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Impacting Community through PCTN

"The sole meaning  
of life is to serve  
humanity."

-Leo Tolstoy



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Network  
Pakistan Chapter

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## Editor's Note

I am pleased to share with you the first newsletter of Pakistan Chapter of Talloires Network (PCTN). This biannual newsletter records community service activities carried out by member universities of PCTN. Universities building communities is one of the main tasks for Institutions of Higher Education as described in Medium Term Framework of Higher Education Commission (HEC) 2011-2015. Although the vision, mission and goals of Talloires Network are very much in line with HEC's strategic focus, however their implementation may be tailored. For this purpose, NUST played a key role in creation of Pakistan Chapter of the Talloires Network (PCTN) on July 1st, 2013. The aim of PCTN is to promote civic engagement and provide universities with a platform to share their community service projects. In this newsletter many of our members have shared their civic engagement activities, which should serve as a source of learning, motivation and impetus for all Pakistani universities. I am grateful for the patronage of Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector NUST), support of Chief Coordinator PCTN, Mr. Mahmud Bajwa, Mr. Faheem Khaliqdad (Editor NUSTNews) and focal persons from all PCTN member institutions without whose contributions publication of this newsletter would not have been possible.



## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Assalam-o-alaikum,

I am pleased to peruse and share with you the first newsletter of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN). We are one of the recent chapters of Talloires Network (TN), but are determined to be vibrant and useful like any other. PCTN was established in July 2013 when 35 Pakistani universities, which were then members of TN, agreed to form a coalition to promote and strengthen civic engagement in Pakistan. Agreement between TN & PCTN was signed to formalize partnership and outline responsibilities which included: encouraging Pakistani universities to participate in civic engagement activities; sharing Pakistani civic engagement programs with each other and with TN; periodically advising TN about its program directions and priorities and expanding membership in Pakistan. I am glad to observe that lately eight more Pakistani universities have joined PCTN. The current issue of PCTN newsletter covers significant civic engagement activities of various member universities. It is hoped that subsequent issues will have still greater coverage from more and more member universities and the volume and quality of the publication will further improve. I wish to commend the efforts of PCTN secretariat, especially of the editor for putting forth an informative and useful publication. I urge all member universities to utilize this medium for highlighting their programs and achievements in civic engagement. We look forward to significant mutual learning and sharing of each other's experiences for collective advantage of all.

Engr. Muhammad Asghar

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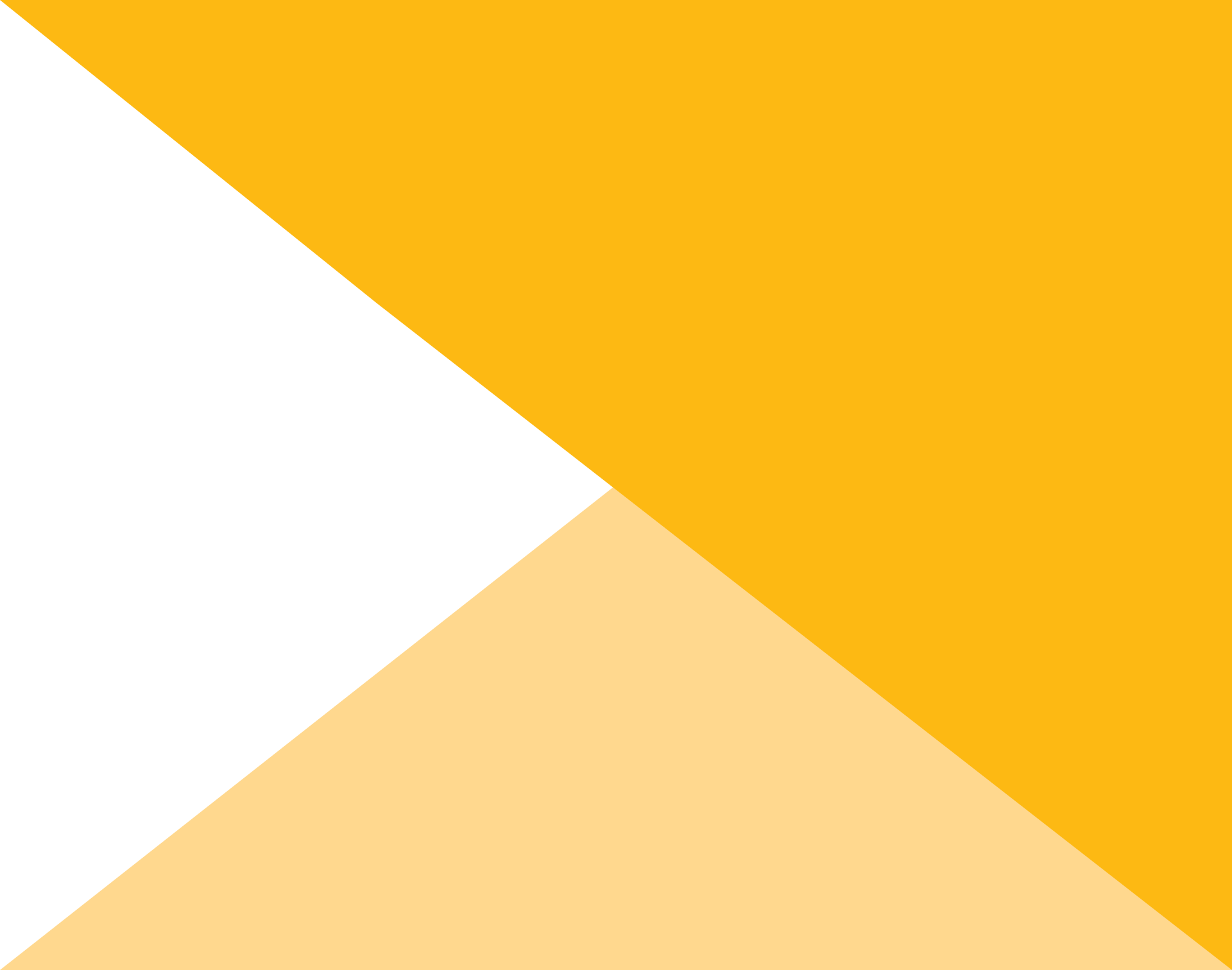
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**IN FOCUS**

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## Launch of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN)

Final Seminar on Pak-US Higher Education Initiative on Civic Engagement, sponsored by Innovations in Civic Participation (ICP) and the US State Department, was held on July 1, 2013 at the newly built, state-of-the-art auditorium of National University of Sciences and Technology.

Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Iqbal, presided over the inaugural session culminating on the launch of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN). The Talloires Network (TN) is an organization which works on civic engagement and is devoted to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education. PCTN was created with a vision for universities of Pakistan to incorporate civic engagement and community service into their research and teaching. Emphasis was laid on strengthening the community-university relationship by undertaking projects of use to communities in close proximity of the university and by making the project sustainable.

The minister lauded the initiative in which five Pakistani Universities, including NUST, Quaid-i-Azam University, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Dow University of Health Sciences, and Fatima Jinnah

Women University, were twinned with five US universities, including George Washington University, Tulane University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Minnesota, and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, for collaborating to share knowledge and experiences regarding community service, civic engagement and service learning. He commended the vision and goals of the initiative and admired the role of HEC in providing strategic guidance and support to the universities in Pakistan. Talloires Network ED Robert Hollister and ICP Founding Director Susan Stroud too dilated upon the goals of respective programmes and commended NUST's role as the lead university from Pakistan.

Federal Minister for Science and Technology

Zahid Hamid was the Chief Guest at the final session of the Seminar. He commended the high and noble purpose of the initiative and appreciated roles of sponsors, ten twinned universities and that of NUST for spearheading that programme on behalf of Pakistani Universities. US Ambassador to Pakistan Richard G. Olson was the Guest of Honour at the final session who expressed complete support for the initiative and admired the role of all partner universities in making the collaborative programme a success.

Earlier Rector NUST Engr. Muhammad Asghar in his opening address welcomed the distinguished guests from governmental organisations, academia and civil society and highlighted the prominent features of the initiative and underscored NUST's vision,





strategy and implementation plan to promote a culture of social responsibility and civic engagement. He was addressing a vast audience, packed to the capacity of huge auditorium. He thanked the eminent guests from all over the country. The former Rector NUST, Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Shujaat Hussain commented that the holding of the seminar was the right step in the right direction, at the right place, and at the right time. He was of the view that the

civic engagement was a prolonged process whereas short term solutions were required to be sought to control the menace of extremism and terrorism, lack of social justice and to further ensure improvement in good governance as the economic institutions and communities could only grow in an overall healthy political and peaceful environment. He further said that a sound and relevant education system, related to the economy was the need of the hour and added that educa-

tion should not be regarded as commodity to make tons of money. He further emphasized the need for an integrated and well balanced approach towards life for the development of all of its 4 dimensions i.e. physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual, to produce a wholesome product, by restructuring the education system at all levels. Later, NUST hosted a dinner reception and Cultural Evening at PNCA Islamabad in honour of the distinguished guests and participants of the seminar.





