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Editor's Note

Dear Readers!

Welcome to The Year of Forests!

As we know, the disaster reduction and relief is always followed by massive rehabilitation work so the theme of this newsletter

"Green Rehabilitation"

combines rehabilitation and rebuilding efforts with keeping environmental cost for sustainable development. We grew up about reading the Emerald City in of The wizard of Oz. we don't have to put on those glasses with green lenses to see everything green rather we need to rebuild and rehabilitate our rural communities without damaging our environment any further .

Green no longer indicates forests or plantation. It's a phenomenal word these days encompassing any effort to reduce our carbon foot print and stop exhausting our natural resources. Green efforts all over the world are not restricted to agriculture but are expanded to automobile industry, oil and mineral explorations, manufacturing, enterprise Development, transportation, telecom, food, education, town planning so on and so forth. So I hope I won't 'go bald with worry' about people misunderstanding Green with forestry or Recycling.

We have added expert opinion by Deputy Secretary Dr. Muhammad Khurshid in and an Interview with Ms. Shamma Maqbool which focuses Green Jobs. In this edition you will travel with us to Italy, Malaysia and Thailand, pictorial view of how was life at

N-IRM in 2010 and much much more.

It's that part of editorial where editors asks the readership for suggestions and themes you want to read about. We will include the best feedbacks in the letter to the editor in next quarter. Share your feedback at editor@irm.edu.pk

Happy reading

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have a Happy and rewarding 2011.

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Views of an Environmental Expert

Profile

Dr. Muhammad Khurshid is a renowned environment expert. He has presented Pakistan on many International Environmental forums i.e. United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), Johannesburg, South Africa 2002, UNCCC negotiations at Bonn, Germany, etc. He is currently working with the Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad



Dr. Khurshid has served as Chief Livelihoods Unit AJK Rural Support Programme, Government of the State of AJK; Deputy Secretary, Ministry of States and Frontier Regions; Project Manager National Conservation Strategy (NCS), Ministry of Environment; Conservancy Programme Coordinator, Mountain Areas Conservancy Programme in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Divisional Forest Officer, NWFP Forest Department.

Lake Victoria in particular) was examined, as it was linked with African desertification, it was found that the river is mainly recharged with evaporation as there was no glaciers. Major freshwater biodiversity of the river Nile in Africa was the cause of evaporation which had diminished over the years. So its natural habitat (with crocodiles, hippopotamus) was restored. Some of components of Lake Victoria Watershed management were:

- Managing shared water and fisheries resources
- Point source pollution control and prevention

Green Rehabilitation is indispensable to avert dangerous climate changes and a deterioration of natural resources which would seriously jeopardize the quality of life of present and future generations. Easier said than done...rehabilitation is a time and resource consuming process and involves a great deal of commitment.

We have Japanese example (Kitakyushu Bay), they rehabilitated the Kitakyuho Bay with billion of dollars over three decades that was polluted due to unchecked discharge from



car manufacturing and other industry in sixties and seventies. The result was exemplary success, but Pakistan cannot afford such rehab projects at such huge cost thus we must try hard to protect natural resources base so as to avoid such huge burden of rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation process can be very tricky: for instance when the mechanism to rehabilitate the river Nile in general (and

- Watershed management (forestry sub-component)

This rehabilitation tells us about the importance of ecosystem. A natural ecosystem can withstand the natural calamities much better than manmade concrete jungles...and unfortunately our nation witnessed this in 2005 Earthquake and 2010 floods.

One of the examples of unsustainable





Biogas stove

development is our prevalent sanitation system. We have replicated the western flush system toilets without considering the fact that they do not let sewage mix into stream or riverine water, instead it stays in the pipelines and is recycled without polluting the natural environment.

I sometimes feel that human beings were supposed to be secondary beneficiary of fresh water. We deprived the original fresh water inhabitants (flora and fauna) of their home by polluting our water resources....so Mother Nature has restricted this blessing of clean water from mankind too!

Our sanitation system and poultry production patterns are at odds with our vision of sustainable development.

