



Do you offer, manage or deliver outreach projects (education, health, information services, reading, community engagement, tutorials) for the local community?

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Yes. BU manages/delivers outreach projects in different domains including education and entrepreneurship for the general community at large in collaboration with different donor organizations. One such project was executed by BU through funding from United Nations Development Program (UNDP) wherein BU provided Business Training/Incubation Services to people from FATA



COMMUNITY SUPPORT POLICY

Bahria University



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

POLICY GUIDELINES

1. The vision of the university “*To become an internationally recognized university that contributes towards the development of nation through excellence in education and research*” articulates the desire to contribute in nation building. Youth makes more than sixty percent of Pakistani nation and it is vital to equip the fresh blood with sense of responsibility and paying back to society. Community support is an integral activity, in which every institute should participate as per capacity. It not only helps in elevating the image and credibility of the institute but also reflects as socially responsible entity. “Community Service” has significant importance in QS and HEC ranking criteria.
2. The Higher Education System of Pakistan is getting mature and the focus is moving towards youth participation in community. Bahria University students are already performing various activities regarding CSP. The students need to be involved in such activities by introducing a comprehensive program, which shall include following:
 - a) Objectives,
 - b) Scope,
 - c) Means and Instruments,
 - d) Implementation Methodology,
 - e) Activities to be considered in Community Support

a. Objectives:

Following are the desired objectives of the CSP:

- i) Encourage Bahria University students to work for NGO’s – Government/Semi-Government agencies/ International Organizations, University Administration for matters related to community welfare.
- ii) To inculcate in our students a sense of responsibility and commitment to serve the community.
- iii) Transform Bahria University graduates into socially responsible citizens with clear vision and thrust for nation building by optimum utilization of limited resources and by using their personal and professional skills.
- iv) To capitalize the opportunity of contributing in the socio-economic uplift of the country by focusing on the under privileged sections of the society.

b. Scope:



The focus will primarily be on education, health (including psychological issues), peace, tolerance, protection and promotion of human rights, observance of the rule of law, environment, sustainable development, media, marine sciences, and conflict resolution with emphasis on trainings and skill enhancement. The CSP is prepared considering afore mentioned areas, and include following:

- i) Develop the active citizenship among Bahria University students,
- ii) Assisting the primary and secondary schools in inspiring their students to opt for science, technology and social service.
- iii) Promotion of following causes:
 - (1) Staying connected to roots (culture and religious practices),
 - (2) Tolerance and respect for others point of views,
 - (3) Disaster relief and rehabilitation,
 - (4) Health promotion and care (basic health and use of ICT),
 - (5) Sustainable development (keeping in view possible adverse impact of development on water, energy, natural resources, infrastructure, environment and the society).**
 - (6) Energy conservation and use of alternate resources.
 - (7) Reduction in environmental degradation.
 - (8) Conflict resolution.
 - (9) Self-defense and civil defense.
 - (10) Social and urban entrepreneurship.
 - (11) Assist and contribute in initiatives for relief and rehabilitation already taken by Armed Forces of Pakistan.

a) CSP Coordinator:

A faculty member should be nominated as CSP Coordinator in each department, same as internship coordinators are working. Their responsibilities will be to:



- i) Explore various potential CSP activities in the organizations; prepare the activity schedule in collaboration with PO SRC and announce the activity to the students.
- ii) On the nature of activity, form the student groups or task individual students to carry on the activity with assigned organization.
- iii) Receive input/ report from students and organization at the end of the activity.
- iv) Evaluate the report and if found necessary, take the viva to evaluate the performance.
- v) Forward the list of students to Exam cell through respective HoD, recommending them for grant of 2 credit hours. It will be done on quartekt basic.

b) Student Resource Centre:

The SRC at respective campuses will have following role:

- i) Identify the potential partner organization and will make arrangements to sign MOU following the Bahria University CSP Policy. The DSA office will support SRC as and when required.
- ii) Schedule the CSP activities in their respective campuses in collaboration with the CSP Coordinators.
- iii) Prepare the “CSP activity progress report” of their respective campus with the help of all CSP Coordinators and forward it to the DSA office, on quarterly basis.

3. Community Support Centre(s):

Once the program gets mature in all the campuses, efforts will be made to set-up an independent Community Support Center (CSC) at each campus. The CSC will be a bigger entity which will take the CSP further to the next levels in following ways:

- a) The centers will organize student activities in collaboration with International donor agencies for fund raising and acquire resources to successfully hold the program.
- b) The CSC may also conduct various training programs for under privileged class of society.
- c) It will provide a platform for various undertakings and will ensure BU participation in community development.