## IN SNAPS



## First VCs'/ Rectors' Conference

# Six-member PCTN Steering Committee formed

Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) was created at NUST on July 1st, 2013. It was suggested by heads of all member institutions to convene a conference to decide the way forward. The First PCTN member universities' VCs' /Rectors' Conference was held at NUST, H-12, Islamabad on 19th November, 2013. Heads and representatives of 16 universities attended the conference. The conference was chaired by Rector NUST, Engr. Muhammad Asghar and ED HEC,

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad. The conference opened with the welcome remarks by Rector NUST. ED HEC in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of community service especially in the present circumstances that our country is facing. Focal Person PCTN, Dr. Irtiza gave an overview of The Talloires Network and PCTN. Chief Coordinator PCTN, Mr. Mahmud Bajwa moderated the discussion on the agenda points. It was decided to set up a steering committee of 6 members headed

by Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector NUST). The 6 member elected for a two year term included Dr. Mansoor Kundi (VC Gomal University), Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha (VC University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences), Dr. Zakir Hussain (VC Government College University, Faisalabad), Vice Admiral (R) Shahid Iqbal (Rector Bahria University), Dr. Nisar Ahmad Siddiqui (Director Sukkur Institute of Business Administration), and Dr. Najma Najam (VC Karakoram Interna-



tional University). A decision was made to hold steering committee meeting every six months to review programs, activities and policies. Approval was taken to establish a PCTN secretariat at NUST. It was decided to expand the membership of PCTN. A biannual newsletter and an annual journal of civic engagement would be published. PCTN would also hold conferences, seminars and workshops to train students, faculty and staff in the area of civic engagement. It was also decided to give out recognitions and awards to the best community engagement project of member universities, detailed modalities of which will be decided by the steering committee in their next meeting. Each university was asked to designate a focal person (in charge of community service/ civic engagement department) who could be the point of contact for PCTN secretariat. The conference attendees resolved to expand community service in their respective universities. It was decided to forge a collective vision and to advance in the fields of community engagement. Emphasis was laid on strengthening the community- university relationship by undertaking projects of use to communities in close locality of the university and by making the project sustainable. Many of the attendees present told about the exceptional community service work being carried out by their respective institutions and how community service has been made an essential part of the curriculum at



some member universities. In his concluding remarks ED HEC, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad told the participants that HEC and British Council are working together to make civic engagement a part of curriculum in all universities of Pakistan. He also informed the house about HEC's plan to allocate funds of Rs.500,000 to universities with exceptional community engagement proposals.



## Literaty Pakistan wins YEPI award (LUMS)

In June, 2013 Literaty Pakistan a program of Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) became one of the 8 programs to win the coveted Youth Economic Participation Initiative (YEPI) grant of \$350,000 to be given in three years.

Literaty is an initiative aimed at cultural revival and bringing the youth towards social enterprise and development. It further in-

tends to inculcate a sense of positivity, pride and a sense of responsibility in the youth of Pakistan- both those studying at home as well as those living abroad.

Literaty was launched three years ago as a magazine and evolved into a platform for the youth focusing on diverse issues such as cultural revival, tourism promotion, and awareness for the necessity of social enterprises in Pakistan. It has since emerged as incubator for students at LUMS to conceptualize and implement their own social enterprises. Literaty is now helping students



launch twenty social enterprises each academic semester. The global image of Pakistan has become very negative. That's when Literaty Pakistan took off focusing attention to the need to change the way people perceived Pakistan. The network of universities and schools involved gave rise to informal chapters, an online blog and documentaries about Pakistan. The co-founder of the program Maryam Mohiuddin noticed that everywhere in Pakistan people had excellent ideas, but they did not have the resources to leave their jobs and concentrate full time on launching the enterprises. Through the YEPI grant awarded by The Talloires Network, it has now become possible. With fellowship programs, workshops and social enterprises students at LUMS are groomed not only to make them better representatives of the population but also by ensuring their interaction with members of the underprivileged class via social enterprises such as the *Rickshaw chalo* project.

## Bajh Blessing (SALU)

This programme has ranked the Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation, Shah Abdul Latif University (CBC-SALU) Khairpur a unique higher education institution in the world. The programme BAJH, means Blessing, has been catering to educational as well as water related needs of the remote areas across the Nara Desert, Thar.

The Nara desert is devoid of basic needs of life, such as water, health and education. The livelihood of the locals largely hinges upon livestock. The only source of irrigation for vegetation is sporadic rainfall.

The groundwater resources are limited and of brackish nature. Under the kind patronage of Mrs. Sheroodh Hassan Ali Khan “Bajh (Blessing)” has stepped in to financially assist the local community in digging out water wells and constructing water tanks to store the rainwater. So far 65 water tanks and one well have been dugout. Besides, three primary school have been sponsored by BAJH. Several schools have been provided with solar panels. This activity has brought the community closer to SALU.



## Project Umeed (NUST)

NUST Edvolution team launched an educational project for Maseeh Gill Colony H-12 Islamabad (a slum area with less fortunate residents) in September 2013. Nearly 95% of children living there attend government schools and majority of them cannot afford home tuitions. Due to the uneducated background, downplaying of education and work load, parents are unable to attend to their children. Project Umeed aims to provide the less fortunate with home tuitions gratis. The team is in continuous coordination with the school heads and tutoring is synchronized with their curriculum. The team intends to eradicate the concept of child labor from minds of all individuals as well as spread awareness towards technological advancement. The edvolution team holds educational sessions on alternate days with students from nursery to matriculation.

As part of their commitment towards education the council held an awareness campaign at H-12 for the sole purpose and motto that education is everyone's birth right. In order to spread the word, different sessions for parents counselling were conducted in October, 2013. All the parents were beseeched to increase the cognizance about education. Forms were signed by the parents who intended to set their children on the rails of education. The response from the parents was overwhelming and the work of the team was

acknowledged. At the end of the day, Mr. Nabeel Younis, faculty member from SMME, visited the site and talked to the assemblage in savoir-faire manner.







**Advocacy/  
Awareness**

ADVOCACY /  
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## LCWU Celebrates of International Day for Eradication of Violence

Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) celebrated the International Day for Eradication of Violence against Women on 25th November, 2013 in collaboration with White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) to show support and solidarity to women suffering from different kinds of violence in their lives. A special seminar in this regard was held at LCWU, in which a huge number of students and representatives of civil society participated. Provincial minister for Women Development Ms. Hameeda Waheeduddin was the chief guest. While other speakers included TV An-

chor Habib Akram, religious scholars Prof. Ijaz Ahmed and other faculty members. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sabiha Mansoor presided over the event. A number of scholars discussed the social and psychological aspects of violence against women.

White Ribbon campaign Pakistan signed the MoU with LCWU. Dr. Sabiha praised White Ribbon's cause, and offered full support to the campaign. She emphasized the importance of women education, and resolved to eradicate violence against women.



## Winds of Change at NUST

On Thursday, the 20th of February 2012, NUST Community Service Club Character Building Team held their second event titled 'Winds of Change'. It was attended by over 300 students and faculty members. The event commenced with the recitation of the Quran.

The speakers for the event were Adnan Rashid (Historian, University of London graduate), John Fontain and Raja Zia ul Haq (CEO Youth Club Pakistan and former regional manager, Microsoft, Middle East ). The esteemed panel of speakers spoke on a variety of topics. This ranged from 'Who Are Your He-

roes' to 'The Spiritual Cardiologist'.

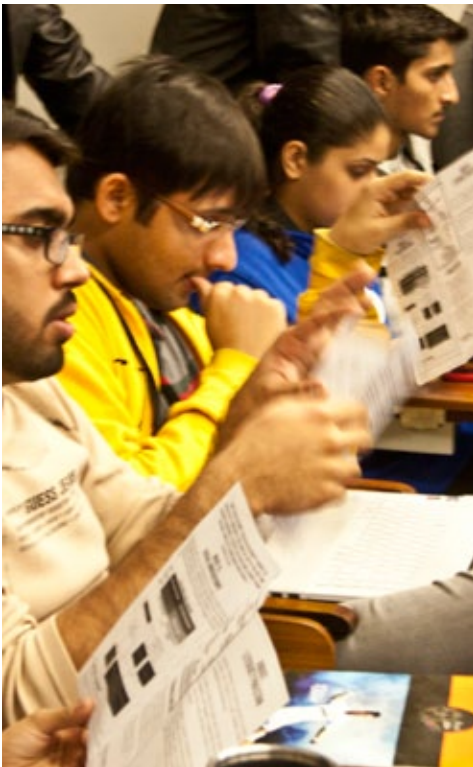
Whilst the subject matter of the talks was extremely thought provoking, the speakers kept the seminar relevant and appealing for their younger audience. They placed special emphasis on concepts such as that of keeping the heart free of negativity, on working hard for education and justice, and the importance of continually striving for the truth. The talk ended with a Q & A session. Shields were given by the Principal SMME to all three of the distinguished speakers in order to recognise their efforts in reviving the youth on moral and spiritual grounds.



## Amnesty International, LUMS holds talk on Drone Warfare-Legal and Human Rights Implications

Amnesty International, LUMS chapter held a talk on Drone warfare-Legal and Human Rights Implications on February 13th, 2014. It was attended by family members of victims of drone attacks as well. The purpose of the talk was to show the implications of drone attacks and how innocent people were losing their lives because of these attacks. Amnesty International LUMS is affiliated with Amnesty International, UK as its student-group. Its central aim is to create

awareness of and campaign against the violations of human rights as defined by the United Nations Charter of Human Rights. Past campaigns include: Demand Dignity Campaign, Control Arms Campaign, Campaigns against Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Right to Education Campaign, various talks about death penalty, Malala's struggle and US' war against terror, among others.



## Community Awareness Programs at Govt College University Faisalabad

- Basic life support programme for public awareness.
- Seminar for public awareness about diabetes & fasting.
- Seminar & walk for public awareness about Carcinoma Breast.
- Seminar & Walk for public awareness about Thalassaemia, control and treatment.
- Seminar for public awareness about measles & Polio control.
- Seminar for public awareness about Cancer prevention.
- Seminar for public awareness about Heart Diseases.
- Public awareness seminar, walk and distribution of pamphlets was arranged to arouse public awareness about pollution and Dengue Control.
- Seminar on “Water Pollution and its Impact on Fish Quality” at Mianwali Education Trust College, Mianwali for the awareness and guidance of farmers and participants.
- Two days Technology Fair & Industrial Expo on “Technology for All” for public awareness.
- One day seminar on “Working Women” for general awareness of women folk.
- Celebration of culture day for the awareness of communities about different components of Pakistani culture.
- Providing sports facilities of the university to different educational institutions.
- Celebration of World teacher day every year to create awareness about the role and respect of the teachers in the society.
- Literacy Day and awareness campaign was launched to enhance enrolment and participation rate in community schools to ensure 100% literacy rate.
- Distribution of free bags among the newly admitted underprivileged students.
- Blood donation camps for the service of the community.