Another bad example is the commercial poultry production and consumption pattern. Our government should discourage mega Poultry Farms as they are not as labor intensive as they claim and nurturing of chickens with hormones, steroids has played havoc with our health. Nutritionists now urge us to have a second thought about chicken consumption due to the biomagnification effect and revert back to the basic system of court yard chicken rearing. Over ten million rural households can easily produce 50 million organic egg

per day and 50 million organic chicken in a year as healthy food for consumption. In this way not only rural poverty will be alleviated but also production of healthy food will be promoted in Pakistan on sustainable basis.

We should tag our indigenous poultry as organic and export it as value added product locally and internationally. A typical house hold in rural areas can take care of two dozen birds approx. which is sufficient for their needs and selling eggs. People in USA are giving serious thoughts to their consumption pattern as carbonated drinks and burgers are no more their favorite diets. Those who can afford are even buying organic vegetables from the virgin organic Brazilian soils. We are lucky to have not destroyed our fertile lands and germplasm up to that extent.

Green Rehabilitation is not one time effort

Green Rehabilitation is not one time effort. No matter how much time has changed, 90% of our rural population is still using forest wood to meet their daily energy needs. Cutting of 8-10 normal trees provides us with (0.52 cubic meter est.) energy to meet annual fuel needs of a household. After earthquake 2005, we produced a report for UNDP, UNEP, UN OCHA which recommended LPG gas cylinders as alternative fuel for the earthquake affected people in NWFP and AJK. Due to lack of refilling facilities, it was very difficult to refill those cylinders by mountain dwellers so they sold those cylinders in the town and cities. It was a conscientious green effort to support local people but due to emergency situation proper planning could not be done and therefore it lacked the sustainability aspect.

Biogas plants are Green Step towards rural rehabilitation and rural development in rural areas where livelihood depends heavily on forest wood and livestock.

In contrast to above mentioned example, Biogas Plants present us with long-term rehabilitation solution. I had observed closely two case studies of biogas plants one in Samani (District Bhimber) and other around Margalla Natural Park in Islamabad and Haripur. This is a wide range grass root level intervention. A Biogas plant fulfills energy needs of a house hold, rid the vicinity of major source of its solid waste, and



provides natural decomposed manure thus saves fertilizer cost; control emission of green house gases (i.e. methane) into the atmosphere. This green intervention can revolutionize our villages.

For the readers I would say that, as nation we still have a chance to protect (from further devastation) and rehabilitate our land and water resources and contribute to reduce energy demand and use renewable energy restore ecosystem needs like biodiversity conservation and lastly, we must not lose our inherited natural resources in the name of directionless development.

Vocational Training Calendar

Training	Days	Location February	Location March
Advance Tailoring	30	IRM-VTEC	IRM-VTEC
Basic Tailoring	30	IRM-VTEC	IRM-VTEC
Auto Electrician	60	IRM-VTEC	SOS
Auto Mechanic	60	IRM-VTEC	SOS
Aluminium Carpenter	30	VTEC	VTEC
Basic Computer Training	30	IRM-VTEC - IQRA	IRM-VTEC
Battery Repairing	30	IRM-VTEC	IRM-VTEC
Beautician	30	SOS	VTEC
Building Electrician	60	IRM-VTEC	IRM-VTEC
Carpenter	30	SOS	IRM - VTEC
CCTV Installation	30	SOS	IRM-VTEC
CNG Installation & Service	30	IRM-VTEC	SOS
Cooking & Domestic Worker	30	IRM-VTEC	IRM-VTEC
Computer Hardware	30	IRM-VTEC	VTEC/TTC
Computer Networking	30	IRM-VTEC	VTEC/TTC
Posish Making (Sofa & Vehicle)	30	IRM-VTEC	VTEC
Electric Motor Winding	30	IRM-VTEC	SOS
Furniture Polish	30	IRM-VTEC	VTEC
House Hold Appliances	30	IRM-VTEC	SOS
Industrial Electronics	60		NISTE
Machine Embroidery	30		IRM-VTEC
Mason	30	FIT	IRM-VTEC
Machinist	30	VTEC	SOS
Mobile Phone Repairing	30		IRM-VTEC - FIT
Motor Cycle Mechanic	30		IRM-VTEC
Plumbing & Pipe Fitting	30		IRM-VTEC

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What Training Do You Want

Personal

Professional

Academic

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Akhter Hameed Khan

Lecture on 25th October, 2010



Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Centre (AHKRC) in association with RSPN and COSS conducted an event including a memorial lecture, a book launch and a book award ceremony. Begum Akhter Hameed Khan was the chief guest of the Memorial Lecture. Representatives from various Development Sector Organizations, Media, Academia, students and people from all walks of life attended the ceremony.

