

## **Preamble**

Bahria University's Community Support Program (CSP), A flagship program in the works since 2013 developed for civic engagements in which BU was one of the pioneers among HEIs. BU's CSP regularly engages in outreach activities with communities wherein Student Volunteers and engage with local communities through volunteer work and social development programs. This helps students develop a sense of social responsibility and an awareness/appreciation for the environment. The program is mandatory, students must volunteer 40 contact hours as a degree requirement for Under - Graduate (UG) Programs of BU.

BU CSP operates in the following areas with Item 1 being a significant pursuit for the university's community support program:

1. Environmental Conservation & Sustainability
2. Philanthropy & Development for Underprivileged Segments of Society
3. Disaster Relief
4. Awareness & Education
5. Public Health
6. Women Empowerment

## **Activities for Environmental Sustainability**

**Plantation:** CSP club immensely focuses on Plantation activities as Pakistan has only 5 percent of forested area as opposed to the internationally established standard of 25 percent. BU has been an active member of the Prime Minister's Clean & Green Initiative since 2018. The same regularly collaborates with NGOs, public & private sector organizations and even undertakes independent initiatives.



**Waste Disposal & Counter Pollution:** Anti - Littering Drives for the removal of wastage & pollution re regular features for BU's community support program for emphasizing on the maintenance of sustainability of our environment. Students/Volunteers are equipped with gloves, large bags & determination to save the environment. Public parks are often the main focus for such initiatives.



**Awareness & Education:** Awareness and education help individuals and communities comprehend the significance of environmental sustainability. An informed community know of the challenges faced by Pakistan, such as pollution, deforestation etc., they are more likely to take actions to protect the environment.





## **Partner Organizations for Protection & Promotion of Environmental Sustainability**

BU's CSP collaborates with many partners not just for the above mentioned but in other civic engagements fields as well. Following is the list for which BU has MoUs and/or is formally part of the initiative

<b><u>Sr.no</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
1	Green Youth Movement
2	Friends of Environment
3	Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD)
4	Khudi Ventures (Milkar.com)
6	Taba Foundation

### **Green Youth Movement (GYM) Club**

The Green Youth Movement (GYM) is a nationwide initiative under the ambit of Prime Minister's Youth Program. The program aims to enable youth in the country to spearhead sustainable green development in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Bahria University is a recipient of GYM grant of Rs. 200,000 /- annually, the grant's objective is for the establishment & operations of the above-mentioned club.

Bahria University connected its flagship Community Support Program with the GYM initiative where in all environmental concerns & activities were shifted to the newly formed GYM Club operating under Bahria University Islamabad Campus (BUIC).

Salient features of the club are as under:

1. The club has 40 registered members (students)
2. It operates under the umbrella of the BU Community Support Program (CSP) & reports to the Assistant Manager CSP
3. The club has five (05) thematic areas of focus:
  - a) Agriculture & forestry
  - b) Water
  - c) Solid/Liquid Waste Management
  - d) Eco – tourism
  - e) Clean Energy

### **Activities**

List of activities for GYM Club is attached as [GYM Club Performa Utilization Report Bahria University.pdf](#)

### **Future Action Plan**

1. GYM Club establishment & operation of in BU Karachi Campus (BUKC). The club shall connect the students of the same to a nationwide initiative for promoting sustainable practices, environmental consciousness and shall raise BUKC public profile in civic engagements.
2. Portfolio of partnerships to be expanded with NGOs & other organizations,