

## BNV Session regarding Baluchistan Youth Policy

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### **Introduction:**

Based on strong demand of Bargad Volunteers' Network's (BVN) associates Bargad-Organization for Youth Development organized a meeting to in Quetta on 26 September 2014 in order to launch BVN formally at Directorate Hall, Quetta led by Miss Saiqa Rani and BVN provincial coordinator Mr. Rameez Waqas. The session was attended by 36 participants and the stakeholders of the session were university students, young media professionals, government officials, civil society members, member of NGOs and volunteers of BVN.

### **Agenda of the meeting:**

The key purpose of the session was to ease the query of BVN volunteers regarding bridging the gap between volunteers and BVN as for a long period of time BVN did not conduct any activity in Quetta. The session was also to highlight the proceedings of Baluchistan policy work in front of Baluchistan youth, because the draft of policy is prepared and submitted to provincial government which has not entered in approval process. Therefore, it was essential to take youth from formal & informal groups on board to prepare them which was vital to accelerate the process of policy formulation & approval.

### **About the meeting:**

The session was started by Bargad's introduction including sharing the initiatives of Bargad regarding youth development. At first Ms. Saiqa Rani introduced Mr. Rameez Waqas, the provincial coordinator of Baluchistan, hence further he could work as liaison between Baluchistan youth and BVN. It would be easy for youth of Baluchistan to become BVN associate, and the gap between Baluchistan youth and BVN could also be bridge-up. Mr. Rameez Waqas presented the introduction of BVN and further explained the process of becoming member of BVN. The facilitator then specified that BVN works as an independent body, but still it has to rely on funding from Bargad so BVN faced the problem of fund shortage. However, BVN has started its own projects which would relieve this problem soon thereby BVN could easily manage to connect with youth of Baluchistan. Then, the session was moved to the objectives of the meeting which was discussing the pending status of policy formulation process in front of youth when draft of policy has already been submitted to provincial government of Baluchistan. The facilitator shared the research regarding policy draft formulation as well as challenges youth is encountering in the absence of a proper youth policy document. A university student raised query that how being a university student he could influence a government official regarding policy formulation. The facilitator replied it as, "the purpose of this meeting is not to prepare you people for pressurizing government regarding approval and implementation of policy, but the purpose of this session is to prepare young professionals and students so they can generate a moderate demand to government on the subject of policy formulation". The participants were also briefed on how in different ways they could influence government concerning policy approval in Baluchistan such as writing blogs and articles on the proposed

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topic. The session overall delivered a comprehensive knowledge on the subject matters, and queries of the participants regarding BVN and policy formulation process were alleviated skillfully by the facilitator.