

# Banjosa Development Council

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## Who Are We?

*Banjosa Development Council (BDC) is founded on February 18, 2021 by conscious residents of union council Banjosa and vibrant diaspora with an all-inclusive approach and intention to develop Banjosa as a modern village by harnessing both tangible and intangible resources to create opportunities and a sustainable environment for Socio-economic development. BDC aims to adopt available knowledge and technologies to enhance the human resource capital of Banjosa Union council without any discrimination of gender, cast and creed. It will also endeavor to provide a sustainable tourist-friendly environment without disturbing the local ecosystem. We emphasis on the best management practices aligned with community interests, democratic norms and established practices.*

## Giving Back to your community

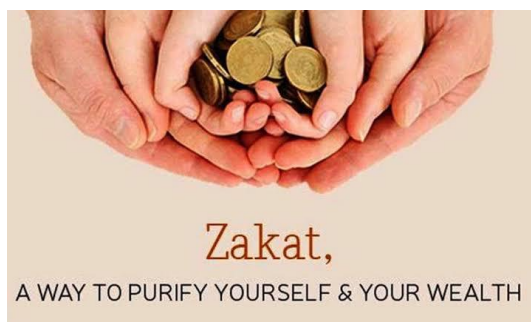
Banjosa village is a traditional community, our strength is our unity, our braderi system, our collective harvesting of the fodder (Kahaaee), moments of happiness, grief and sorrow is all shared. The traditions which strengthen our value of sharing happiness and helping out each other which is the essence of collective existence. BDC aims at carrying out these beautiful traditions in modern world. Fortunately after getting connected through modern means of communication no matter how far or how distant a "Banjosvi" is he or she can contribute towards betterment of its home. And it is of immense pride and satisfaction that we have such gems of people amongst us, we have professionals from every field from spiritual healers to most sought after medical specialists, to surgeons and individuals who can spread colours through their imagination. We all are proud of our fellow villagers who have no matter where they are have proven themselves to be amongst the best. We should not forget our roots. Our moto "Never say no to someone in need" is the fundamental principle of the tradition.

## Zakat and Sadqaats Collection

Never say no to someone who needs help. A listening ear, a word of encouragement, kindness or even a smile is a valuable asset. Our community has been generous in donating money, material, personal efforts and time. Banjosa Development Council received a total amount to the tune of Zakat and Sadqa Rs.648500. Members also donated large quantity of food items such as dates during the month of Ramadan. The process of Zakat and Sadqa

collection is transparent and record is being maintained and shared at every step in the forum.

Third Pillar of Islam  
**Zakat in Islam**  
 Giving Alms to The Poor & Needy



## Tree Plantation Drive

We believe that natural resources are best protected and positively utilized when community plays an active role in their care and management. AJK department of forest under the umbrella of (*Billion Trees Tsunami*) donated 150 plants of Deodar to Banjosa village. Mr Zahid Ishaq Khan and Mr Javed Akhter also donated 800 plants of Deodar ( Cedar) and Thuja. The purpose of this drive was to make the environment cleaner, beatification and create awareness about environmental issues such as deforestation, erosion of soil etc. The civil society and people from all walks of life, specially students took part in the drive and planted trees at different locations including schools, graveyards and by the road side. Our profound gratitude to DFO Reforestation Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan for donating plants.



## Health-Fund Raising

One of the objectives of Banjosa Development Council is to help spread awareness about how to maintain good health, how to prevent spread of virus and how to safeguard our loved ones from getting infected? For this purpose BDC utilized social media, personal communication and mosques to spread the message. BDC on advice of doctors also launched a campaign which resulted in generating considerable amount of funds to be utilized for prevention and subsequently treatment of covid-19 patients in the village. Mr. Muhammad Qari Khalil remained at the forefront of the idea and helped to generate funds also purchased oximeter, oxygen concentrator, masks and sanitizers. Mr. Khizar Hayat from Canada also donated 4 oximeters apart from donating a handsome amount in health fund. The total collection in health fund remains Rs 448436 and donated equipment includes one oxygen cylinder, one Oxygen concentrator and three oximeters. The fund will be utilized to purchase health related equipment during this CORONA pandemic. So far one oxygen concentrator and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been purchased from this fund. Five oxygen cylinders of RHC (Rural Health center) Banjosa have been refilled by the BDC and 15 liters of sanitizer is placed at public places for use, such as mosques, bazars and public transport.