Welcome note was given by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan Chairperson RSPN/NRSP Sitara e Imtiaz, Hilal e Imtiaz. Mr. Khan pronounced that "AHK combined sensitivity and dedication to the plight of the common man with the profound vision of a philosopher". He reiterated his sage disciple relationship with Dr. AHK.

Mr. Fayyaz Baqir, Director AHKRC, introduced the keynote speaker Mr. Mahmood Hasan Khan Prof. Emeritus, Simon Fraser University, Canada. Mr. Hassan said AHK blended the considerable administrative skills of the elite Civil Service with the insights of an applied social scientist. He shared and delivered a comprehensive lecture and drew some

imperative links between Progress, Poverty and Well being of human beings. He said, at its root poverty means deprivation and it can become trans-generational trap and rural poor suffers more than the urban poor.

Guest of Honour Dr. Anwar Hussain Siddiqui, President IIUI, said that it was a privilege to attend a ceremony



commemorating a great rural development practitioner. He thanked Dr. Hasan, AHKRC and N-IRM for conducting such a thought provoking event. Begum Akhter Hameed Khan said that simple living and high thinking was AHK's motto. He, till the very end loved working for the poor and wanted to stay with them.

The book "Islands of Hope" was launched as the ceremony proceeded. The book contains many interesting recollection of Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan. Dr. Nazar ul Islam and Mr. Pervez Tahir presented their viewpoints on "Islands of hope".

During the third and final segment of the event, one book was awarded for Akhter Hameed Khan Best Book Award (and prize



of RS. 50,000 by NRSP) to Mr. Noman Ahmad's book "Water Supply in Karachi: Issues and Prospects" for the year 2009.

The ceremony formally concluded with a shield of appreciation awarded by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan to Dr. Mahmood Hasan, Begum Akhter Hameed and Dr. Anwar Hussain Siddiqui.



Green Jobs & World of Work

Ms. Shama Maqbool is working with UN for last eight years. She has studied management at Harvard University, USA. Working with ILO since 2008 and have worked with ILO on number of ILO initiatives such as elimination of child labour, women empowerment, promotion of ILO's Decent Work Agenda in the country and promoting Green Jobs.



According to a recent ILO report, green jobs in agriculture, industry, services and administration, even with govt. subsidies, can promote sustainable economic growth with long term impact. There are examples worldwide like:

Tell us something about ILO, Green Jobs Project. How would you relate world of work with Green Rehabilitation?

ILO is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labor rights. ILO promotes rights at work and encourage decent employment opportunities and enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work-related issues. Pakistan has been an important and active member state of the ILO since its inception in 1947, and has ratified 36 conventions, including the 8 core conventions.

The world of work is sensitive to changes in

the environment. It focuses on how climate change is affecting workplaces at global, national and grassroots level and identifies solutions for sustainable development. Green Jobs at this stage on national level deals with basic orientation among masses specially the stakeholders about promoting employment and entrepreneurship without compromising environment.

What do you think are common misperceptions about the word Green Jobs?

Initially whenever we talked about Green Jobs in Pakistan, it was perceived as jobs in renewable energy sector, construction sector and recycling sector at specific levels and trades.

It was challenging to convince masses that green jobs can be integrated in almost every sector. Jobs in the administration, management can also be green. At, ILO our focus is not only green jobs but also decent employment. For instance, Sectors such as recycling is green to some extent, however it is not decent if OSH is not taken care of.

Please enlighten us a little bit about worldwide innovations in Green jobs.

- ILO in **India** is working on making the value chain green in the dairy sector. Specific opportunities identified to benefit more than a few farmers (e.g use of wasteland and networking, research to address lack of green fodder, help small farmers set up biogas plants for households



thermal requirements with the government subsidy schemes). Review of existing incentive schemes and regulatory impact assessment of possible green incentive policies. Integrate infrastructure, financial (including Carbon Finance) and skills issues.

