persons of all member institutions who work hard to make this newsletter a source of learning and motivation for all of us.

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1st PCTN Steering Committee Meeting held at NUST



The 1st Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) Steering Committee meeting was held on August 7, 2014 at National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad. The six member steering committee headed by Chair PCTN, Rector NUST was formed in November 2013. The Steering Committee meeting was headed by Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar. Mr. Shoaib Sultan, Chairman of Rural Support Program Network (RSPN) was invited as a guest to share his views. Four steering committee members attended the meeting including Vice Admiral Shahid Iqbal (Rector Bahria University), Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha (VC University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences), Dr. M.

Asif Khan (VC Karakoram International University), and Mr Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui (Director IBA Sukkur). Mr Irfan Ahmad Akhtar Pro-Rector (F&I), NUST, Mr. Mahmud Bashir Bajwa (Chief Coordinator PCTN), Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Principal SMME, NUST, Dr. Syed Irtiza Ali Shah (Senior Coordinator PCTN), Miss Sundal Mufti (Dir Student Affairs, Bahria University) and Mr. Ahmad Mehfooz (Manager Programs, PCTN) also attended the meeting. Chair PCTN Engr. Muhammad Asghar in his opening remarks explained the role of a university in a knowledge-based economy. He highlighted five key roles as development of human resource, research-based technology development, knowledge applica-

tion to develop economy, development of mechanisms for a positive social impact, and finally to provide guidance in policymaking. The main actors who generate such a socio-economic movement are the university leaders, students, community, government/non-government institutions and funding agencies and volunteers.

The opening address was followed by a presentation by Chief Coordinator PCTN Mr. Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, covering PCTN's progress so far. After this a presentation was made by Chairman Rural Support Programs Network (RSPN), Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan providing an insight into the role/and functioning of RSPN. RSPN is a countrywide organi-



zation working for the uplift of the deprived and the underprivileged in the country. Mr. Shoaib Khan discussed how RSPN could offer useful collaboration to PCTN to further its goals.

Later on discussion on agenda points took place. PCTN's Vision and Mission were finalized keeping in view the input sent in by PCTN member institutions.

The Vision was approved as "Pursuing HEC's strategic thrust of universities building economies, PCTN envisions to capture dynamism of Pakistani Universities' youth and impact the society positively by incorporating civic engagement and community service into their research and teaching missions."

The Mission statement approved was "To strengthen civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education by building a national movement of engaged universities"

The goals proposed included development

of curriculum and academic programs for service learning and community service; development of standards for community engagement work; use of tools for the purpose of impact evaluation in service learning programs; building and fostering a culture of volunteerism in Pakistani academic institutions; organizing discussions on forging a collective vision for universal values and community engagement in higher education worldwide; promoting the mission and vision of the Talloires Network and HEC (Pakistan) across all universities; recognition of services through awards for outstanding performance in civic engagement and community service; empowering people in collaboration with partner networks; vibrant media strategy for public support and sustainability and promoting social entrepreneurship.

The committee regarded the set of goals as

quite comprehensive and appropriate; however Chair PCTN thought it appropriate that the goals be sent to all member universities for their inputs before finalization.

It was proposed that the status of PCTN steering committee members be ex-officio and not by name, which was approved.

It was decided that a PCTN seminar on Civic Engagement and Community Service would be held in March 2015. The annual VCs'/ Rectors' conference would be held alongside the seminar.

PCTN merit certificates / awards for outstanding Community Service Projects were also discussed. A neutral board was approved to be formed to select the recipients of the award. It was decided to launch the award after input from member VCs/Rectors in their conference in March 2015. The award would be as follows:

1st Prize	-	Rs. 100,000/-
2st Prize	-	Rs. 50,000/-
3st Prize	-	Rs. 30,000/-
4st Prize	-	Rs. 20,000/-

Chair PCTN urged VCs to attend the upcoming Talloires Network Leaders Conference 2014, to be held in Cape Town in December.

At the end, Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar directed PCTN Secretariat to pursue follow-up actions with the member institutions and chairman RSPN. Before the session was adjourned he appreciated the useful inputs of all participants and their strong resolve to pursue goals of PCTN.

NUST's call for donations for IDPs amasses generous response

Operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched by Pakistan Army to completely wipe out the enemy in North Waziristan. As the operation continues to eliminate the most dangerous threats to Pakistan, about 900,000 people of North Waziristan had to leave their homes to seek shelter at the safe places. Being aware of the fact that the internally displaced people (IDPs) are in dire need of basic life necessities, NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) along with NUST Administration started a fund raising campaign for the affected masses. The massive donation drive received generous contributions from both the NUST administration and the University's alumni i.e., NUST employees and faculty donated their one day salary amounting to Rs 3.5 million; the University's alumni contributed Rs 150,000, while the NCSC team collected Rs 1,450,000 through its robust campaign. With a view to appositely spending the donations, NUST administration decided to extend support for the IDPs through Pakistan Army. The University decided to take the responsibility of 20 families taking refuge in Government Degree College Landi Jhalandar, District Bannu.

A need analysis was done with the help of a Bannu based NUST student and one of the major problems identified was the unavailability of sufficient water. The power supply with a voltage of 70 volts was not sufficient to meet the power requirement of a tube



well available there. After a meeting with NUST Alumni Association President Mr. Ammar and MCS alumnus Mr. Mansoor, it was decided that the association would provide the generator (now functional) and a regulator for the tube well.

Director Administration Mr. Arif Mahmud Siddiqui floated the idea of providing some

sports equipment and Eid gifts for the families to bring a feeling of "life is returning" among those families. The sports equipment, consisting of 150 bats, tennis balls, volleyballs and footballs, was provided by Col. Qaiser (Army Sports Dte). Eid gifts were purchased and packed by a team of students from NUST. The gifts included unstitched

clothes for ladies and gents; shawls for ladies; readymade clothes for children; toys, coloring books and pencils; mehndi (henna); bangles; and candies for children.

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014 a team of 13 students along with Director Administration Mr. Arif Mahmud Siddiqui went to the college in Bannu to meet the IDPs. A cheque worth Rs 3.5 million was presented to Brig. Aftab Comd 475 Engrs Bde Gp/45 Engrs Div. The male students distributed Eid gifts among men and boys and female students distributed among women and young girls. Rs 5,000 cash was given to each family by the students. The students spent almost two hours with the IDPs, while the representatives from Pakistan Army briefed the team about the state of the IDPs and relief work done for their welfare. It was after the feedback received from the Army authorities and the IDPs that the other basic needs of the affected people were ascertained.

Based on that analysis a team of students and alumni from NUST visited Bannu again on Sunday, 7th September 2014 for Phase-2 of Relief goods distribution, led by Mr. Ali Khalid Qureshi, treasurer NUST Community Services Club. Medicines from donors were dropped at Rural Community Hospital, District Dhomail, Bannu and the team then went to Government Degree College Landi Jhalandar, Bannu, where the heads of families received a set of Pedestal fans, Tents and Floor Mats.

NUST's efforts will continue till the proper rehabilitation of the displaced people.



NUML students develop computer software for special people

Three Computer Sciences students of NUML, Islamabad, stood out at a software developing competition on April 20, 2014. The students- Abdul Wali, Mehwish Hamid and Kanwal Rani developed the software "Text to Sign Language Interpreter," which would be of great help for special people with hearing and vision disorders. The software has the ability to convert a soft form of a book into sign language. Students displayed their software at a three-day event NaSCon 14, held at FAST-National University Islamabad. The software was highly appreciated and so was awarded 2nd position in the event. It is pertinent to mention that the same group has also won the Excite Cup Competition held in Muhammad Ali Jinnah University (MAJU). Rector NUML Maj Gen (R) Masood Hasan felicitated the students on their achievement and announced cash prizes and merit certificates for the students.



LCWU wins laurels on World Blood Donors Day

The Punjab Red Crescent Society organized a World Blood Donors Day Function on June 13, 2014. Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) stood first amongst all colleges and universities, for donating around three hundred bottles of blood in 2013. The focus of the World Blood Donors Day 2014 campaign was "Safe blood for saving mothers." The goal of the campaign was to increase awareness about why timely access to safe blood and blood products is essential for all countries as part of a comprehensive approach to prevent maternal deaths.



BNU Honored with MacJannet Prize at NUST, Islamabad

Beaconhouse National University was honored with the MacJannet Prize Honorable Mention Award by The Talloires Network (TN), at the launch of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) at NUST, Islamabad on July 01, 2013. Mr. Robert M. Hollister, Executive Director, TN presented the award to Mr. Rehman Younas, a BNU student representative, and Mr. Zaeem Yaqoob Khan, Director Student Affairs and External Relations, BNU. Also present at the occasion were Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Chairman Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Dr. Javed Laghari, Mr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha, a TN Steering Committee member, Rector NUST Engr. M. Asghar and Vice Chancellors, dignitaries, academics and students of leading Pakistani and American universities.

It is pertinent to note that BNU was the only Pakistani university and one of the five universities around the globe, which were chosen for the honor on account of their outstanding civic and community engagement initiatives by The Talloires Network in 2013. The prize was awarded to BNU's Humnawa, a project by the faculty and students of the Departments of Visual Communication Design, Textile Design and Jewelry and Accessory Design under Mariam Dawood School of Visual Arts and Design. BNU had joined hands with Sungi Development Foundation and Bunyad Foundation in 2010 to mobilize



a team of thirteen BNU students of Textiles and Jewelry and Accessory departments to conduct a customized training program in skills and product development for 200 women in Alipur, a district in Southern Punjab. The main objective of this project was to create an opportunity for the community to form connections with mainstream fashion, textile and accessory designers, entrepreneurs and industry for future collaborations. The program created sustainable empowerment for the members of 8 communities in Muzzafargarh and the surrounding areas. The program informed artisans about their

rights, and provided product exhibitions in Lahore and Islamabad, which aimed to elevate artisan confidence and earnings. After completion of the Humanwa, the beneficiaries were able to continue their income generating activity without support from the outside.

BNU has a number of ongoing community engagement and outreach initiatives including Environmental Journalism, Mental Health, Incremental Housing, Energy Efficiency, Adult and Rural Literacy programs besides other skill and craft training programs.

PCTN's new initiative of connecting member universities

September 2014 saw Pakistan Chapter of the Talloires Network (PCTN) embark on an exciting new phase of its growth, one that allowed, for the first time, the faculty, staff and students of its member universities to learn, mingle, and connect – in an academically charged environment.

PCTN secretariat suggested to all its member universities to invite other universities to their community development workshops and projects. In this way a liaison between universities can be established and they could learn from each other's community service practices.

NUST, as part of its compulsory community service course, was already holding community service workshops for its own students. Starting with the commencement of the September session, 10 slots were reserved and offered in each workshop. The offer was received with considerable enthusiasm by the invited universities and the initiative proved to be a success right from the start; the 4 workshops held till date have been attended by faculty / staff from University of Haripur, Comsats Institute of Information Technology, Institute of Space Technology, Bahria University, National University

of Modern Languages, and Fatima Jinnah Women University. The workshops covered various topics, such as "What is Community Service," "Disaster Management," and "Community Service Project Management."

These workshops have led to an exchange of information, as well as a more holistic understanding of community service practices in different settings and environments. Now that the waters have been tested and found favorable, we hope to cast a wider net in the future and rope in a greater number of universities, students and faculty for workshops and other community service activities!





**Advocacy/
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Global Conference 2014 held at LCWU

Conflicts and violence: a serious threat to psychological, physical health

On May 8, 2014 a Global Conference was held in collaboration with Lahore College for Women University to highlight the fact that increasing levels of conflicts and violence in Pakistan and across the globe are posing a serious challenge to both the psychological and physical health of young people. This violence and conflict is limit-

ing access to economic opportunities; damaging communities and their resilience; hampering the development of well-balanced and productive individuals and most important of all perpetuating this cycle of violence and conflict by leaving behind broken and shattered young people who have no positive resource for rehabilitation.



