



BVN
Coordination
Meeting

2014

Bargad Volunteer Network (BVN) organized coordination meeting with national, provincial, district and campus coordinators on 9 September 2014 at Marco-Pollo Hotel, Lahore which was attended by 25 coordinators from Balochistan, Sindh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, FATA, Islamabad Capital Territory, Khyber Pakhtukhwa and Punjab. The session was aimed to provide orientation of BVN and Bargad to newly selected coordinators from all over Pakistan. Furthermore, the session was to introduce newly selected coordinators to existing coordinators as well as formulation of yearly plans of newly selected coordinators, to share TORs & SOPs of coordinators and to devise committees of coordinators regarding duties on International Volunteer Day (IYD), 10 September 2014.

The session started with introduction of coordinators one by one and BVN as well as Bargad team was being introduced to the coordinators. The president of BVN, Mr. Usman Rasheed, commenced the session by presenting a welcome note and describing the history of BVN along with recent activities, vision, mission and objectives of BVN. He shared three following objects of BVN as:

1. Promoting volunteerism through collective actions
2. Celebrating diversity through provincial and regional exchanges
3. Creating virtual and physical space for expressions

The coordinators were not only explained the definitions of volunteerism and diversity but also were encouraged to disseminate the message of promoting volunteerism and celebrating diversity. The terms were further explained to them by providing the example of this annual session where they had some voluntarily come from diverse cultures, castes, class, linguistics, religions and sects of Islam. As, they have joined BVN voluntarily with a social cause of youth development in their respective areas and attending this meeting and discussion with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds which is itself volunteerism and celebration of diversity. Then, the TORs and SOPs were also shared with them by Ms. Minza Yaqoob, Vice President of External Relation, BVN; and by this they were informed of their duties and legalities of working with this platform. The newly selected coordinators were also required to share their yearly plan of action regarding working in their areas.

The second session was discussion round where coordinators were raising their queries regarding planning of BVN activities as logistic support, documentation, fundraising and reporting of activities in their respective areas. For instance, the general query was about fundraising and how they can verify the credibility of their planned activities to potential donors. The question was answered by Mr. Usman Rasheed as name of Bargad itself will serve as a credible source. However, they were persistence on their query. Then, Ms. Minza shared another idea of submitting a proposal to a donor organization in order to obtain funding for a sustainable model of BVN activities. Nevertheless, according to them they were not trained in proposal writing. Mr. Usman Akhter (Media Manager, Bargad) addressed this query as Bargad can organize training

workshop on proposal writing, and later the drafts of proposal by coordinator will be edited by vice president of external relations, BVN.

Later, committees regarding duties on IYD were formed as discipline committee, registration committee, food, cleanliness, welcome and stage committees. At the end, all the coordinators were clear on their TORs regarding working with BVN in the whole year as their queries were responded quite skillfully. The session was ended with an enhanced understanding of coordinators about BVN and Bargad along with thematic areas, vision and mission of these platforms.