

BARGAD NEWSLETTER

October – December 2025

QUARTERLY UPDATE



This quarter, Bargad delivered historic milestones in peacebuilding, climate action, and youth empowerment. The Faith in Action project hosted the first-ever Christmas celebration at a faith-based Muslim Centre, while Local Peace Structures resolved 18 conflict cases and supported 127 minority students in securing university admissions. Bargad represented Pakistan at COP30 in Belém, co-organizing a landmark inclusion panel at the Pakistan Pavilion. The 16 Days of Activism campaign against digital gender-based violence reached over 195,000 views on Instagram, and Provincial Youth Consultations in Sargodha and Quetta concluded under the PYLI initiative with policy recommendations now submitted to the PM Youth Programme.



COMMONWEALTH
AWARD
2025

A MILESTONE TO CELEBRATE

Bargad’s Executive Director has been honoured with the prestigious **Commonwealth Award** — 18 November 2025, Awarded by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom, a global recognition of decades of visionary leadership in youth development, inclusion, and community resilience. This honour belongs to every young leader, volunteer, and community member who has been part of the Bargad.



Awarded to:
Sabiha Shaheen
Venue: 5th Global Youth Work Conference 2025 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

"For outstanding contribution to youth work and in recognition of exemplary leadership and dedication to the empowerment and development of young people throughout the Commonwealth"

- A proud moment for Pakistan.
- A milestone for Bargad.
- A global recognition of Sabiha Shaheen's visionary leadership.

Pakistan's voice in youth development shines on the world stage.



QUARTERLY STATISTICS

Beneficiaries Data

1,197 Female Beneficiaries	1,203 Male Beneficiaries	127 Minority Students Supported
2,400+ FIAP Direct Beneficiaries	359+ PYLI Youth Engaged	195K+ 16 Days Campaign Reach

INSPIRING ACTION: VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Bargad proudly recognizes volunteers whose dedication and leadership shaped meaningful community impact.



Rahimah Hashmi

Joined Bargad in 2018 as a shy university student and grew into a confident youth leader. She organized a Diversity Fest for over 500 participants, led seminars on peace and social cohesion, and shaped policy discussions on girls' education. Rahimah now serves as General Secretary of NYVN a true embodiment of youth-led transformation.



Fahad Manzoor

Gained real-world exposure in digital media, event coverage, and advocacy communication during his time with Bargad. Through on-ground fieldwork, social media content creation, and community engagement, Fahad demonstrated how young voices and digital skills can shape narratives and drive meaningful social change.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

FAITH IN ACTION (FIAP)

This quarter, FIAP marked landmark milestones in interfaith harmony. Bargad hosted the first-ever Christmas celebration at Qaumi Islami Markaz Shadman a Muslim-led religious centre jointly led by Muslim faith leaders, setting a powerful precedent for inclusive sacred spaces. A Christian faith leader organized a Sabeel during Muharram for the first time, bringing Muslim and Christian leaders together in a historic act of solidarity. Two Diversity Tours engaged 65 participants across Kasur and Gujranwala, distributing 72 dignity kits in flood-affected areas. LPS resolved 18 conflicts and HR violations, and 127 minority students secured university admissions under the 2% quota 24 of whom received scholarships.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

First-ever Christmas at a faith-based Muslim Centre

18 Conflicts resolved by LPS | 2,400+ Beneficiaries



BARGAD AT COP30 – BELÉM, BRAZIL

Bargad represented Pakistan at COP30 in November 2025, co-organizing the panel “Climate Justice Begins with Inclusion” at the Pakistan Pavilion with MOCC&EC and Forum for Dignity Initiatives. The panel centred marginalized communities’ women, persons with disabilities, trans persons, rural youth, and religious minorities in national climate diplomacy. Youth advocate Sidra Riaz served on the YOUNGO Policy Team and the Global Youth Statement Taskforce, shaping priorities for over 30,000 global youth and moderating a major session at COY20 Brazil.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

<p>“Climate Justice Begins with Inclusion” Panel at Pakistan Pavilion</p>	<p>Sidra Riaz on Global Youth Statement Taskforce 30,000+ Youth Represented</p>
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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

From 25 November to 10 December 2025, Bargad ran a nationwide campaign under the theme “End Digital Violence Against All and Girls”. The campaign equipped youth with skills to identify and report cyber harassment through a Reel Competition (47 entries nationwide), art-based school sessions for 260+ students in Lahore, a Radio Pakistan podcast on AI and deepfakes, and messages from dignitary women leaders. Instagram reached 195,382 views with a 57.2% increase in accounts reached; Facebook saw 168% view growth.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

