

At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2004/0004

Registration

The Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance, 1961 on 17 April, 1990 in Peshawar.

Major Programmes

Health, Education, Micro-Credit Programme, Environment & Community Physical Infrastructure Schemes.

Human Resource

Governing Body: 07 members

Chairperson: Mr. Abid Hussain

Staff Strength: 10 (7 Males, 3 Females)

Area of Operation

Districts Swabi, Buner & Mardan

Banks

Muslim Commercial Bank, Village Shewa

Auditors

Saeed Methani Mushtaq & Co. Chartered Accountants, Peshawar

Tax Status

Exempt U/S 2(36) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

For Information and Donations

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Mission

To create awareness among people and to organise them to solve their problems themselves.



Inception

SESWA originated in 1986 in Village Shewa, District Swabi as an independent nonprofit organisation working to "create awareness among people and organise them to solve their own problems". The approach followed by the organisation is that of integrated participatory rural development. The organisation has undertaken multidimensional activities such as infrastructure projects, provision of micro-finance, health, education services and general welfare. In the latter sector, it has built a library, constructed a primary school for girls and awarded scholarships to meritorious students.

Its governance structure allows educated villagers of Shewa to join the General Body and provide support to development projects. So far the general body has 450 members. What distinguishes SESWA from other nonprofit organisations is its constitution, which articulates the mission of the organisation, and sets forth the framework under which the organisation is to function. Democracy in internal decision-making, accountability, respect for freedom of choice, supremacy of the NPO constitution, merit and discipline are the core values of SESWA.

The Programme & Achievements

In an area where cultural restraints dictate a low social and economic status to women, SESWA has managed to form a Women's Wing. Thirty members of this wing have worked with the Community Infrastructure Project (CIP) Peshawar, and Pak German- Integrated Rural Development Programme in district Mardan. It has established 20 Women Organisations (WOs) in the operational area, undertaking various activities including running skill centres, and has introduced saving schemes at the community level for development activities. This has helped to empower women by increasing their access and control over resources as well as increasing their decision making authority. Working with the Primary Education Programme (PEP) Peshawar it has set up Parent Teachers Associations (PTAs), which function as an effective monitoring mechanism of schools.



Achievements

- Provided land for primary schools with the financial support of the local *Jarga* at Shewa.
- Constructed 700 latrines
- Trained 80 community health workers & 50 TBAs
- Construction of *Bagha* Rest House
- Formed 91 Community Organisations
- Trained 182 extension workers in live stock & agriculture
- Afforestation & reforestation of communal and private land on 21,500 acres.
- Formed 29 Women Organisations
- Developed skills of 110 women in sewing & embroidery

SESWA undertook the afforestation of an entire hill, *Bagha*, which was once a thick forest till it fell victim to the timber mafia. Three hundred thousand saplings of various kinds were planted which today have grown into beautiful trees and a rest house has been constructed on the hill. Today the hill is also a private game reserve.

Expansion

SESWA is engaged in social and physical infrastructure development of rural communities, which led to the formation of 91 Village Organisations (VOs) followed by extensive trainings and workshops in organisational management and capacity building techniques. This was followed by infrastructure projects through community mobilisation where streets/pavements, retaining walls, causeways/single roads were constructed; water supply schemes, afforestation and irrigation/land leveling schemes were also developed. The joint project was successfully completed in December 2000.

Partners

Such has been the commitment and success of SESWA's interventions that every donor has given positive feedback on their partnership with SESWA in undertaking development activities. Partnerships have been developed with the Pak German Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Swiss NGO Programme Office (SNPO), Action Aid, Trust for Voluntary Organisations (TVO), South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP-Pk), the Catholic Relief, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and European Union (EU). Undertaking conservation of forest and wildlife with the Wildlife Department of NWFP and Winrock International, SESWA has also taken up tree plantation and set up a community managed game reserve. In May 2004, an agreement was signed between SESWA and the UNDP to promote tropical forests at Village Nogram and Tegari, District Buner.

“ Through SESWA, an exemplary society will be formed where brotherhood, non-exploitation, freedom of expression, respect of law and participation will be the adhered principles towards progress ”



Mr. Abid Hussain, Chairperson, SESWA

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	622,171	507,330	725,173
National (Grants/ Donations)	-	179,926	431,855
International (Grants/ Donations)	-	-	3,904,512
Total	622,171	687,256	5,061,540