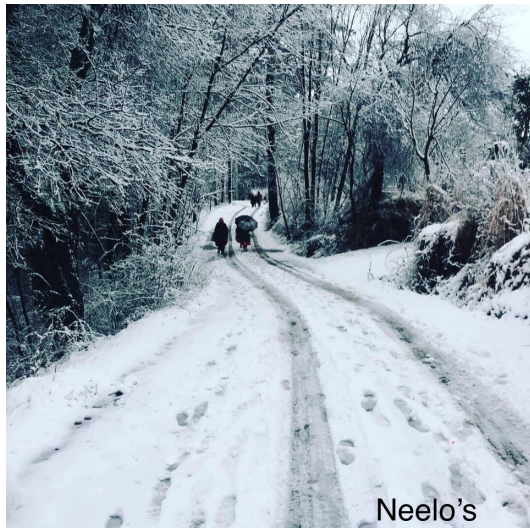


## Photography Competition

Photography is a vision and art. It captures memories while we explore the world. To explore the hidden talent of BDC members, Dr.Irfan Latif Khan and Abdul Mustafa Khan organised online photography competition. BDC members glanced through all of their collections of photographs and shared their best memories in the forum. Dr. Rukshana Khan, HOD Art and Design department of



AJK University judged photographs for the category of "Landscapes of Banjosa and Rawalakot". Therefore, the best photographs have been picked out and being highly appreciated by all BDC members. Following are the three best pictures of Neelofer Wazir Khan and Hamza Naseer.



### Food Package by Orphans Relief Trust Mirpur

We thank "Orphans Relief Trust Mirpur" which contributed 25 packages in BDC's food package program. BDC members actively engaged in this drive and made sure that the aid reached the underprivileged sections of the society. Our special thanks to the country head KORT Sajid Dilawar, founder KORT Chaudary Muhammad Akhter (*Sitara Imtaiz*) and Mr M Mujeed for great generosity and support during this tumultuous time.





## Food Package Distribution by BDC

Banjosa Development Council has so far dispersed more than 210 dry ration packs in the holy month of Ramadan among the various deserving families. This activity aims to provide food support to the needy. Our youth from village and elders enthusiastically participated in sorting out, packing and distribution of the food parcels, which was delivered at doorsteps. Volunteers played an important role and helped packing process at night after their daily routine work.



## Data and record keeping

Unfortunately, at government level there is little or no effort made to maintain the data of human resource which helps in planning and allocation of resources and development. Banjosa villagers in general BDC members were requested to fill in the form which included general information about age gender, education status, skills and field of interest. The data is also needed to create opportunities for a particular expertise and helps create a resource base for relevant fields. BDC data also includes suggestions, conclusion, debates on various issues and recommendations submitted by BDC members. This record is maintained by Dr Irfan Latif Khan who is a member and an IT Expert. We are thankful for his untiring and often "Thankless" job.

