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A. Why Local Government Association?

BENEFITS & ADVANTAGES

- 1 Give Local Governments A **Stronger Voice**, **More Clout** and **Greater Influence** with Provincial and National Governments, Business, Institutions and International Agencies.
- 2 Greater **Legitimacy**, Recognition and **Credibility** of Local **Governments**; Therefore Greater Influence in the **Eyes of All**.
- 3 **Higher Levels of Government and Agencies** don't want to deal with dozens of small Units about the same things; they want to negotiate with a few.
- 4 Easier to **Mobilize Funding**, material and technical resources at all levels including internationally.
- 5 More effective and faster **Human Resource Development** and sharing among Local Governments.
 - ▶ Ongoing orientation and training of Councilors and Staff in Several areas of Interest or need.
 - ▶ Province-Wide And National Search And Recruitment Of Needed Personnel
 - ▶ Sharing Of Staff and Scarce Expertise.
 - ▶ Obtaining Technical Assistance from Other Countries and Other LGAs.
- 6 Speed Up **Change and Developments**.
 - ▶ Avoid Duplication, Achieve Savings And Promote Efficient Use Of Limited Resources.
 - ▶ Can Have Greater And More Sustained Impact On A Large Scale.
- 7 Sharing and Accessing of **Information and Knowledge** from Many Sources, Local and International.
 - ▶ Sharing Of Experiences And "How To" Among Unions, Towns/Tehsils And Districts Across The Province and Distributing Information And Knowledge From Other Sectors In Pakistan.
 - ▶ Doing the Same from Sources in Asia and Other Regions of the World As Well as From International Institutes, Agencies and Organizations.
- 8 Providing An **Ongoing Forum and Mechanisms** For Discussions, Learning, Sharing, Developing Goals And Strategies For Action To Benefit Local Governments And Communities Including Women, Minorities And Workers And Peasants.
- 9 Can Help To **Resolve Conflicts And Confusions**.

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B. Role of Associations

WHAT DO LGAS USUALLY DO?

- 1 Representation and Dialogue** with Higher Levels of Government and Others.
 - ▶ Representation of the Interests of LGAs in Policies, Legislation, Programs and Special Initiatives
 - ▶ Being a Watch For and Promoting the Interests of LGs Where It Matters
 - ▶ Building Partnerships between LGs and Others for Greater B.
- 2 Training and Capacity Building of LGs.**
 - ▶ Technical Training and Training to Councilors As Well As in Leadership and Management.
 - ▶ Helping To Put Systems In Place
 - ▶ Ability To Plan And Implement.
- 3 Mobilization of Resources**, Financial and Material, As Well As Cost Savings.
 - ▶ Finding New Ways Of Raising Revenue And Reducing Costs
 - ▶ Negotiating Funds For Projects.
- 4 Obtaining Technical and Expert Assistance** That LGs Need
- 5 Providing Services to Member LGs** to Assist Their Development and Effectiveness.
- 6 Identifying, Collecting and Sharing Very Good Practices**, Things That Work Well.
- 7 Promotion of Women, Minorities, Workers and Peasants**, both their effective participation and interest, in local Government.
- 8 Research, Information and Communication** in areas of LGs development.
- 9 Promoting and developing partnerships, networks and linkages** between LGs and others at all levels.
- 10 Promotion of community and civic participation** in Local Government.

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