LCWU launches fire safety and prevention campaign

On January 7, 2014 Children's Reconstructive Surgery & Research Center of Shalimar Hospital launched Fire safety Prevention Campaign in LCWU for the students of Department of Urdu, Biotechnology and Applied Psychology. The main goal of the programme in LCWU is to create a large scale health safety campaign by educating parents and children about fire safety.



NUST observes World Day of Safety and Health at Work

Students of School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (SMME) observed World Day of Safety and Health at Work on April 28, 2014. The event was organized by NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) in collaboration with NUST ICE Student Chapter (NISC). A seminar followed by a walk for cause was organized to celebrate this International Day. Dr Athar Masood from HITECH, Ms. Sarah Amir from International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Mr. Sameer Rehman from World Institute of Safety and Health (WISH) spoke on the event which was held at SMME Auditorium, NUST H-12 cam-

pus, Islamabad. The seminar highlighted the significance of occupational health and safety. The speakers mutually agreed on the underlying importance of bringing in international standards of safety and health at work in Pakistan's organizations. Ms Sarah Amir noted that Pakistan's labor force is most vulnerable to hazardous incidents due to the fact that there is lack of awareness and education on this area which is unfortunately overlooked in our country. The esteemed speakers, Principal SMME Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, staff members and students participated in the walk with zeal and vigor.



Sukkur IBA, Youth Parliament hosts youth convention

A large number of young individuals from across Sukkur and the nearby vicinity gathered at the Sukkur Youth Convention on "Youth's Duties towards Nation and Society" – on February 18, 2014. Renowned speakers from across the region came and spoke to the youth, reminding them about their duties and responsibilities towards their country.

Secretary Education Mr. Fazlullah Pechuho, motivated young ones to come forward and participate in nation building. Founder Chairman Youth Parliament Mr. Rizwan Jaffar appreciated the courage and energy of the young audience. He said that all hopes were pinned on the youth who must fulfill their duties towards the society and the nation.



FJWU arranges lecture on Character Building and Role of Women in Islam

A lecture was organized by Fatima Jinnah Women University to sensitize the students and the faculty members about the teachings of Islam regarding the rights and responsibilities of women in a society on May 2, 2014. Mr. Syed Bilal Qutab, Ex- Prof. Boston University USA, was the guest speaker on the occasion. Mr. Bilal said that Islam has given a privileged status to women as compared to men. The role of a woman as a mother, daughter and sister is a blessing of Allah. He also highlighted the need and importance of moral education in the curriculum for personality development and character building of students. A large number of students, faculty and staff members attended the lecture.



International Women's Day celebrated at UVAS

University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) celebrated the International Women's Day on March 8, 2014, in collaboration with Razia Sultana International Organization (RSIO). The event was held to recognize the achievements of women regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political differences. It was a full day celebration including an awareness walk, poster competition, speeches, documentary viewing, skits, plays and certificate distribution. Vice Chancellor Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha attended the walk along with the university staff and students. Later on in their speeches, students talked about the problems faced by the women and paid tribute to their courage, potential, and resolve to overcome those problems. The event concluded with speeches by the honorable VC and chief guest Dr. Bushra Maateen (Ex-VC LCWU).



**Do not wait
for leaders;
do it alone,
person to
person**

— Mother Teresa

Seminar denounces 'honor' killings (UHS)

University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore held a seminar about honour killings on February 15, 2014. Around 500 women and girls become victims of 'honor killing' in Pakistan every year. Dr Muazzam Nasrullah, a public health specialist, teaching at Emory and West Virginia University, USA, stressed the need to give voice to women who are oppressed and to create a more informed and supportive environment for advocacy and policymaking to eliminate violence against women.

Dr. Muazzam Nasrullah, ran a study in this regard and said that his

report was the first statistical study that attempted to quantify the problem since data about the practice were so difficult to collect. The country Head of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, I.A. Rehman said that although honor killings are treated as murders, there were loopholes that often prevent full punishment for the crime. He further said that having reliable data about honor killings was important to tackle the issue. The lecture was organized by UHS Department of Family Medicine and was attended by UHS faculty, students and a number of family physicians.

Islam permits organ transplant: A seminar held at UHS

University of Health Sciences conducted a seminar on "Islamic Perspective of Organ Transplantation" on January 22, 2014. Speaking at the seminar, Dr Fouzia Kazim, Head of Philosophy Department, Government College for Women, Jhelum said that a national transplant registry should be established in order to monitor and regulate the organ transplantation program in the country. She said that one of the main reasons impeding Muslims from becoming organ donors was the confusion and uncertainty about Islamic law and religious viewpoint on organ donation. She explained that in line with Qur'anic teachings, majority of the Muslim scholars had invoked the importance of saving human life and had permitted the organ transplants as a necessity to achieve the noble cause. She stressed that Islam permits organ transplantation to save human life. However, it is the responsibility of the government to take steps to combat transplantation tourism and the problem of tissues and organs trafficking.

Traffic rules awareness seminar at Bahria University

A seminar related to the importance of traffic rules and discussion over the causes of accidents faced due to their violation was held at Bahria University, Karachi on Tuesday April 22, 2014. Three speakers from Traffic police were invited who shared their experiences and answered queries raised by the students.



Traffic rules awareness and vehicle license program at Comsats



Student of Management Science Department in collaboration with City Traffic Police organized a “Traffic Rules Awareness and Vehicle License Program” at Comsats, Lahore Campus. The aim of the program was to increase knowledge and awareness about safe driving techniques, road rules and suitable driving behavior in everyday situations.

The program consisted of two phases. In the first phase, traffic police mobile teams visited the institute for learner license and to deliver lectures and presentation about traffic rules and signals. In the second phase, they conducted driving tests, and ultimately issued licenses to the successful applicants. Both students as well as employees benefitted from the program.

PU playing its role in community service

The Institute of the Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), University of the Punjab fosters an engaged campus that connects students, faculty, and staff with community partners to serve the common good. The university organized various seminars over the period of last few months.

A dialogue was initiated in the month of June, involving the representatives of civil society organizations, journalists, students and freelance intellectuals under the umbrella of “Pakistan Peace Initiative Provincial Visions of Peace.”

Another seminar was held on the issue of “Political Development and Violent Conflicts”, to educate students, faculty and members of the civil society about how political development can lead to conflict of interests between groups and instigate political violence.

The Inspector General, National Highways & Motorway Police, Mr. Zulfiqar Cheema, presided over a seminar to spread awareness about traffic rules amongst students and faculty members.

The university also organized a seminar on “Creation of Awareness of Act-IV 2010 for Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace.” In this seminar, experts sensitized the audience of the prevalence of harassment of women in the workplace and discussed ways in which the Act could be applied in the organizational context to counter this social evil.

Understanding the need to discuss the health concerns of vulnerable populations, the ISCS organized a seminar on “Women and Child Health.”

Another awareness seminar was organized about Thalassemia, focusing on the nature of the disease and its treatment.

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty —Mahatma Gandhi



Health

HEALTH

Blood donation drives at NUST

NUST Community Services Club (NCSC) in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation organized blood donation drive for two days from 26 to 27 March 2014 at IGIS ground. Donors were provided with pleasant atmosphere, sanitary conditions and refreshments to handle the dizziness after blood donation. The two day blood donation drive was a success as about 300 blood donations were collected.

Similarly, NUST Volunteers Club, E&ME in collaboration with AFIT organized a two day blood donation drive in College of E&ME on December 16 and 17, 2013. Buses were arranged for the students which brought them from the academic block to the MI Room to donate blood. Students and faculty of the college participated in the campaign with full enthusiasm. More than 400 donations were collected. These events proved once again that students of NUST strongly believe in social responsibility, and they can even donate the most precious thing that they have, their own blood.



NUST holds free eye camp

As per its tradition, NUST Community Service Club and NUST Administration organized a free eye camp for NUST students, faculty members and staff from April 10 to 11, 2014 at the NUST Medical Centre, in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Trust, an esteemed and trusted organization based in Islamabad. The camp included qualified doctors assisted by NCSC executives and volunteers all of whom were students of NUST. The aim of the camp was to provide the general Non-Gazetted (NG) staff with free eye check-ups, free medicine and free glasses. As expected the turnout was remarkable, a staggering 600 people were facilitated during the two-day activity.



DUHS blood donation activity at Cinepax auditorium

Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) to commemorate World Blood Donor Day, organized donor education and motivation activities on June 13, 2014. A blood donation awareness fun fair was held for students, staff and their families at Cinepax Auditorium in which 50% discounted tickets were offered. The program started with an information session followed by a well-organized movie show. DUHS motivational leaders had arranged stalls and actively distributed in-



formation material and membership forms to the visitors. The hall was decorated with banners and balloons highlighting the message of World Blood Donor day, 2014. The DUHS Safe Blood Transfusion Services team thanked the Management of Cinepax for their cooperation in this noble cause. Earlier in the year, on February 15, 2014 and



January 2, 2014 DUHS had held a 'Voluntary Blood Donation Awareness' seminar and walk. DUHS Safe Blood Transfusion Services also organizes interactive and informative activities in different medical colleges and universities of Karachi on a regular basis.

3-Day Blood donation camp at Sindh High Court (DUHS)

A blood donation camp was organized by Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) from May 20 to 22, 2014 at Sindh high court. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Justice of Sindh High Court, Hon. Justice Maqbool Baqar. Prof. Dr. M. Umar Farooq, Pro-Vice Chancellor DUHS was present along with other faculty members.

Dr. M. Umar Farooq said that one pint of blood can save up to three precious lives. He further informed about the establishment of a Dow Blood Transfusion and Research Center, with a blood bank and an institute providing teaching, training and quality service to the population. Blood collection from voluntary non-remunerated blood donors is the cornerstone of a safe and sufficient blood supply. DUHS has contributed to the provision of safe blood products by encouraging voluntary blood donation, training of human resource, developing service delivery in blood banking and transplantation laboratory services with continuous education and training in transfusion and transplantation



sciences. DUHS eventually wants to create a sustainable foundation of technologically advanced non-profit blood banking in Pakistan.

Students Movement Against Childhood Diseases (SMACD) launched at Dow University

An introductory seminar on “Students Movement against Childhood Diseases (SMACD)” was held at Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) Karachi on June 25, 2014 aiming at reducing illness, disability and mortality from childhood diseases by immunization.

The seminar was organized by DUHS in collaboration with UNICEF with the objective of increasing awareness about preventable childhood diseases through immunization thereby reducing disability and mortality. The campaign will create awareness about the vaccinations for diseases included in the Government’s Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) like Poliomyelitis, Neonatal Tetanus, Measles, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Hepatitis-B, Pneumonia, Meningitis and Childhood Tuberculosis. The seminar was attended by Dr. Asif Aslam, Health & Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Sindh along with Dr. Salah Mohamed Tumsah, WHO, Provincial Team Leader.

Addressing the seminar, Prof Muhammad Umer Farooq, Vice Chancel-



lor DHUS said “We are very proud to be associated with a programme which aims at preventing infant mortality by creating awareness.” The project aims at reducing misperceptions and building trust amongst the general public about vaccinations. The project will include student mobilization within the university through seminars, establishing information desks by the volunteers at the university and other events where the SMACD message can be communicated to the public.

TB awareness seminar and walk at Dow University

Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) organised a TB awareness seminar and walk at Dow Medical College and Ojha Campus, to commemorate World TB Day on March 22, 2014.

The walk was led by chief guest, Prof. Dr. Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor DUHS and Chairman Stop TB Partnership Pakistan. People from all walks of life actively participated in the walk carrying placards and banners inscribed with slogans on improving public awareness about prevention and control of TB.

Prof. Dr. Masood Hameed Khan stressed on the need for develop-



ing strong linkages between service providers and on planning a strategy to reach the missing patients. A band of school children performed national anthem and a group of boy scouts led the procession.

