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Dear Readers

As the year 2012 draws to a close, I know you'll enjoy reading through this report and realize that what a wonderful work Lok Sanjh is doing with grass root level communities to bring a positive change in their lives. We are proud of building these communities and cultivating a culture of peace and security among them. It has been great privilege to facilitate poorest of the poor, most marginalized and especially the rural women to enhance and strengthen their skill to upgrade their local production systems in all parts of Punjab Province. We doing this by introducing local and resource efficient interventions to save their food security systems and traditional economies.

This year, the Lok Sanjh had been doing a number of diverse activities besides its regular project programs like,

- A Development of low cost tools that small farmers may use to promote biodiversity based small-scale agriculture and to defend their land and livelihoods. These tools are desi Atta Chakki,
- B Formation of Green Network for a stronger support and advocacy to promote organic agriculture and small farmer s' rights.
- C Establishment of a small basic gynae health care center in the middle of 30 villages from LSF working Areas
- D An internation consultation meeting on organic agriculture as a follow up of Rio +20.
- E Lots of events were organized to raise money, offer organizational support, engage public and decision-makers to develop the pro poor policies that may privilege the most marginalized segment.

With this, I am thankful to all poor small farmers who brought us the stories of hope and success in agriculture and we been able to produce such a wonderful report.

Though the report is just a highlight of the past year, where you find more photos, stories, and information on the Lok Sanjh work. But through this report you will have the honor and privilege to meet with our farmers, farmers' groups, scientists, researchers, policy makers, NGO leaders, academics, and journalists across the Punjab, who are working to help alleviate hunger and poverty and protecting the environment.

I truly believe that this is because of these farmers, that agriculture can be the solution to our most pressing environmental and social challenges. I'm incredibly hopeful about the future of agriculture—the solutions are out there in fields and laboratories, in kitchens and gardens, they just need more attention, more research, and ultimately more funding.

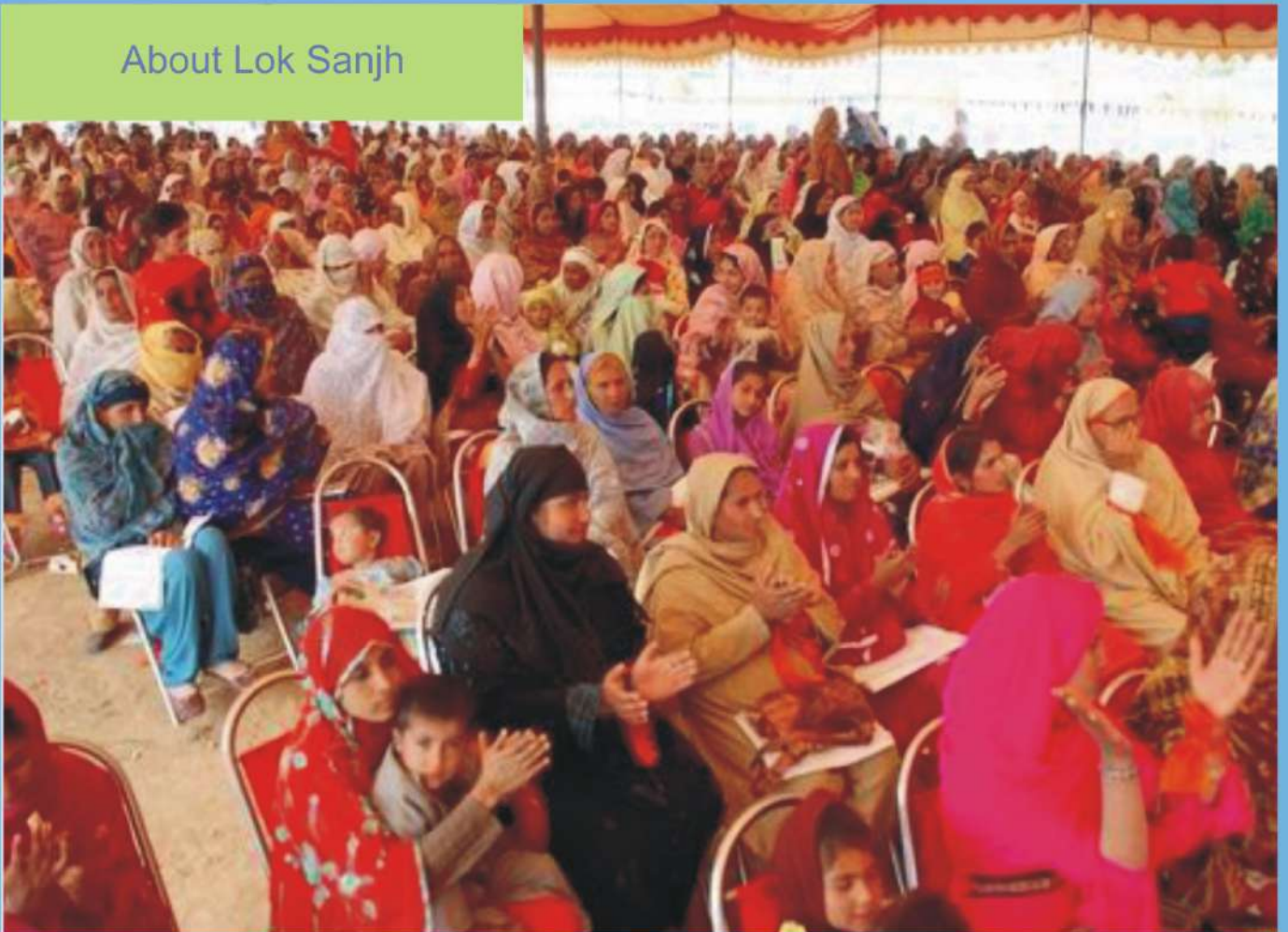
With sincere thanks

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About Lok Sanjh



Vision

The organization envisions 'an enlightened rural society, where end beneficiaries may have choices to exercise and enjoy their rights. They also have access to services without discrimination, a society where people will have freedom and dignity as well as respect for others and the environment.