- Watershed management was vital response/adaptation to the damage caused by hurricane 'Jeanne' in **Haiti** (2004) led to widespread devastation. It is achieved through environmental protection measures such as contour bounding, construction of weirs, and reforestation. When implemented in the form of labor-intensive public work schemes carried out by the local population,



payment for environmental protection works provides an important income support to affected people, green and decent employment.

Why do you think Alternative Energy is not booming in Pakistan the way it should?

Alternate Energy is one of the 3 Sectors identified for Green Jobs i.e. Agriculture, Alternate Energy, and Construction. Since at this stage we are basically dealing with orientation about integration of green jobs in these Sectors so it will be too premature to hatch the conclusions... but it seems that in Pakistan we have not adequate Policy level interventions.

It's believed Development Sector generally deals with Social Sector Services...why do you think it is considered as no no are for Development Sector.

As, I mentioned earlier, green jobs can be integrated in all sectors. And development sector has crucial role in its promotion i.e. education promotion, why not focus on Green Education? I would like to quote an example of Bangladesh's Grameen Shakti (GS). GS has helped to install more than 100,000 solar home systems in rural communities and trained over 5000 women as solar PV technicians and maintenance workers and many more jobs were created indirectly. GS is aiming to create 100,000 jobs in renewable energy and related business. So substantial examples are there but may be they are not projected the way corporate initiatives are...

It would also be pertinent to talk about global Jobs Pact when we have so much talked about Green Jobs because worldwide people are facing with the prospect of a prolonged unemployment, poverty and inequality and the continuing collapse of enterprises. The ILO adopted a Global Jobs Pact designed to guide national and international policies aimed at stimulating economic recovery, generating jobs and



providing protection to working people and their families.

According to a recent ILO report, green jobs in agriculture, industry, services and administration, even with govt. subsidies, can promote sustainable economic growth with long term impact.

Adapting to mitigating climate change will entail a transition to new patterns of production, consumption and employment. The opportunities are vast to create green jobs through energy and industrialization. Alongside these opportunities we need policies that ensure a reduced carbon footprint. Pakistani Development Sector is not isolated from environmental concerns and ILO Pakistan is promoting green jobs in the development sector as one of its key activities.

Message for Readers

We need to strengthen our education and training systems to prepare ourselves for the new skills that are required for transforming ourselves for green and decent jobs. As a developing country, potential for green jobs in Pakistan exists at all levels. There are direct jobs in sectors that produce green goods and services and indirect jobs in their supply chain. It's high time that we create green jobs (both rural and urban) for our future generations.



Feed News



Green Retreat: Dhanoi Recreational Trip

On 2nd October, 2010 all staff flexed their supporty muscles. Devoured BBQ and chocolate cake as the trip coincided with CEO's Birthday. The staff explored the hills and enjoyed the green retreat!



HRDN All Members Meeting

The event was held on 6th November at Muhammd Ali Jinnah University Sihala Campus. The event was unique blend of HRDN's annual progress, presentations by Development & Academic experts, Q& A session. All members meeting was followed by melodious night.



ISO Internal Audits (22- 26th November)

All Sections completed the inter-sectoral biannual Audits. Sections amended their nonconformities and PMER launched its ISO Procedures.



Promotional Party:

The staff enjoyed Bonfire dinner at 4th November, 2010 at Olive Garden. The party was given by; Sabiha Firdous, Zobia Nazir, Mehreen Raza, Manzar Abbas, Rizwan Qazi, Eesa Khan, Seerat Fatima and Maria Qibtia.



Visit of Geof woods

On 10th December, 2010, Mr. Geof Woods from Bath University UK visited N-IRM. Our staff met him for two informal sessions on:

- British Education System /Opportunity for N-IRM Staff to study in UK
- Possible Opportunities for N-IRM for collaboration with UK Universities



Training Calendar

February 2011

Academics

Executive Diploma in English Language
Proficiency (N-IRM) SMTP
OTW 108 - 111
Training on Proposal Writing & Book Keeping
(Attock & Gawadar)
Community Investment Fund, Management
Training on Credit Appraisal Recovery Technique

Health & ENRM TBA (Islamabad)

General Nursing Training (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
OPD Attendant Training (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
Medical Store Attendant (Islamabad)
Medical Representative (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
CLEWs (Rawalpindi & Sukkur)

