

Foundation for Rural Development (FRD), Pakistan

Mr. Azmat Khan

Organisation Profile

Foundation for Rural Development is a local NGO, based in Pakistan, where it started its voluntary work since 2006. Registered in 2008 as a Proper NGO, has delivered significant humanitarian and development services in the most difficult and backward areas of Pakistan. FRD has got humanitarian work experience in Refugees, IDPs, Natural disaster affected population as well as work experience with indigenous people of Pakistan, who have not yet displaced, but who are facing severe challenges.

Foundation for Rural Development is a non-political, non-partisan organization that has been working with communities and partnering with different partners across the aid sector for improving the quality of life of people for whom we work. The Vision of FRD is a prosperous, peaceful, Productive and Socially inclusive society where every human being can realize their potential, and to contribute to this vision FRD has implemented more than 87 projects with Government, NGOs, UN agencies and donor agencies

Nominee Information

Mr. Azmat Khan



Video presentation



Gender: Male

Job title: Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Azmat Khan has been working as Chief Executive Officer of Foundation for Rural Development, and during his leadership he has developed FRD from a small CBO level organization to an Organization which is known Nationally, regionally and Globally. Mr. Khan has been actively involved with the networking and agile collaborations right from the start, and has been founding member of National Humanitarian network, where he got elected twice to the position of Provincial chairperson and twice to the central executive council (Board) of NHN Pakistan. Mr. Khan has also been elected as the founding member in the Leadership Council of NEAR Network and thus has a good understanding of the global south perspective of the aid system. (Words of Board member Mr. Sajid Iqbal)

Now I, Azmat Khan am going to present myself, as candidate for the Board Membership, I want to draw the attention of ICVA members to the fact that globally humanitarian needs are increasing while resources are shrinking, and as a network of well know humanitarian organizations, ICVA will have to advocate at different levels for filling this gap between the needs and the resources available, then in 2030 I CVA strategy we all have already committed to championing the principled humanitarian response, and I am bringing a work experience of working with refugees, conflict IDPs, Natural disaster IDPs, and work experience in complex emergencies, and have learnt first hand on how to maintain the principles of Humanitarian assistance despite difficult circumstances, and I will gladly bring that experience to the ICVA

Board. Similarly in our 2030 strategy we have committed to addressing the impacts of climate change, and at the FRD level we have incorporated climate change adaptation measures to multiple programs, and at the Network level both with NHN (Nationally), as well as GNDR (globally) I have contributed in a meaningful manner on how to approach the nexus of Humanitarian, Development and Climate and prepare a foundation for the resilience of communities worst impacted by climate change.

In our commitment on Global distribution and local roots, despite my engagement at National, Regional and Global levels, I am still connected with the Rural Areas from where FRD originated, and we are contributing to the uplift of those communities and increasing their resilience. On this same commitment, while localization is wrongly considered as a competition of the local actors with international actors, I personally consider the presence of both necessary for the Eco system, however I wish that instead of having an Eco system of Jungle where every one is trying to eat others, to influence the eco system and make it a rain forest eco system, where the existence of each one is dependent on the existence of others.

On Diversity and Inclusion, I am bringing a background of the indigenous communities of the tribal areas of Pakistan, my linguistic connection to Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nepal in their first and second languages and communication in English language to other parts of the globe enables me to add more colour and diversity to the ICVA Board.

In terms of Agile collaborations and partnerships development, I foresee that my experience both at FRD, as well as other networks has broadened my horizon, and instead of tunnel vision I try to have a bigger picture understanding and put any institution where I am involved in the governance at such a position, where our existence will contribute to improved quality of services delivery to the affected population. During my experience at FRD I have developed partnership of FRD with UN agencies, Government Departments, International NGOs, Donors and Networks, and in the networks I have always been an advocate of complementarity and strengthening each other's system and positions for better serving the people affected by conflicts and disasters.

Please indicate whether, if elected as a member of the Board, you would be willing to stand for election for

- ***Chair –No***