Mission

"People-centered development to reduce poverty, enhance food security through strengthening local democracy, empowering women, sustainable use of natural resources, developing value chains and technology transfer to end users."



Core Values

Development with equality and equity.

Human dignity .

To create an environment of respect.

To address needs of the marginalized.

Accountability to partners.

Working with innovation.

Geographical Area

At present Lok Sanjh is working in four agro-ecological zones: a) Mountain Agriculture b) Dry land Agriculture c) Rice Based Agriculture, and d) Cotton based Agriculture. Altogether we are working in 11 districts of Pakistan: Rawalpindi, Attock, Bagh, Sheikhpura, Nankana, Gujranwala, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Khanewal, Bagh, Ra.wlakot

Strengths

Lok Sanjh is the only organization in the country, who is potentially contributing on Organic agriculture to revive traditional economies for food security at farm level. To showcase the development model, it has developed biodiversity based ecological models on agriculture. Lok Sanjh has established adequately strong relationships both at the national and international level to raise voices of the most marginalized groups. The organization has signed MOU with major Agriculture universities of the country and other line departments. Lok Sanjh been able to have farmers exchange visits in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh for learning and sharing the successful experiences in the field of agriculture. It has also built a south Asian Alliance and working closely with PAN-AP, Food Sovereignty Network and South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE).

Objectives

1. To research, develop, transfer and disseminate appropriate rural Low carbon, low cost, indigenous, and socially acceptable rural technologies.
2. Creation of opportunities and spaces for marginalized families, Women, Children and Youth so that they could meet their various growth and overall development needs and could freely exploit their potentials for achieving their dreams.
3. To demonstrate agro-ecological models at grass root level to showcase the successful technology transfer for larger mobilization and dissemination.
4. To organize forums, training, workshops and seminars for experience exchange and developing regional networking.
5. To conduct and facilitate research on dynamics of rural change (climate change effect) that can help technology transfer to the changing social and cultural needs of the communities.



Strengthening Livelihood Strategies

Lok Sanjh working with poor and most marginalized to strengthen their capacity in securing food to make a living. Communities are empowered to cope with future food insecurity threats and climate change impact.

In this regard, Lok Sanjh is helping more than 200,000 farmers to improve their livelihood strategies through the adoption of appropriate technologies such as SRI, SCI, soil management and water conservation. Here is a case study of honey bee keeper farmer.



Case Study

Four years back, i started working with Lok Sanjh and with one box of honey bee keeping. Later the organization helped me making a water pond and over a period of three years has introduced a number of techniques such as, To enhance local breeds of poultry and goats and conservation of rain water for harvesting and producing organic fish. I have been provided with best Breed of Poultry and Goats along with models of poultry and Goat shed. These models have been replicated by various other farmers in the area. So this is how my work is inspiring other farming communities in the area.



Farmer Arshad from Attock

Women Economic Empowerment (WEE Trust)

Women Economic empowerment is a cross cutting theme in all programs of the organization. To achieve this, many of the small, low cost and local women oriented technologies have been introduced in all working areas of Lok Sanjh. The activities include, kitchen gardening, poultry, seed saving and goat farming. This has helped women to become economically independent.

Seed Network

Lok Sanjh is developing a Network system to provide quality organic seeds with a central role of women seed savers. This is to preserve and restore the local habit and traditional systems through community seed banks and community-based initiatives. It enhances the understanding on how seeds age and how correct drying and packaging can slow down the ageing process. The process is helping to improve seed security and/or reduce the need to re-collect seeds.



Grain Banks

There are often severe food shortages in the drier northern areas. Since the 2001 when there were several years of famine, Lok Sanjh introduced the community grain banks, providing a village-based solution to critical food shortages. Grain banks make food supplies available at the hardest times of the year at carefully controlled barter systems. This year several grain banks have been developed in all zones. The task is managed by women committees at village level as,

- a. Women are more 'transparent' in their financial management.
- b. Women have better skills in the management of food supplies, especially in times of crisis.



Organic Poultry Promotion

Poorest of the poor women are supported under this activity. They are provided with poultry flocks while their contribution comes in form of making poultry shed with technical support from Lok Sanjh. Successful models have been placed at the Village Learning Centers for demonstration, training, learning and replicating purpose. The centers are helping to promote traditional species and working as a local source for communities. The rural women are encouraged to promote organic poultry by rearing the Desi Breed which can hatch eggs.

Rain Water Harvesting

Most of the Lok Sanjh working areas are water scarce. To support beneficiaries, Lok Sanjh has helped farmers in building water harvesting ponds to harvest their fields. This remained very successful to store the rain water and raising the crops especially the vegetables in rain fed areas. The systems is appealing as it is easy to understand, install and operate and very effective in case of drought. The quantity of captured rainwater is usually sufficient for most household needs.



Low Carbon Ecological Agriculture





Family Food

The activity remained useful in building capacities of the women farmers and to increase the household food security level by increasing the availability of organic vegetables at household level. As a result hundreds of women have developed kitchen garden in the project areas. Almost all plots are large enough to satisfy the needs of the families by saving the extra cost of vegetable purchase from the market and providing nutrition to the families as well.