NUML Blood Donation Society (NBDS) holds camp for Thalassemia patients



A blood donation camp was arranged by the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) Blood Donation Society (NBDS), in collaboration with the Jamila Sultana Foundation on March 3, 2014. The drive drew a huge response from the students, faculty and staff members. Female students (Pakistani and foreigners) turned up in large number to donate blood for Thalassemia patients. Rector Maj Gen (R) Masood Hassan, Director General (DG) Brig Azam Jamal and other officials of the University also visited the donation camp to donate blood for the noble cause. About 120 donations were collected for the children suffering from Thalassemia.

Blood bank in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation (GIKI)

Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering, Science & Technology as part of its health relief program, organized a blood donation camp, in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation on April 23, 2014. All the students, faculty and staff members actively participated in the camp and more than 130 donations were collected within five hours. These donations provided free blood transfusions to the children suffering from thalassemia.

Blood donation camps are organized twice a year by Project Topi in collaboration with other welfare organizations.



Charity bake sale arranged in CIIT, Lahore for helping Thalassemia patients

Since its inception CIIT, Lahore Campus has a remarkable tradition of encouraging students to contribute towards the uplift of the society. On March 18, 2014 the students of BS-Chemical Engineering and BS-Economics arranged a bake sale in the student week. The entire earning of Rs.53,000 was given to Dr. Shahid Masood from Fatimid Foundation for the welfare

The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own — Benjamin Disraeli

of Thalassemia patients. Doctors from Fatimid Foundation were also invited to CIIT, Lahore to deliver an awareness lecture about the blood related hereditary disorders.

Anti-smoking day and cancer awareness seminar at CIIT

Health Awareness and Blood Donor Society along with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital (SKMH) organized an anti-tobacco session at Comsats, Sahiwal on May 27, 2014.

Dr. Ahmad Ali, Associate professor, and Ms. Shazia Mannan from department of Biosciences were the guests of honor at the event. Dr. Abrar Hussain welcomed the participants and informed them that in the 20th century, the tobacco usage killed 100 million people worldwide. According to research nearly 40 percent of cancers in adult males of Pakistan can be associated with tobacco while 60,000 people die annually in Pakistan from tobacco related diseases.



Blood donation camp at CIIT, Sahiwal in collaboration with Sundas Foundation

Health Awareness and Blood Donor Society at Comsats organized a blood testing and donation camp with the cooperation of Sundas Foundation on Friday February 28, 2014. A team of doctors from Sundas Foundation also visited Comsats, Sahiwal and delivered a talk to create awareness about Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Cancer. 50 bags of blood were donated by faculty and students for thalassemia affected children.



FJWU and Al-Shifa Eye Hospital arrange an eye camp

Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) Medical Centre in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Hospital, arranged a free eye camp for faculty, staff and students on June 4, 2014. The camp included free vision screening, distribution of informative literature about eye diseases, early detection of refractive error, and useful information regarding eye care. Earlier on May 22, 2014 FJWU Medical Centre in collaboration with Amanat Eye Hospital arranged an Eye Disease Awareness and Vision Assessment Program (I-Care). A preliminary eye screening of students was performed to identify any deficiency that may exist in their vision. Useful information regarding eye care was also provided.

Free OPD Skin camp (FJWU)

A free skin OPD camp was organized by FJWU in collaboration with National Pharmaceutical Company on May 12, 2014 at the campus. Dr. Saadia Cheema, leading dermatologist of Rawalpindi supervised the camp.

Free Hepatitis B Vaccination (FJWU)

FJWU in collaboration with The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry set up a free vaccination camp for its students, faculty and staff. There were three phases of the vaccination. First two camps were set up on April 30, 2014 and May 30, 2014 respectively. The third camp is due on October 31, 2014.

Registration of Hepatitis Society under umbrella of Directorate of Students Affairs (UAJK)

In response to the widespread and fatal nature of Hepatitis, the students of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir have registered a society with the said directorate. The mandate of the society is to create awareness about the nature, causes, precautions, treatment and effects of hepatitis among university students and common citizens. As the treatment of hepatitis is quite costly, the society plans to collect funds to help out the deserving patients.

Hepatitis society in collaboration with HOPE Pakistan arranged a camp for screening of underprivileged orphans of Bagh District of Azad Kashmir. Speaking at the occasion Prof. Dr. Dil Nawaz Ahmed Gardezi, Vice Chancellor, UAJK shared the



mission of the university to actively engage in the community projects. A large number of civil society representatives and media persons were present at the occasion.

Blood grouping camp at UAJK

A section of students at University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir joined hands to form Jamal Foundation to work for the betterment of the society. The foundation arranged two blood grouping camps at both campuses of the university in Muzaffarabad. The objective was to make a data bank for the potential blood donors from the university who may be available at the time of such need. Dr. Kh. Ansar Yasin, Focal Person and Dr. Abdul Rauf Manager, Community Operations, PCTN-UAJK visited the camp and encouraged the students for their zeal to serve the nation.



Thalassemia Awareness Campaign held at city campus UAJK

The students of Department of Art and Design, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir held a Thalassemia awareness campaign at the city campus of the university. Health practitioners, faculty members along with the Vice Chancellor, UAJK, students of different departments and forty thalassemic children were present at the function. All the speakers praised the students for their initiative and vowed that UAJK will do everything possible to deal with this issue. Gifts were distributed among the children at the end.



Blood Donation Camp (FJWU)

A Blood Donation Camp was organized at FJWU on February 20, 2014 in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation (JSF) for Thalassemia patients. The students, faculty and staff members participated enthusiastically in the camp. JSF deals with the treatment and prevention of Thalassemia. Their blood bank is one of the voluntary non-remunerated blood banks of the country.

Bahria University students help SKMH to organise family carnival

SKMH organized a family carnival at Port Grande, Karachi on April 13, 2014 to raise funds for the Cancer Hospital being built in Peshawar. Students from Bahria University, Computer Sciences Department were in the fore-front for organizing this mega carnival. They not only did fund-raising but were also involved in advocacy and awareness campaigns of cancer. The Management of SKMH appreciated the students and the management of Bahria University Karachi Campus. Students thoroughly learnt from their experience and it enhanced their confidence level.



Bahria University (BU) & United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Bahria University Islamabad became an official partner of UNAIDS by signing an MoU with an objective of promoting research and evidence related to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support; capacity building at institutional and academic level including staff and students of Bahria University; awareness raising and sensitization of university youth towards Zero Discrimination. Partners will work towards development agreeing jointly on "How to involve academia towards prevention of HIV and AIDS from gender equality and human rights perspective."



Basic Health Unit (BHU) inaugurated at SBBU

A Basic Health Unit (BHU) at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University was inaugurated by MPA, Malik Bahram Khan. While addressing the gathering, he highlighted the efforts of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. KB Marwat, for providing health facility to the students, faculty and locals of the area through its BHU. It is worth mentioning that SBBU BHU is the only health facility for the local people in Kohistan (Dir) sponsored by the university.



Purple Day observed at Shaheed BB University, Sheringal

Like the previous years, Purple Day was observed as World Epilepsy Day organized at SBBU. Prof Anwar-ul-Haq Yousafzai, Chief organizer SWAHS and Prof Zul Kamal Chief Coordinator SWAHS among others presented visual awareness about Epilepsy. The chief guest, Dr. M. Ali and others appreciated the commendable efforts of SWAHS for the eradication of epilepsy from the area.



Inauguration of Medical & Diagnostic Center (UOS)

"University of Sargodha is not only providing quality education to the students belonging to various parts of the country but also providing various community services at affordable rates". These were the words of the Vice-Chancellor, UOS on the inauguration of newly constructed block of University Medical & Diagnostic Center (UMDC). UMDC is providing the services of highly qualified and experienced doctors to the community on subsidized rates and Model Pharmacy is also providing quality medicines at affordable prices.



Blood donation camp for Thalassemia patients (SBBU)

Shaheed Banazir Bhutto University students, in collaboration with the Fatimid Foundation, conducted a blood donation camp at the main campus of the university. A large number of management, faculty and students participated in the camp and donated blood to the foundation. The camp was arranged to create awareness among students and people about blood donation for the Thalassemia patients of the Fatimid Foundation. A walk was

also organized as a part of the awareness campaign in the community with the hope to eradicate the devastating blood borne disease.

Vice-Chancellor SBBU Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat also participated in the event along with the Registrar and other senior faculty members of the varsity. He appreciated the efforts of Mr. Sajjad Ali (organizer of the camp), Mr. Danish (director student societies) and students.



Speakers call for awareness about ear-related diseases (UHS)

The international Ear Care Day was observed at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) with the aim to create awareness among the masses regarding care, importance and sensitivity of ear and ear related diseases on March 4, 2014.

Punjab Minister for Social welfare Haroon Sultan Bokhari was the chief guest at the occasion. Many renowned ENT specialists from various hospitals of Lahore, noted columnist Orya Maqbool Jan, students and parents of children with hearing loss were also present on the occasion

While addressing the seminar, Mr. Haroon

Bokhari said the government was taking practical steps to make special persons part of the active society and special attention was being paid to the education and training of children with hearing loss.

Dr Afzal Alam said that prevalence of hearing loss in Pakistan was 7 to 8 per 1000 live births, and there were 300,000 deaf people in Pakistan. He added that cousin marriages, infections during birth, lack of oxygenation at the time of birth and poor access to the basic treatment needs of the mother and child were associated with hearing disorders of various forms.

Dr Afzal further said that a majority of the people facing acute hearing loss problem could be treated completely through surgeries, medication and use of hearing aid.

Moreover, children or adults with very severe to profound hearing loss may benefit from cochlear implant which is very expensive and may cost Rs 1,500,000 to Rs 2,200,000.

Orya Maqbool Jan stressed the need for creating awareness among the people in order to understand true sentiments and emotions of the deprived segment of society.

National conference on “Health and Modern Concepts in Pharmacy” (FUUAST)

A National Conference on “Health and Modern Concepts in Pharmacy” was organized by Department of Pharmacy at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences & Technology on May 2, 2014. The purpose of the conference was to highlight the local herbs, which are being used to cure illnesses in the East since ancient times. The speakers emphasized the need of more research to find out remedies by the help of local herbs.



FUUAST holds free medical camp to check obesity and Body Mass Index (BMI)

A free medical camp was organized by Department of Zoology, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology (FUUAST) on June 29, 2014 to check the cholesterol level, fasting blood sugar, blood pressure and other liver enzymes level of the participants. During camp Dr. Rubina Mushtaq, the head of Department of Zoology told the participants about obesity and the possible diseases which obesity leads to. She educated them about healthy food choices and to avoid fast-food, cold drinks, and high fat foods. She also emphasized on the need to exercise regularly to lead a healthy life.



Blood transfusion activity (FUUAST)

A blood transfusion activity was held at FUUAST on May 6, 2014 to demonstrate that ICT and blood transfusions are natural partners. Blood transfusion services involve a lot more than just giving blood. World Health Organisation (WHO) defines standards by which the quality of the blood can be maintained from the point of extraction to transfusion. These involve knowing every-

thing about what has happened to the blood from the point of extraction to the point of transfusion. Hence, the process needs not only to be controlled but also made traceable for auditing in the event of any problems. This is a classical workflow problem and hence ICT plays a fundamental role to help establish the traceability of the processes.



Upcoming Conferences of The Talloires Network

October 2014

- 2014 Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference. Washington, DC. USA. 6 – 8 October 2014. <http://www.youtheconomicopportunities.org/conference>
- 15th Annual Conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium. Engaging for Change: Changing for Engagement. Edmonton, Alberta. Canada. 7 – 8 October 2014. The 2014 meeting will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre in downtown Edmonton, Alberta. Conference theme is Engaging for Change: Changing for Engagement and will challenge scholars, students, and community partners to discuss international advancements in the scholarship of engagement. <http://extensionnews.tumblr.com/post/35291242450/esc2014>
- 2014 Network for Academic Renewal conference: Global Learning in College. Minneapolis, Minne-

sota, USA. October 16-18, 2014.

