



**Idara Baraye Taleem-o-Taraqi (IBT)**  
 (Institute for Education and Development)  
*An indigenous initiative for sustainable development.*

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### Introduction

Established in 2007, Idara Baraye Taleem-o-Taraqi (IBT) i.e. Center for Education and Development is a registered non-for-profit non-governmental organization with its head office in the scenic town of Swat, Bahrain. It is an indigenous non-ethnic organization founded by the indigenous people of the area. It is registered with registration number 2119/5/5794 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. IBT is managed by a General Body through its elected Executive Board. Presently its main activities are restricted to Swat Kohistan but it has its intervention area the whole Swat Valley.

URL: [www.ibtswat.org](http://www.ibtswat.org)

### Vision

A developed, peaceful, self reliant, pluralistic and clean Swat.

### Mission

Achieve sustainable development in education, health, infrastructure, and environment by ensuring community participation without any gender, racial and religious discrimination.

### Values

Inclusiveness, democracy, integrity, self reliance, honesty, equality, capacity, transparency, accountability, community participation and empowerment are some of the basic values IBT adheres to.

### Current Activities

- [Multilingual Education Project](#)  
 This project was started in 2008 in Bahrain Swat. The project is for four years. It has two components-children literacy and adult literacy. The literacy approach is based on the multi-strategy track in which the learners begin in their mother tongue; and later on bridged to Urdu and English. Currently the project has two schools for kids in the main hub of the community, Bahrain.
- [Capacity Building](#)  
 IBT is currently involved in the capacity building of its members in the areas of leadership development, management, coordination, finance management, writing reports, curriculum development, research in education and linguistics, publication of booklets, and community mobilization and advocacy.
- [Socio economic surveys](#)  
 IBT has also recently carried out a socio-economic survey of the Torwali community living in cities like Karachi, Hyderabad, Quetta, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Nowshera and Saidu Sharif. Currently it is involved in conducting a socio-lingo and political survey of the Torwali community living in Swat Kohistan.
- [Healing Center for the flood affected children](#)  
 IBT has set up a Healing Center for the recent flood affected children in Bahrain. The project is for a year; and is funded by Funkor Child Art Center, Islamabad.
- [Relief and rehabilitation](#)  
 In the wake of the worst in history floods in Swat Kohistan IBT came forward for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood affected people. IBT carried out relief of food, dresses, shoes, cash grants, tents and medicine with the help of the Civil Society of Islamabad.
- [Advocacy](#)  
 Since 2008 and the recent floods IBT has been carrying out advocacy initiatives on and for the communities of Swat Kohistan. It held a national level seminar on militancy in Kalam with the support of the Center for Research and Strategic Studies

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(CRSS), Islamabad. IBT has prepared reports on the devastation by the floods in the area; and has risen the issue with UNOCHA, NDMA and other forums. For this end IBT is a member of the National Humanitarian Network.

IBT has also published two newsletters on the flood; response to it and its impacts in Swat Kohistan.

Challenges:

- Capacity building in proposal writing, monitoring and evaluation.
  - Liaison with international organizations.
  - Report writing and regular staffing
  - Funds for organizational management.
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