System of Rice and Crop Intensification (SRI,SCI)

The farmer's capacity was built on different aspects of low carbon technologies as following,

The Rice crop production technologies

System of Rice Intensification

System of Crop Intensification

Trainings on ecological agriculture like, appropriate quantity of composts, green manuring and organic tonic, design of conversion model that is, from conventional to organic, are carried out through the year.



Green Houses

Like every year the activity remained very successful as it supports farmers in raising the farmer's income by helping them to produce off-season vegetables, protecting the nurseries, enhancing farm diversity and increasing family income. The experience remained quite successful and efficient, as these greenhouses protected the vegetables and nurseries of trees from fog and frost in the winter season and from scorching heat of sun in summer season.

Livestock Breeding Program





Local Goat Breeding

The focus of this activity is to empower the rural women by building their productive assets in the form of goats. Goat programme increases the financial status of women farmers and also promotes the local goat breeding. The breed improvement has been initiated at the Village learning centers. LSF expert staff organizes trainings on goats management. These trainings are focused on preservation of local breed by indigenous methods and development of indigenous medicines. The village committees support the process of selection of farmers, delivery and recovery of goats.

Dairy Promotion

In rural Pakistan, small and landless farmers substantially depend on livestock. Livestock is an important part of their livelihood strategy as this stock acts as financial supports where farmer faces any monetary crisis. Landless farmers have dairy animals with some small ruminants as their only source of income. Buffalo is the most valuable animal and is normally kept by small farmers as an important component of livestock. Buffalo milk is preferred more than the cow's milk therefore the demand for buffalo milk is ever increasing. Due to the ever increasing demand in the milk especially the buffalo milk for higher butter-fat contents and developed taste of the consumer a big shift of the buffalo is coming in being to fulfil such an increasing demand.

Lok Sanjh is helping small farmers in developing their productive assets as a step towards their economic stability. Technical support in form of livestock management trainings and vaccination is also provided. Many farmers in Northern Punjab have received this support and are able to develop small meat and milk business enterprises at local level and also acting as master trainers in their respective villages.



Mobile Health Service



Mobile Health Services

Two MHUs have been donated By embassy of Japan that are operating through 30 villages of North Punjab to provide basic health facilities to the rural communities and especially to those who can access these facilities for many problems. It mostly caters women, children and elderly as these are the most vulnerable and dependent part of the community. A team of a male and female doctors play a significant role in this regard.



Humanitarian Support

Working with DKH, LSF provided livelihood assistance to 500 farmers in District Leyyah(South Punjab flood area). Wheat seed has been provided to 500 farmers for the 2nd time after flood 2010 that supported to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Thr project has been concluded this year.

Farmers Rights Program





Conference on BT Cotton

The Conference was organized in South Punjab area, where farmers shared that, green revolution is worsening the farming systems due to soil degradation, loss of seed varieties, high input costs and environmental pollution. Although the multinational are promoting GM varieties but the farmers concluded with the following recommendations,

- a. The Genetically Engineered crops and seeds should be banned in the country.
- b. The Govt. should withdraw its Corporate Agriculture Farming Policy and agreement with Monsanto to launch GM seeds in Pakistan.
- c. Farmers rejected the Seed Act and demanded Farmer's Right to save and exchange seeds.

Rally on BT Cotton

Lok Sanjh Foundation organized a seminar and rally on "BT Cotton and its impact on Small Farmers livelihood in collaboration with Sustainable Agriculture Action Group (SAAG). In the rally 900 farmers participated from different parts of the country to reject the shattering rights of the farmers in the name of development.

Pakistan Dehqan Assembly

Dehqan assembly is a national platform to organize farmers for their rights. Through organizing this event Lok Sanjh empower small farmers for their rights. It helps farmers to raise voices on their concerns and empower to demand their rights. Lok Sanjh was able to organize village, district and province level assemblies to help farmers raise their voices.



Women Conference on Food Sovereignty

Lok Sanjh organizes women farmers conference on 8th march every year to encourage rural women farmers to improve their livelihoods using indigenous knowledge and skills, thus playing an important role in economic uplifts of their families. This also helped to advocate for women farmers rights and demonstrate their experience. People from all spheres of life were invited to encourage these skilful rural women. The events included were,

- a. Different stall by rural women to showcase their skills and knowledge.
- b. A cooking food festival to taste the biodiversity of the area.



پاکستان دہقان اسمبلی (ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ)



پاکستان دہقان اسمبلی چھوٹے کسانوں کی ایک تنظیم ہے جو کہ کسانوں کے حقوق کیلئے کوشاں ہے جو چھوٹے کسانوں کی تنظیم سازی کر کے ان کے حقوق کی بات کرتی ہے اور کسانوں کو درپیش مسائل پر کسانوں کی آواز حکومتی اداروں تک پہنچاتی ہے۔ اسی سلسلے میں لوک ساٹھ فاؤنڈیشن ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ میں



علاقے کے تمام کسان نمائندوں کو دعوت دی مسائل سامنے لائیں اور پھر ان مسائل کے پاکستان میں کسانوں کے پاس ایسا کوئی مسائل کو اجاگر کر سکیں لیکن دہقان اسمبلی نے فارم مہیا کیا ہے جہاں پر کسان اپنے مسائل وہی کسان ان مسائل کا حل بھی تلاش کرتے ہے اور اپنے بچوں، گاؤں اور ملک کو زہروں



