

Local Support Organisation Network  
Chitral  
District Chitral

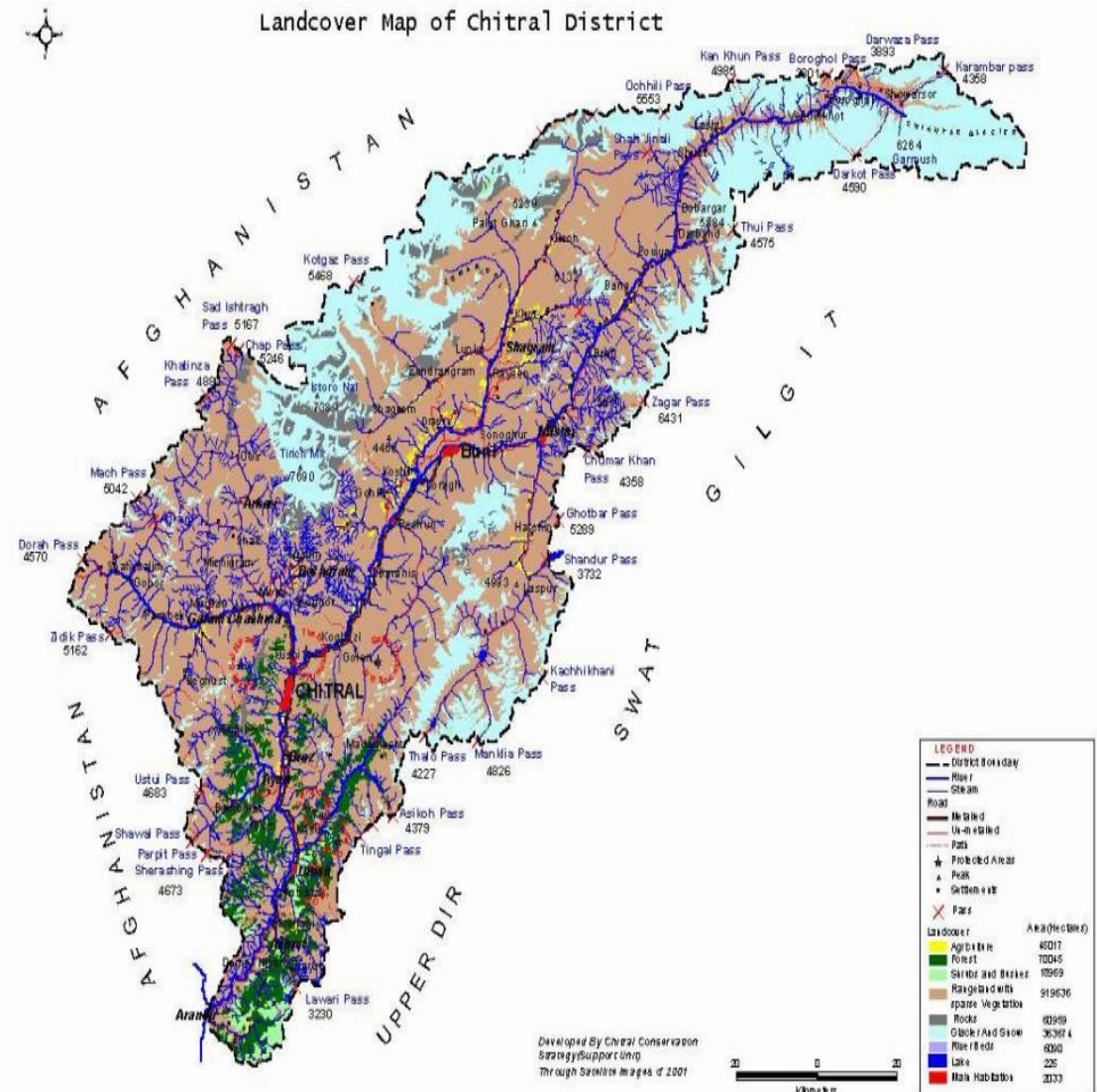
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# Challenges for peace & development in Chitral

- Geographical vulnerability
- Religious and ethnic diversity
- Dependency on war hit areas for access
- Lack of proper security arrangements
- Limited development interventions
- Lack of exposure & poverty



# Local Support Network Chitral

- Network of 12 registered Local Support Organizations
- Membership of 1390 village based institutions with
  - 656 village organizations,
  - 590 women organizations and
  - 144 civil society organizations
  - 42491 membership (24997 male and 17494 female)
- 17 out of 24 Union Councils covered
- 54 (37 male & 17 female) trained staff working with 12 LSOs
- More than 2000 local level activists/volunteers working with LSOs

# Objective of LSN

- Provide advisory/technical support to the local support organizations and facilitate information dissemination and linkage development with the partners/NGOs/Donors.
- Help the communities in developing local support organizations in uncovered union councils.
- Facilitate effective implementation of development interventions through creating conducive environment by promoting peace and harmony among different stakeholders in the district.
- Act as voice of the community and play role of advocacy through identifying issues, gathering facts and figures and communicating to the relevant quarters for necessary action.
- Submit funding proposals to the development/donor agencies on behalf of LSOs and channelize resources to respective LSOs.



# **Strategy to promote/maintain peace**

- **Sensitization & mobilization of community**
- **Promotion of Peace in perspective of Islam through religious leaders**
- **Inclusion of youth**
- **Effective utilization of media**
- **Advocacy with LG**
- **Engaging community in development**

# Main interventions

- Sensitized/mobilized Ulamas to communicate message of peace and social harmony in Islam to masses especially during Jumma prayers.
- Conducted a series of dialogues on Islam and Peace through Ulemas
- Village level awareness raising through activists and V/WOs forum
- Sensitization of communities living along border regarding monitoring of intruders/outsidres
- Workshop on women rights and peace development involving religious leaders
- Conducted three cross border dialogues with abductors to release Greek hostage
- Running project on peace through involving youth and media

# Key Results

- **Strengthened district peace committee**
- **Dissemination of peace information by the religious leaders**
- **Organized regular special prayers for maintenance of peace**
- **Arrested many suspicious people by the communities in the along Shishi/Sawat border**
- **Abductors of Greek volunteer have withdrawn from the ransom money**
- **Maintained durable peace**

## **Recommendations for peace building in Chitral**

- **Reduction of poverty**
- **Scale up development interventions to engage people**
- **Inclusion of youth in peace and development**
- **Promotion of religion and cultural values**
- **Inclusion of women in peace building interventions**



# Future Plans

- Registration of LSN
- Development of rule of business
- Promotion of Peace Building
- Inclusion of youth in development
- Conduct District roundtable of all the key stakeholder for policy advocacy
- Promotion of women rights

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME**