<p>195,382 Instagram Views</p>	<p>47 Reel Entries Nationwide</p>	<p>260+ Students in Art Sessions</p>
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COMMUNITIES OF HOPE (CoH II)

This quarter, Communities of Hope II strengthened peacebuilding efforts in Lahore and Gujranwala through active Local Peace Structures (LPS), which held regular meetings across 12 union councils and organized Human Rights Day seminars to promote awareness of constitutional and minority rights. The project enhanced police-community relations by training 75 officers in human rights-based, conflict-sensitive policing. LPS members continued resolving community disputes, while 55 members in Gujranwala received psychosocial support training. Additionally, minority students were supported in accessing the 2% university quota, with 24 receiving scholarships through HR&MA and PEEF.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

71% Positive View of LPS — Exceeding 50% Target

24 Minority Students Awarded Scholarships



YOUTH CONSULTATIONS ON POLICY AND CLIMATE ACTION (PYLI)

Bargad completed all four Provincial Youth Consultations under PYLI (British Council), with final sessions in Sargodha (1 October) and Quetta (18 October 2025). A total of 359 youth participated across DI Khan, Hyderabad, Sargodha, and Quetta covering 9 thematic areas on climate action and inclusion. Recommendations were consolidated into a Policy Paper and submitted to the PM Youth Programme for integration into the National Adolescent and Youth Policy. Total estimated media reach exceeded 885,465 across print, TV, and social media.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Youth Climate Recommendations Submitted to PM Youth Programme for National Youth Policy

Identification Study on Youth & Climate Action in Pakistan Published

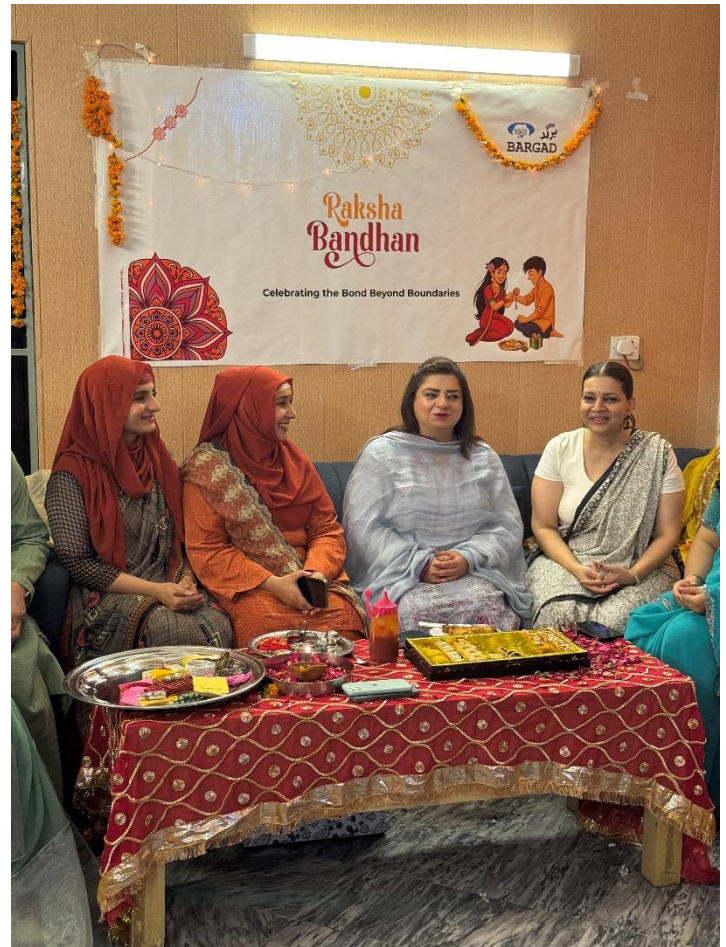


BARGAD IN ACTION: LATEST BREAKTHROUGHS



FIRST CHRISTMAS AT FAITH-BASED MUSLIM CENTRE

Bargad hosted the first-ever Christmas celebration at Qami Islami Markaz Shadman a Muslim-led religious centre jointly led by Muslim faith leaders in collaboration with the Supreme Peace Council. This historic milestone set a Standard for inclusive spaces and stands as a symbol of Bargad's commitment to interfaith solidarity and peaceful coexistence.



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