Name	Father Name/ Husband Name	Rakba	Country of Res.	Education
Arshad Maqbool	Muhammad Maqbool	Gaam	UAE	MBBS/MRCP
Irfan Hameed	Alfzal Hameed Khan	Kamal Wali Jandali	AJK	Masters in(Maths IR/ Education
Irfan Latif Khan	Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan	Gahi	Pakistan	PhD In Electrical
Kubbra Maroof	Maroof Hussain	Gaam	Pakistan	Masters in Public
Sardar Ahsad Ishaq Khan	Sardar Muhammad Ishaq Khan	Menjehain Ghrahain	Canada	BSc/MSc Eng
Sardar Khalid Mehmood Khan	Captain (Retd) Muhammad Sharif Khan	Kamal Wali Jandali	Pakistan	PhD in Civil Eng
Sardar Sajid Mehmood Khan	Sardar Muhammad Ishaq Khan	Menjehain Ghrahain	United Kingdom	MBBS/MRCS/FPD
Sardar Shahid Mehmood Khan	Captain (Retd) Muhammad Sharif Khan	Kamal Wali Jandali	Pakistan	Graduation
Sardar Tariq Mehmood Khan	Captain (Retd) Muhammad Sharif Khan	Kamal Wali Jandali	Pakistan	Masters in IR
Sardar Usman Ali	Asghar Khan	Maira	Iraq	Masters in CS
Sardar Zahid Mehmood Khan	Sardar Muhammad Ishaq Khan	Menjehain Ghrahain	United Kingdom	MS/IT/Masters Innovation/
Umair Rasheed	Muhammad Rasheed Khan	Dana Kootari	Saudia Arab	Graduation
Usma Zahid Khan	S.Z.M Khan	Menjehain Ghrahain	United Kingdom	Graduation
Zahid Hussain	Muhammad Baqir Khan	Gaam	Pakistan	Bsc Electrical Eng
Sardar Sajid Mehmood	Muhammad Wazir Khan	Maira	Pakistan	M Phil Entomology
Sardar Anshad Azad	Muhammad Sharif Khan	Maira/Tarappi	AJK	Graduation
Javed Akhtar	Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan	Mirajala	United Kingdom	Graduation
Sardar Javed Yousaf	Muhammad Yousaf Khan	AJK	United Kingdom	Graduation
Zuberba Javed	Javed Akhtar	Mirajala	United Kingdom	Graduation
Sardar Ejaz Yousaf	Muhammad Yousaf Khan	Maira	AJK	Graduation
Sardar Latif Khan	Muhammad Sharif Khan	Maira/Khorla	Pakistan	Msc Chemistry
Sardar Muhammad Siddiq	Muhammad Sharif Khan	Gaam	Pakistan	M.A./L.L.B
Mrs. Siddiq	Muhammad Siddiq	Gaam	Pakistan	M.A/B Ed
Mahboob Khan	Haji Fateh Muhammad Khan	Mirajala	Bahrain	Diploma HAVA
Zahid Aziz Khan	Muhammad Aziz Khan	Narota	Pakistan	M.A/ L.L.B



## COVID Awareness Drive on Eid-ul-Fitr

Eid is a day of festivity but also the day of sharing what we have and be grateful for all of the blessings. We must not forget that we are being faced a deadly pandemic and it seems that the pandemic is not going away any time soon. Eid-ul-fitr congregation took place at three different locations in the village and it is quite satisfying that during Eid prayers our BDC volunteers made an effort and provided sanitisers and masks to avoid risk factor of spreading Covid 19. It may seem a small gesture but reflects the concern of community towards different issues collectively.



## First BDC Executive Body Meeting

First formal executive body meeting was held on 18 May, 2021 in Banjosa. The agenda of the meeting was to

enhance the registration process and selection of the general council members. Meeting was attended by eleven executive body members in the supervision of Mr Raiz Khan ( President BDC). All members appreciated the efforts of the BDC for completion of different projects. BDC executive body discussed and finalised registration / documentation process of BDC. Executive body members also analysed and showed satisfaction on the progress of the BDC since its inception.



## Future Plans of BDC

Lot of ideas and plans have been discussed on the BDC forum. Some of the short term plans are listed here.

- Cleanliness awareness campaign
- Public awareness campaign regarding health issues
- Tree plantation drive in monsoon season
- Training on skills development
- Anti drug campaign
- Establishment of libraries or distribution of books to the existing libraries in schools.
- Maintaining database of skilled persons
- Providing startup kits for skilled workers

***"The seeds we sow today will grow to serve as shades for weary travellers tomorrow."***

Nike Thaddeus

***"Invest your evaporating time and leave a legacy behind for future generations."***

Sunday Adelaja

### Thank You Team BDC

Thank You Team BDC! We as a BDC family like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our senior members Mr Javed Akhter and Mr Zahid Ishaq Khan for taking the initiative to start this forum. BDC really appreciates your innovative thinking. Thank you for uplifting everyone's morale and pushing the boundaries and connecting everyone during this difficult time of pandemic. BDC is very grateful for the enthusiasm and passion of our volunteers and workers Asim Arif, Touseef Salem, Amir Annyat, Atif Jannat, Adeel Yaseen, Mafzooz Khan, Zafer Iltaf, Zakir Baber and Shazil Khan. The energy level and sincerity displayed by you all was tremendous. Thank you for making this project successful. We are also very grateful to Mr. Muhammad Saddique khan, Mr. Muhammad Raiz Khan, Dr. Irfan Latif Khan, Mr. Ibrar Hussain, Mr. Hamza Naseer, Mr. Haleem khan, Mr. khizer Hayat, Mr. Qammar Irshad, Prof Khalid Akbar, Mr. Abdul Mustafa, Mr. Muhammad Qari Khalil, donars and last but not least all BDC family members. Together, we all make a difference Insha Allah.