پاکستان دہقان اسمبلی کا انعقاد کیا۔ دہقان اسمبلی میں اپنے اپنے جاتی ہے تاکہ وہ اپنے علاقہ کے حل کیلئے کوشش کی جاتی ہیں۔ پلیٹ فارم نہیں جہاں وہ اپنے چھوٹے کسانوں کو ایک ایسا پلیٹ پر کھل کر بات کر سکتے ہیں اور پھر ہیں۔ تبدیلی عملی کرنے سے آتی

سے نجات دلانے کیلئے نامیاتی زراعت کو اپنائیں جس سے آپ خود کو ملک کو خوشحال اور صحت مند بنا سکتے ہیں۔

Festivals & Celebrations





Harvest Celebration South Punjab

This is Festival of Community solidarity and a feast after every Rabi and Kharif harvest. This year, LSF facilitated to organize Harvest celebrations in South Punjab, District Leyya. This was for the flood hit communities who were provided wheat seed to secure their livelihood for the next year. The farming families were happy to celebrate their successful and best harvest after the floods. The activity also increased the social harmony and relaxed the communities. Farmers from all Lok Sanjh working areas participated in the festival. These celebrations show-cased all traditional strategies of small farmers livelihood. The event included, camel and bullock dances, farmer group dance, food festival, small farmers flood reduction technologies, ext.

Eid Milad-un- Nabi

Kissan Open University first course was inaugurated on the 12th Rabi Ul Awal 1433 (4 Feb 2012). Before start of first class, Milad Un Nabi (PBUH) was organised to celebrate the greatness of Allah's beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) and send Durood-o-Salaam on him. The event was attended by University staff, members, students and farmers from surrounding villages. Attendants recited the holy Quran and presented naats. At the end, special prayers were made to seek Allah Almighty's blessings and for national integrity and prosperity.



International Bio Diversity Day

The day was celebrated on 22 May in North Punjab to show cause and create awareness about keeping the natural variety of planet that can reduce the effects of climate change on the world's population and ecosystems. As the links between biodiversity and climate change run both ways: biodiversity is threatened by climate change, but biodiversity resources can reduce the impacts of climate change.

وارث شاہ امن کانفرنس

لوگ سانجھ فاؤنڈیشن کے ذریعہ مہتمم شائع شدہ پورے میں وارث شاہ امن کانفرنس کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ یہ تقریب ضلع شیخوپورہ کے کونسل ہال میں منعقد کی گئی۔ اس کانفرنس کا مقصد وارث شاہ امن کانفرنس کے ذریعہ لوگوں تک پہنچانا تھا۔ وارث شاہ امن کانفرنس کا مرکز و محور صرف عشق کہانی ہی نہیں بلکہ انہوں نے انسانیت کی بھائی، آدمیت کے احترام اور مخلصوں امن پر بڑا زور دیا ہے ان کا کلام میں اسی بات کا درس دیتا ہے کہ بالاتر ہو کر معاشرے میں مثبت اور تعمیری کردار ادا کریں کرنے کیساتھ ساتھ چلنی سطح پر تعلیم کے فروغ کیلئے



ہم اپنے چھوٹے بڑے اختلافات اور مفادات سے اس کیلئے ضروری ہے کہ ہم عوام کے اندر شعور آگاہی پیدا میدان عمل میں آئیں۔

تقریب میں فن ادب سے تعلق رکھنے والے مختلف شعراء، موقیع پر لوگ سانجھ فاؤنڈیشن کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر یکتا ڈاکٹر باہمی اتحاد و اتفاق کیساتھ ساتھ امن بھائی چارے، عمل، معاشرے میں افراتفری، نفسانسی کا عالم ہونے کے اقدار کو پامال کیا جا رہا ہے اس کو وارث شاہ امن کے پیغام پر کہ معاشی، اقتصادی اور معاشرتی نا انصافیوں پر مبنی

ادیبوں، صحافیوں اور دیگر حضرات نے شرکت کی۔ اس شاہد ضیاء نے کہا کہ سید وارث کا کلام اور پیغام ہمیں برداشت، رواداری، ایثار کا درس دیتا ہے۔ آج جو ساتھ ساتھ معاشی معاشرتی نا انصافیوں اور اخلاقی روایات اور عمل کے ختم کیا جا سکتا ہے۔ اور اس کیلئے ضروری ہے جاگیر دارانہ اور سرمایہ دارانہ نظام کو بھی ختم کر کے غریب

اور امیر کے فرق کو ختم کیا جائے اور ہم وارث کے کلام اور پیغام کے ذریعے امن و آشتی کی شعیں ہر حال میں روشن رکھیں گے۔ تقریب میں شریک پروفیسر محمد اکرم سعید سابق پرنسپل گورنمنٹ ڈگری کالج پروفیسر عبداللطیف مغل، ڈاکٹر ناصر رانا، ڈاکٹر ارشد اقبال ارشد، سینیٹر صحافی عظیم یزدانی، پروفیسر خرم عباس، ورک پروفیسر ڈاکٹر ذوالفقار علی اعوان، پروفیسر محمد اکرم شاہ بنو از سراما، چوہدری انیس ریاست، استاد خادم وارثی، حسین اکبر شہباز رحمان وارثی، محمد عرفان انصاری، جاوید یلینی اور نظیر اقبال نے تقریب سے خطاب کیا اور اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کیا۔ تمام ادیبوں، شعراء اور صحافیوں نے امن قائم کرنے اور اس پیغام کو پھیلانے کا عزم کیا اور ان کیلئے کی گئی لوگ سانجھ کی کوششوں کو سراہا اور اس کو معاشرے کیلئے ایک مثبت قدم قرار دیا۔



Rural Women Mela

To celebrate International Day of Rural Women, Lok Sanjh organized a one day "Women Mela" on 15th October 2012 its Centre for Skills Development and Demonstration (CSDD) in district Attock. The mela showcased women's concerns, roles and responsibility to give them a recognition on this important day. The Mela was organized exclusively for rural women, young school girls and their families.

