

Young Parliamentarian Group (YPG)

A. Objective

To build capacity of the selected young parliamentarians on key good governance issues and democratic practices along with grooming and polishing of their leadership skills.

B. Scope of Services

Following would be the main areas of the project to address above mentioned:

- 1. Identifying strengths and weaknesses of our parliamentary system and its impact on young parliamentarians and their work, reviewing their personal and professional attitudes and practices, to collect a clear view of good governance under given circumstances.**
- 2. Identifying personal professional interest of young parliamentarians and introducing them to leadership building, knowledge building, and image enhancing exercises through personal grooming sessions.**
- 3. Conducting policy discussions/ dialogues for sharing expert opinion on current matters with young parliamentarians as well as providing them a platform to groom their interaction/ communication skills**

The program will bring together young parliamentarians- both male and female representing Punjab Assembly from across political parties. Furthermore it offers a platform for an exchange of knowledge between the young parliamentarians and independent experts, academicians, media persons, representatives from professional bodies, think tanks, pressure groups, civil society activists, to carry out grooming sessions and policy dialogue and discussion to work on the shared goal of improving governance and democratic practices in the Punjab Province as well as in Pakistan.

Anticipated strategy for achieving the project results are capacity building, awareness raising, experience sharing and advocacy.

The proposed program for young parliamentarians presents a unique combination of leadership skills, knowledge, and personal development. Major focus lies on learning about good governance and democratic practices plus improvement of the skills needed to be effective parliamentarians, who can relate and act according to well grounded knowledge about social and development issues, in accordance with their respective constituencies, districts and provinces.

Going beyond mega discourses about democracy at the theoretical and general levels, this project extracts and builds upon the participants' views, expectations and experiences of micro and macro democratic practices using close-to-country realities to develop practical, democratic and non-violent skills.