**Health**

HEALTH

## DUHS engage in community service projects

The Dow University of Health Sciences students of MBBS, BDS, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences are actively involved in Civic engagement activities, under the guidance of DUHS faculty members. Community Dentistry services, are conducted at frequent intervals by DUHS dental faculty and students. Many student groups have formed their own organizations voluntarily, so as to work for patients benefit e.g.

- a) DIPCA-Dow International Patient Care Association
- b) FRIP-First Response Initiative in Pakistan (in cases of accidents)

The students conduct public awareness lectures to teach basic first-aid such as what to do, in cases of snakebite, fits, sudden unconsciousness, road accidents and severe sudden illnesses etc. They also educate villag-

ers about obesity, and chronic diseases like diabetes, tuberculosis & thalassaemia etc. Medical, eye, and blood donation camps, are also organized by students with the help of faculty members. These services are provided by students at community Health care Centers, mentally & physically handicapped institutions, private & public schools and institutes for homeless people.

## DUHS organizes Health Expo on preventive strategies

Dow Health Expo was held at a very large scale on a span of three days at the Expo Centre Karachi. General public was provided with light entertainment, and offered free check-ups by medical specialists.

It is pertinent to mention here that public awareness seminars on mental illness, thalassaemia, obesity, diabetes etc are held throughout the year.



## Provision of physical aids to disable persons



In Pakistan many people become disabled due to bomb blasts, earth quakes, traffic accidents and amputations. The Dow University artificial limb Centre (DUAL) provides artificial limbs, almost free of cost to limbless people so as to make them independent for their daily activities. More than 3500 people have been provided artificial limbs free of cost till date.

**“No one has ever become poor by giving.”**

*-Anne Frank*

## Cosmetic Repair for severe burns

Burns of serious nature leave patient disfigured and depressed throughout their life. Dow University in collaboration with Ms Hashmat Affendi from House of Charity (Texas USA) got two reconstructive surgery sessions performed by experienced plastic surgeons of Houston. About 70-80 severely burned patients were benefitted.

## Eye camps by DUHS

Dow University of Health Sciences organized several eye camps at various peripheral areas of the city to provide free consultation and treatment to the under privileged class of the community. Medical students of Dow International Medical College actively participated in the screening process and registration of the patients for operation.



## Free Plastic Surgery for cleft lip, palate

In Pakistan there are increasing incidences of congenital birth defects e.g. cleft lip and palate, especially in the underprivileged class of the society. Dow University conducted several camps in this connection mainly in the interior of Sindh. Students took keen interest in motivating the patient's relatives for operation and maintaining record for further follow-up.



## Rehabilitation of chronically ill patients

The occurrence of stroke and neuromuscular disorders are also increasing day by day. These patients need proper rehabilitation to live and work independently. The Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (IPM&R) provides physiotherapy manually and with machines for wide variety of disorders.



## Blood Donation Campaigns

Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan Institute of Blood Diseases has been established for clinical research in blood diseases and for MPhil and PhD courses. It also provides blood transfusion services to the community. It will also meet increasing demands of blood needed in diseases, road traffic accidents, gunshot wounds and other conditions.



## DUHS working to make TB patients self-reliant

Patients of TB require long-term treatment for about nine months to 1 year. During this period, they sometimes lose their jobs. Therefore, Dow University not only provides free medicines and food to the patients but also provides technical training so that they can acquire skills and become self-reliant. The skills taught include candle-making, block printing, stitching and computer training etc.

## Bahria Medics serves community through blood banks, medical/dental camps

Bahria Medics has been established by the students of Bahria University Medical and Dental College. It was established with an objective to serve the community through various projects like student blood bank, students drug bank, medical camps, dental camps, school health services and other activities through which the BUMDC interacts with the local population.

In 2013 Bahria Medics donated 50 pints of blood to the Husaini Blood Bank's Thalassaemia wing and after that organised another series of blood drives at Bahria University Medical and Dental College Defence campus branch and collected over 60 pints of blood.

Earlier in 2012 a series of blood drives were organised and 110 pints of blood were collected. Free screening of AIDS (HIV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Syphilis,

Thalassaemia Trait and Malaria was also provided to donors.

In 2011, a series of blood drives were organized at the Bahria University Medical and Dental College Karachi Campus and over 50 pints of blood and funds were collected and handed over to the Patients Welfare Association.

In the spirit of growing further, Bahria University Medical & Dental College has been providing basic dental health including dental fillings, extractions and prophylaxis as community based service which is free of cost for the welfare of underprivileged people who have no access to free dental health care. Besides, community based school health programmes are also conducted to increase awareness regarding oral health among children. A total of 700 people have availed these facilities.



## Blood Donation Drives by NUST

Keeping up with its biannual tradition NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) organizes a Blood Donation Drive (BDD) each semester in collaboration with different institutions such as Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion (AFIT), Fatimid Foundation, Pakistan Red Crescent Society and Jamila Sultana Foundation. These drives end up providing much needed blood pints for Thalassaemia patients free of cost. In the year 2013 NCSC organized two BDD one with AFIT and the other one with Jamila Sultana Foundation. Both drives were very successful resulting in collection of 350+ blood donations each. Faculty, staff and students of NUST gave their full support to this humanitarian cause. In 2012 NCSC had organized a Three-Day BDD, in association with the “Red Crescent Society”. In the BDD of 2011 NCSC collected a precious 350 donations from all over NUST, H-12. On the whole NCSC has provided service to more than 1500 thalassaemia as well as cancer patients through its Blood Donation Drives.



**“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”**

*- Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Community Health Initiatives at FUUAST

Health is one of the major concerns of Pakistan. Department of Microbiology, at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology (FUUAST) has taken steps towards improving the health of FUUAST students, faculty and staff. Their mission is to increase awareness of young generation about serious health issues and providing them with some related health facilities like screening of blood for Thalassaemia, Hepatitis B & C and vaccination against Hepatitis B. Other health issues especially the lungs and oral cancer, associated with the consumption of tobacco, pan, gutka etc have also been focused upon. FUUAST has collaborated with ministry of youth affairs, Hepatitis Control and Prevention Program, Global Helpline Welfare Organization, Dr Essa Laboratories and Omair Sana Foundation to achieve these aims. Recently several seminars have been held including awareness seminar on safe blood donation, Thalassaemia and Hepatitis B and C. Several other blood screening, donation and vaccination camps have also been conducted at FUUAST.



► Free Screening Camp for Hepatitis B and C, at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, Karachi- Pakistan on May 23, 2013, held in collaboration with Dr Essa Laboratories and Diagnostic Centres, Karachi. 250 students were screened.



► Free Screening for Thalassaemia, at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, Karachi-Pakistan on November 7, 2013, held in collaboration with Omair Sana Foundation. 200 students were screened.



► Blood Donation Camp at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, Karachi-Pakistan (November 7, 2013), for patients of Thalassaemia, in collaboration with Omair Sana Foundation.



## NUST and AFIO set up eye camp for the needy

Eye care is an area that needs immediate attention in the country. There are more than three million people suffering from eye diseases and the figure is continuously rising. It is estimated that every three minutes, a person develops an eye disease in Pakistan. Unfortunately, the access to health facilities are lacking even in the major cities. Owing to the need in the area, NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) has focused its activities around this issue.

A Free Eye Camp was set up on June 28, 2013 in Medical Centre, H-12 NUST Campus, in collaboration with Armed Forces Institute of Ophthalmology (AFIO). It was open for the students, faculty, families and staff of NUST. Doctors from AFIO were present from 9 am to 5 pm at the camp, and around 500 people turned up to get a free eye checkup. In addition, free medicines worth forty thousand rupees were given to the patients and around two hundred eye glasses were also given. The turn up, even in the scorching heat, highlighted that there is a need of such activities on a regular ba-

sis, and in other places, so that maximum people can have access to eye care. "It is a much needed activity, and the good thing is that it is open to everyone here at NUST. I am really happy that although there are a lot of people, but the seating arrangement is good; and cold drinking water is available" exclaimed a participant who benefited from the camp. Earlier in 2013, NCSC in collaboration with "Rawalpindi Eye Donors' Organization" (REDO) held Eye Donation Campaigns in order to raise awareness of eye diseases and cornea transplantation. These campaigns include free seminars and distributing free eye donation cards all over the campus. In the process eye donations will cards have been signed by 300 volunteers.

NCSC also arranged a two day activity to renovate REDO Complex 1, Rawalpindi in Feb, 2013. A total of 100 students volunteers aided by professional staff renovated and decorated a new kidney dialysis setup, which now serves 50-80 patients every day, 6 days a week.



## Pink Ribbon Campaign at LCWU

Women Institute of Leadership and Learning (WILL), Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), in collaboration with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital (SKMH) and Research Centre organized "Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar" on Tuesday October 29, 2013.

The seminar included lecture by oncologist Dr. Shumaila who informed the audience about causes, indications, symptoms, diagnosis, prevention and the treatment of breast cancer. TV star and model Aamina Sheikh, the brand ambassador of the awareness campaign this year, also participated in the event. Ms. Naila Khan, marketing manager SKMH, highlighted the efforts of Shaukat Khanum hospital for such cause.



## Speakers educate about heart diseases at PMAS-AAUR

Speakers strongly recommended educating the people about heart diseases, their causes and prevention at the "Cardiovascular Diseases" seminar held at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on December 19, 2013. PMAS-AAUR, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad was the chief guest while Executive Director (ED) of the Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology (RIC), Major General (R) Azhar Mehmood Kayani, was the guest of the honor on the occasion.

Major General Kayani delivering his lecture explained the causes, remedies and medication of heart disease. He advised that risk of heart attacks can be reduced by remaining active through exercise/ daily walk, maintaining an appropriate weight, taking a diet rich in

fruits, vegetables and fish and low in refined carbohydrates.

Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR, said that one of the easiest ways to prevent cardiac diseases was to adopt a positive attitude and help others. He urged the faculty members and students that it's agricultural scientist to work on quality food. If a nation get good food cardiovascular diseases chances will be very limited. A large number of, faculty members and students attended the seminar and asked questions.