The inauguration was made by a renowned scholar Dr. Ifikhar Ahmad, Chairman of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Islamabad along with Dr. Shahid Zia, Managing Director of Lok Sanjh in the presence of large number of rural women and social activists/workers, representatives of NGOs, government and line departments from different parts of the country.

The following events were organized to celebrate the event

- Cooking Competition
- Painting and Drawing Competition
- Goat Competition
- Publications and Models
- Rural Embroidery and Handicrafts

Lok Sanjh facilitated rural women to organize these stall and demonstrate their skills and local technologies.



Networking with Partners



Japan Embassy Visit to North Punjab

The Japan Embassy had a field visit to the North Punjab project areas including Center for Skills Development and Demonstration (CSDD)Ratwal. Embassy officials visited health camp organized by Lok Sanjh at Ladhyal village, where Lok Sanjh is providing health care to the poor small farmers(Male, Female) and children with the help of two mobile health units donated by Embassy of Japan.



Meetings with Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)

Several meetings held between DKH and Lok Sanjh to review LIFT project activities that has been supported by DKH since flood 2010. The meetings always remained very successful to learn from each other s' experience. This helped to make some key decision regarding implementation of LIFT project activities.

Meeting with UN Resident Coordinator

A delegation of the Lok Sanjh Foundation visited United Nations resident Coordinator's office in Islamabad. LSF made a presentation to share its work in rural areas. Mr. timo Pakkala shared the information about the role of Resident Coordinators office in collaboration of all 16 agencies working in Pakistan. The scope of mutual cooperation was discussed and Mr. Timo Pakkala thanked Lok Sanjh senior staff for facilitating a highly informative visit of the organization.

Meetings with HBF & FAO

The country director HBF paid a visit to Lok Sanjh office and discussed the matters pertaining to the mutual interest for the coming year. After sharing LSF experience HBF potentially agreed to support Lok Sanjh for livelihood initiatives of small farmers. Meeting was also held with Food and Agriculture Organizations country office to build relationship and benefit from each other's experience. Dr. Kavin (FAO Country Head) gave a briefing to the guests about the mission and work areas in Pakistan. Both the organization showed interest to work together for the common cause of hunger and poverty. All participants also visited the Lok Sanjh working areas and were impressed very well. Conference concluded with the Steps are required for Local Adaptation Plan for Action (LAPA).



Dehqan Assembly on Land Grabbing

The Assembly was organized and attended by a large number of farmers, village leader, key informant, school teacher and government and provincial parliament representatives. The assembly addressed that multinational companies have monopoly on seeds of crops because they use hybrid seed.

Land grabbing is a key issue on which Lok Sanjh had a collaborative campaign with SCOPE, a national NGO. LSF is making a major contribution on the issue through its farmer right program and Pakistan Dehqan Assembly. In this regard a big assembly was organized at Toba Tek Singh zone.

Celebrating Rice Diversity

The festival was organized with south Asian partner PAN AP. It exhibited many of rice dishes cooked and served in a traditional way by rural women. The women showcased to claim their traditional rice varieties and the rights of the rice grower small farmers. The festival attracted media, farming communities, agricultural institutions, policy makers, research scientists, civil society organizations visitors, friend and families. The speakers were from Agriculture research institute, Head of TVO and large number of female and male farmers from all over the Punjab Province. The speakers shared the harmful impact of pesticides and stress to save our rice varieties against technological development processes that are neglecting nature.



