Spanned across 27,220 km, Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) have a population of approximately 4 million. With an average household of 9.3 members per family, youth and children comprise the majority of the population. The overall literacy rate is nearly 18%, comprising 28% educated males while only 3% of females are literate. The State has not been able to interact positively and effectively with the inhabitants of the area since the land has been a battlefield for nearly a decade-long military operation. Brutal terrorism continuously victimizes the youth in Khyber Pakhtunkhawa (KPK), killing more than 30,000 people in the province since 2004. This has further disenfranchised an already alienated population, particularly youth who are vulnerable to the violent agenda of the extremists in these areas.

“Promoting Peace in KPK and FATA – Connecting Youth and Policymakers through Mediation and Dialogue”

Through this Project, SFCG Pakistan, in partnership with a local organization called PAIMAN Alumni Trust, contributed towards the promotion of peace-building and reconciliation in Pakistan by encouraging mediation and constructive dialogue between youth non-state actors (NSA's) and policy makers in the regions of KPK and FATA. Moreover, SFCG promoted participatory and community-based approaches to peace-building in KPK and FATA, using all available mainstream media.

The targeted youth's status was promoted and their skill set was enhanced as non-state actors, equipped to interact with the political and administrative policymakers of KPK and FATA for peace-building and conflict prevention within their communities and districts.

Supported by:
The European Union

Duration:
January 2012 – August 2013

Implementing Partner:
PAIMAN Alumni Trust

Geographical Coverage:
The participants reported feeling more confident and empowered when it came to negotiation and decision making skills. Despite the end of the project, the beneficiaries have gone on to carry out this initiative by conducting dialogue forums and establishing mediation platforms, using the Common Ground Approach acquired through the trainings, in their hometowns, thereby increasing outreach and sustainability of this project. Notable small grant winners Muhammad Farooq Afridi and Asif Ali Kundi were selected to attend the 2014 World Conference on Youth in Colombo, Sri Lanka scheduled for May 6-10, 2014, out of 40,000 applications, where they shared their inspiring stories of pursuing peace and harmony in their respective communities. This comes to show that the success of this project is very much alive as long as peace continues to penetrate the Pakistani society.

### Our Achievements

- **100** Coaching Sessions
- **13** Youth Capacity Building Trainings
- **25** District Dialogue Forums
- **2** Networking Sessions
- **7** Case Studies
- **1** Training for 10 Trainers
- **14** FM Stations Provided Activity Coverage

### Direct Beneficiaries

- **301** Youth NSAs from 25 Districts of KPK and FATA
- **25** Policy Makers
- **27** Government Officials
- **5** Winners granted Rs. **300,000** cash price each for innovative ideas out of **25** contestants

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