PMAS-AAUR as a part of its Community Service Responsibility organized various activities for public/community awareness and this seminar was also chain of such activities to educate the masses about cardiovascular diseases.

**"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." - John Bunyan**

## LCWU holds seminar to increase awareness on reproductive health and hygiene

MS students of Department of Gender and Development Studies designed and implemented a community project under the theme of increasing awareness on health and hygiene regarding reproductive health among adolescent girls. This project was designed for the students of BS and MS program. The project was executed in Lahore College for Women University and Fatima Jinnah Government College for Women Chuna Mandi, Lahore. Overall, 225 young girls were enlightened by participating in these awareness sessions. Ms. Uzma Khan (clinical psychologist) and Dr. Fouzia Khan (gynaecologist and consultant) facilitated the session as a resource person.



## UHS walks, seminars to create public awareness on dengue

During 2013, the students, administration, faculty and staff of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) staged walks to sensitize public about the dengue virus and create awareness among them. Addressing the participants of the walk, UHS Registrar said that the University is maintaining to keep its campus as a "Dengue Free Zone". In this regard, consecutive surveillance on scientific footing is being carried out on various spots all around the campus. Seminars were also organized by the Human Genetics department on dengue prevention and control.



## Dengue Awareness Fieldwork by students of Social Work Department at LCWU

The students of LCWU started awareness campaign about the Dengue fever and monitored the hygienic condition of Feroz-pur Road- Channia street. During observational survey they noticed the, critical sanitation system, uncovered manholes and the heaps of the garbage in the street. The students

helped residents convey their problems to the authorities. Immediate action was taken by a team of WASA and LDA, who repaired main holes, placed containers and restored hygienic conditions. In the peak season of dengue many seminars were conducted and door to door campaigns were started. Town

Municipal Administration Saman-Abad started the one week campaigns of dengue sprays or for the identification of larvae. People were apprised about the danger and precautions of dengue fever. At the end of the campaigns appreciation certificates were given to participants.



**Education**

EDUCATION

## Sasti Basti School (IBA, Sukkur)

Sasti Basti School was opened in a community where education was not accessible; the community was built up of flood affected people and was in dire need of a school. Students of Sukkur IBA started the school in January 2013. At present more than 150 students are enrolled. Free education along with books and uniforms is provided. Classes are held six days a week.



## Talent Hunt Program (IBA, Sukkur)

Sukkur IBA launched THP program to educate meritorious students with a weak academic and financial background. The program consists of six months of foundation semester to build a strong base for their regular degree programs. The entire program is a community service project in which up to 500 students are educated free of cost including their tuition, room and board, transportation and a handsome stipend to support education in deprived areas. The program has been ongoing since 2010.



## IBA, Sukkur Community Colleges to enhance quality of basic education

Keeping in view quality of education and poverty in rural areas of Sindh, Sukkur Institute of Business Administration introduced the concept of community colleges in 2011 to enhance quality of basic education and its affordability for students belonging to disadvantaged families. Sukkur IBA community colleges also provide access to university education with the collaboration of Education and Literacy department, Government of Sindh.



## Al-Ilm Association (IBA, Sukkur)

Al-Ilm Association a student run organization has started a project named "Fikr-e-Taleem" in order to educate unprivileged children of community. As part of its activities an awareness campaign started from Sukkur IBA staff especially gardeners and sweepers, basic educational classes were arranged, books were distributed among children. Classes are run four days a week.



## IST a ray of hope in lives of the underprivileged

Team Umeed from Institute of Space Technology (IST) arranged 'A Day with School Children' on December 5th, 2013. IST arranges one such day in each semester. There are informative, entertaining and confidence building shows for children in which different competi-

tions and activities are done. In the past IST has invited children from rural area government schools and physically and mentally challenged children from various schools for special education.



## Distribution of Uniforms and Stationery (IST)

On 11th January, 2014 IST distributed uniforms and stationery items to school children. IST student teams regularly visit government schools located in rural areas of Punjab and in the villages of Islamabad Capital Territory near IST and distribute notebooks, stationary items, uniforms, sweaters and sweets amongst the poor students.



## Establishment of Computer Lab (IST)

IST established a computer lab consisting of six computers in Government Elementary School for Boys located in Haraka village near Rawat.



## A Day with Orphans (IST)

Team Umeed visits orphanages on Eid days and share their happiness with orphans by interacting with them and by distributing sweets and Eid gifts.



## School Renovation and Building Project (IST)

Team Umeed of IST has undertaken a building repair and renovation project at Islamabad Model Primary School Kurtana in December 2013. So far about 90 broken windowpanes have be replaced, new class rooms and toilets for students are being built, fractures in walls and floors are being repaired. Provision of furniture, up gradation of allied facilities and provision of clean drinking water are also on the cards.



## Adoption of School by LCWU

Lahore College of Women University, Department of Gender and Development Studies has decided to join hands with Child Care Foundation (charitable trust working for education out of school under privileged children) to alleviate illiteracy and realize the dream of an educated and prosperous Pakistan. The faculty and students of the department have adopted one CCF school for three years.

## Social Action Project of LCWU to Support Laboratory Primary School

Realizing the responsibility of promoting literacy amongst the marginalized sections of society, students of department of Gender and Development Studies working for Active Citizen Program decided to join hands with the Institute of Education in the project of setting up Laboratory Primary School. They designed and successfully executed their social action project under the supervision of ACP facilitators to ensure the provision of good learning environment for the children in school. In this regard flower pots, decorative items, a swing and learning materials have been provided to school by fund raising.



## Bahria University and LettuceBee Kids venture to educate underprivileged children

Bahria University Islamabad Campus in collaboration with LettuceBee Kids is educating underprivileged children on voluntary basis during summer breaks since 2011. They facilitated these street kids with computer labs and class rooms with an objective to give them basic lessons of computer and have also taught them some beginners' level courses.



## Edvolution team at NUST holds *Diya Jalaye Rakhna Hai*

A seminar 'Diya Jalaye Rakhna hai' was arranged by the joint efforts of Edvolution Karachi and NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) at NUST on December 12, 2013. The main aim of the seminar was to evoke the importance of education and to shed light on the activities by Edvolution and NCSC team in order to boost the morale of students for noble deeds. Three guests, Dr. Hassan Orooj; Director General of Directorate Health Services (DHS) in Capital Development Authority (CDA), Mr. Ahmed Qureshi; Chairperson of National Peace Committee for Interfaith Harmony (NPCIH) and Mr. Abdul Haq Mohiuddin; Founder of Edvolution were invited on the occasion. Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Director Student affairs of SMME, graced the event as well. Faculty and students from Hamdard University Islamabad, UET, Taxila, COMSATS

Institute of Information Technology and International Islamic University Islamabad also attended the event. The esteemed guests highly appreciated the seminar as

well as the cause and a handsome donation was made by the worthy guests. Dr. Hassan Orooj also extended his support to the Edvolution team for joint future ventures.





**Disaster Relief**

DISASTER RELIEF

## Disaster relief efforts at NUST

Dr. Muhammad Jawed Iqbal was invited as a guest speaker at NUST H12 Campus, Islamabad to deliver a lecture on the title "Disaster Management Cycle and Possible Contributions by Volunteers" to the students of NUST Community Service Club. Dr. Jawed apprised the audience about the various vulnerabilities within Pakistan with respect to disasters and also enlightened about the importance of the role of volunteers to be played in the due course of time during different stages of Disaster Management. The lecture was attended by approximately 300 students of final year from NBS, CME, SMME and ASAB. NUST has had an active role since its inception in case of any disasters occurring in Pakistan.



## Earthquake relief

Balochistan was hit by an earthquake, measuring 7.7 at the Richter Scale, on an unlucky morning of 24th September, 2013, which resulted in the death of 825 people, and destruction of 21,000 houses. The tremor affected a total of 300,000 people depriving them of their shelter, food and other basic necessities of life. Such devastating conditions called upon the humanity to come forward and share its munificent part in enlightening the way to light of hope, making the surroundings blissful and assist those in lament to lead a prosperous healthy life again. Keeping this in mind, NUST Community Ser-

vices Club (NCSC) came forward and tried its utmost to raise funds to help their fellow beings in their state of despair. The club conducted its 'hand to hand earthquake relief campaign' in NUST, H-12 from October 4 to 20, 2013. The campaign initiated from the Main Office, NUST with the generous contribution of the Rector. Then the hand to hand relief campaign continued among all schools of NUST in which students, faculty and the staff members contributed wholeheartedly. Volunteer club of E&ME College also participated and contributed in the campaign. A bonfire and gig night was also arranged on 10th October, 2013 through which all the money collected was made a part of the to-

tal capital. The efforts of NCSC lead to a successful collection of 1.4 million rupees which was then adequately used to buy food, tents and other necessary item for 500 affected families of Balochistan.



## Flood relief campaigns

NUST always shows its dutiful presence whenever there is a national/social calling. During the 2012 floods, Nustians raised over 1.8 million rupees for the flood victims of Sindh and Balochistan. The money for Balochistan flood victims was distributed through Mir Changez Khan Jamali, then Federal Minister of Science and Technology.

NUST teams decided to go themselves to the affected areas of Sindh to participate in the rehab activities. The conditions over there were miserable. NUST representatives bought the construction material for building immediate shelters and houses and supplied food (one month's groceries) which they personally distributed to over a 100 families.

NUST in collaboration with HEC also undertook flood studies regarding flood forecasting and flood modelling to help reduce damage against the backdrop of natural calamities. A team of NUST engineers assessed the threat to Sukkur Barrage, inspected breaches in the flood protection embankments and advised the Irrigation Department about measures to fill the breaches.



## UoL Relief

### 2005 Earthquake

Over 75,000 people lost their lives in the 2005 earthquake that hit the Northern Areas of Pakistan. This was where University of Lahore (UoL) stepped in to extend unprecedented rescue and relief services. Under the initiative titled "UoL Relief," the University established emergency health care units, schools, houses, medical camps and contributed to rescue efforts. Several activities are still under way including support for widows and education programs for the orphans.