At the 2014 Global Learning in College meeting, participants will articulate a vision of the global learner and will explore efforts to design educational experiences—across the curriculum and in the community—to help students develop the cross-cutting capacities they need. <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/global/14/index.cfm>

November 2014

- Inaugural Community Knowledge Exchange Summit. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. November 19-21, 2014. Community Knowledge Exchange (CKX) is taking the traditional conference model and turning it on its head. Inspired by the spirit of South By Southwest (SXSW), CKX will be community-based and participant-driven.

December 2014

- 2014 Talloires Network Leaders Conference. Cape Town. South Africa. 2-4 December 2014. TNLC 2014 will convene leaders of universities from around the world to chart the next stage of the global movement of higher education civic engagement and social responsibility. <http://www.tnlc2014.org/>

Spring 2015

- PCTN's seminar on Civic Engagement and Community Service along with the annual VCs' / Rectors' Conference would be held in March 2015. Suggestions on agenda points are welcome.





Education

EDUCATION

Bahria University adopts community school based at Kalinjar village

Bahria University Islamabad set another example of excellent social responsibility by joining hands with one of Ministry of Education's sponsored basic education community schools at Kalinjar E-8 Islamabad.

On April 3rd, 2014 on behalf of Bahria University the distinguished chief guest, wife of Pro-Rector Rear Admiral Mr. Saleem Akhtar distributed course books, bags and stationery items among students in the first phase. More than 80 students of

the school belonging to initial levels of education comprising play group to grade five were benefited.

Pro-Rector BU also announced an honorary allowance of Rs. 3000 per month for each teacher at school, starting from April 2014. He also pledged to acquire basic infrastructure and ensured its creation in near future to facilitate the students by providing them formal school environment.



BU and Lettuce Bee Kids join hands to educate the underprivileged kids

After facilitating and educating the street children of Lettuce Bee Kids in Bahria University (BU), Islamabad during the summers of 2013, BUI students again worked with Lettuce Bee Kids in January, 2014. Sarah Adeel, the founder/director of Lettuce Bee Kids briefed the students about what Lettuce Bee Kids aims to do and how they will contribute with their spirit to help. More than 75 students of BU attended this session and were divided into groups with different tasks assigned to them. Not only did the students help in teaching the kids but they also helped in collecting used clothes, shoes, art supplies, toys, books, musical instruments, mason jars, old recyclable bottles etc. They also helped in finding sponsorship from book stores, gift shops, schools and universities for items such as lunch, milk, juices etc.



The Citizens Foundation (TCF) summer camp (BU)

Bahria University students actively participated in the TCF summer camp held from 16th- 28th June, 2014. The students had a great experience in imparting knowledge and skills to TCF students. The Citizens Foundation is the largest educational NGO in Pakistan that provides quality education to under-privileged children in remote areas of Pakistan.



**To do more for the world than
the world does for you - that is
success** — Henry Ford

SAYA School teaching project (NUST)



NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) arranged a visit to Saya School in Mera Akhu near the slums of F-12, Islamabad on 5th and 12th April 2014. The school is a private institution set up solely on the basis of donations and facilitates over 300 children from the surrounding areas from class prep up to class VI. The NCSC TABA team visited the school on two consecutive Saturdays with fifty volunteers from SEECs, NUST. Students divided themselves and the children into groups, encouraging them to learn and participate in all sorts of different activities such as sports, painting, computer learning, storytelling etc. The NCSC TABA team hopes that the NUST administration will continue supporting the Saya teaching project, giving the children an exposure to better grooming and ultimately giving them the opportunity they deserve for a brighter future.

NCSC edvolution team visits Maseeh Gill colony (NUST)

Every earthling is born with a beautiful sense of care. The kids of Maseeh Gill colony, deprived of having a blissful childhood due to the unfortunate circumstances, were given a little free air to breathe in. During holiday weeks, NUST Community Service Club's (NCSC) Edvolution team planned several playful activities for those kids. On every alternate week day of March, a team of 7 members had a wonderful 2 hour activity session with the nippers with their talents lashing out and uncontrollable urge to burst into a signified persona. The month passed in the blink of an eye but preserved are those colorful moments. The team is also teaching 30 to 40 students per week under Project Umeed.



NCSC TABA team organizes book fair (NUST)

NUST Community Service Club TABA team arranged a book fair in order to raise funds for the education of underprivileged children and for installing water pumps in the drought-stricken region of Thar. Around 1000 books were collected from NUST students in collaboration with the NUST Book Club and Heal Pakistan team at NUST. The NCSC TABA team then held a book fair on the 8th, 9th and 10th of April in SEECs, in which the junior batches of students were able to buy relevant books for studies at low rates and contribute towards the team's cause at the same time. With the support of the SEECs administration, the NCSC TABA team was able to collect around Rs. 18,000.



Sukkur IBA distributes laptops among talented students of Talent Hunt Program (THP)

A laptop distribution ceremony among winners of Book Reading Competition, Mathematics Olympiad Competition and Writing Book Review Competition was held at Sukkur IBA on July 28, 2014. Leader of the Opposition, National Assembly of Pakistan Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah was the chief guest, while Executive Director Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), Dr Mukhtar Ahmed was the guest of honor through video conferencing. Students Ms Savera Shah, Mr Ghalib Hussain and Ms Maham Shaikh achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd position respectively in the Book Review Writing Competition and were awarded with the latest Core i7 Laptops.

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah while speaking to the audience appreciated the winners of the competition and advised them to work hard. Director Sukkur IBA Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui gave a brief introduction of THP Program to the guests and congratulated all winning students.

THP is an academic initiative taken by Sukkur IBA to support needy and talented students

of Sindh, Pakistan to remove their academic deficiencies by studying at the institute free of cost. Through this program students across Sindh are admitted in a foundation semester (zero semester) which aims to eradicate their basic academic deficiencies and increase their access to the quality higher education. Through this program 350 students have been provided with free tuition, books, reading material, transportation, accommodation and a monthly stipend of Rs. 3000 per month. Students are selected on merit and need based criteria.



Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.

— Jim Rohn

Sukkur IBA holds conference on “Replicating Community College Best Practice in Pakistan”

A conference on “Replicating Community College Best Practice in Pakistan” was organized by Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (Sukkur IBA) on January 3, 2014 in collaboration with Johnson County Community College, USA and US Embassy Islamabad.

The event consisted of an interactive session on establishment of community colleges in Pakistan and highlighted the importance of vocational education and its quality across the country through this system.

Renowned international scholar and expert of community colleges system Mr. John Halder from J Halder Consulting LLC, Global Education Solutions (who have also been giving his services to Sukkur IBA in establishing the model of community colleges across Sindh) and representative from Johnson County Community College U.S.A, Mr. Jeff Armstrong (Vice Chancellor Eastern Iowa Community College U.S.A) travelled to address the participants about the concept of replicating the community college practices here in Pakistan. Moreover, Ms. Kimberly M. Strollo, Cultural Attache of U.S Consulate General, Karachi also spoke through a video conference session.

More than hundred participants from different walks of life including faculty members from Sukkur IBA Community Colleges, Public School Sukkur and other educational institutes and business organizations participated in the conference.



Students organize film festival to raise funds for scholarships (IBA, Sukkur)

A two-day fund raising film festival was organized by the students of BBA-VIII and Sukkur IBA Students Council (SISC) for students, faculty and staff members on March 20 and 21, 2014. Famous adventure movie series "The Hobbit" was shown in the film festival. Several shows of the film were run to avoid any clash with the academic activities. A food street was also organized where different edible stalls were fabricated. An amount of Rs 60,000 was raised to be deposited in the Sukkur IBA endowment fund for scholarships.



Information Technology outreach program (GIKI)

Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology's Project Topi's main realm is to provide education to the people. Currently students provide after school tuition to about 500 students in Government Primary School Hamlet, Government High School Topi and GIKI School.

The volunteers also teach computer classes to kids at Topi government high school for boys on regular basis. The classes are held from Monday to Thursday every week by four volunteers. The IT lab comprising 12 computers was installed in 2012. Computer education is started from the very basic level i.e hardware identification and later teaching students about the basic software like Microsoft Word and Excel. The maintenance of the computer lab is also handled by the Project Topi Team.

Scholarships are provided to needy students every year. A set of books, uniform, stationary and school bags are also provided to the needy students.



Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, “What’s in it for me?” —Brian Tracy



Disaster Relief

DISASTER RELIEF

Bahria University holds donation drive for Tharparker drought

Students of BU, Karachi held a donation drive to gather money for the unfortunate victims of the Tharparker drought. They collected the donation money within university, from their homes, relatives and neighborhood. Students also went to different malls and shopping areas to collect funds. The effort resulted in generation of unbelievable amount of Rs. 200,000.

Fund collection for IDPs of North Waziristan (UOS)

All employees of the University of Sargodha from BPS-1 to BPS-22 donated their one-day salary to the IDPs of North Waziristan in July 2014. Total amount of this one-day salary was Rs. 28,30,000/-. This amount was deposited in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

TUF helps people affected by the Thar Drought

On March 20, 2014 a team from The University of Faisalabad comprising 5 faculty members and 9 students reached in the drought affected areas of Thar to help the people in need. The students, faculty members and Madinah Foundation (sponsor of the University) contributed magnanimously to assist the people of Thar. Edibles including milk, tea, sugar, ghee, rice, daal, biscuits and mineral water worth one million rupees and Rs. 2 lakh cash were distributed to the needy people.

The team worked actively along with Pakistan Army to accomplish this task in the best possible way. Local residents thanked the team members for their efforts and dedication.



Team Umeed goes to village Pilaro, Thar (IST)

Team Umeed from Institute of Space Technology (IST) went to village Pilaro (80 km from Mithi) to help their devastated countrymen effected by the famine of Thar on April 9, 2014. 121 people including 40 children had lost their lives during this tragedy. IST's student body was successful in collecting Rs. 370,000 donation from students, faculty members, alumni and other universities. IST students took 70 bags of ration, including rice, flour, ghee, sugar, tea and canned food, which were distributed to 150 people. Another team was also sent to another a village where members distributed 80 bags of ration and remaining amount was used to install 1 big and 3 small tube wells for the benefit of the people.

Basic life support and fire safety orientation course (LCWU)

LCWU in collaboration with Rescue 1122, organized a three days course on "Basic Life Support and Fire Safety Orientation", from April 28 to 30, 2014. Ms. Ruqaiya Bano, the Head of Basic Life Support (Rescue 1122) along with incharge, Faculty of Natural Sciences Dr. Bushra Khan and Head of Geography Department Prof. Mrs. Bushra Sharif inaugurated the event. During this workshop the students and faculty were trained on how to act in critical situation including medical and fire emergencies. The students and faculty of LWCU from Geography, Chemistry, and Environmental sciences attended the workshop with great enthusiasm. It was a great success since

Fund collection for the brave IDPs of North Waziristan (IST)

In the war against terror no nation has suffered more in terms of blood than Pakistan. As the Pakistan Army launched a war against an enemy that has crippled us as a nation, people from the area of North Waziristan have been forced to leave their homes, lands, business, schools and every day commodities. They have volunteered to step out of their comfort zone so that the Army can eliminate this foe. These IDP's (Internally Displaced People) are the responsibility of each and every Pakistani. With this spirit Institute of Space Technology (IST) also decided to ex-

tend help. A sum of Rs. 61,000 was collected from IST student body, administration, faculty and external sources. On July 12th, Ms. Aameena Waheed from IST handed over this sum for the IDPs of North Waziristan. The project still continues and will be completed once the university re-opens after the summer break.



it trained the students for basic emergency situation and prepared them for community service.

DUHS dispatches medical team and relief goods to Thar district

Tharparkar district faced an alarming situation on account of famine where people lost their lives due to non-availability of food and water and inadequate medical facilities.

Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) keeping in view its vision to improve overall health care system of the community

dispatched medical team and relief goods to Thar district on March 9, 2014. The team included senior physicians, para-medical staff, medical students with all the necessary medicines, food items and other relief goods.

Each parcel contained items such as packet of flour, sugar, oil, milk, biscuits, mineral water bottles, clothes, slippers and water coolers. Packages containing medicines, syringes, capsules, ORS, eye drops and life-saving drugs were also sent.

