

Organizational Profile



Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association (CGCDCA)

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Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association (CGCCDA)

Back Ground

Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association was founded in 2005 by members of 12 Village Conservation Committees (VCC) & 11 WVCCs under the auspices of WWF, Chitral. Members of the association have long been striving to conserve and ensure sustainable use of available natural resources in Chitral Gol National Park since 1992. With the advent of Protected Areas Management Project, a GEF funded Project; all the villages around CGNP were formally organized in to VCC to ensure active participation of local communities in the park management efforts.

Later on with the aim of synchronize the efforts of all VCCs regarding sustainable management of the park resources a cluster body of these VCCs was established, which formally named as Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association (CGCCDA) in 2005. Since then, the association is actively participating in conservation efforts undertaken by PAMP-CGNP and other organization. It has been registered with Social Welfare Department Chitral under registration No.758 during November 2009. Registration of CGCCDA under companies act 1984 has recently been done with Government of KPK.

The Office of CGCCDA is located in the main town Chitral. The areas of intervention of Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association are the custodian communities of Chitral Gol National Park residing in 12 villages around the Park and two Buffer Zone Village Conservation Committees (VCC) i.e. Awirat Gol in the north and Rumboor Gol (Kalash) in the south of Chitral Gol National Park..

Geographic description of Target Area and Custodial Communities:

The district Chitral lies to the extreme north of NWFP, Pakistan between 35° 12' – 36° 50' N Latitude and 71o 2' – 73° 53' E Longitude covering an area of 14,850 km². The elevation of Chitral varies from 1,200 m in Arandu to 7,780 m at Tirich Mir.

The Park is named after 'Chitral' town and the 'Gol' is the word for a stream or 'Nallah' in the local Khowar language. Chitral Gol emerges from the National Park and joins Chitral River in Chitral Town. CGNP was established in 1984 according to the IUCN Management Category II of the National Parks to protect the populations of Endangered Flare-horned Markhor (*Capra falconeri falconeri*) and the Snow Leopard (*Uncia uncia*) and their significant habitats.

CGNP is situated in one of the side valleys of the main valley of Chitral, NWFP, Pakistan. The Park is located at 3 km west of Chitral Town and the approximate geographical position of the Park is 35o 42' and 36o 01' N Latitude and 71o 36' and 71o 49' E Longitude. The boundaries of the CGNP as mentioned in the original notification of October 1984 are as under:

- North: Ridge separating Lutkoh Tehsil and part of Singoor Gol
- West: Lutkoh Tehsil and part of Chimersan Gol
- South: Moleen Gol and Chimersan Gol
- East: Singoor and Chitral River

The National Park is a valley with an estimated area of 7,750 ha and lies in the Hindukush Range.

The stakeholder communities of CGNP are concentrated in 12 villages, located in the immediate east of CGNP on the western bank of Chitral River. These villages consist of Zargarandeh, Shahmirandeh Singoor, Chewdok, Thingshen, Dangrekandeh, Mughlandeh, Goldoor, Rehankot, Jang Bazaar, Shaldane and Balach. These villages have had traditional rights of use inside Chitral Gol granted and recognised by the erstwhile princely rulers of Chitral. These rights were partially curtailed when Chitral Gol was declared a National Park. As a result, these villages have been compelled to make adjustments to their livelihoods and daily subsistence needs because of the restrictions in place. Besides, the 12 core zone villages which are

located in close proximity of the Park 18 villages located on the Right Bank of Lutkoh and Chitral in Northeast and Southeast of the Park respectively have also been considered as potential buffer areas to monitor trans-boundary movement of biodiversity and minimise indirect anthropogenic impacts on the park resources. Two village of Rumboor Valley, namely Sheikhanandeh and Kalash Gram, which share a number of transitory routes to Chitral, in the immediate south west of the national park have been identified as a potential buffer zone.

From 1981 to 1998 the population of the custodian villages has gone up manifolds due to immigration from various parts of the district, high growth rate and rapid urbanisation trends. According to the census report of 1998, the total population of the 12 core villages has reached almost 20,000. With this increase in population the pressure on the park resources have also increased. Coupled with the population increase, lack of alternate livelihoods, awareness and poor implementation of law have further worsened the situation. Population of individual villages is given in the following:

Competencies

CGCDCA has experienced and well motivated human resource in its office. CGCDCA believes that provision of alternate sources of livelihoods and enhancing capacities of local communities in conservation and other competencies is the key to sustainable management of park resources.

The association has been involved in various activities to ensure sustainable management of park resources through livelihood diversifications. Over the period the association has undertaken activities including construction of check-dams to prevent soil erosion as and such minimize flash floods, eviction of goats from CGNP, banning of standing trees and use of mules to collect firewood from the park and adjacent areas and plantation in the communal lands through self mobilized efforts. The association has also been active in supporting PAMP-CGNP.

Management System

CGCDP is governed by a Board of Directors, which is involved in policy issues of the association. The BoD members appoint head of the association that is fully responsible for overall activities of the association.

Each activity is implemented through a Project Committee members of which are appointed on the recommendations of the BoD. Implementation of the activities according to the approved work plan is the responsibility of the members of Project Committee. The head office of the association regularly monitors the activities undertaken by the committees.

Other activities of the head office include liaison and linkage development with donor agencies, networking with line departments, fund raising and documentation of activities. Financial matters of the association are operated through a double entry accounting system and policy. The day to day affairs of the association are run according to the principles and procedures drafted and approved through the mutual collaboration of PAMP-CGNP and the CGCDCA.

