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Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help. **Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details

Your name	Muhammad Siddiq Khan
Project title	History and Governance of Protected Areas in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) Pakistan
RSG reference	09.04.07
Reporting period	2007-2008
Amount of grant	£1461
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Date of this report	2009

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
A systematic review of the available literature pertinent to historic drivers for designation and management of protected areas, of North West Frontier Province of Pakistan		√		On the basis of available literature and stakeholders' interviews information were gather which is a part of dissertation submitted to OUCE Oxford.
Studying the effectiveness of current governance model of the protected areas in the region. Also to identify different issues, contradictions and challenges in PA's governance, in NWFP Pakistan.			√	Community-based questionnaire surveys and interviews with various stakeholders (structured and semi-structured) were conducted and results are made available in form of dissertation and peer reviewed publications
To develop an understanding by using SWOT analysis technique for the governance of PA's.			√	Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats chart was developed with some recommendations /suggestions for future model of sustainable governance.

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

Not any as such unforeseen difficulty was faced but accessing community participants during working hours was pretty difficult also as due to local cultural taboos it was difficult to include female participation in the interviews. Key stakeholder interviews took longer than proposed number of days of field work as couple of interviewees rescheduled the date of interview due to some other priorities.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

During our field studies we managed to

- 1) Review the available literature pertinent to history of protected areas in NWFP of Pakistan.
- 2) Gather information regarding the effectiveness of current governance of PAs in NWFP Pakistan.

- 3) Develop a SWOT analysis chart based on the information collected which proposes some recommendations for future model of the sustainable governance of PAs in the region.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project (if relevant).

Our project was basically focused on studying the local peoples' perception regarding PAs and their involvement in the governance. Recommendations of the projects based on SWOT analysis suggest strong involvement of local communities for sustainable development. Also our study suggested some guidelines to improve the infrastructure and direct benefits to the locals from their resources. Local guides were used during the project.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes I am thinking to start a D.Phil/PhD soon in the region as looking for some potential funding sources. Also I am planning to do some community based awareness projects in the area to exploit the willingness of people to participate in conservation activities as gaps were observed in our current research. I am also planning to study and explore effective ways of linking local cultural and religious institution in communicating conservation messages to the masses in the region.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

This project was part of my thesis at Keble College Oxford which is available for stakeholders to accesses also electronic copies are made available.

Part of this research is accepted for publication in *Mountain Research and Development*, a renowned peer reviewed journal and will be available online for stakeholders to get benefit from.

Also all relevant results/information will be made available on Rufford Small Grants website.

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

Grant was used for carrying field work at Chitral Gol National Park and Ayubia National Park of NWFP Pakistan, in the months of June and July 2007, two weeks more than primarily proposed actual length of the project. Desk based studies were completed before field work at OUCE Oxford.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Air fare Heathrow to Islamabad and transfer	£620	£664	£44	Including cost of changing return date
Local Transportation including multiple visits to Peshawar and air fare to Chitral, vehicle hire and maintenance	£280	£297	£17	For visit to the park sites sometime lifts were taken from wild life department staff.
Student assistant/intern from the region	£173	£173	£0.00	
Accommodation and subsistence including stationery expenses and a small digital camera for photos	£388	£593	£205	Photographic camera was not included in the budgeted amount as well as field work duration was extended for two weeks
Total	£1461	£1727	£266	

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

We feel that designing of an individual website for each National Park with detailed and up to date information regarding park, accessible to all stakeholders. It was also revealed that there is an urgent need for mass awareness campaign in the area by using effective media regarding importance of wildlife. Involvement of multi stakeholders in the governance of PAs with due consideration to local cultural and religious institution in the conservation campaign as proposed in the projects reports.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, I used the RSGF logo in my research poster at Oxford and on the front page of my research dissertation which is available at OUCE Oxford University and libraries. Furthermore, I acknowledge the RSGF in the research paper accepted for publication. RSGF was mentioned to all key stakeholders during field work and will be acknowledged in every publication from the study in the future.

11. Any other comments?

I am extremely grateful to RSGF for the provision of financial support which enabled me to complete my field work successfully. I am quite optimistic that this study will help the key stakeholders of PAs in the region in effective and sustainable management of these ecological treasures. This grant played a key role in this research work which I am sure will contribute to



the global efforts of biodiversity conservation. I am really thankful to and hoping for similar cooperation from RGSF in the future if needed.