Education

Teacher Training, Bahawalpur

March 2011

SMTP

OTW 111 – 114,
Community Investment Fund Management
Loan portfolio Management

Academics

Post Graduate Diploma in HRM

Health & ENRM

TBA (Islamabad)
General Nursing Training (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
OPD Attendant Training (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
Medical Dresser Attendant (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
X Ray Attendant Training (Railway Hospital, Rawalpindi)
CLEWs (Rawalpindi)
Kitchen Gardening (NARC, Islamabad)

For details visit: www.irm.edu.pk

Graduation Ceremonies

Women's

Focused Programmes

YPLP Batch –II

The Graduation Ceremony of YPLP Batch – II was held on 2nd December, 2010 at Iqra University. Honorable Minister for Human Rights Mr. Mumtaz Gilani was the Chief Guest. Prof Jamil Ahmed Dean Iqra University was guest of honor. Representatives from Royal Norwegian Embassy and SAARC and GM NRSP Agha Ali Javad also graced the ceremony. Best Team Award went to Team Vortex and best participant Award went to Ms. Khadija Saeed. Ms. Fauzia Malik gave vote of thanks and congratulated participants.



WLP Cohort IV

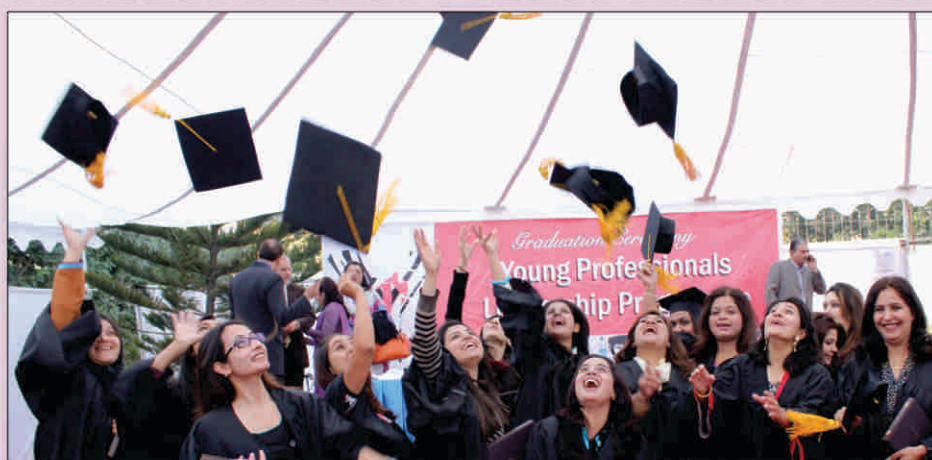
The Graduation Ceremony of WLP Cohort IV was held on 10th December, 2010 at Iqra University, Islamabad Campus. Ms. Shandana Khan was Chief Guest. Mr. Kashif M. Khan was guest of honor. Best Team was Team Pioneers and Best Participant Award went to Ms. Samina Sabir.



YPLP Batch – III

The graduation Ceremony of YPLP Batch – III was held on 20th December, 2010 at N-IRM Management Block. Dr. Jamil was Chief Guest Mr. Terje Bastrad of Royal Norwegian Embassy was Guest of Honor. Best Team was Team Synergy and Best Participant Award went to Ms. Sakina Qadeem Khan.

By: Maria Qibtia





To spice up the Resolutions we have selected few resolutions hierarchically i.e. Top to Bottom theme. Let's see what they say and how maturity affects or does it...

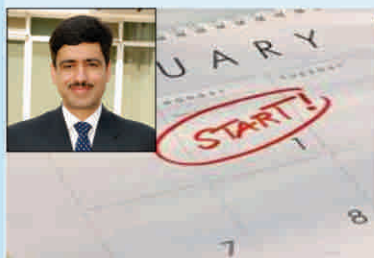
Roomi S. Hayat (CEO N-IRM)

I resolve to Visit the Wonders of the World and be happy in all situations and let destiny do its work....



Anwar ul Haq (Programme Manager)

look forward to the New Year, for a new start on old habits!



Aasim Reza (Manager PMER)

I resolve to pay more attention to the neglected & marginalized (my wife) segment of my life!



