

# SWAT YOUTH FRONT

A civil society organization, working for the elimination of  
poverty, illiteracy and unemployment

## Yearly Plan of Operation (YPO)

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### **Area Profile of Swat:**

District Swat is one of the 21 districts of NWFP. District Swat merged in Pakistan in 1969. During the period of Buddhist cultural period Swat was known as Udyana, which means Garden or Park. Historians in the time of Alexander the Great, identified as Swastu. The word Swastu has been derived from the term Swets, which means white serpent.

It was famous Buddhist Center and it was regarded as the birthplace of 2<sup>nd</sup> Buddha PADMASAN BHAVA (Swati). Even today Swat and its neighboring territories are considered to be the cradle of many fundamental doctrines of Buddhism.

In short the Great Mughal King Babar mentioned Swat in his writing (Tuzak-Babari) as Swad, with the passage of time become **Swat**.

### **Introduction of historical background of Swat:**

The charming Swat, a peaceful and fascinating tract in the lap of vegetative sky-high mountains, with eternal snow on their lofty crests, is an everlasting source of attraction for the visitors. Its beauty attracts tourists from all over the world to enjoy the soothing and serene sceneries, and the friendly behavior of its inhabitants. A visitor entered in Pakistan would never be contented without roaming about Swat.

The area of Swat is 4000 sq. miles with a population of about 1250000. Its height is not similar but varies from 2500 ft. to 7500 ft. above sea level.

### **Geographical Boundaries:**

The district lies from 34-09 Degree to 35 –60 degree north latitude and 72-0 degree to 73-0 Degree East Longitudes and is bounded in the North by Chitral and Gilgit Districts. On the East by Kohistan and Mansehra District. On the South Buner District while on the West by Malakand Agency and Dir District. Total Area of District Swat is 5788 Sqr. Km *approx.*

### **Topography:**

District Swat is mainly mountainous, river Swat flows from North to South. Famous peaks are Elum, Falakser, Mankial etc situated in Himalayan range. The capital of Swat is (Saidu Sharif) 991 meter above sea level.

### **Climate:**

Moderate in summer (34° C). Harsh in winter (–0° C)

## **Population:**

<b>Total population</b>	<b>Urban Population</b>	<b>Rural Population</b>	<b>No of Household</b>
1424241	174471	1249572	164727
M 726363	M 91862	M 640935	
F 697878	F 82609	F 608637	

## **Education:**

The education ratio is 7.5%, 22.5% in **Urban** while 6.3% in **Rural** area. The **Male Literacy ratio** 13% as compare to 1.3% in **Female folk**.

## **Existing Economic Activities in District Swat:**

- ❖ **Cottage Industry:**
  - Wooden Industry
  - Textile Industry
  - Embroidery
- ❖ Art Silk industries (20% is in running condition.)
- ❖ Automobile
- ❖ Marble and Mining industry
- ❖ Cosmetics
- ❖ Live Stock
- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ Forestry
- ❖ Tourism / Hotels Industry

## **Introduction of SYF:**

Swat Youth Front (SYF) Swat is a Non-Governmental, non-political and non-ethnic civil society organization. It is working for the socio-economic development of the inhabitants of district Swat. SYF was established in 1997 and registered in the year 1999 under the social welfare and volunteer and NGOs registration & Control Act 1961. The main purpose of SYF is to bring changes in policies with the help of the locals that can lead them towards the prosperous life. The NGO took initiative for gender development in March 1999 for the first time.

## **Geographical Area:**

District Swat

## **Sectors of intervention:**

- ❖ Education
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Health

- ❖ Human Rights
- ❖ Linking, Sourcing & Networking

**Offers:**

- ✓ Information Provision
- ✓ Capacity Building
- ✓ Linking, Sourcing & Networking
- ✓ Products Promotion
- ✓ Human & Institutional Development
- ✓ Skills Enhancement
- ✓ Awareness Creation