Emergency and fire-fighting training session at Virtual University, Sahiwal Campus

The Punjab Emergency Services (Rescue1122) in collaboration with Virtual University of Pakistan arranged a 4 days training session titled as "Emergency and Fire Fighting Training" for VU students and campus staff from May 20 to 23, 2014. The main objective of this training session was to provide awareness and train the participants to rescue themselves and others during floods, earthquakes, fire and general emergency situations. The training session comprised lectures, demonstrations and practical activities. All the staff members and students of VU Sahiwal campus attended this learning-oriented session. At the end, a test was



conducted by the rescue staff. All the participants were awarded with Rescue Emergency Training Certificates by Punjab Emergency Services. A community emergency response team consisting of the campus manager and fifteen active students of VU was registered by Punjab Rescue Department. This team will play its part in community services in case of any local, regional and national disaster.



Workshop on “Disaster Management in Pakistan” in collaboration with Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) at LCWU

A three day workshop was conducted at Lahore College for Women University from February 26, 2014 to February 28, 2014 in collaboration with the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA). The guest speakers of the workshop included Brig. Syed Wajid Raza (Chief of Staff, ERRA), Col. Muhammad Akmal Khan (Director General, Knowledge Management Cell, ERRA) and Ms. Nabila Javaid (Incharge linkages KMC, ERRA).

The faculty and students were briefed about the various disaster readiness and management techniques in order to prepare the community to face the challenges occurring in case of disasters. The aim was to equip the participants with such disaster management techniques that they may be able to help the community in case of any need.



NUML students attend an awareness lecture on fire-fighting

In order to create awareness and sensitize students, staff and faculty members about accidental breakout of fire, its preventions, precautions and fire-fighting, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, arranged a lecture in collaboration with Emergency and Disaster Management Directorate of CDA on January 9, 2014. Assistant Director CDA Mr. Zulfiqar Ali briefed the audience about causes behind fire breakouts, precautionary measures to be taken at home and institutions, procedures to respond, fighting the fire and avoiding damages and loss of life in case of emergency. He also demonstrated the use of fire extinguishers and other fire-fighting tools.

Riphah University's contributions towards disaster management in the country

Disaster Management Cell (DMC) at Riphah University in collaboration with ERRA, Govt of Pakistan planned a series of "Disaster Risk Management Awareness Campaign" with a motto of "Emergency Response and Saving Lives" in Riphah and allied colleges and hospitals. The 1st awareness campaign was held and organized in Islamic International Dental College and Hospital, G-7/4, Islamabad on March 7, 2013 (Thursday) for the students and employees. Another seminar was organized in Islamic International Medical College, Al-Mizan Campus, Rawalpindi on March 29, 2013 (Friday) for MBBS students and college employees.

DMC is functioning with full passion at Riphah International University, Islamic International Medical College Trust (IIMCT) since 2001. It focuses on community and social development across the society. Since 2001, one hundred and thirty Free medical camps have been arranged in different areas of Pakistan which have treated an average of 30,000 patients along with providing free medicines.

Fifty eight school, college and university level health programs were arranged in different academic institutions and targeted 19,400 students/community people.

Riphah University started "Mass Awareness & Advocacy Program" for the community on Riphah FM 102.2 discussing healthcare and social issues and evils. This is indeed a great service to the community using mass media.

DMC team worked in Bam (Iran Earthquake Area), Tsunami (Indonesia) and Afghanistan only for noble cause. It has also worked jointly with International Organization from Canada, Germany and Cuba. During the past decade also Riphah International University has always been on the forefront to contribute in case of any natural disasters that have struck the country. In 2010-11, Riphah constructed forty two (42) houses for flood affected people in Zia Shaheed Village, District Charsadda, Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Pakistan. Follow-

up, monitoring and evaluation of these houses are continuous process by the DMC team.

For the IDPs of Swat in, 2009 eighty five (85) Mobile Medical Camps were set up which treated an average of 20,000—22,000 IDPs/affected people. Specialized "Paeds Camp" at Jalala Refugee Camp was arranged. Relief goods like pedestal fans, cooking supplies, atta, pulses, sugar, rice, mattresses etc were provided to IDPs. "Tent Basti" was established at Jando near Takht Bai for fourteen (14) Families. The University has created "Riphah Social Welfare Department (RSWD)" and all welfare activities, actions and initiatives will function under this department in collaboration and coordination with Government, UN organizations, NGOs, INGOs, Trust, Institutions (Public & Private) and others with special reference to Disaster Management and Social Welfare.

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." — Albert Pike



**Environment
Protection**

DISASTER RELIEF

Plantation and clean-up drives held all over Pakistan (VU)

Environmental Society of Virtual University of Pakistan took a healthy initiative by conducting a plantation activity all over Pakistan from March 23, 2014 to March 30, 2014. The plantation campaign was started to create awareness among students about the importance of clean environment in our country. Therefore, this activity aimed at engaging students in sapling plantation in their surroundings. In this regard, students from more than 25 cities took active part in this effort with great enthusiasm and planted thousands of tree saplings

in different cities including Karachi, DG Khan, Faisalabad, Vehari, Gujranwala, Khanewal, Ahmedpur East, Quetta, Bahawalpur, Khanpur, Mingora and Sadiqabad.

During the same week awareness walks and lectures on the importance of clean and healthy environment under the slogan "Clean, Green and Protect" were conducted in thirty campuses of VU. Promoting the same theme on March 29, 2014, students of Virtual University of Pakistan, Islamabad campus organized a hiking/anti-litter trip to remove the trash and waste from Margalla Hiking Track, Islamabad. These activities were organized by Environmental Society that engaged students to take a step forward and find practical solutions of environmental problems.



Sukkur IBA celebrates Earth Hour and World Environment Day

Sukkur IBA is Pakistan's first certified Green Campus that takes Green Initiatives towards preservation of natural resources and reduce

wastage. For safeguarding the environment Sukkur IBA's Green Office celebrated World Environment Day on June 4, 2014. Students along with faculty and staff members participated with full zeal.

All the participants wrote different suggestions, comments, promises and pledged to keep the environment green, reduce consumption of water, save energy, reduce pol-

lution, plant trees and recycle. Students were very motivated and resolved to do their best to protect the environment and help make this planet a better place for living.

Earlier in the year, on March 28, 2014 Sukkur IBA joined hands with thousands of people to celebrate "Earth Hour" at its premises. Sukkur IBA staff, students and faculty pledged to take measures to save resources like pa-

per, water, electricity and save earth by planting trees, replacing plastic bags with those eco-friendly bags, making environment cleaner and greener. The Earth Hour celebration was followed by an awareness session by the Project Coordinator WWF Nature Pakistan Mr. Ali Mahar who motivated the participants to contribute more in preservation of environment. Electricity was shut down for an hour from 08:00 pm to 09:00 pm and the Pledge with the tag line of "Is Saal Mein Bhi" was signed by the faculty, staff and the students making a commitment to contribute towards the purpose.

On the same theme of protecting the environment a plantation drive at Sukkur IBA was conducted on March 3, 2014 on the initiative of the "green office". The worthy Director Sukkur IBA Mr. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui along with all HoDs, faculty, staff members and a large number of students planted some 300 plants for preservation of Mother Nature.



Tree plantation and cleaning drive at CIIT

A series of cleaning-up activities were arranged at Comsats Institute of Information Technology, Lahore Campus in March 2014. Different groups of students and faculty members went around the campus and gathered empty plastic bottles, cans and other garbage. They also educated other students about the importance of cleanliness through placards and signs. The aim of the event was to create awareness among students about pollution caused by plastic material, encouraging them to avoid plastic usage, and teaching them how to keep the environment green.

Another effort to help keep the environment green was the tree plantation campaign at CIIT Lahore and Sahiwal campuses. Students from different departments enthusiastically



participated in the campaign and planted 150 trees. This activity made the students realize the importance of planting trees in their surroundings.





Tree plantation campaign and initiation of botanical garden (UVAS)

A tree plantation campaign was held at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pattoki campus on May 21, 2014. It was with the intent of establishing a botanical garden for medicinal plants and to promote kitchen gardening. More than 600 plants including 31 varieties of medicinal plants were planted at Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Ravi Campus, Pattoki. Student volunteers from Lahore campus also came to participate in this activity to do their share to improve the environment.

About 100 fruit trees planted during tree plantation drive (LCWU)

Tree Plantation activity was carried out by faculty and students of City and Regional Planning at Lahore College for Women University on February 17, 2014. Around hundred plants of different fruits were planted within the University. The objective of the tree plantation activity is not only to provide a healthy environment within the campus but also to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the University.



Kh. Ghulam Yasin plantation campaign in collaboration with Forest Department, GoAJK (UAJK)

A plantation drive was carried out in the Chhla Campus, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir by students of MPhil and PhD on January 29, 2014. Chinar trees were planted around the cricket stadium by the faculty, students, and employees of the university as well as senior officers of Forest Department, GoAJK. Prof. Dr. Syed Dil Nawaz Ahmed Gardezi, Vice Chancellor, UAJK was also present at the occasion. He appreciated this idea as



“A polluted environment cannot nourish a clean mind”. He emphasized that the university should not focus only on educating its own students but engage with the society in every possible way. An area on the bank of River Neelum was identified for arranging a plantation competition amongst different departments of the university.



WWF Nature Carnival (BU)

Bahria University students participated in organizing annual World Wildlife Fund Nature Carnival a 3 day event held at Fatima Jinnah Park Islamabad on March 2, 2014. The students set up a variety of stalls like 3D model making, art competitions and many others. All the funds generated from the event were utilized in the conservation of Pakistan's unique biodiversity.

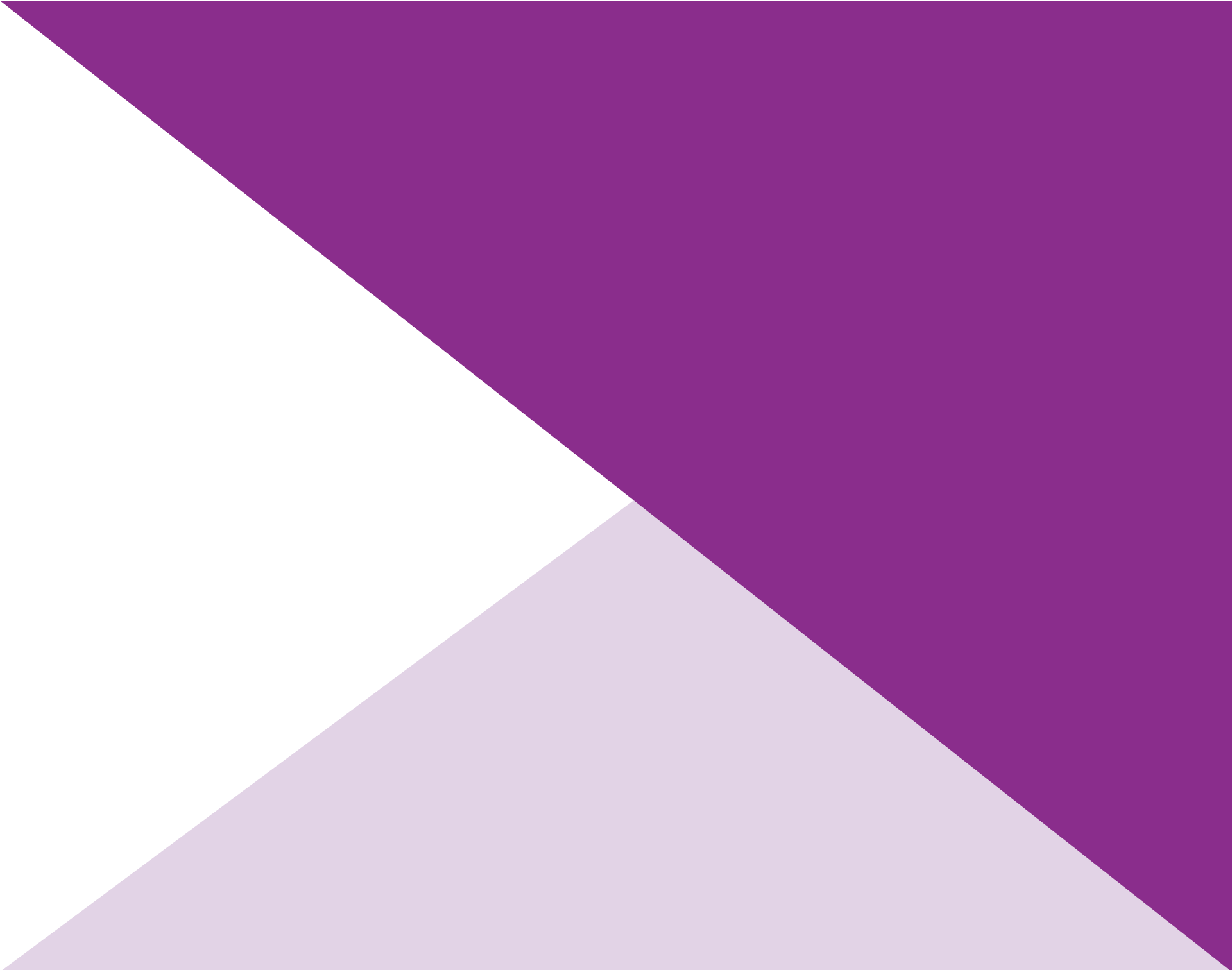


Students of Bahria carry out a beach cleaning activity at Sea View

Bahria University Karachi C.S.P team successfully managed a beach cleaning activity at Sea View. The objective of this activity was to generate the sense of environment friendliness and belongingness to the surroundings we live in. Students actively participated in the activity and showed great enthusiasm towards cleaning their surroundings, thus actively promoted the message of clean city and environment. Visitors on the beach also appreciated the efforts of the students