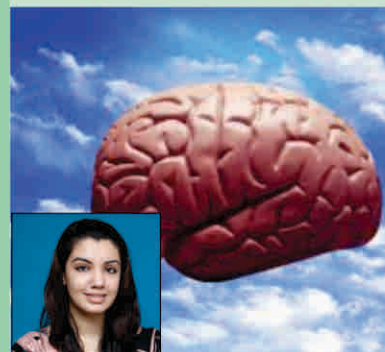
Bilal Azhar (Finance Manager)

I will stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be... after all every day is a new beginning!



Sabina (Intern)

This year I would like to try writing down all the stories that whirl around in my head :), travel abroad, learn something new and of course try to be a better person!



Kifait Naqvi (Intern)

Will try to get in better shape and will try my level best to find my soul mate. I will try to get organized.



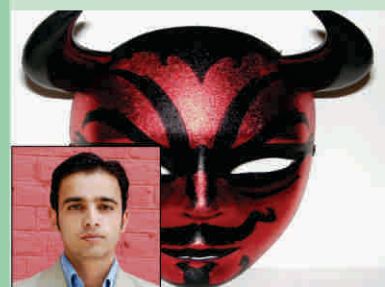
Sumera Bakhsh (Intern)

Dear God! My prayer for 2011 is for a fat bank account and thin body. Please don't mix these up like YOU DID last year.



Noman Sarwar (Intern)

This year between the two evils I will pick the one I never tried before!





Sawadeeka Bangkok

Acknowledgment
Zobia Nazir (Malaysia)
Sabiha Firdous (Thailand)



Amina Nasim Khan

Bangkok trip seems to pass like a wink of an eye but it has been a highly eventful trip. On the day of our arrival, the whole Bangkok city had entered into the spirit of celebration for 83rd Birthday of Thai King. Our stay was arranged at comfortable centrally located hotel in Bangkok. We visited temple of Wat Po, there a Giant Reclining Buddha covered with 14ct gold, lying in a pose called a moment of Nirvana. We had a day long marathon of immense knowledge and pleasure from cityscape to the outskirts of Bangkok; learnt to make sugar from coconut, a row boat ride in the canal, buffet lunch at rose garden; followed by an enchanting elephant show and marveled by the dramatic performances in model Thai village. We attended a meeting at Women Information Centre on the status of women in Thailand arranged by Ms. Duangsamorn (a research associate at AIT). Then, we went to Asian Institute of Technology for an introduction of Gender and Development Studies by Mr. Philippe.

I thank Erum Wali Khan for giving us the opportunity to meet the Director Social Development Division at UN head quarters Asia-Pacific region and the Pakistan Ambassador in Thailand. Evenings were spent exploring the sky train ride and so much more Bangkok had to offer; shopping comes on top of everything. Big thanks to Mr. Roomi S. Hayat for giving me this opportunity to this spectacular exposure. I have brought along memories and really good contacts with women leaders.



Exploring Malaysia Samar Saeed Akhter

13th to 19th December
YLP Batch III went to
exposure visit
of Malaysia



Meeting with "sisters in Islam"



Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur



Training Matters

Three of our staff members George Chughtai, Gulfam Qureshi and Shahid Hussain attended training on “**Learning Chemistry**” from 13-15th October, 2010. The training was offered by International Training Center, Turin, Italy.

Objectives

The workshop provided pedagogical tools and techniques to trainers, facilitators and content experts. In particular, participants had the opportunity to:

1. Look at the training cycle from a learner's perspective;
2. Explore learning style;
3. Experience learning within a stimulating environment;
4. Build their repository of innovative and participatory methodologies;
5. Gain pedagogical criteria to choose the most appropriate methods for a specific audience in a given context;
6. Be inspired and creative



Sights and Italian cuisine's were a bonus.



The sessions were related to the trainer's major functions: design, implement and evaluate learning.



Participants continuously learnt from the content and the practice, by testing participatory and creative methods. The environment was free, stimulating and open to new ideas.



Participants experienced multisensorial learning and a unique international context.

field Visits

I was surprised to know that me the web developer will also have to do the field attachment. With confused mind I started field comprising of villages on the outskirts of Rawalpindi. I realized for first time the purity and simplicity of rural life and their tough working routine. Soon I realized the importance of mandatory field attachment at N-IRM.