Stakeholders Meeting

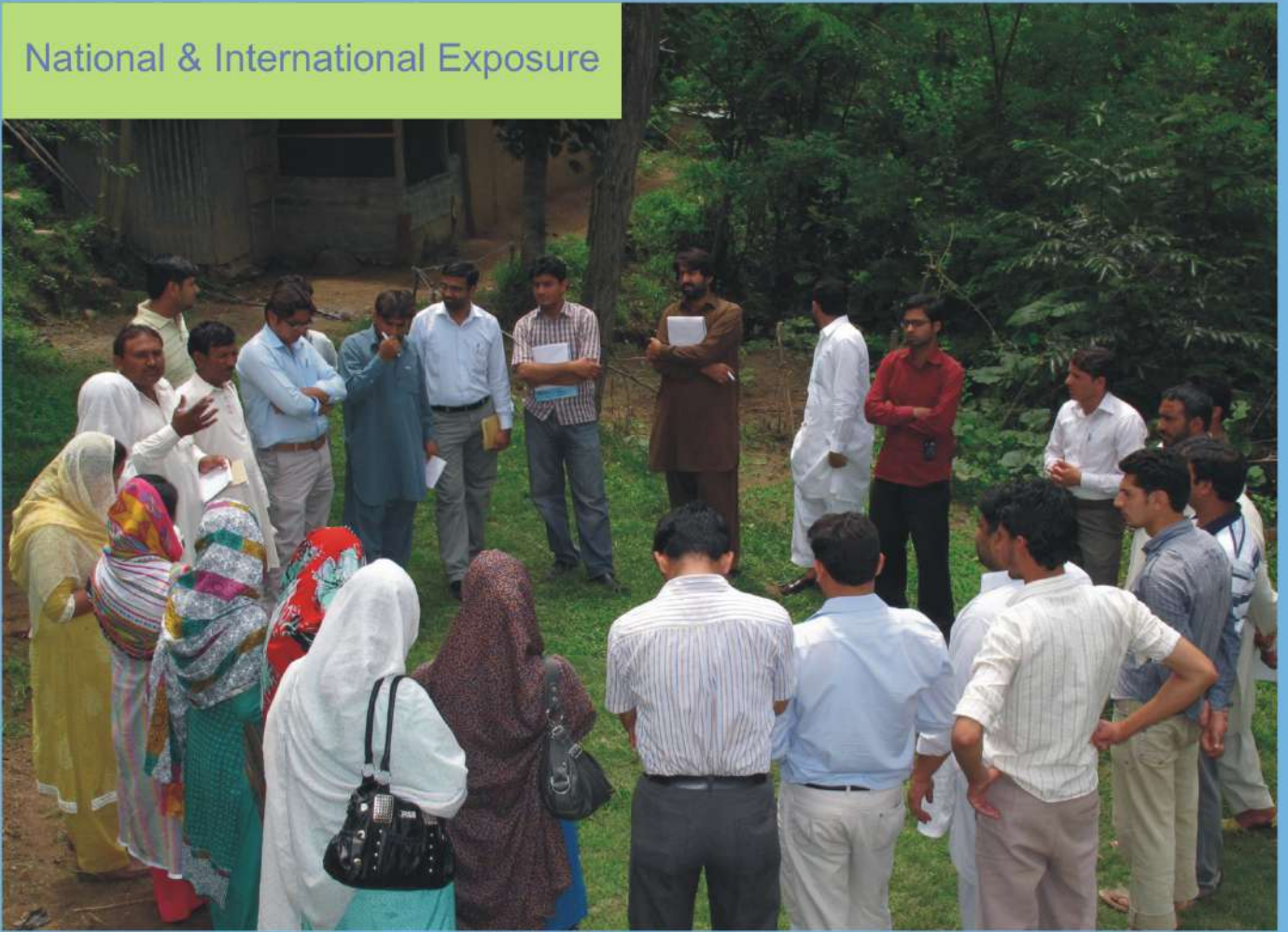
The meeting was held where almost 25 organizations participated. The participants discussed the problems to organize farmers for business purpose, business opportunities and mechanism for value chain development. The Lok Sanjha's qualified consultant appraised the participants about the importance of promoting organic agriculture and value chain development for alleviating poverty and ensuring food security particularly for small farmers.

Follow up Rio+20

Lok Sanjh Foundation organized a workshop of NGOs working in different parts of country to discuss the decisions made at the Rio + 20 UN Conference in Brazil to make follow up at national level in Pakistan. Prof. Hazal Berrett of Coventry University specially participated in the conference. Presentation, were made by FAO, LSF, CDA and other key civil society organizations.



National & International Exposure



Work shop on Financial Management & Governance of NPO's

Financial Management & Governance of NPO's workshop was organized by FMSF on behalf of EED in Summit Hotel Nepal on 29th & 30th Nov 2011. Where almost 9 EED partner organization from Pakistan participated. Resource Persons were from Financial Management Services Foundation.

This workshop was organized to support partner organization of EED working in Pakistan in the areas of Governance of NPO's which includes General Council / Board, Board of Directors, Senior Leadership

Executive Director/ Program Director/ Finance Director and Management of Conflict of Interest related to a NPO.

The participants also shared some Governance issues e.g. Internal environment of the organization, Culture in the organization, action and behavior of the management, How management are perceived, Value Systems and code of ethics which relates to Integrity, Accountability, Transparency and Fairness & also attending Legal Compliance & conflict of interest

A good Financial Management was discussed which includes Setting up Policies, Budgeting, Internal Controls, Accounting Systems, Compliances to legal requirements, Reporting & Audit.

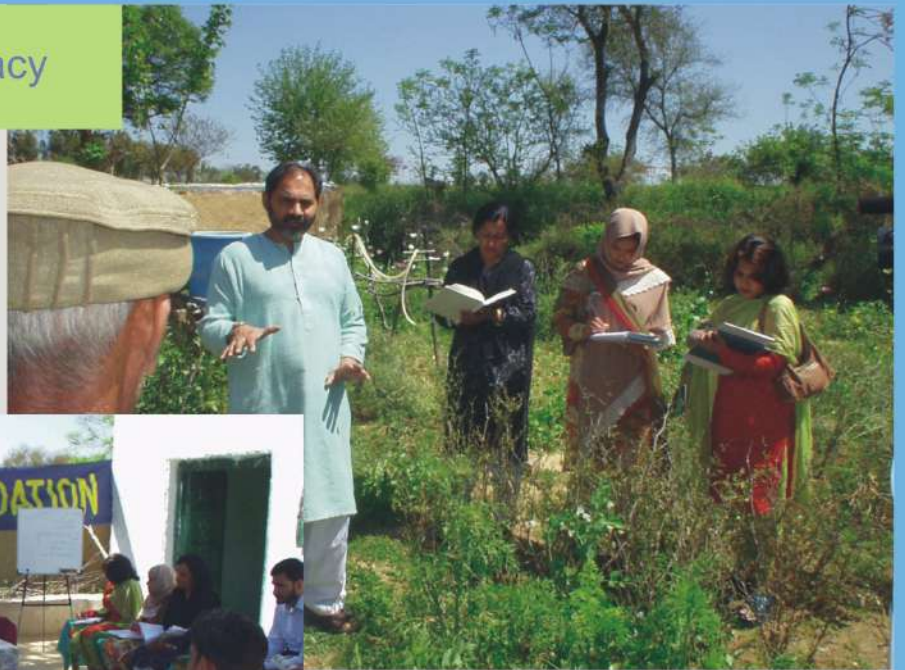
Financial Management & Governance workshop was a useful training for all partners organization & it covered & explained many so many areas of Financial Management.



