Kamyab Jawan: Youth Empowerment Programme

Pakistan is one of the youngest countries in the world. According to the Pakistan National Human Development Report, 64% of the population is under the age of 30 and around 29% is between the ages of 15 and 30. This ‘youth bulge’ provides unique opportunities for the country’s social and economic uplift whereby the latent potential of young people can be harnessed by providing openings for growth and personal development. Unfortunately, lack of youth focussed development in Pakistan has made young people vulnerable to violence and conflict, a situation exacerbated by the volatile security situation in the country.

UNDP Pakistan has responded to these developments by initiating the Kamyab Jawan - Youth Empowerment Programme, a multi-pronged strategy that aims at creating a facilitating environment for young people. The programme focuses on education, skills development, and entrepreneurship to address the needs of youth in Pakistan. The quick facts below provide more details about the programme:

**QUICK FACTS**

- **Duration:** 2018 - 2022
- **Implementing partners:** Department of Planning and Development (Sindh), Sindh TEVTA, Youth Affairs Department KP, Department of Home and Tribal Affair - KP, KPEZMC, KP TEVTA, KPITB, KP Culture Sports Tourism Archeology & Youth Affairs Department, Insaan Foundation Trust, CODE Pakistan, Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO)
- **Location:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan
- **Funding partners:** Royal Norwegian Embassy and Government of Japan
- **Annual Total budget 2019:** USD 3.1 Million
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environment for youth in conflict affected areas of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan to emerge as agents of positive change and development.

Through the implementation of the programme, UNDP seeks to work with the Government of Pakistan as well as directly with excluded youth and other key stakeholders to ensure that ‘equal opportunities exist for all youth to participate in Pakistan’s social, political and economic development processes so that all youth feel an empowered part of society with a stage in its future’.

**Programme Outputs**

- Sustained and up-streamed interaction and collaboration between youth and key policy actors on civic and social issues leads to better informed youth who can actively participate in and influence inclusive decision-making
- Youth in public sector and religious education establishments, as well as juveniles in conflict with the law, acquire the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in an inclusive society through the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of diversity
- Youth’s potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalysed

**Expected results in 2019**

- 2750 young men and women meaningfully engaged in federal and provincial policy planning processes, structures and activities for positive impact
- 2600 young men and women mentored to create space for personal growth in their chosen fields and offer opportunities for community service which can enable them to become leaders and actors for constructive change
- 9000 young men and women engaged in sports and cultural events that promote diversity, tolerance and peaceful coexistence
- 2000 young men and women participating in ‘global citizenship’, soft skills, critical thinking, counselling and civic education to promote diversity, tolerance and peaceful co-existence
- 17,000 young men and women provided entrepreneurship education and career counselling, and support services to unleash full economic potential of youth
- 13,600 youth benefitting from jobs and improved livelihood

**Results achieved in 2018**

- More than 400 youth engaged in dialogues with parliamentarians
- 450 youth (200 women 250 men) engaged through various initiatives to create space for their personal growth
- 3,838 youth (1,298 women and 2249 men) benefitted from jobs and improved livelihood opportunities
- 4,200 youth (1,363 women and 2,836 men) received entrepreneurship and life skills training

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