My experience of women LSO Chuhan was encouraging and stunning to find an active LSO running in a successful and organized manner by women. I also visited village Hoon where I visited biogas plant. This alternate energy source with its cost effectiveness and waste reduction features is blessing in areas without natural gas. Such interventions are blessing as they save ...and make use of alternate energy at house hold level. But a grave fact which I noticed the absence of maintenance mechanism and communities needed to be trained for it.



I came across field staff busy in BISP Project funded by World Bank and running by NRSP. NRSP by collecting data on household level, is contributing a lot in giving a transparent picture in absence of any recent census.

Now I can easily project N-IRM's working in website for the world. After having field attachment I get to know for whom my Organization is working, giving them training in different field and building their capacities so they can easily earn their livelihood.

By: Aqeela Sadaf

City of Forts

Fort Abbas is known as 'City Of Forts'. This Tehsil of Bahawalpur adjoins Indian border district Bikanair. There are 16 UCs. NRSP is working here since 2002 and have 4 LSOs.

It's a beautiful town but flooded annually by the Indian River Gagira. But this year's flood was exceptional in magnitude of devastation. Crops and homes were inundated. After flood NRSP has implemented water courses and soling schemes.

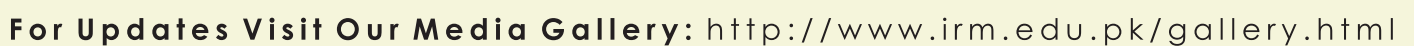
People have harvested wheat, sugarcane, spinach, gram (chick pea) after flood.

People have opened sewing center on self help basis. People were satisfied with NRSP's credit Scheme as it was much easier to get loan from NRSP as compared to Banks.

By: Kiran Fayyaz



N-IRM Attracts, Builds and Retains talent-our purposeful festive and recreational activities make a healthier and happier inter-office environment



Reviews

Go Green, Live Rich

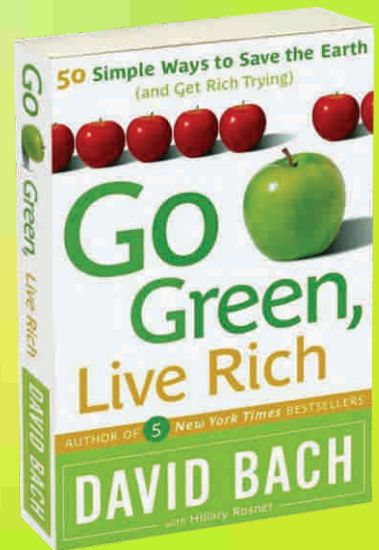
By David Bach

192 Pages

Price: \$ 9.71

Publisher: Headline Publishing, 1ST edition (April 8, 2008)

"Great News: there is no green premium! By demonstrating how going green can fit any budget, David Bach shows that good environmental and financial decisions go hand-in-hand. Bach's Go Green, Live Rich gives great tips, useful to everyone, about how to save money and the planet at once." **Robert F. Kennedy, JR.**



Attention Self Publishers

Green book festival, San Francisco, USA

Entry fee: 50\$ per submission is (Fiction, Nonfiction, Children)

Deadline: 25th April 2011

Prize: 1500\$ and free air ticket

Tech Talk Mini Solar Panel

An average villager (having 5 children) is spending 30 Rs daily for illumination through Candle or Oil in the flood hit villages with no the grid electricity for next few years. For sustainability and giving them the cushion to save Rs11000 per year by illuminating & energizing their homes being constructed, schools, dispensaries, mosques etc.

Email: info.seedsofhope@yahoo.com

Contribute generously: one solar system costs Rs. 3000.



Panel Can Charge Light & Mobile

Web Watch: ecocycle



Website: www.ecocycle.org

Dear reader you must have come across various green websites which focus on water, biodiversity, env laws or renewable Energy etc. This website just not focuses on one aspect rather it molds our thinking about green living. And what steps we as individual can take that can contribute to the green cause.

The website has something for everyone. From CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) to energy Audits and from safe chemicals to Cool 2012. It also has Short videos for educating us on green production and consumption patterns.

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