### 2009 IDPs

As a result of the large-scale migration of IDPs during the 2009 crisis, UoL team with the help of hundreds of student volunteers started a much needed aid program. It played a constructive role for the relief and rehabilitation of the Swat IDPs.

### 2010 floods

University of Lahore kept up with its past tradition and started a flood relief campaign in the Southern Punjab that was hit by 2010 floods in biblical proportions. The University itself allocated 5 million rupees for the rehabilitation of the flood victims. Besides taking active part in the rescue activities, the University provided food packages and tents for the affected families; constructed houses in Rajanpur, Charsada, Skardu, Gas Bala, Tatto, Fari Meadows; made water channel for irrigation and domestic use in Gilgit-Baltistan; and established a school and a basic health unit in Tatto.

## Disaster relief initiatives at Comsats

CIIT students took active part in providing relief to the victims of 2012 flood that hit Jafferabad and vicinities in biblical proportions. Similarly, the institute's students had also contributed to the relief activities in terms of extending monetary aid for the flood affectees of August 2010. Moreover, CIIT provided relief and shelter to around 12,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Swat in 2009. Students of CIIT Abbottabad campus showed their dutiful presence in the affected northern areas where they not only provided relief to the victims but also established an IT enabled database during October 2005 earthquake.

## DUHS Disaster Management efforts in natural calamities

In the earthquake of 2005 DUHS arranged a workshop for handling mass casualties with disaster management cell. Groups of doctors, students and allied health workers were sent to different affected areas of Kashmir and NWFP. These teams provided medical & surgical treatment to the victims. The promptness of relief activities was much appreciated.

Again, during massive floods in 2010 and 2011 there was a large number of homeless flood affectees, who needed food, shelter and items of daily needs. Huge campaign was launched by Dow University with the help of students and faculty. Funds were collected for food & items of daily needs; nineteen truckloads of medicine, food and articles were packed & distributed personally by students in affected areas of interior Sindh.



## Flood Relief Camp by Sukkur IBA students, alumni

During the catastrophic floods of 2010, Sukkur IBA students and alumni generously devoted their services in facilitating the affected people. In the relief camps shelter, food, clean water, basic hygienic and sanitary facilities were provided. A medical camp with the help of different volunteer doctors was also run. A school and a mosque were also established. These activities continued till the rehabilitation of the flood affectees.



## UHS medical team treated 6000 in S.Punjab during floods

The medical team and mobile hospitals of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) treated more than 6000 patients, mostly women and children, in flood-hit districts of Southern Punjab during floods in 2010.

The 16 member team, led by UHS director administration Col.(R) Jawaid Iqbal, consisted of 6 lady doctors, 3 MSc nurses and other support staff who visited different relief camps in tehsil Alipur,

Khairpur Sadat, adjacent areas of Muzaffargarh, district Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, D.G. Khan and Layyah districts and treated patients suffering from diarrhoea, conjunctivitis and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The mobile hospitals were fully equipped with medicines and equipment necessary for intravenous infusions, emergency management, and treatment of gynaecological problems and oral rehydration of children. The team provided medical care, including free medicines and safe drinking water. It worked in close coordination with Army Medical Units and Punjab Health Department. The team also distributed mosquito repellents and coils besides launching a fumigation campaign in affected areas.





**Environment  
Protection**

DISASTER RELIEF

## SEPAL launched by Shah Abdul Latif University Botanical Garden & Herbarium (SLUBGH)

The UN has declared the 2014 International Year of Family Farming (IYFF). It aims to raise the profile of family farming and smallholder farming by focusing world attention on its significant role in eradicating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development, in particular in rural areas. Hence the School Educational Programme for All Levels (SEPAL) of the Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation (CBC) Shah Abdul Latif University has launched an extensive Awareness programme under the theme "International Year of Family Farming (IYFF)". More than 1400 students from 22 schools paid visit in two months (January through February 2014) and were trained on aforementioned subjects.

Education is one of the main objectives of SLUBGH. In order to make students of school age aware to keep our environment clean,

Shah Latif University Botanical Garden & Herbarium (SLUBGH) had launched SEPAL. Under this programme, schools have been registered to involve students in environment friendly activities including understanding the nature of plant biodiversity and its interpretation in the garden; discussing the issue related to threats to the biodiversity; management and maintenance of plant collection in the garden; brain storming and group discussions on regional, national and global threats to environment; and making the school pupil aware to keep earth and environment clean for future. Around fifteen thousand students have been trained on different environment related issues till now.

Furthermore, training for teachers have been conducted on how to impart and correlate biological as well as environmental education courses of various standards with the facilities created by SLUBGH at Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation.



## SarSubz making LUMS cleaner, greener and more sustainable

The SarSubz LUMS ('SarSubz' is Urdu for 'Always Green') initiative is an expression of the University's long-standing and continuing commitment to environmental consciousness and sustainability.

SarSubz LUMS promotes sustainable practices on campus including energy efficiency, waste reduction, improved recycling, reduced water use and more. It also promotes awareness and research activities around environment and sustainability themes around the LUMS campus and encourages greater community activity in these areas. This is a campus-wide campaign working closely with students, staff, faculty and administration officials to create a cleaner, greener and more sustainable LUMS.



## LEAF empowers students to take actions for a healthy planet (LUMS)

The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) campaigns for the protection of the environment and its inhabitants through action and education. It seeks to create a diverse movement within the LUMS community to make tangible improvements in our environment and empower students to take action for a healthy planet for our future. This is based on the activities organized by the society that convince and engage students to take a step forward and find practical environmental solutions.

In November last year, LUMS arranged LEAF week. As part of the activities November 25th and 26th were "Clean the Clutter" days. It was a collaboration between LEAF and art society to collect and recycle all recyclable materials. The society has placed separate recycling bins for different materials throughout the campus. This has made it easier to recycle products made from paper and certain types of plastics. On November 27, 2013 a two day cycling event for the student community was held so as to encourage them to adopt a living style healthier for them as well as the environment.

On November 28 a documentary on environment protection was shown. As a part of its agenda, LEAF continues to hold such events in order to create a sustainable and environment friendly society at LUMS and beyond.



## Promoting environmental awareness, civic sense through public park (SALU)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation, Shah Abdul Latif University (CBC-SALU) & district government Khairpur for the upkeep and make use of accumulated expertise and educational resources of CBC for the Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Park. The MoU was signed in 2011.

Since then Shah Latif University is first of its kind in Pakistan which has extended her services in educating the citizen through public park about how to keep their surroundings

clean and environmentally friendly. Professor Dr. Raza Bhatti, Director, CBC-SALU provides technical assistance voluntarily in soft landscaping (green architecture) with Plant & Plants (a professional company of horticulture & landscaping designing). This park is designed to provide clean, safe, secure & aesthetic environment for community of Khairpur city. Its mission is as under:

“BBZP provides recreational facilities with eye catching landscape and an aesthetically pleasing environment for the community. It

involves public participation and awareness programme through school education.” It provides green environment for the present community and future generations with the help of professional and caring workforce of the park.

This park is spread over on about ten acres land. In addition to soft landscaping; other features includes children claying area, floating gazebo, wooden gazebo, fountain & rock fall, art in garden with boulders, lake, restaurant (Cafeteria) and jogging tract.



## Tree plantation, clean-up projects by NUST

NUST Community Services Club kick-started a tree plantation campaign at NUST main campus on October 4, 2013. Tree saplings were planted in the SMME grounds. Students from all the various schools showed their support and planted 150 plants in total. With just a little bit of effort the students at NUST were able to make a very important and positive contribution to the environment they breathe in every day. Presence of Talat Hussain, a renowned television anchorperson, attracted students in large numbers, who became part of the environment-

friendly campaign. Earlier on in September, 2013 NUST Environment Club (NEC) began the Academic year with a series of clean-up drives around H-12 campus. The cafes were the commencement point. In the afternoon when cafes were jam-packed, NEC team arrived wearing green shirts and carrying empty cartons and boxes. The team members went around the café gathering plastic bottles from empty tables, staircases and lawns and urged the students to clean up as well. Seeing the enthusiasm of NEC it was heartening to see other students voluntarily helping



them. The event was about reduction in the use of plastic, about re-cycling, and teaching students how to protect our environment.

## Green Office initiative by IBA Sukkur

In 2013 Sukkur IBA initiated a project in collaboration with WWF Pakistan to ensure energy conservation and to keep environment green and clean. Green office at Sukkur IBA aims to reduce the consumption of the natural resources by improving offices' environmental efficiency, promote sustainable practices by increasing environmental awareness of employees and promote climate change mitigation by requiring energy saving and use of renewable energy sources.



## Three-week INSPIRE training course on “Indus River Natural Resource Management” at SALU

A three week INSPIRE Postgraduate Transnational Education Career Development Course on ‘Indus River Natural Resource Management’ was held on Monday 18th November, 2013 at Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU), Khairpur. It was jointly organized by SALU, Khairpur and the University of Glasgow, UK with input from Heritage Foundation, Pakistan and Pakistan Wetland Program, WWF and funded by the British Council & Higher Education Commission, Pakistan.

MNA Dr. Syeda Nafisa Shah was the chief guest for the inaugural session that was moderated by Prof Dr. Parveen Shah, Vice Chancellor, SALU, Khairpur. In her address Dr. Nafisa Shah said that such a program was indeed inspiring, because the course designed by SALU, Khairpur and Glasgow University was strategically important for that region. She informed the audience that the Indus Delta, covering 5000 square km, was also one of the largest in the world and was supporting communities and livelihoods. She suggested that like IRSA, Indus River Ecological Development Authority might be established to protect the delta, wetland and for the uplift of fishermen community on Indus River.