4. The terms used in policy are defined as follows:

a. Organizations:

Following type of organizations shall be included (partner with) in the CSP:

- i. Government/Semi-Government organizations involved in social service or community development.
- ii. Non-Government Organizations operating in Pakistan and working in cohesion with the Objectives and scope of Bahria University CSP.
- iii. International organizations working for the social development and community uplifting of Pakistan.
- iv. Corporate Sector / organizations carrying out Corporate Social Responsibility activities in compliance with Bahria University CSP.
- v. Armed Forces/ Government welfare organizations.

b. Community:

The word community in this document refers to the organizations involved in activities mentioned in Para 2 (b) under the heading of “Scope of the CSP”. Initially only those organizations will be involved who are working with-in the geographical boundaries or suburbs of cities where BU campuses are located. However in the next phase depending upon the level of maturity of the CSP and requirement, the activities may be expanded to other areas of Pakistan.

SESSION ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BY GREEN YOUTH MOVEMENT GYM):

The Green Youth Movement (GYM) successfully arranged an activity using RED and GREEN Dustbin, its correct utilization was practically taught in collaboration with the E&ES department where Dr Shaista Iftikhar conducted a session on Solid Waste Management on **22nd February 2024** for the BUKC staff. The session intended to generate an awareness regarding sorting of solid waste for proper disposal.



INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM GREEN

YOUTH MOVEMENT (GYM CLUB):

The Green youth Movement (GYM) club & The Community Support Program (CSP) organized a seminar on “Introduction to Climate change Accelerator” in collaboration with “Beyond the Classroom”. This was held on 16th of February 2024 in Fatima Jinnah Hall. Students were awarded with 2 CSP hours for this informative session.

- This orientation served as an opportunity to provide a comprehensive overview of the program, its objectives, and the benefits it can bring to students.
- Additionally, we aim to address any queries or concerns students may have.
- They genuinely believe that the Climate Change Accelerator will make a positive impact on our students and contribute to fostering a sense of environmental responsibility within our institution.







WATER CONSERVATION SEMINAR IN COLLABORATION WITH WATER AID PAKISTAN



The Green Youth Movement Club at Bahria University Islamabad, in partnership with Water Aid Pakistan, organized a successful seminar on "Water Conservation." On 5th July, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about preserving our planet's vital resource, water. Esteemed speakers, including Syed Umair Ullah Jamil and Dr. Shakeel Hayat, highlighted the importance of efficient irrigation, water-saving behaviours, and investment in water recycling and technology. Attendees were urged to adopt responsible water management practices in their daily lives. The seminar concluded with a call to action for collaborative efforts to ensure a sustainable water future for all.



TREE PLANTATION AT NAVAL ANCHORAGE ISLAMABAD

The initiative of tree plantation at Naval Anchorage Islamabad by Bahria University Islamabad is commendable, reflecting a dedication to environmental sustainability and community welfare. On 12th June, 2023, students from the BBA and Media Studies Departments planted 500 trees, enriching the lush green surroundings of Naval Anchorage. This endeavour not only enhances the area's natural beauty but also contributes significantly to improving air quality, preserving wildlife habitats, and mitigating climate change. The carefully selected tree species serve as a testament to the community's commitment to creating a greener and healthier environment. Each planted tree represents a step towards a more sustainable future, promoting biodiversity and providing a serene atmosphere for residents and visitors of Naval Anchorage Islamabad alike. This green oasis symbolizes a pledge to ecological stewardship and a brighter, greener tomorrow.





PLANTATION DRIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH DAR-E- KHIDMAT FOUNDATION



The collaboration with Dar-e-Khidmat Foundation led to a successful plantation drive on July 12, 2023. The drive aimed to foster sustainability and environmental awareness within our community, and I'm delighted to announce its remarkable success. Faculty, staff, students, and our SSC team participated enthusiastically throughout the day, planting a diverse range of trees in the ARC Parking area of our campus. Together, we planted around 100 trees, making a significant contribution to the preservation and improvement of our natural environment.



MEGA PLANTATION DRIVE – KHALIDA IQBAL FREE EDUCATION SCHOOL

On March 9, 2024, Khalida Iqbal Free Education School organized an impressive "Mega Plantation Drive" at D12 Green Belt Service Road West, Islamabad, to welcome the arrival of Spring. KIFES collaborated with volunteers from CSP club at Bahria University Islamabad Campus and CDA Officials for this initiative. The event brought together CSP members, CDA officials, media representatives, and the community, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility. Bahria University's dedicated CSP volunteers, alongside the management of KIFES, planted 250 trees with shovels in hand, promoting a healthier ecosystem for the community and emphasizing environmental responsibility. The day was characterized by teamwork, laughter, and a shared commitment to sustainability.