Workshop with Diakoniekatastrophenhilfe (DKH)

LokSanjhand DKH together have facilitated its employees where they feel valued, and receive necessary support to increase their potential through professional development by nominating them in trainings. This has contributed in the processes for improving the effectiveness of the employees and the organization.

Research and Advocacy





Forum on Peoples Rice Policy

Lok Sanjh Foundation organized a forum on "Peoples Rice Policy" in Islamabad. The Key notes speaker was an international agricultural expert Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan. The overall objective of Collective Rice Action(CORA) 2012 seminar on "Peoples Rice Policy" was to assert the people's rights to food, seeds, livelihood, and a healthy and biodiversity based environment.



Forum on Siachen as Non-Military Area

A forum on the topic of " Need for Declaring Siachen as Non-Military Area" was organized on and a world renowned scholar addressed the issue. He stressed that India and Pakistan are investing lot of resources on Siachen defense If an agreement is reached to declare it a non-military zone, this money can be used for the development of poor areas. At the end of the forum both organization agreed to start a policy dialog among the regional countries.

Dialogue for Development (DFD)

The forum was organized to discuss the development issues at the grass root level. Students, Teachers, academics, female farmers and civil society partners participated in the forum that got the media attraction and was published in national newspapers.

In this forum, the role of women in honey production, transfer of technology for making organic fertilizers, marketing and sale of vegetables were discussed.

Publications

This year Lok Sanjh was able to publish many of its report along with some new publications as following,

Jamia-e- Nama (a newsletter for peasant University)

Vegetable cultivation,

Organic food production

SRI Manual and many more,

BT Cotton Seminar and Rally

Lok Sanjh Foundation in partnership with SAAG organized a seminar titled "BT. Cotton Impact on Farmer's Livelihood" early this year. Seminar was attended by research scientists from Central Cotton Research Institute and other government organizations along with representatives of civil society organizations.

Lok Sanjh organized a rally to oppose the release of GE organisms and especially the cultivation of BT cotton in Pakistan because of the irreversibility of such releases and the potential of GE organisms to cause serious harm to the environment including, soil health, human health, animal health and its impacts on sustainable.



Quartely Planning and Review Meetings

Lok Sanjh held its regular quarterly planning meeting chaired by ED Lok Sanjh, who always guides the staff for their planning and progress. The staff makes their planning with zeal and commitments.



Value Chain for Sustainability

Since the green revolution technologies the small farmers are losing their right on production resources and eventually becoming more dependent on the markets. This has also closed the marketing outlets for the small farmers that in turn is seriously affecting the livelihood of farming communities.

Lok Sanjh has done a lot of work to address this issue by organizing the producers' organization and linkingas with the other actors in the chain. LSF is encouraging these producers to get registered for certification of their produce.



Fund Raising Consultation

Lok Sanjh Foundation organized a training on fund-raising strategies for its zonal staff in 2nd quarter. Trainers elaborated that why we need a plan, why we need to collect data to develop the plan. Case studies were used to explain various components of fund raising. SWOT analysis was used as a tool of strategic planning to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses limitations, opportunities, and threats for each zone. The staff agreed to put this learning in practice.

Training on System of Crop Intensifications (SCI)

Almost 250 farmers have been trained through several trainings organized at CART (Center for Agriculture Research and Technologies). Each training lasted for two full days, where farmers got convinced to use this technique by agreeing on the benefits of crop intensification and diversification through the use of small technologies, especially in the case of seeds, fertilizers, irrigation and improvement of agricultural production. Farmers were given knowledge to grow multiple crops on the same piece of land instead of mono or dual cropping. For each farmer a cropping plan was drafted keeping in view the land availability.



Agribusiness Support Program

The program is still in process to support small farmers for agriculture based businesses. This year only a few of the farmers could developed large scale poultry and goat farm while few others being able to sell their vegetabales on regular basis.

Gender Main Streaming Learning Trajectory (GMLT) Workshop

A four days workshop on mainstreaming gender learning trajectory was held for all Lok Sanjh staff with the help of a resource person from Shirkat Gah. The GMLT created evidence based change towards more gender justice sensitivity and practice at the level of counterparts, their programs and the communities they work with inequalities produced: family, the community, the market and the state.



Our Organic Pride

A) Non perishable

Organic wheat and flour

Organic rice, garlic, onions, honey, potatoes, pulses

Please note that Honey is packed in 1/2 kg bottles and not less than that now a days but will be available in small quantity in couple of weeks.

B) Perishable

Organic eggs, Milk, all seasonal vegetables.

c) Seed pack for different and seasonal herbs.

D) Neem pesticides and organic fertilizer to encourage urban agriculture+trainings on demand.

Every time the rate is as per market price.

Delivery mechanism depends on regular or occasional demand.

The price will be a little higher if delivered at individual door steps

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New Initiatives



Centre for Skills Development & Demonstration (CSDD)

This center is developed on bio diversity based ecological agriculture model. The center demonstrates all interventions that bring more awareness and prepares local communities to strengthen traditional livelihood through conservation and promotion of organic farming and biodiversity based ecological agriculture. The center has models of following interventions,

1. Green house
2. Community Seed Bank
3. Rural Poultry keeping
4. Dry and Liquid Composts for soil fertility
5. Tunnel Farming for early vegetables
6. Herbal garden Medicinal Plants
7. Desi Atta Chaki
8. Organic vegetable Shop
9. Low cost rain Water Harvesting
10. Organic Vegetable
11. Rural Health Unit
12. Botanical Garden
13. Solar Energy Technology



TVO Assistance for Health

Trust for Voluntary Organizations (TVO)-a national donor agency has provided financial assistance to Lok Sanjh Foundation to provide health facilities to female and children. This support has further augmented the work of LSF in health sector.