## Seminar on food security at UAAR

Need for saving food was emphasized as per theme of World Environment Day 2013 “Think-Eat-Save” at a seminar held at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on June 6, 2013. Every year 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted and 1 out of 7 people in the world sleeps hungry. Prof. Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest while Dr. Muhammad Javed Malik, Member Food & Agriculture, Planning Commission was the guest of honor. Dr. Aslam Gill, Food Security Commissioner, Ministry of National Food Security & Research delivered keynote address on the occasion. Students, faculty and people from all walks of life attended the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad in his address urged the public to contribute towards food security and environment conservation by discouraging the acts of throwing food leftovers. Dr. Aslam Gill delivered a detailed presentation on reducing food waste, saving resources and minimizing the human impact. Dr. Muhammad Javed Malik, said that it is important for food deficit countries to minimize the food wastage and the theme ‘Think, Eat, Save’ urges us to make concrete efforts to think and save the food which we grow, consume and dispose off in our daily routine. He urged people to redress their attitude towards the environment and show ownership and care towards it.

## Forthcoming Conferences of The Talloires Network (TN)

### July 2014

- Engagement Australia’s 11th International Conference of Engaged Scholars and Practitioners. Charles Stuart University. Wagga Wagga, Australia. July 2014.  
<http://engagementaustralia.org.au/next-steps-conference/2014-conference/>
- Pen to Paper Writing Retreat: Writing With, For, and About Service Engagement. Wooded Glen Retreat and Conference Center. Henryville, Indiana. USA. 24 – 25 July 2014.  
<http://www.indianacampuscompact.org/component/content/article/3-events/upcoming-events/521-pen-to-paper-writing-retreat>

### September 2014

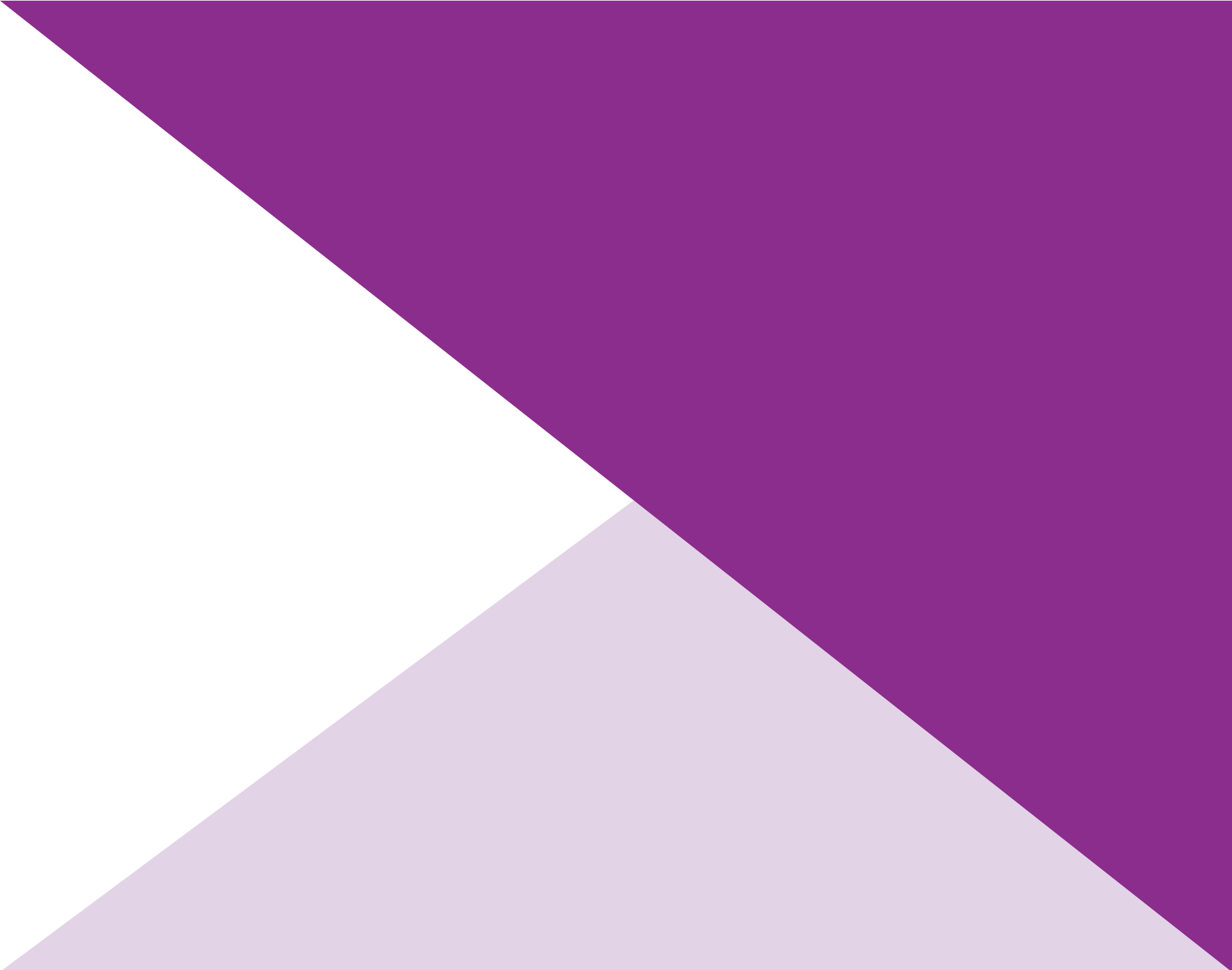
- 2014 Annual Conference of the International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement. Reaping What We Sow: Growing a Culture of Community Engagement. Tulane University. New Orleans, Louisiana. USA. 29 September – 1 October 2014.  
<http://www.researchslce.org/conferences/>

### 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.  
<http://extensionnews.tumblr.com/post/35291242450/esc2014>

### December 2014

- 2014 Talloires Network Leaders Conference. Cape Town. South Africa. 2 -4 December 2014  
<http://www.tnlc2014.org/>





**Community Empowerment  
and Outreach**

COMMUNITY  
EMPOWERMENT  
AND OUTREACH

## Experience NUST – a campus tour & career counselling session for students from neighbouring schools

“Experience NUST” is being held with the purpose of providing students in schools and colleges, especially underprivileged ones, a glimpse of NUST and the various education fields offered here.

Experience NUST is the painstaking result of hard work and efforts by a team of NUST Community Service Club (NCSC). The event consists of a campus tour, information sessions and a hands-on career counselling activity. The first event under the banner of Experience NUST was held on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

The event received a turnout of a total 56 intermediate students from two schools in the Capital – Punjab College for Boys and Post Graduate College for Women.

The students were given a tour of the vast and resourceful campus via bus. After that,

they were taken for a tour of NUST Business School/School of Social Sciences and Humanities, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences and lastly, School of Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering. After an interactive in-campus tour the information session was held in which a short presentation on each school was delivered. At the end a career counselling activity by

Mr. Nabeel Yunis was conducted to help the students in understanding their potentials and steering towards the right path.

After the success of its first event, the team of NCSC “Experience NUST” plans to take it to further heights by increasing the number of in-campus school tours and catering to a larger audience.



## Social Entrepreneurs at DUHS, Provision of safe drinking water

There is a dearth of safe drinking water especially in slum areas of Karachi. Dow University designed a filter plant which can operate with solar light and provide clean and safe drinking water to a larger community. Presently three filter plants are installed at three slum areas one in Karachi and two in the interior of Sindh, which are helping the community. Further, Installations are in process.



## Training on Farm Water Management and Food Processing for Baluchistan Farmers' and Agriculture Staff (UAAR)

Two training workshops of ten days each on Farm Water Management and Food Processing Techniques for Baluchistan farmers commenced at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on January 17, 2014. Researchers, farmers, NGOs, agriculture extension departments, education and research organizations from Baluchistan participated in these workshops.

The aim of Water Management workshop was capacity building of the Baluchistan farmers in water harvesting, conservation, management and efficient use. This workshop was organized by PMAS-UAAR in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations and Australian Assistance in Agriculture Border Areas of Baluchistan (ASABBA).

Around 20 women from Baluchistan participated in food processing training, and got technical knowledge about it. They also learned how women could set up small agro processing enterprises, to benefit from natural resources existing in their environment. This food

processing training was also helpful to the community members who want to take up value added food processing activities in their areas. This workshop was organized by the PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations under Baluchistan Agriculture Project funded by USAID.

Prof. Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR, in his address, highlighted the need of water resource management and food processing training for Baluchistan people and assured full cooperation of PMAS-AAUR. He wished to strengthen this training program in future. He recommended that it was high time to increase investments in water reservoirs; improve water management, irrigation and crop cultivation; introduce rainwater harvesting and launch of mass awareness campaigns.

A similar 10 day workshop on farm water management was also held in Oct 2013.



## KIU trains farmers

Karakoram International University held a farmer training workshop on June 23, 2013 at Haramosh and June 25 and 26, 2013 at Bagrot. Each time 25 farmers were invited to participate. Female farmers were also part of the program. Farmers were trained in pest management, use of certified Seeds, fertilizers, harvesting techniques, marketing procedures etc.

Similar workshops had been held in the past in 2010, 2011 & 2012 at Gilgit, Skardu and Khaplu. This training was part of Social, Economic and Environmental Development (SEED) programme of Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP) and Buffer zone. It is a five-year initiative started in one of the remotest and most underdeveloped regions



of Pakistan. The project aims to improve the living standards of local communities living around CKNP, by supporting them in securing eco-sustainable livelihood practices in the farm and non-farm sectors, and by building indigenous resources using the latest technology. Under SEED project more than 500 community people have been trained in different trades like, traditional woodwork, safe mining, gem stone cutting and polishing, electrician, repair of refrigerators, and agriculture sector etc.

## 2nd Roshan Watan Agri Expo & Conference at UoS

Department of Horticulture, University College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha held "2<sup>nd</sup> Roshan Watan Agri Expo & Conference" in collaboration with Evolution Event Management and TV Production on January 21 & 22, 2014. The purpose of this expo and conference was to bridge the gap between industry and academia. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the achievements of agriculture experts working at Agriculture College. He apprised the audience that our experts are facilitating the farmers in overcoming their problems. University of Sargodha has provided 20 thousand "Kinnow" plants to farmers on subsidized rates. University researchers are making new inventions in the field of agriculture in accordance with the local and national needs. It is showing long-term results for the betterment of agricultural products.