and spoke positively about the efforts of the management of BUKC in understanding of the social issues and finding solutions.





**Community Empowerment
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Launch of Hatchery: SIL's First incubation cycle for social enterprise in Pakistan (LUMS)

SIL is Pakistan's only social enterprise engine that walks its client through the early stages of business development, from idea generation to implementation. In line with its aim of reimagining and remodelling contemporary societies, SIL launched and conducted its first incubation cycle, the Hatchery, between January and May 2014 at Lahore University of Management Sciences.

This was the first initiative of its kind to be launched in Pakistan: an incubator tailored exclusively to the needs of social enterprise in its most nascent stages. A total of 18 startups in the sectors of education, technology,



art, sanitation, eco-tourism and employment generation were selected for the incubation cycle from the student and alumni body of LUMS.

SIL developed an indigenized training curriculum and mentorship program that covered areas such as moral imagination for sustainable business, organizational development, human-centered design, market research, finances and organizational structure, and pitching to investors. The training sessions and individual meetings with mentors were designed walking each participant through the different stages of the business development cycle, from conceiving vision and mission statements, to prototyping/piloting and submitting proposals for seed funding.

The Hatchery's inaugural incubation cycle concluded this year on 23rd of May with the first ever investor's meet organized and facilitated by SIL at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

A total of 6 startups from the Hatchery's in-

culcation cycle delivered pitches to a diverse group of investors from the corporate and non-governmental sectors. Representatives from Hubco, the British Council, Pakistan, Acumen Fund, and Pakistan Microfinance Network provided the young investors with valuable feedback and connected them to potentially fruitful business development opportunities.

Meanwhile, a recently published report on the state of social enterprise in Pakistan had an exclusive feature on SIL's early-stage incubator, The Hatchery. The annual report, which documents the progress of social enterprise growth engines and path-breaking social innovators, lauded The Hatchery as an "innovative" forum and an "exemplar" for other social enterprise growth engines in the region.



There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up

—John Holmes

Student-led project on livestock population management (UVAS)

Pakistan is gifted with a large livestock population. But the productivity of animals in Pakistan is generally low and needs improvement. Decrease in reproductive efficiency is caused by various factors, such as impaired fertility, disease and long calving intervals, etc. Farm incomes are affected by reduced milk production and low number of calves. According to surveys, the average calving interval is about 18 to 24 months, which can be improved to 12 to 14 months with better management of the animals.

Students of University of Veterinary and Animal Science selected two villages, Jagowala and Sattarwala near its sub-campus at Pattoki and an initial door to door survey was conducted by the faculty and students to know about productivity as well as calving intervals of the

animals. 60 animals were selected for the project, 27 from Jagowala and 33 from Sattarwala. With a success rate of 40%, some 40 households were benefited. Calving intervals and feeding costs were decreased.



The project helped the students and community to not only gain professional knowledge but also understand community problems, and learn the concept of service learning and entrepreneurship.

UAF launches first agricultural mobile phone android application

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad has launched first agricultural mobile phone android application related to different crops and fruits diseases, their solutions and ways to increase productivity in order to educate the farming community. The application named "horticulture UAF" is covering crops

and fruits including wheat, cotton and citrus. It is available free of cost on Google Play Store. Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan, The Vice Chancellor of UAF said that other crops, vegetables and fruits would be included in the application to address the problems of the farming community.

UAF under the able guidance of the Vice Chancellor has also launched "Distance Education/Learning Management System" to play leadership role in distance education. It will contribute significantly to the educational development of Pakistani people,



train and encourage faculty to adopt innovative modes of distance education, make the University research more meaningful by focusing on the feedback of distance education activities and ensuring quality instruction through distance education.

UAF sets up community service center

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad has set up a community service center at Chak No. 45 G.D. in order to address the issues of farming community at their doorstep. This center is established under the social component of Australian Agriculture Sector Linkages Program (ASLP-2) and Canberra University Australia to enlighten the farming community about the latest state-of-the-art agricultural practices, innovations and technologies to ensure food security and alleviate poverty of village community.

UAF has also established state-of-the-art satellite veterinary clinics on the outskirts of Faisalabad for providing modern medical facilities to the livestock and pets at the doorsteps of the dwellers.

The university has played its role of reaching out to the community and educating them by holding various seminars and workshops throughout the year. Some of the important ones are International Seminar on "Climate

Changes Adaption Strategies to Ensure the Food Security" (January 26, 2014), International Conference on "Emerging Horizons of Agri Extension for Sustainable Rural Development" (February 27, 2014), International Capacity Building Workshop (March 1, 2014), a MoU between UAF and Engro Food to strengthen the research and development activities and industry-academia relations (March 30, 2014), National conference on "Prospects, Challenges and Strategies to maximize sugarcane production" (April 8, 2014), training workshop on "Kitchen gardening, tunnel farming and bio-gas" (April 11, 2014), seminar on On-Farm Water Management (April 23, 2014), international conference on "Recent Trends in Maize Production" (May 5, 2014), seminar on "Health and Nutrition Awareness for Rural Women" (May 28, 2014), workshop on "Capacity Building in Seed Technology" (June 12, 2014), training workshop for Balochistan farmers (June

20, 2014), international workshop titled "Strengthening agricultural extension system through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)" (June 23, 2014) etc. Such activities not only have a learning component but also provide a platform to farmers, entrepreneurs and community at large to interact with social as well agricultural experts.



Establishment of UAF exhibition centre

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad has set up first-ever exhibition centre in the city in order to facilitate the researchers and industries to showcase their products. The centre is established with the funding from Endowment Fund Secretariat (EFS) and is situated in the heart of the city of textile, Faisalabad. It has 14 halls and provides 37,000 square feet covered area for the commercialization of products and provides knowledge to the industry and relative stakeholders. It is aimed at promoting technology transfer to stakeholders through exhibits/showcases/models and to provide a platform for scientists/researchers and organizations. to display their products.



MRC arranges technical training workshop for economic independence (NUST)

NUST's School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (SMME) Mechanical Resource Centre (MRC) organized a four week

participants was also arranged on August 20. The workshop was based on basic entrepreneurship skills. Mr. Majid also guided the



vocational training course for electricians, welders and machinists from August 6 to August 28, 2014. The classes were held four days a week, from Monday to Thursday.

A total of 49 students from underprivileged class were registered free of cost for a four week course, however due to the unforeseen political situation in Islamabad, only 42 students were able to attend the course fully. The majority of the students were high school graduates. The course content was in Urdu language to cater to everyone.

A 2 hour entrepreneurship workshop for the

participants on how to run a small business, how to seek funding sources, cost-effective marketing techniques etc. so that after completing the course they can work independently.

100% of the student graduated. A certificate distribution ceremony was arranged at MRC on August 28. The students were very satisfied and were positive that they would use these skills and lessons learnt from this workshop in order to be economically independent.

KIU holds farmers' awareness workshops

This year Karakoram International University organized three farmers' awareness workshops regarding "Nutraceutical potential of barberries fruit from CKNP region Gilgit-Baltistan." The workshops were organized by Department of Agriculture and Food Technology in the valleys of Nagar on May 18, 2014, Bagrote on May 25, 2014 and Haramosh on June 1, 2014.

Dr. Sartaj Ali talked about maintaining ecological balance and role of barberry in

preventing landslides and soil erosion. He highlighted the significance of barberry fruit as an important source of nutritional and medicinal contents. He urged the farmers not to uproot the shrub and increase its population through propagation and plantation. Since community is the main stakeholder of the natural resources their awareness will positively impact the endangered situation of the species.

In another seminar, Dr. Saeed Awan explained the modern

marketing strategies and opportunities to the farmers. He advised the communities about profitable gardening, alternate cropping and value added marketing of agricultural produce especially grading and packaging. He also encouraged them to go for direct marketing of their produce in order to get better returns. Trainings on food processing and preservation was also arranged which was appreciated by the participants.



World Mountains Day observed at the Department of Forestry, SBBU

The Department of Forestry, Shaheed Banazir Bhutto University observed the World Mountains Day to highlight the state of mountain people, the ecosystem, natural heritage and challenges posed by uneven development to their societies. On the occasion, Prof Dr Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor said that Sheringal and Kohistan are unique due to their natural beauty and mosaic culture. He also highlighted the importance of conservation and preservation of eco system for future generations.



World Science Day at UAJK

University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) celebrated World Science Day with school children to motivate them towards excelling in various fields of science on November 10, 2013. Around fifty students from local public schools along with their science teachers were invited to the university. The function was held at the auditorium of Zoology Department, in which students were told about the importance of basic sciences in daily life as well as various career options in this field. The most striking part of the event was

performance of a few interesting tricks by the students of Department of Chemistry. These included putting a currency note on fire without burning it, handmade volcanoes, sliding an egg in a narrow necked bottle and blowing out the color of a colored solution. The school students took great interest in understanding the basic concepts behind each trick. They were enthralled and showed their willingness to take science more seriously.



UAJK installs water filtration unit for community of Chehla Bandi, Muzaffarabad

UAJK with the help of Public Works Department installed a water filtration unit for the community of Chehla Bandi, Muzaffarabad in July, 2014. The plant became functional

in August 2014. Clean drinking water is a basic requirement of every individual. Due to increased population, the natural springs of the city have become polluted. The problem worsened with the devastating earthquake of 2005 when the underground lines for potable and sewage were damaged. The two factors had resulted in the prevalence of some water-borne diseases in the area. The residents of the area have expressed their gratitude to the university for installing the filtration plant.



FJWU holds donation campaign for residents of Dar-ul-Afiyat

In Pakistan, there are many destitute people neglected by their children and families and are forced to live their lives in different trusts and shelter homes, such as Dar-ul-Afiyat, a government organization. On June 26, 2014 a team from Fatima Jinnah Women University visited Dar-ul-Afiyat and interacted with the senior citizens living there. There are 19 male and 3 female senior citizens residing at the old home. Through this interaction, FJWU got to know that the senior citizens wanted better medical care, healthy food and a friendly environment. Food items and medicines were distributed among the residents, who were very appreciative of the efforts.



