

FBL 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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PAKISTAN

On Sunday the 27th of June, despite very warm weather, people came to Hyderabad to attend an event. The excitement of young boys and girls was at the peak. Why it was such an excitement to come to Hyderabad on this day? It was a seminar in which there were presentations about the future of the young boys and girls living in villages and small towns of Sindh.

The Foundation for a Better Life, Pakistan had organized this event and had prepared a set of presentations to show these children how they can carve a better future for themselves and their families. FBL Team consists of Trustees; Hon. Secretary and the members of FBL Sindh committee were present. FBL Pakistan team also brought experts and consultants in the field of medical education to properly guide the students and answer their questions related to their fields.

The President of Southern Regional Council Mr. Arif Sajwani along with various Local Councils' Presidents and their Hon. Secretaries were also present. President Sajwani also spoke on the occasion and admired the work of FBL in Pakistan.



ARIF SAJWANI

AMIN LAKHANI

JALAL MORANI

RAHIM KHAIMANI

IQBAL PERVEZ

Altogether ninety-seven students took part from all three local councils and approximately sixty guests attended this event.



Hon. Secretary, Mr. Rahim Khaimani, presented various vocational Training Programs and information about their providers. He also presented information of various colleges and universities.

Ms. Farzana Mithani of Indus College of Nursing in her presentation, provided details of all requirements for nursing program. Ms. Mahmooda Khawaja, the Principal of Cawasjee School of nursing, affiliated with Lady Dufferin Hospital gave detailed information about midwifery education and opportunities.

Farzana Mithani

Mahmooda Khawaja



Mr. Amin Lakhani, the Vice Chairman of Board of Trustees and president of Board of Directors, highlighted the work of FBL in Pakistan and explained how it was helping families to come out of poverty to self-sustainability through variety of initiatives, i.e., vocational trainings, education, and micro business loans. Mr. Jalal Morani, one of FBL Trustees, informed the audience about scholarship programs in education and vocational trainings. After the presentations, group

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discussions started followed by questions and answers. The students and parents were very much satisfied and happy in getting all their questions answered. Mr. Iqbal Khowaja along with Sind Team volunteers, managed the entire program.



What was the outcome of this event?

The results of this event were very encouraging. FBL Sindh Committee has enrolled twenty-four students in Beautician Training Course. Five students selected for the admission into College of Allied Science, and twelve students were able to secure admission in Zarbist Institute, Hyderabad.

FBLP Sindh Committee also enrolled, twenty-five students for pre-test preparation for admission in Nursing colleges. Out of which one selected to study at AKU, and eighteen other girls took the admissions in other colleges in Hyderabad and Karachi. All these candidates admitted in their relevant courses are now studying.

FBL Pakistan continued its scholarship programs for BSN in Nursing programs. It awarded 57 new scholarships to Nursing students and for some other facilities. At the end of year, it was supporting altogether **693** students.

TAJIKISTAN

The work in Tajikistan was steady despite of issues in communication and internet. The Foundation for a Better Life in Tajikistan made a considerable contribution in helping the members of poor families in Gorno Badakhshan.

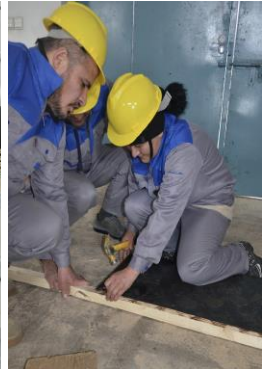
FBL Tajikistan in collaboration with School of Professional Education (SPCE), a department of University of Central Asia, sponsored twenty-three trainees



Classroom learning



Students are at work in the lab at Khorog SPCE campus



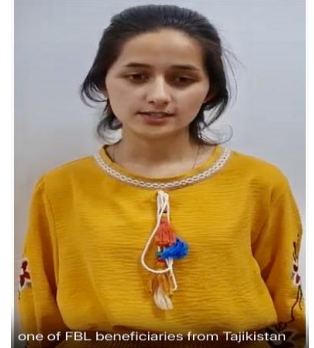
who came from mountainous areas of Tajikistan to Khorog City to receive trainings in construction, carpentry, and electricians training. The students were first, taught theory in the classrooms followed by practical training in the lab and later assigned for internship with various companies.

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FBL Tajikistan team awarded scholarships in coordination with the Director of Khorog State University. Upon Director’s recommendations and followed by FBL interviews, total of thirty-nine students awarded scholarships. FBL Tajikistan supported twenty-three students training at SPCE in construction & Plumbing, carpentry, electrical system, etc. FBLT also agreed to support cell phone repairing course for physically challenged people. FBL Tajikistan has decided to move its registered office from Khorog to Dushanbe. This move will give FBL a broader access to all communities and regions of Tajikistan.



Student at Khorog State University

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“The premise that Islam works on, is not just helping but helping to render the individual capable of governing his or her destiny. You are not just helping them away of poverty. **You are giving them the means to propel themselves and their families into their future in ways which they control**”

Excerpt from the Interview of HH The Aga Khan

FBL PAKISTAN Presently supporting:

School Students	173
College/ University Students	520
Microcredit New Beneficiaries	75

FBL TAJIKISTAN supporting New Beneficiaries

Scholarship Program	39
Vocational Training Program	23
Microcredit Beneficiaries	44

“Any strategy to reduce **intergenerational poverty** has to be **centered on work, not welfare** – not only because **work provide independence and income**, but also because work provides **order, structure, dignity, and opportunity for growth** in people’s life.”

..... Barack Obama

FBL’s VISION

Non-denominational – Does not discriminate based on color, cast, religion, gender, or political affiliation
Abides by the laws of the jurisdiction in which it operates
Economic development for those below the poverty line