



At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2005/0014

Registration

The Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Registration No.4717/5/2474) in April, 1994 in Peshawar

Major Programmes

Social Mobilisation for Malakand Rural Development Project , Participatory Research on Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, Human and Institutional Development & Technical Support to NGOs, CBOs and CCBs, Microcredit for women, Conservation and Rehabilitation of Elum Valley Forest.

Human Resource

Governing Body: 09 members
Chairperson: Mr. Abdul Wahab Khan
Staff Strength: 62 (54 Males, 8 Females)

Area of Operation

Malakand, (NWFP)

Banks

Bank of Khyber, Swat

Auditors

Zeeshan Ali & Co. Chartered Accountants, Peshawar Cantt.

Tax Status

Operating within a tax exempted area.

For Information and Donations

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Mission

Prevent poverty and environmental degradation in Malakand Division through Research, Advocacy, Awareness Raising, Social Mobilization, Human and Institutional Development and Service Delivery by adopting a conflict-free and culturally viable approach with a blend of professionalism and voluntary zeal.



Background

Founded by idealistic young university graduates in 1991, EPS is an attempt at raising awareness on planned urbanization and environmental conservation. EPS operates in Pakistan's mountainous areas, which have seen tremendous changes over the past half century. Excessive deforestation, unplanned expansion of villages, water pollution, mismanaged land use and increased violence are visible trends in District Swat. Lack of proper planning and good governance and increasing population and migration to the region have also added to the degradation of the physical, social and cultural environment of the region.

What Makes EPS Stand Out

Since its inception in 1991, EPS has been working closely with local communities. Field experience has highlighted that local communities contribute significantly towards the physical development of their surroundings, if properly mobilised and if their developmental initiatives are technically supported. Actively promoting social development, EPS facilitates the forming and capacity building of Community Based Organisations (CBOs). Besides organizing Annual CBOs Conference, Knowledge Forum, World Environment Day, Earth Day, Biodiversity Day and Women's Day, EPS has carried out a number of innovative activities in relation to the Global Call for Action against Poverty (GCAP) in partnership with the Innovation for Poverty Reduction Project (IPRP). Connected with EPS's concern for the physical and social environment has been its interest in improving the overall socio-economic conditions of its target communities. This has manifested in various community capacity building programmes and a small micro-credit programme.

EPS's *Technical Unit (TUs)* supports and supervises community initiatives in developmental activities. It helps communities in surveying their areas, preparation of maps, designs and estimates. Apart from CBO initiatives, the TU is providing ground support for the physical development projects. All developmental projects have been masterminded, designed, estimated,



supervised and executed by the TU. Recently, the TU has carried out a detailed study on the water supply of *Municipal Corporation (MC)* Mingawara.

The Human Resource Development Project (HRD) was carried out in collaboration with Civil Society HID Programme (CHIP) till August 2003. It provides training for capacity building of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) of the former Malakand Division (excluding the District of Chitral) in Basic Skills Development, Social Organization, Participatory Learning and Action, Effective Presentation Skills, Effective Communication Skills, Financial Management and Project Proposal Writing. Since August 2003, the Society has been running the project with its own resources.

Keeping Mountain Valleys Clean

Another project undertaken by EPS was their River Swat Conservation Project (RSCP) in collaboration with the UNDP. The result was a thoroughly researched document raising awareness regarding issues about the pollution of River Swat.

Working for the conservation of the valleys around River Swat, EPS has set up nurseries at Gogdra, documented basic information about the forests of the region and promoted commercial marketing of agricultural products. EPS is currently undertaking participatory research on medicinal and aromatic plants which is aimed at reducing poverty in the region through the utilisation of these plants.

EPS's activities have also focused on waste management. Garbage dumps have been set up in Mingora municipality and sanitation schemes have been initiated in Chalyar and Mingawara City.

Partners

Two Social Organisation Units (SOUs) in collaboration with the Malakand Rural Development Project (MRDP) have been set up with the funding of ADB-GoNWFP. EPS has started work with SAP-Pakistan on Democracy and Good Governance since July 2005. This partnership also extends to promoting awareness regarding women and minorities. EPS is undertaking a new project with the UNDP called The Conservation and Rehabilitation of Elum Valley Forest. They are also a member of the Provincial Forestry Roundtable and are actively involved with Sungi for mass mobilisation campaigns for the New Forest Act.

“ We call EPS a movement and if there are such movements in different parts of the country I am sure that poverty will be reduced and social justice widespread, leading us to become a developed nation ”

Mr. Abdul Wahab Khan, *Chairman EPS*

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2002	2003	2004
Self Generated Income	645,073	1,538,359	628,881
National (Grants/ Donations)	-	-	-
International (Grants/ Donations)	4,992,904	7,241,514	7,966,358
Total	5,637,977	8,779,873	8,595,239