

Citizen Actions for Peace and Development Project (CAPD)

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Locals taking part in a community meeting ©SDC

Power to the People of the FATA and PATA

The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and the Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (PATA) lag far behind in terms of development indicators. With populations of about 3 and 8 million respectively, they have fewer opportunities to benefit from social and economic development compared to other parts of Pakistan. 97% of women and 72% of men are illiterate in the FATA, and most lack access to basic public services. The distance between state and citizens affects the efficient delivery of public services. While decade-long conflicts have negatively affected local populations, the constitutional status of the FATA/PATA challenges the rule of law, paving the way to extremism.

Building up Trust

**“Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter”**

Martin Luther King

The ‘Citizens Actions for Peace & Development’ (CAPD) programme aims at increasing the trust between the population and the local governments of the FATA and the PATA by raising the population’s awareness about their rights and responsibilities and increasing their interaction with the government. It has empowered local communities to demand their basic rights and hold the government accountable.

In the first phase, when the first party-based elections were held in the FATA in 2013, SDC through the CAPD programme organised several sessions, during which the political parties shared their manifestos with the local people. Being informed about the parties’ goals contributed to a higher turnout in the elections. The

local civil society has also been empowered to advocate for the rights of the people by running training workshops for local journalists and civil society organisations.

Despite the challenging conservative context of the FATA and the PATA, the CAPD programme has made it a priority to include women in its projects. For example, it has provided many women with access to the Benazir Income Support Programme - the government’s social safety net programme, which pays a small monthly income to the female heads of poor households. The CAPD programme also includes a small livelihood component to build up trust with the implementing partners in the communities. This livelihood component is mainly directed at women through the distribution of livestock or sewing machines.

Time Frame:	August 2012 to September 2018
Total Budget:	CHF 5.5 million
Geographic Focus:	Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber and Kurram Agencies

Strengthening conflict resolution mechanisms is another component under which village and youth groups have been established and taught to resolve conflicts within their own, or with other communities. Furthermore, young people have been given the opportunity to travel to different parts of the country to eliminate certain preconceptions the populations have against each other. Similarly, an annual peace festival aims to bring together young people from both regions to exchange their experiences on resolving small disputes within and among different villages.

Partners for CAPD

- South Asia Partnership-Pakistan (SAP-PK)
- Government of Pakistan (GoP)

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