## Bahria University provides free psychological assessment to USAID Funded Community Services Project

The team at Institute of Professional Psychology (IPP) at Bahria University Karachi Campus was invited by Hunar Foundation (a non-profit, donor funded organization involved purely in social service for a project funded by USAID) as part of the admission process for vocational training program. The objective of this assessment was to provide assistance in assessing and identifying 'at risk' young men from slums of Karachi and those

who also have the basic capability to participate in vocational training programme of Hunar Foundation. A total of 250 candidates were assessed and interviewed by the team of IPP, Bahria University. The IPP team comprised 20 members including faculty and students, who provided psychological help and community services free of charge. Mental health camps have been a regular feature of Institute of Professional Psy-

chology since 2009. These help to create awareness and give the students first hand interaction with their potential clients in the University premises. IPP student visit Karwan-e-Hayat PCRC, Jinnah Hospital psychiatry department, Kashana-e-Atfaal-o-Naunehaal, Dar-ul-Sukun and Karsaz School for Special Children on a regular basis where help is provided by them under supervision of their course instructors.



## University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

The UAF has contributed significantly for the employment generation and economic gains in the country through capacity building, research and development, outreach and social mobilization. The faculty members have conducted problem oriented research and organized various outreach activities/awareness campaigns for capacity building of the farmers and other related stakeholders. The University has instituted a comprehensive and well developed scholarship scheme/ Career Services/ University Advancement to extend financial support to the talented but needy students. The University has a Career Counselling Centre for guidance of the students, liaising with employers in seeking job opportunities for students and conducting trainings for students in the form of workshops & seminars. Following activities have been carried out for welfare of community/

stakeholders in recent past.

- Spring and autumn festivals have been organized regularly in each calendar year. These festivals bring a rich blend of agricultural and cultural events including agricultural exhibition, fancy bird show, pet show, greyhound races, tent pegging, farmer convention, conferences, alumni meet and cultural show etc. and provide a platform to farmers, entrepreneurs and community at large to interact with social as well as agricultural experts.
- UAF organizes a variety of events and programs including termite control awareness events, training programs of small local farmers and women, dengue awareness program, female health programs, technology transfer and outreach programs for capacity building of

rural and urban community and related stakeholders Anti-dengue campaigns, TV talks, seminars and walks are organized to strengthen the anti-dengue programs.

- UAF has established a plant diagnostic window to provide quality information and analyse plant diseases, pest management and nutrient deficiencies for the farming community/other stakeholders. Institute of Horticultural Sciences distributes quality fruit plants and vegetable seeds to the community/farmers at subsidized rates as a community service.
- UAF has launched an FM radio station to bridge the gap between farmers/stakeholders and scientists, provide guidelines to farmers and other stakeholders about the utilization of new technologies for enhancing crop yields, improv-



ing animal breeds and production and dealing with new challenges. UAF has introduced a new window of business enterprises (Business Incubation Center) aiming at involving the rural community in agro-business and manufacturing of agricultural by-products to enhance the profitability of rural entrepreneurs.

- UAF also organizes a varieties of train-

ing courses, short diploma courses and on-farm awareness campaigns for capacity building and empowerment of rural community and manpower of private and public sector organizations in different business oriented agro-based cottages industries like kitchen gardening, apiculture, sericulture, livestock production and management, horse-riding,

cattle farming etc. Other initiatives taken by the UAF administration for the community services include establishment of day care centre, Students Counselling Centre, Women Complex, Women Health Centre, Post-Harvest Teaching and Training Centre, exhibition centre, establishment of Agri Heritage Museum, etc.

## Role of UVAS in community development

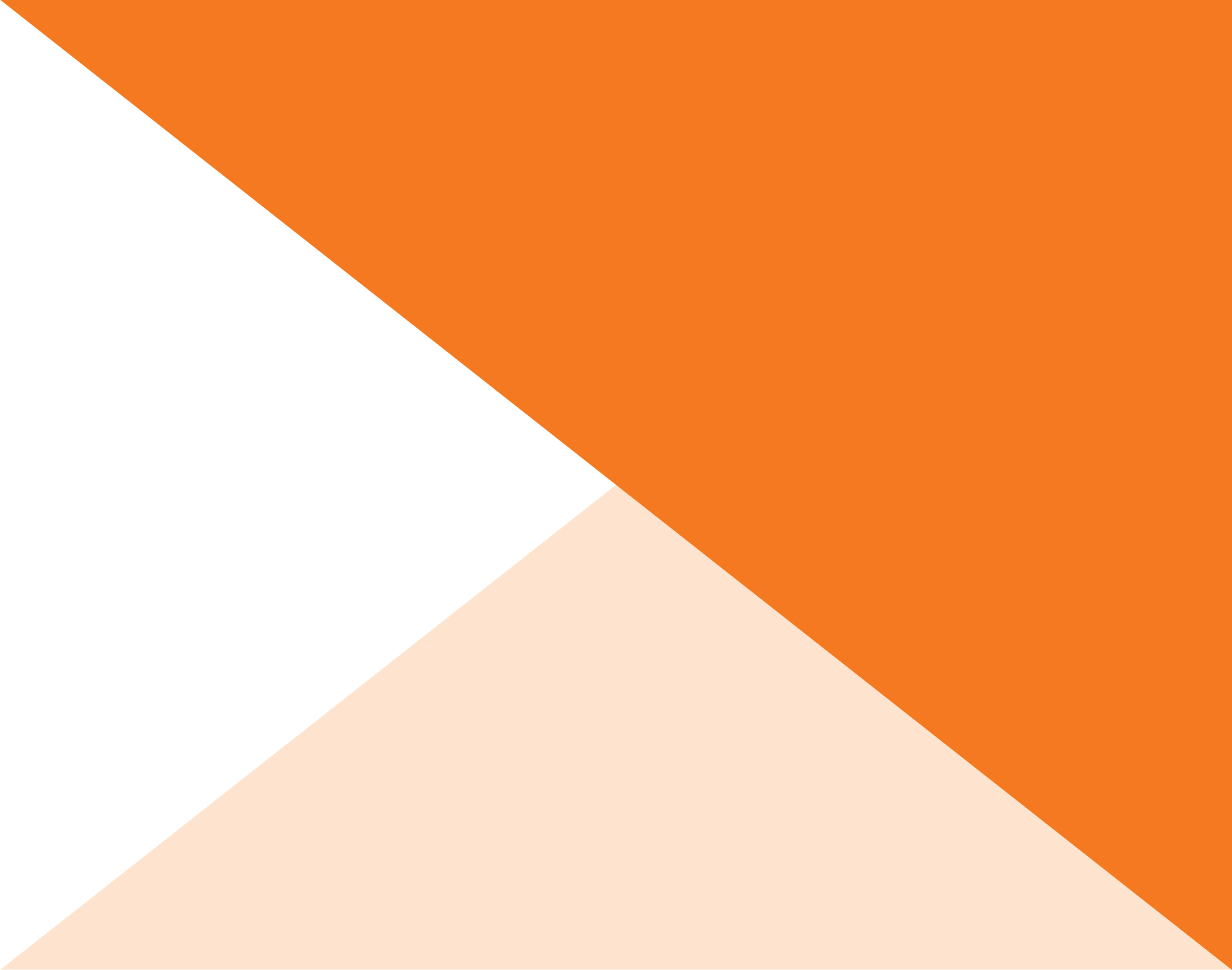
Civic engagement of University of Veterinary and Animal Science includes service to the community for socioeconomic improvement of society. While at UVAS, it is important for students to join clubs and participate in volunteer experiences. In UVAS student clubs carry out activities that provide opportunities and experiences that are beneficial to the community and students, enhancing their leadership and decision-making skills. Student clubs activities provide important community interaction and helps students feel the gratification of helping others.

### MAIN activities include:

- Establishment of Clubs for school students
- Establishment of indoor pharmacy by university students
- Establishment of UVAS 24/7 extension service for farmers to be run by Post Graduate students
- Construction of web pages for social marketing of civic activities to be managed by students clubs.
- Student - BROOKE Pakistan collaboration for awareness camps at brick kilns.
- Training and certification of high school students on livestock management skills.
- Creating awareness among youth against social evils through dramatic society.
- Registration of volunteers for preventing cruelty to animals
- Holding farmer days
- Initiation of *Ghar Sudhar* programme.

In UVAS the student clubs include Savers, Vets Care, Vet Crescent, Blood Donor, Natak Mandli (dramatic society on social evils). The student clubs also arrange Eid gatherings, vaccination camps, disaster camps in affected areas for rehabilitation of livestock and people. UVAS-UMN civic engagement project aims at engaging university students clubs to train and create awareness on social problems among school students and then they convey message to their families, friends' relatives and general public. Final year students from UVAS work as core team who train farmers and school.







## **Community Service and Curriculum**

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## LCWU introduces mandatory 4 credit hour Active Citizenship Program (ACP)

The ACP was introduced at LCWU as a pilot program in summer 2012. It was approved by the Academic Council in its 10th meeting on 12th November 2012 and the Syndicate in its 46th meeting on 27th November 2012 as a mandatory 4 credit program for BS students. A formal five year MoU was signed between British Council Pakistan and LCWU in April 2013 to collaborate on the project till March 30, 2018. ACP Phase 1 Batch 1 (September 2012 till June 2013), 8 departments and 413 students participated in it. ACP Phase 1 Batch 2 (September 2013 till June 2014) is being replicated in 8 departments and 552 students are participating in it. ACP Phase 2 Batch 1 (September 2013 till June 2014) is in progress in which 8 departments and 406 students are participating.