Visit to Kashana Welfare Trust by FJWU

A team from Fatima Jinnah Women University headed by Ms. Farzana Akhtar, Deputy Registrar visited Kashana Welfare Trust on June 29, 2014, and donated wooden benches, sports items and a first aid box for the children there. Kashana Welfare Trust, Shamsabad, Rawalpindi is a social welfare trust and works for the orphans and children from dysfunctional families.



e-Village community service project (NUST)

NUST Community Service Club arranged a visit to the e-village facilities in Maira Begwal for the Fundraiser in collaboration with TABA Youth Chapter and e-village coordinators on 8th March, 2014 (International Women's Day). E-Village is an NGO, working for empowerment through ICT's in Pakistan. This initiative was taken by Ammar Jaffri un-

der the umbrella of Pakistan Social Association which has been registered since 1963. A total of 125 students from NUST left the H-12 campus early morning for the farmhouse owned by Ammar Jaffri, President of e-Village. After arriving at the complex, van loads of students from local government schools came for interactive sessions with

the Nustians. About 300 children attended the event, ranging from class 3 to class 8. NUST students provided mentoring to the local students, guiding them about future prospects and general day to day issues. Students also instructed the children on how to use the e-village computer facility.



Renovation and tree plantation at Dar-ul-Afiyat old home (NUST)

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) Senior Citizen Rights (SCR) team, along with some other volunteers, renovated Dar-ul-Afiyat old homes in Rawalpindi in the last week of April. Most of the first day was spent in whitewashing a large part of the premises. The rest of that day the rooms were cleared out, the furniture dusted and then properly reinstalled inside. The next day the remaining rooms were taken care of as well as the dining room and work was done to improve the overall look of the old home so that the residents felt comfortable, relaxed and happy in these premises. The volunteers worked around 8 hours each day under the supervision of Director Administration NUST Mr Arif Mahmud Siddiqui.

Earlier, on March 29, 2014 a group of 14 students visited Dar-ul-Afiyat for a plantation drive. The students planted saplings of guava, lemons, oranges, rose bushes, eucalyptus (safeda tree) and grass beds in the lawn of Dar-ul-Afiyat. They also interacted with the senior citizens and the officials at the institute. Senior Citizen Rights team renovate Dar-ul-Afiyat, a government institute, is an elderly care or old age home. The organization is located at Muslim Town, Khana Road,



Rawalpindi. As part of the old home project, students are conducting a need analysis survey of old homes in Islamabad and Rawalpindi to find avenues to improve the lives in old age homes.



IST helps Husna and family to make a new start

Husna and Family is a project that Institute of Space Technology team Umeed undertook in the area of Rawat in May, 2014. Husna, Ayesha and Sana are three sisters studying at a government school and are quite brilliant in studies. In order to support their education and survival they worked part time as garbage pickers and sweepers, while their mother worked as a maid. Team Umeed decided to support the family. First of all the three girls were promised a pocket money equal to their daily wage so that they would stop working and concentrate on their studies. Secondly, team Umeed bought a pull cart for the father to work as a vender of fruits and vegetable. The team also paid for the eldest sister to be taught stitching at a local school, who would later teach her mother in the evening. Team Umeed hopes that the girls will make an excellent use of this opportunity and use education as their tool to rise and prove their mettle in the world.

Dowry Program by IST

Culture is an essentiality for a society's survival; it is the very symbol of a civilization but some norms, however strong, have a negative connotation. One such issue faced particularly by the societies of the sub-continent is dowry, 'jahez'.

Though the discouragement of this tradition is very crucial, Institute of Space Technology was successful in providing dowry for 3 deserving girls in June, 2014. The dowry included utensils and some other items of daily use. This would help the girls have a better chance of sustenance in the new family setup.



Compassion is the basis of morality

—Arthur Schopenhauer

Ijaz- one step forward (IST)

Institute of Space Technology provided a walker to Ijaz a young boy of class 4 from the government school of Dhamial on May 25, 2014. Ijaz has been suffering from partial paralysis and spends most of his time on a wheelchair resulting in a lack of necessary exercise and muscular movement. Despite his condition, he is very motivated about his education. The team hopes that with this effort pretty soon Ijaz will move forward and join in the stream of hard working youth that bring laurels for the nation at every front and the step from wheel to walker will transform into a big step for Ijaz's future.



Taleem Sab Ka Haq (GIKI)

"Taleem sab ka Haq," is a newly started program, which has been initiated to teach the workers (waiters, gardeners, technicians etc) of GIK Institute just to improve their basic English and computer skills. Every Saturday a class is held in the computer lab and workers are taught by the Project Topi volunteers. Currently, 12 people are enrolled in the class. This program would help out the workers to get promotions in their departments as they would acquire skills like speaking, writing, typing and creating excel sheets.

Communicating beyond language mode: the mimes say it all! (LCWU)

The Sirajuddin Dramatics Society (SDS) of Lahore College for Women University produced four highly meaningful and applauded theatrical performances in 2014. Two Mimes highlighted the themes at two International Conferences on relevant issues.

On May 8, 2014 The Dawn of Hope, a powerful Mime performance as part of the Active Citizens Program (ACP), was presented for the British Council. It intellectually stimulated and emotionally impacted the audience through its aesthetic, rhythmic and thematic appeal. Umeed-e-Sehar, for the South Asian Labour Conference of the SAARC Countries communicated the efforts made for Labour reforms in a similar way.

Another Mime on the Founders Day of LCWU celebrated the timeless journey of generations of this female institution and their roles in the past, present and future that would lead to national development.

**There are many
in the world who
are dying for a
piece of bread,
but there are
many more dying
for a little love.**

~Mother Teresa

Riphah plays its part in development of Thar

Riphah University conducted a survey and plans to develop two villages in Tharparker area. The plan includes development of wells, mosque and a school in the affected villages of Lewari and Ghonu. The work on these projects has started. It is a good opportunity for the students of Riphah to visit the place to feel the suffering of the people and make efforts for their betterment.



Community mental health project at Kashana-e-Atfal (Bahria University)

The students of the Institute of Professional Psychology, as part of their community mental health projects, arranged a funfair at Kashana-e-Atfal. This one-day event dealt with understanding the personality dynamics of children residing at orphanages and helped them in learning ways to let go of their stress and worries by utilizing simple art and play therapy techniques.







Community Service and Curriculum

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Bahria University signs MoUs for Community Support Program

Bahria University wishes to inculcate in its students a spirit to serve the humanity. To attain this goal every student enrolled in the undergraduate program is required to carry out 40 hours of community work as part of completion of their degree. Bahria University students work with several organizations to complete this requirement.

Bahria University Islamabad Campus (BUIC) signed an MoU with WAPDA on May 10, 2014. Through this MoU, BU Engineering students will be completing their Community Service hours by helping WAPDA with their research work and managing databases.

Another MoU was signed between PIMS and BUIC in January 2014. Under this MoU, students of Computer Sciences will be aiding PIMS staff in treating the less privileged class. BUIC signed another MoU with ITP in April 2014. Through this MoU, BUIC students' base will be helping ITP in all their community service projects like Polio campaign, improving police station culture and by conducting anti-littering drives in different areas of Islamabad.

BUIC and Ophelia International signed an MoU on June 5, 2014. Under this MoU, Ophelia International will be conducting workshops to educate BUIC students on environmental and sociological topics to enhance their abilities for giving back to the community.

BUIC signed a MoU with Bahria College Spe-

cial education wing on March 6, 2014. The MoU was signed by Rector BU and Cdre (R) Azhar M. Khan SI (M) at Bahria University. Through this MoU BU will be facilitating Bahria College special education wing on various community welfare projects while also engaging the students in civic activities to educate and groom their special children.

Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC) and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust (SKMT) representatives signed an MoU at Bahria University Karachi Campus. Through this MoU BUKC students will help in spreading the prevention of Cancer. Various awareness series have been conducted by Karachi Campus in collaboration with SKMT.

BUKC and Friends of Burns Centre representatives signed a MoU. Through this MoU students will help spread the prevention of burns and will also provide support in fund-raising for burn patients.



ACP certificate distribution ceremony and showcasing of social action projects (LCWU)

Certificate distribution ceremony and showcasing of SAP was organised at Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) to recognize the completion of ACP course. The SAP projects displayed by the students included 'Cleanliness of Kachi Abadis', 'Inter Faith Harmony', 'Reducing Generation Gap', 'Smile for Orphans', 'Learn Innovation For Ever (LIFE)', 'LIVERight- LIVERight Raising awareness against HEPATITIS', 'Empowering Children', 'Pleasing Environmental Effects', 'Establishment of botanical garden in LCWU', and 'Promoting collectivism in a residential area of Shadman'.

26 International Delegates from UK, Myanmar, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Poland, Czech Republic, Jordan, Lebanon, Ireland and Kenya were invited by British Council to participate in this auspicious occasion.

Active Citizens is a flagship programme of the British Council focusing on youth leadership and community engagement. British Council successfully launched ACP as its Pilot University Project in LCWU by signing a MoU for four years. Subsequently ACP was introduced as a mandatory course for undergraduate students; the first batch of 413 stu-

dents from 8 departments successfully completed 04 credit hours course. A total of 47 Social Action Projects were completed by students from a range of disciplines working to improve education, health and environment of their local communities.



Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you

~Mother Teresa

NUST gives back to the community

NUST community service learning course is a compulsory two credit hour course for all undergraduate students. Students participate in both learning workshops and community work for successful completion of the course. Last semester more than 700 undergraduate students successfully completed all the course requirements.

The learning workshops included Introduction to Disaster Management and Preparedness, lecture by MD Bait-ul-Mal Pakistan, lecture on running an Advocacy Campaign for Social Cause, Stress Management, a lecture by Ms. Nigar Nazar, CEO of Gogi Studios and a lecture by Dr Khalida about American Muslim community. Mr. Naqash also gave a workshop on first-aid and firefighting.

For the practical community work, students did 14 major projects as well as many individual projects that students selected on their own such as spending time at orphanages, tree plantation, organizing blood donation camp and free eye camp etc. Several need analysis surveys were carried out. These need analysis projects give students an insight into what actually needs to be done to aid the community in a specific area. For "Need Analysis Survey of Surrounding Villages" in spring semester 2014 students visited various villages around Islamabad/Rawalpindi, to determine if they lack in any area where NUST and particularly NUST Community Service volunteers could contribute. The project identifies various needs

and surrounding areas. The report shows that in general the orphanages are hygienically well-kept and all the children have access to education; however, a majority of these orphanages lack adequate medical facilities.

Students also conducted a project of "Need Analysis Survey of Underprivileged Schools" on April 5 and 19 and May 10, 2014. A group of students went in various regions of Islamabad/Rawalpindi and surveyed a total of 9 schools. Out of these 9 schools, 5 schools were found to be in poor condition. The students prepared reports and further development work in this project would be undertaken in the next semester.

Students also surveyed and prepared a re-



of villages, in the areas of infrastructure, educational facilities, child and women health, hygiene, and medical facilities. A total of six villages were surveyed and reports showed that all villages lacked in education, infrastructure, hygiene and medical facilities.

Another group of students conducted "Need Analysis Survey of Orphanages" and visited orphanages in Islamabad, Rawalpindi





port of 21 NGOs their contributions, area of concentration and roadmap ahead as part of the course.

Course participants also arranged career counselling sessions for NUST students by conducting seminars on Postgraduate Studies and Scholarship Opportunities.

In addition to all these surveys students visited St. John's hospice; motivated people to donate blood for blood drives; participated in cleanup activities held at NUST campus; tutored children at Maseeh Gill colony; conducted career counselling sessions at Zawiya and Margalla Academy; renovated Darul-Affiyat old home, Rawalpindi; conducted underprivileged school surveys for the Mobile Laboratory project; created awareness for civic sense amongst the inhabitants of G-11, Islamabad etc.

The course focuses on making all NUST students useful human beings and excellent professionals.







Miscellaneous

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BNU supporting RTI Act- 2013 implementation in Punjab

Beaconhouse National University (BNU), Lahore, Pakistan has recently embarked on an endeavor to support the implementation of Punjab Transparency and Right to Information (RTI) Act- 2013 by strengthening its demand side. The project is a pilot for selected districts of the province of Punjab, Pakistan and is funded by the World Bank.

