Training of Masons on National Competency Standards in Masonry
As Future Trainers

The earthquake of 2005 caused colossal loss of life and property including educational and training facilities in Pakistan Administered Kashmir (PAK) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. As part of UN response to the calamity, UNESCO has been helping governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhaw and PAK for rehabilitation of educational and technical education and training facilities and in their efforts to build back better.

Among other interventions UNESCO has supported development of Competency Standards, Core Curriculum and Competency Assessment Resources in Masonry and Building Carpentry in collaboration with PAK TEVTA and National Vocational and Technical training Commission (NAVTTC). These have been duly approved and notified by NAVTTC for use by TVET providers. In order to carry forward the development process, UNESCO in collaboration with Government Skills Development Centre, Balakot organized a 2-week training programme of Masons on the said National Competency Standards in masonry from 8-20 October, 2012. Services of a Trainer from National Training Bureau operating under Ministry of Education and Trainings were also hired to supplement in-house expertise of the Skills Development Centre. A core group of 20 Masons, 14 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 6 from PAK, were trained as future trainers.