ECO – TOURISM MUBARAK VILLAGE BEACH



On November 30, 2023, the Green Youth Movement Club of Bahria University Karachi Campus visited "Mubarak Village Beach" for a field trip. During the excursion, Bahria University students explored coastal eco-tourism, delving into the coastal environment. They engaged in field data collection, practiced mapping skills, and participated in beach cleaning activities. This educational and enriching experience emphasized the importance of preserving the coastal ecosystem. Bahria University actively contributed to its well-being by cleaning the beach. This hands-on approach allowed Bahria University to gain a better understanding of the environment and the significance of responsible eco-tourism practices.





SEMINAR WAS BASED UPON ECO-TOURISM, AND AFFORDABLE/CLEAN ENERGY

On November 3, 2023, an enlightening seminar focused on Eco-Tourism and Affordable/Clean Energy took place at Fatima Jinnah Hall, Bahria University Karachi Campus. During the seminar, Bahria University students gained insights into the significance of eco-tourism and Affordable/Clean Energy. They learned about the positive impact of eco-tourism on the environment and local communities, as well as the importance of transitioning to clean and sustainable energy sources. Through interactive sessions and discussions, students acquired knowledge on how these practices contribute to environmental conservation and promote sustainable development.





PLANTATION DRIVE BY CSP CLUB – BAHRIA UNIVERISTY KARACHI CAMPUS

The success of the recent plantation drive held on July 12th, 2023, is celebrated, where participants came together to make a positive impact on the environment by planting trees and nurturing nature. Bahria University students, driven by their passion for environmental stewardship, are continuously striving to make a lasting difference in their communities. Their dedication to initiatives like the recent plantation drive showcases their proactive approach towards sustainability. By actively participating in such activities, they not only contribute to the immediate improvement of their surroundings but also inspire others to join in the effort towards a more environmentally conscious society. With each tree planted and every action taken, Bahria University students are leaving a positive impact on the environment, paving the way for a brighter and greener future.



BAHRIA UNIVERSITY – OUTREACH

1. Blood Donation Drive in Collaboration with Sundus Foundation – 7th October 2024

On 7th October 2024, the Student Support Centre, in collaboration with Sundus Foundation, organised a blood donation drive for students at Bahria University Karachi Campus. This noble initiative gave students the opportunity to contribute to a life-saving cause. A team of expert doctors was on hand to collect the donated blood. The event was well-received by students, many of whom were eager to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. The blood donation drive highlighted the university's commitment to fostering a sense of social responsibility and community service among its students.



2. Educational Trip for First Semester Students – 8th October 2024

On 8th October 2024, an educational trip was organised for the first-semester students to offer them a unique, firsthand experience of the military's operations and history. The students embarked on a tour of the Army Museum, where they gained insight into the rich heritage and evolution of Pakistan's military. Following this, they visited an Armour Unit, where they were introduced to a wide range of advanced military equipment and armoured vehicles. The highlight of the trip was attending the famous flag-lowering ceremony at Wagah Border, a symbol of the country's unity and patriotism. The trip was both educational and enriching, offering students a deeper understanding of Pakistan's military history and national pride.



3. Speech Contest on “Seerah” – 10th October 2024

On 10th October 2024, a speech contest was held at Bahria University where students participated and shared their views on various topics related to the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) – the “Seerah”. The event saw impressive participation from both students and faculty, with each speaker offering unique perspectives and insights into the Seerah. The contest was judged by faculty members and the Deputy Director, who awarded certificates to the top 3 participants in recognition of their outstanding oratory skills and deep understanding of the subject. This event fostered a spirit of reflection, learning, and respect for Islamic history among the university community.



4. ONE WINDOW OPERATIONS:

The Student Facilitation Centre (SFC) received 62 applications from students and parents, with their queries resolved in coordination with the relevant departments. The types of applications received were as follows:

Types of Applications Received for Queries:

English Proficiency Letter, Bonafide Certificate, Character Certificate

Number of Cases: 62

GRAND TOTAL: 62

5. Blood Donation Drive (AMTF) – 3rd October 2024

The Community Support Program (CSP) successfully conducted a Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with Afzaal Memorial Thalassemia Foundation (AMTF) on 3rd October 2024 at the Al-Beruni Auditorium, Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC). The event also featured a fully air-conditioned Blood Donation Red Bus. A total of 201 student participants, along with faculty and staff members, took part in this noble initiative. Students were awarded 5 CSP hours for their participation in the blood donation drive. Special thanks are extended to Vice Admiral (R) Khawaja Ghazanfer Hussain HI (M), Director General of Bahria University Karachi Campus, who visited the event to encourage students and support the cause.