## Community Support Programme (CSP), at Bahria University

Bahria University endeavours to inculcate in the students a sense of responsibility and commitment to serve the community and transform Bahria University graduates into socially responsible citizens. As a step towards attaining this goal every student, enrolled in undergraduate programme of Bahria University is required to serve the community for 40 hours, any time during his/her entire degree programme. The focus of CSP is primarily on education, health (including psychological issues), peace, tolerance, protection and promotion of human rights, observance of the rule of law, environment, sustainable development, media, marine sciences, and conflict resolution with emphasis on trainings and skill enhancement.

Projects of community service that students at Bahria University, Islamabad have worked upon include visit of Attock Jail by 52 students of BSS in March- April, 2013 with Women Aid Trust (WAT) to survey the conditions of male and female prisoners; WWF Eco Internship Program done by E&ES department involving various activities with the aim to stop the degradation of our planet's natural environment and build a better future; enrolment of Law students with Consumer Watch Pakistan (CWP) in the area of advocacy to

**"If you're in the luckiest one per cent of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99 per cent." - Warren Buffett**

protect consumer rights; working on a an awareness raising programme on child sexual abuse with Rozan (an NGO working on issues related to emotional and psychological health of women and children) by 35 students from BBA-1 (B); working on 'Change in Action' project by 52 students of BSCS – 1 (B) to increase the literacy of staff working at Bahria to a 100%; community recycling programme undertaken by 35 students from BBA-1(C) and working with Nest, an establishment housing about 40 children working towards providing them best schooling, living standards, and training by 23 students from BBA-1 (D).

Karachi Campus has worked under CSP, after signing MoU with several organizations. Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC) and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust (SKMT) representatives signed an MoU on May 23, 2013 to spread awareness about prevention of Cancer; BUKC and Friends of Burns Centre representatives signed an MoU on May 27, 2013 through which students will help in the spreading awareness and collecting funds for burn victims; BUKC and The Citizen Foundation (TCF) representatives signed an MoU on June 11, 2013 to help in promoting education for students from economically deprived backgrounds; BUKC and Kashif Care Thalassaemia Care Centre (Trust) representatives signed an MoU on July 19, 2013 so students will help in spreading the awareness and prevention of Thalassaemia.



## NUST Community Service Course becomes compulsory for undergraduate students

NUST Community Service Learning Course CSL-401 is a compulsory two credit hour course being offered to all NUST undergraduate students. This course is an effort to ignite the spirit of humanity, patriotism and community service in the hearts of the students, so that they not only become good professionals but also good human beings. The course comprises 1 credit hour of theoretical work (workshops & seminars) and 1 credit hour of field work. 15 hours of Seminars/workshops are conducted on various community service topics/areas at the campus. For these local philanthropists/social workers guest speakers are invited. For 30 hours of field activities, at least 2 activities of maximum 20 hours each are to be done by the students. Students may choose idea/ideas from the list of ideas enlisted in the compendium-log booklet and carry out the

field assignment, after approval from the respective advisor/co-advisors. Limited field assignment opportunities are provided at NUST campus through NUST Community Service Club on first come first served basis. Apart from that, students are expected to propose an activity either independently or at a philanthropist organization/location of their choice. All field assignments are to be undertaken after approval of respective Advisor/Co-Advisor. For every field activity the students have to establish a need for the project, give its location, and how it impacted the community served.

The aim of the course is to impart general awareness and knowledge along with social guidance to develop NUST students into socially active citizens in line with NUST Community Service strategy of having a discernible positive impact on society through

active citizenry. It is expected that by taking this course the students would become aware of various areas of community service and of relevant ongoing philanthropic activities in the community, develop a sense of responsibility, compassion and empathy towards the community and contribute to have a discernible impact on the community.

The main areas covered in the course include Leadership & Patriotism, basic human rights & values, first aid, fire safety, disaster response, free tutoring, working for orphanage and special children, renovation of community centers, blood donations, etc. 200 different community service projects were done by students in the last semester as part of completion of course.





**Miscellaneous**

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## Comsats Sweet Homes for orphans

Comsats Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Abbottabad campus is taking care of 100 orphan boys aged 4-6 years and paying their monthly tuition fee and messing charges. In order to solve their residential problem, construction of two family and two staff houses, named Comsats Sweet Homes, covering an area of 25000 sqft within Abbottabad Campus has been proposed by the university's Rector. In order to raise seed funds for the project, all employees contributed their one-day salary, and a campaign has been launched to collect off-campus donations. Comsats believes in not only making its students thorough professionals but also compassionate beings.



## The social action project “Smile for Orphans” (LCWU)

Students of Gender and Development studies at Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) planned and implemented their social action project under the title ‘Smile for Orphan’. The aim was to

tell these children that they are valued and that they deserve to live a happy life, just like any other child. This project was executed in Pakistan Sweet Homes (government run orphanages under the umbrella of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal). The main goals of this project were to provide awareness about health, hygiene and other supportive services to orphans and vulnerable children to enable them to live in a healthy environment in order to make their future more productive.



## Mass marriage ceremony at TUF

The University of Faisalabad organized a mass marriage ceremony of 81 couples under the auspices of Madinah Foundation at Amin Campus, West Canal Road on October 18, 2013. The couples were given dowry and more than 3000 guests were served lunch. University presented gifts to the couples. Prof. Dr. Abdul Majeed, Director Quality Enhancement Cell of the University was the chief guest. Members of Islamic Cultural Organization from Turkey were also present at the occasion. In his address, Prof. Dr. Abdul Majeed appreciated the services of students, staff and faculty members for organizing this event.



## Tuition fee waiver for *Huffaz* (UoS)

A grand ceremony was held on January 28, 2014 in the honour of *Huffaz-e-Karam*. While addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the grandeur and immortality of the Holy Quran. The audience was told that there are many more *Hafiz-e-Quran* students studying in the University of Sargodha as compared to all other universities of the country. Complete tuition fee waiver is given to the 880 *Hafiz-e-Quran* studying at University of Sargodha. Twenty marks are also granted in calculation of merit at the time of admission.

## NCSC launches student fee fund

According to a survey conducted in NUST, 72 percent of the students studying at the university have difficulty in paying their university fee. In a university in which more than 25 percent of the students have a net household income of less than 20,000 rupees, NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) has taken an initiative by setting up NCSC student fee fund; one student in each semester will be given financial assistance to pay his/her fee. This will be a Karz-e-Hasna which the student will have to return but without any time limit. Each school will be given a chance to nominate a student. In order to generate funds, weekly movie nights have been arranged. The money generated from the NCSC membership drive has also been donated to the fund. The fund will be used to pay the fee of a student in the upcoming semester.

## Endowment Fund for the Needy (CIIT)

CIIT launched an endowment fund for the needy. It is a trust fund which collects donations from its administration, faculty, alumni, corporate entities, government institutions, and donor NGOs promoting education. Anyone who contributes to the fund joins the rank of "Friends of CIIT." The primary focus of this program is to help poor people fight for their rights and against the main causes of poverty.

Moreover, CIIT's lower income staff enjoys a free daily lunch at the Islamabad Campus. Similarly, CIIT's low paid employees are also sent to perform Hajj every year.

## Qarz-e-Hasana for students (CIIT)

CIIT has also taken an initiative to award Qarz-e-Hasana to its needy students who due to want of financial resources are unable to pay their fee. In this regard, CIIT volunteers donate 0.1 % of their gross monthly salary. The Financial Support Committee selects students for the award of Qarz-e-Hasana. Thereafter, campus maintains the student's ledger account and debit the relevant amount at the commencement of each semester. CIIT management ensures the integrity of Qarz-e-Hasana awards and also makes sure that only deserving students get the said award.

## QS Five Star Rating in Civic Engagement (CIIT)



More recently an international ranking agency, QS, which carries out world universities' ranking, carried out an independent analysis of various CIIT activities and acknowledged its role towards community development, giving it a score of Five out of Five in as many as three categories: Teaching, Facilities and Civic Engagement. The award was announced during a QS conference held in Seoul, South Korea on November 1st, 2013.

## International Collaboration between DUHS and University of North Carolina for Civic Engagement

The Higher Education Department of USA planned a multifaceted program of civic engagement and capacity building. The program was held in partnership with 5 Pakistani universities chosen by HEC. DUHS was one of those five universities paired with the University of North Carolina in USA. Students and faculty of DUHS visited George Washington University and University of North Carolina to have this one on one collaboration. Later on in June, 2013 a delegate from University of North Carolina also visited DUHS and were impressed by various programs being run there.



## Young Community Leadership Development Program (KIU)

Karakoram International University (KIU), under the program, identified 24 young graduates (50% women) and gave them a four week classroom-based training on the areas such as participatory development, project management, organizational management, youth leadership, gender and development, generic TOT (Training Of Trainers), and social entrepreneurship. KIU trainers specially developed spe-

cial modules on these areas and delivered trainings. In the second round of Young Community Leadership Development Program, KIU designed and delivered trainings on three different themes namely, youth leadership, organizational management, and gender & development. A total of 51 young individuals have been imparted trainings on different leadership relevant themes.



## Bait-ul-Nishat set up by University of Lahore

On March 7, 2014 UOL volunteers went to Bait-ul-Nishat to spend time with the children. They played sports and did art activities with the children. Similarly, on February 23, 2014. UOL students played a match with the shelter children. The match was thoroughly enjoyed both by the kids and students of UOL. A shopping event with the kids was held on January 3, 2014.

The UOL Relief is dedicated and committed to salvaging the plight of physically disabled orphans and abandoned street children with a view to rescuing and caring for these afflicted, hopeless and disadvantaged children in the society. For that purpose UOL Relief had set up a Shelter Home Bait-ul-Nishat in Lahore for orphan special children who cannot be traditionally catered in a conventional orphanage because of their serious but non-life threatening disabilities. The main aim of the orphanage is to create a comfortable, conducive environment and dependable alternative family life and peaceful home for these socially and physically disadvantaged children in the society. All the above activities are carried out with these children on a regular basis so they enjoy and feel loved.



# PCTN Member Universities

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

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# 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.

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## The letters should be mailed to the following address:

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