Supervised by a creative cell formed under the Centre for Art and Design Education and Research (CADER) at the Mariam Dawood School of Visual Arts and Design, the project intends to highlight the importance of RTI and its implementation by stimulating dialogues/discussions among think tanks; and raise awareness and build capacity of youth (university/college level students) at the local level in order to improve their knowledge of the RTI law and related processes, so that they can volunteer and spearhead campaigning to inform the society about their rights under the law and how to utilize it to improve outcomes for an average citizen.

The initiative has led BNU to hold a series of think tank dialogues among politicians, civil society, public service representatives, media and youth in the cities of Lahore and Faisalabad. The university has partnered with over fifteen educational institutions in the selected districts of Punjab and has organized activities with their collaboration by forming RTI Volunteer Clubs and engaging youth from across the selected cities to help

spread awareness of the Act within their communities and other rightful stakeholders. The activities successfully commenced under the project include a Social Media Activists Meet-up, RTI Art Fest (comprising logo design, poster design and comic-strip com-

been undertaken by Mariam Dawood School of Visual Arts and Design and Razia Hassan School of Architecture under the aegis of BNU.



petitions), a Videography Competition and district-wide RTI Declamation Contests. The BNU RTI Project, although unique, is part of a socially engaged ecosystem that the university has successfully nurtured over the past decade. To name a few, the Tarogil Community outreach project and *Mere Makkan Main Dukan*: a housing microfinance initiative at Kamayan Village near the city of Lahore are some of the initiatives for a socially engaged student community which have

What a man does for others, not what they do for him, gives him immortality

— Daniel Webster

UOL constructs houses for widows in Mansehra

The University of Lahore is dedicated to helping the helpless and underprivileged people in the society. One step in this direction has been the construction of houses for widows in Mansehra which is under progress. The main aim of constructing these houses is to create a comfortable, conducive environment and dependable alternative family life and peaceful home for these helpless women in the society. These houses will provide shelters to especially those widows who have lost their husbands in natural disasters.



Shelter home set up for orphaned children (UOL)

UOL Relief set up a shelter home in Lahore for orphaned special children. On July 10, 2014 UOL Relief arranged kids' Eid shopping. The students wanted that the orphaned children should not feel left out and be able to celebrate Eid with full religious and cultural zeal. UOL bears the complete education expenses of these children and provides them hygienic food and healthy environment.



UAJK holds *Inaam Ghar* for fund-raising to help needy students

University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir organized a charity-based colorful event at City Campus of the university. The aim of the function was to generate funds that would be used to help brilliant students from less-privileged class for completing their studies in the university. The function was attended by a large number of faculty members, students, employees of UAJK and local dignitaries.



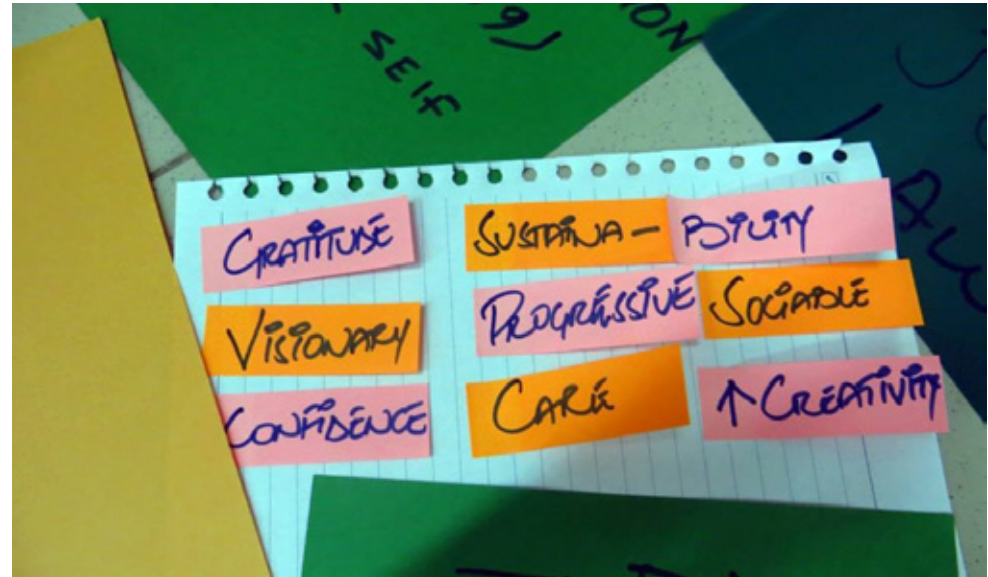
Ramazan package distribution among needy families of Muzaffarabad (UAJK)

Jamal Foundation (founded by students of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir) with the help of faculty, students and civil society arranged the distribution of Ramazan package for the needy families of Muzaffarabad. The package included flour, sugar, vegetable ghee and tea packs. Secretary Auqaf, GoAJK highly appreciated the students for this charitable deed. Prof. Dr. Syed Dil Nawaz Ahmed Gardezi, Vice Chancellor, UAJK highlighted various initiatives taken by the university to lead the campaign of community interaction.



Bahrians hold carnival at Special Children School, Karsaz

As part of the Community Support Program, Bahria University Karachi Campus students planned and executed a funfair for the Special Children School, Karsaz. This was a great opportunity for the students to plan and organize such a big event in coordination with the schools management. The funfair was a great success and was attended by a large number of people. The students thoroughly benefited from this opportunity to work with special students. They designed fun activities for students, which brought smiles on their faces. The Management of Special Children School, Karsaz appreciated the efforts and dedication of students in this noble cause.



SOS children have something to cheer about (NUST)

The students from College of EME, NUST went on a trip to spend some time with the heart-warming souls of SOS Children's Village, Islamabad on December 20, 2013. The activity was planned primarily as a part of the Community Service Course for the Degree 32-EE students but the students from other courses also took part in it enthusiastically. The exuberant children warmly welcomed their guests. The administration of the SOS Children's Village had arranged a short presentation to shed light on their commendable services for the less fortunate children. Shortly afterwards, the students and the children indulged in different playful activities including football, cricket, badminton, face painting and drawing. The environment quickly filled with an aura of joy, festivity and optimism, with the sounds of laughter encompassing the whole area. Distributing various eatables and gifts among the children further provided a stimulus for joy and cheer.

Pakistan Day celebration with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (NUST)

As part of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) five-day sports gala celebration, members and course participants of NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) visited the Sports Complex (Jinnah Stadium) Islamabad on March 23, 2014 (Sunday) to celebrate Pakistan Day. Approximately 200 students from NUST spent time at the venue and interacted with the children. The orphaned children of PBM's Sweet Home project between the age group of 4 to 6 presented the Pakistan Day parade. The children came from various schools across the country to participate in the 5-day festivities. To commemorate Pakistan Day, children belonging to Sukkur, Multan, Bahawalpur, Swat, Gilgit etc. represented their cultures through various regional acts and cultural performances. They were dressed in cultural attires of their respective areas and won the audience's appreciation. Students from NUST enthusiastically appreciated the children's zeal and dedication to take part in the festivities.



IST holds book drive to collect funds for Umeed

Institute of Space Technology (IST) came up with an excellent idea to generate funds for their community service activities in June 2014. They decided to hold a book collection drive, seeking donation of all engineering related books from the graduating batch and list them together. These lists would be made available online when the new semester starts and a stall would be set up in the orientation week at Institute of Space Technology campus during the university's working hours. New students could get those used books at half the market rate and then that money would be used as Umeed fund.

The idea sprung with the thought that every year the graduating batch has a large number of paper load in form of book that they usually just throw away. In order to avoid such wastage of education material and to get some extra money for Umeed this idea was initiated.



A day with children of Sweet Homes (IST)

A team of 11 members from IST visited the Sweet Homes on May 1, 2014 to spend some time with the children there. The children were all excited and happy to see the team. They played with the students, told stories and had a great time.

The sweet home houses a large number of students who are kept there and provided with food along with quality education. It was great inspiration to see the team working hard to do more for the underprivileged.



78 Financial Assistance Program (GIKI)

Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology is providing financial assistance to the students whose parents cannot afford the study expenses of their children. The financial assistance is provided in the shape of the school tuition fee, books, uniforms etc. In this regard, 40 students are selected on the need-based criteria and are subsequently provided financial assistance throughout the year. For this purpose, funds are generated from the current students, alumni, and the management. In addition to this, financial assistance is also provided to the government schools in Topi area and kids are supported in any way possible.

NUML hosts Iftar party for children of Sweet Homes

Students of EAMP at National University of Modern Languages arranged an Iftar Party in honor of kids of Sweet Homes, Islamabad on July 9, 2014. Mr Fife MacDuff, Director Regional English Language Office, US Embassy Islamabad, and Registrar NUML Brig (R) Saeed Akhtar Malik spoke at the occasion to highlight the importance and role of NUML and US Embassy in enhancing partnership, collaboration, community service and personal development through such academic programs. Students also presented their views on the true spirit of Ramzan. The Iftar party was also attended by ten officials from US Embassy, Access teachers and officials from Pakistan Sweet Home.

Students of EAMP are currently attending after school coaching classes of English language at NUML. This is a two-year intensive English language program for less privileged students of grade 8 to 10 from Rawalpindi and Islamabad schools. The emphasis of the program is not only on coaching in English language but its main purpose is to develop understanding of culture of other societies, character building and personality development.

NUML cares for less privileged

In January, 2014 a team of highly dedicated members of NUML's Grow Together Society (established by the students of Management Sciences Department of the university) held a three-day fundraiser campaign at the University for an Orphanage. As a result of tireless efforts by the members of the society, a sum of Rs 20,000 was collected on the campus. In order to generate more funds, the society in collaboration with K.K and IPac held a Qawali Night at Kuch Khaas and managed to raise another Rs 20,000. Thus a total sum of 40,000 was collected. Moreover some winter wear items for the orphanage residents were also gathered. Finally on January 23, 2014, the team of NUML's Grow Together Society along with some senior officers visited the orphanage and the hospice, and handed over the raised money, distributed gifts and spent some time with the residents.



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1. National University of Sciences and Technology
2. Abdul Wali Khan University
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4. Bahria University
5. Beaconhouse National University
6. Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology
7. COMSATS Institute of Technology
8. DHA Suffa University
9. Dow University of Health Sciences
10. Fatima Jinnah Women University
11. Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology
12. Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology
13. Gomal University
14. Govt. College University, Faisalabad
15. Greenwich University
16. Heavy Industries Taxila Education City (HITEC) University
17. Indus University
18. Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture
19. Institute of Business and Technology
20. Institute of Space Technology
21. Iqra University
22. Islamia University of Bahawalpur
23. Karakoram International University
24. KASBIT
25. Khyber Medical University
26. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University, Peshawar
27. Kinnaird College for Women
28. Lahore College for Women University
29. Lahore University of Management Sciences
30. National University of Modern Languages
31. NED University of Engineering and Technology
32. NWFP University of Engineering and Technology
33. Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi
34. Riphah International University
35. Shah Abdul Latif University
36. Shaheed Benzair Bhutto University
37. Sindh Agriculture University
38. Sukkur Institute of Business Administration
39. University of Agriculture
40. University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir
41. University of Faisalabad
42. University of Haripur
43. University of Health Sciences
44. University of Lahore
45. University of Sargodha
46. University of Sindh
47. University of the Punjab
48. University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences
49. Virtual University of Pakistan



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Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.

— Dalai Lama

How to join PCTN

In order to join the network, we ask for two letters of commitment signed by the president, rector, or vice-chancellor. The first letter should be addressed to Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector, National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad). Another letter should be addressed to President Mark Gearan of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Chair of The Talloires Network Steering Committee. Sample letters can be seen on our website. Also include a brief overview of your civic engagement activities. Once the membership is approved, you will get a confirmation from both PCTN and The Talloires Network. The university must designate a focal person, who will be point of contact for all community service related activities.

The letters should be mailed to the following address:

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