6. CSP Orientation for Fall 2024 – 4th October 2024

An orientation session for new students was held at Fatima Jinnah Hall on 4th October 2024 to introduce them to the Community Support Program (CSP). The event also included the distribution of certificates to top-performing CSP members, recognising their dedication and hard work.



7. Donation Desk for Pink Ribbon Hospital (Breast Cancer) – 15th to 18th October 2024

The CSP organised a Donation Desk for the Pink Ribbon Hospital from 15th to 18th October 2024 in the main foyer of the campus. The aim of this initiative was to raise funds to support the hospital's mission of providing free breast cancer treatment. Students contributed generously, and those who donated were awarded 2 CSP hours. The donation books were provided by the Pink Ribbon Youth Program.



8. Seminar on Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness – 22nd October 2024

On 22nd October 2024, the CSP hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar in collaboration with the Pink Ribbon Youth Program at the Al-Beruni Auditorium. The seminar featured a guest speaker, Dr. Anum Ikram, who delivered an insightful lecture on early detection and the importance of timely care for breast cancer. The event was enriched by performances from the Bahria Dramatic Club and Music Club, with photographs captured by the CSP Photography Team and Media Club BUKC. Students earned 3 CSP hours for attending the seminar.



9. Awareness Session on Career Paths and Community Engagement (ICMF) – 24th October 2024

The CSP and Character Building Society (CBS) collaborated with the International Management Career Forum (ICMF) to host an awareness session on empowering students to explore diverse career paths and foster community engagement. Held on 24th October 2024 at the Al-Beruni Auditorium, the session provided valuable insights on career guidance, professional growth, and community service. Students were awarded 3 CSP hours for their participation.

10. Seminar on Safety and Security for Youth – 29th October 2024

On 29th October 2024, the CSP, in collaboration with Bahria Business School and Sindh Police, organised a seminar on Safety and Security for Youth at the Al-Beruni Auditorium. The event featured Capt. (R) Ghulam Azfar Mahesar, DIG Police East Karachi, who shared expert advice on ensuring personal and community safety, crisis management, and building resilience in challenging situations. Students were awarded 3 CSP hours for attending this informative session.



11. Breast Cancer Awareness Session with Shaukat Khanum - October 2024

In October 2024, the Community Support Program (CSP) at Bahria University Islamabad (E-8 Campus) partnered with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital to raise awareness about breast cancer. With 1 in every 9 women being diagnosed, the session aimed to educate and empower female students, faculty, officers, and staff.

Dr. Talia, the guest speaker, debunked common myths and emphasised the importance of early detection for successful treatment. The session's key message, "خود پہ دھیان دو" (Pay attention to yourself), encouraged attendees to prioritise self-care and regular check-ups.

Dr. Shafaq concluded by urging everyone to share their stories, support each other, and stay vigilant through yearly check-ups. The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of health awareness and early detection.



12. MOU Signing Between BUIC and HHRD - October 2024

On 10th October 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Bahria University Islamabad Campus (BUIC) and Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) at the DG IC Conference Room. The MOU aims to provide Bahria University students with opportunities to participate in Community Support Program (CSP) activities and internships at HHRD's headquarters.

The ceremony was attended by the Country Director of HHRD, the Manager of Operations, and the Manager of the Youth Empowerment Program, with the Director of Academics representing BUIC. This collaboration promises to enrich students' learning experiences through practical, community-driven opportunities.



13. CSP Club Orientation - October 2024

On 10th October, the CSP Club welcomed its new intake, selected from over 1,100 applicants. The orientation ceremony was filled with excitement and anticipation for the fresh ideas and energy the new members would bring. A big thank you to SSC Manager Mr. Mohammad Bilal Zaka, Assistant Manager Mr. Muhammad Danish Malik, and everyone who made the day special. With new talent on board, the CSP team looks forward to a creative and dynamic journey ahead.





14. Global Handwashing Day - October 2024

On 21st October 2024, the CSP Club, in partnership with HHRD, celebrated Global Handwashing Day at the Basic Education Community School in Kalinjar Village. With the help of 20 CSP members, the event included storytelling, a cartoon session featuring Commander Safeguard, and a fun painting activity where children left colourful imprints of their hands on cloth.