Inauguration of Peasant University

This is a big revolutionary step that LSF has taken to educate biggest mass of Pakistan society. The farmers are getting required basic agricultural knowledge. The university has been established in North Punjab, District Attock and was inaugurated by a female farmer. This event was attended by the notable dignitaries from different organizations including ex DG Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CEO of TVO, CEO, Joint Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology, Senior Management from PPAF, and other distinguished local guests.



Lok Sanjh and Media Outreach

LokSanjh Foundation has used newspapers, magazines, radio, and television as an advocacy tool to communicate information about organic agriculture, women empowerment and rural entrepreneurs to large groups of people in rural and urban areas. By conveying information to important audiences, from the general public, farming communities to government, the media played a positive role in shaping public awareness and debate.

Reports and Studies

LokSanjh Foundation produces and publishes a number of reports with presentation of facts and findings which has been compiled as a result of research and analysis of data and issues. Reports and studies covered a range of topics during the year 2012 and focused on transmitting information with a clear purpose.

Followings are the major publications:

1. Organic Agriculture in Changing Climate of Pakistan (a report compiled on research based evidence)
2. Goat Program
3. Tunnel Farming
4. Organic Food Production and Marketing
5. Cultivation of Vegetables at Domestic Level
6. Kissan Book for Lead Farmers
7. Wheat Seed Distribution at Layyah



Annual Awards



Employee of the Year

A very young driver who is working with Lok Sanjh for the last 7 years got the "employee of the year Award in response to his dedication and commitment to the organization s' work. This poor guy got fractured his arm in an accident but keep on coming to office to do his duties.



Fund Raising

Fund raising activity was organized at different zones to promote efforts for a greener Pakistan. Then a tree plantation campaign was launched in North Punjab, district Attock. LSF distributed different kind of fruit and shade tree plants to farming communities. The campaign was also arranged in two primary schools; one for boys and one for girls' and children from these schools actively participated in the activity.

Zone Award

Lok sanjh Foundation encourages its staff by designating the year award. The procedure goes through the year to finally select the winners. The zones got the award for performance in 2011 as followings.

Layya Zone(Flood area)	1 st award
North Punjab (Rainfed)	2 nd award
Toba Tek Sing(Cotton area)	3 rd award

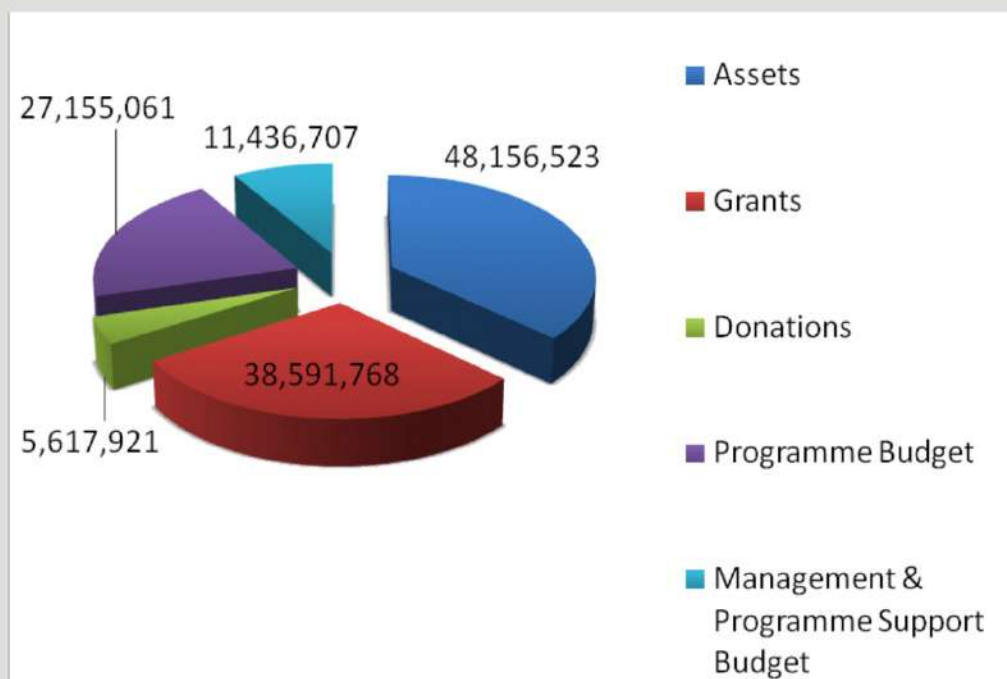
Monitoring & Evaluation

All projects has been monitored regularly through the year. Besides the internal and built in M&E systems, external evaluation has also been conducted by the hired consultants and donors visits. Also annual and quarterly planning meetings were organized on regular basis. Project leader team reviews the progress and implementation on quarterly basis. Directors and Executive Director visits the field programmes to make on site evaluations.



Financial Position

Lok Sanjh is striving to build its financial position on more sustainable grounds. LSF with strong systems and trained staff on organic agriculture is now in a position to offer professional services as a tool to maximize and diversify organization's financial resources. In 2012, LSF received additional support from Trust for Voluntary Organizations (TVO) to support health services in Northern Punjab which helped to strengthen LSF's health programme for marginalized communities especially women, infants and children. LSF's organic products are already in market attracting great attention of consumers. For 2013, LSF looks forward to strengthen its marketing system and supply chains for more systematic marketing of organic produce.





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