Vision

A prosperous place of living where people have their right to a life of dignity and where resources both natural and man made are managed and sustained in an equitable manner.

Mission

To ensure sustainable management of natural resources of the area in general and CGNP in particular, to eradicate poverty and reduce pressure on resources through identification of alternate sources of livelihoods and fuel.

Approach

CGCDCA adopts a participatory, self-help, self-sustained and self-reliant approach through community involvement in the identification, implementation and monitoring of interventions.

Objectives

1. Diversification of present and identification of more productive alternate sources of livelihoods

CGCDCA will work to minimize dependency on the park resources for livelihood and subsistence through making available alternate sources of livelihoods and diversifying of present by enhancing skills of the community members. In this connection the focus areas of the association are:

- Capacity building of the stakeholder communities in more productive and least vulnerable livelihoods
- Diversification of present livelihoods
- Promotion of micro-enterprise activities

2. Identification and availability of alternate sources of fuel and fodder

The custodial communities of the CGNP are dependent on the natural resource base mainly for fuel and fodder. CGCDCA will try to reduce the dependency on the natural resources for fuel and fodder by identifying and undertaking measures to ensure access to alternate sources of fuel and fodder. For this purpose it is focusing on following prospects:

- Establishment communal depot of fuelwood
- Establishment of gas depot for the custodial communities
- Imparting training in efficient use of available resources i.e. firewood
- Introducing improved variety of fodder

3. Women welfare

Women welfare and gender is a cross cutting issue in all the interventions. CGCDCA firmly believes that women are double burdened, being women – they face economic, social, cultural, political and religious discrimination in the society – and being poor – face all kind of discrimination in the society. CGCDCA will focus the betterment, welfare and economic prosperity of womenfolk by making them financially self reliant. For this purpose the association focuses on following areas:

- Organizing training to refine the earning capacities of the womenfolk in modern and more productive sources of income generation
- Promotion of locally produce handicrafts through identification of sell point and linkages development
- Establishing sewing and embroidery centers

3. Raising awareness about Natural Resources

CGCDCA will support activities undertaken by different organizations and PAMP-CGNP in particular destined to raise awareness about issues and constraint faced by natural resources of the area

4. Advisory services

CGCDCA will provide advisory service to development and conservation oriented agencies

5. Coordination of Social/Infrastructure development and establishment of safety-nets

CGCDCA will undertake and support activities leading to the infrastructural/social development in the area. The focal areas for this purpose are:

- Street pavements and installation of civic facilities in the target villages of CGNP
- Improvement of sanitation system
- Establishment of a well defined and coordinated communal saving system

6. Power Generation

The CGCDCA realizes and undertake initiatives to plan implement leading to enhanced and environment friendly power generation. For this the organization along with its subsidiary organs i.e. Village Conservation committees will undertake following actions:

- Preparation of detailed proposal for more green alternatives power options
- Developing linkages with potential partners in power generation
- Identification of potential sites

7. *Land development*

To make best use of available land recourses within its target area the CGCDCA will initiate and implement following activities:

- Energy plantation in barren communal lands on the peripheries of Chitral Gol National Park to make available additional resources of fuelwood and timber
- Establishment of more irrigation channels for enhanced agriculture production

Organizational values and ethics

- Equal respect and opportunity to all within and outside the association
- Participatory mechanism for decision making, implementation and monitoring
- Cooperation and coordination with other organization
- Strengthening regional support for CGNP
- Recognizing beneficiaries as dignified human beings
- Empowerment of powerless especially the marginalized segment i.e. women and poor

Organizational Details

Full Name: Chitral Gol Community Development and Conservation Association

Acronym : CGCDCA

Registration: Social welfare Department: DO (CCD) CTL 758/ Companies act# 33684/45

Constitution: As pre defined in Community Participation Manual (PAMP-CGNP, 2004)

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Areas of Work

- Natural Resource Management

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- Micro-Enterprise Development
- Livelihoods diversification
- Women empowerment
- Land use pattern and development

Governance

The governance of CGCDCA is run by following members and office bearers:

S#	Name	Designation	Occupation
1.	Hussain Ahmed	Chairman	Institutional Development Officer AKRSP Chitral
2.	Moulana Habibullah	Member BoD	Teacher/Religious leader
3.	Riaz Ahmad	Member BoD	Nazim UC Chitral-II
4.	Qari Wazir	Member BoD	Teacher /Religious Leader
5.	Sardar Gul	Member BoD	Senior Auditor (Rtd), District Account Office
6.	Alam Zaib Advocate	Member BoD/ G.Secy	Advocate
7.	Saeedullah	Member BoD	Retired Account Officer Local Govt
8.	Moulana Faizullah	Member BoD	Religious Leader
9.	Dr. Abdul Wahid	Member BoD	District Livestock Officer
10.	Tash Khan	Member BoD	Kalash Community Activist
11.	Hameed Ahmad	Member BoD	Social Organizer, Wetland Project WWF
12.	Afzal sharif	Member BoD	Steno session court Chitral

Institutional Development

CGCDCA is a growing organization and passing through the stages of formulation, consolidation and organizational development. The organization has developed strong linkages with Wildlife Department, Local government, WWF-Pakistan and PAMP-CGNP in particular,

Planned activities for future

- Establishment of Gas Depot in close vicinity of the communities of CGNP, through building linkages with potential LPG suppliers
- Ensuring sustainable management of natural resources
- Enterprise development activities
- Promotion of local made handicrafts and artisans
- Awareness raising regarding NRM
- Power generation
- Micro credit programme
- Plantation in communal lands etc