In addition, 400 soaps were distributed, and the day ended with a handwashing activity to promote hygiene awareness. This initiative aimed to educate children about the importance of cleanliness in preventing diseases related to poor sanitation.





15. Meeting at Zakat Foundation of America (ZFA) Regional Office – March 5th, 2024

On March 5th, students from the CSP Club BUIC, along with President Nayab Ronaq, Habib-ul-Hassan (Coordinator for Group A), and M Danish Malik (Assistant Manager CSP), visited the Zakat Foundation of America's regional office. The ZFA is an international organisation with philanthropic activities across more than forty countries, focusing on creating long-term change through community involvement.

For over two decades, ZFA has been working in Pakistan, and during our meeting with the country head, we discussed potential collaboration between ZFA and the CSP BUIC. The discussions revolved around an Iftar drive, for which ZFA provided the venue, vendors, and overall management, while the CSP Club committed to supplying volunteers for the entire month of Ramadan. Both parties agreed on the arrangement, with Nayab Ronaq and Habib-ul-Hassan nominated as project leaders. Following the meeting, a successful partnership was forged, and the event unfolded as planned, benefiting the local community throughout the month.



16. Management of Ramadan Iftar Drives for ZFA – Hadiya-e-Iftar and F-11 Iftar Drive (March 11th–April 5th, 2024)

During the holy month of Ramadan, the CSP Club BUIC, in collaboration with the Zakat Foundation of America and PTV Academy, initiated the Hadiya-e-Iftar project. From March 11th to April 5th, volunteers ensured that individuals from underprivileged backgrounds had access to iftar meals. The initiative provided daily meals for 100-150 people, serving them in a dignified manner at PTV Academy, Sector H-9.

Additionally, the CSP Club, in collaboration with Helping Hands, launched an Iftar drive in F-11, offering meals to those in need. Volunteers from both organisations worked tirelessly to set up and serve iftar meals, embodying the true spirit of Ramadan.

Each phase of the Hadiya-e-Iftar initiative was met with increasing enthusiasm, as the community rallied together in an effort to support one another. The impact of these initiatives was profound, demonstrating the power of collective action and reinforcing the values of empathy and social responsibility.



17. Gaza Humanitarian Aid Phase-2 – Ramadan Donation Drive (2024)

In solidarity with the people of Gaza, the CSP Club BUIC, in partnership with Bahria University and the Al-Khidmat Foundation Islamabad, launched the second phase of the "Gaza Donation Drive" throughout Ramadan. This month-long campaign featured donation desks on campus and an awareness campaign across social media platforms to gather aid for the struggling residents of Gaza.



19. Iftar Drive at PTV Academy (March 11 – April 5, 2024)

The CSP Club, in collaboration with the Zakat Foundation of America and PTV Academy, successfully executed the Hadiya-e-Iftar initiative during Ramadan. From March 11 to April 5, 2024, volunteers provided dignified iftar meals to 100-150 individuals daily. The initiative was broken down into three Ashras:

1st Ashra: Volunteers set up and managed the dastarkhawan at PTV Academy.

2nd Ashra: Momentum increased, bringing renewed energy from volunteers.

3rd Ashra: The initiative concluded with continued support and overwhelming community response. The CSP Club Creative team documented and shared the event across platforms.

A special invitation was extended to AM CSP on April 4, 2024, by the Country Director of Zakat Foundation of America to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers.



20. Gaza Humanitarian Aid Phase-2

During Ramadan, the CSP Club initiated Phase-2 of the Gaza Donation Drive with the support of Bahria University and the Al-Khidmat Foundation. The drive collected donations through on-campus desks and social media campaigns. At the end of the month, a donation cheque of Rs. 650,000 was presented to Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman, President of Al-Khidmat Foundation, to support Gaza. The funds were assured to be sent to Gaza before Eid, providing much-needed relief.



21. Leaders in Islamabad Business Summit - Seminar

On April 23, 2024, a delegation from Bahria University, including faculty and students, attended the Leaders in Islamabad Business Summit, organized by Nutshell Group and Martin Dow Limited. The seminar provided mentorship and valuable insights on leadership, growth, and team development. Special thanks were extended to Ex-Air Chief Marshal (Retd) Sohail Aman for his inspirational leadership.



22. Meeting at HHRD Office (April 28, 2024)

On April 28, 2024, the CSP Club leadership met with the Manager of the Youth Empowerment Program at Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD). The meeting focused on exploring future collaborations to empower youth and develop community-focused initiatives. Both parties shared a vision for impactful programs that promote resilience and youth empowerment.

