

# **A Comparison of Matching Grant Programme of 20<sup>th</sup> Century with 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Pakistan**

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## **Abstract**

This piece of work reflects the researchers academic as well as practical experiences of the last quarter of century regarding an effective programme sustained in Pakistan. Matching Grant (MG) Programme has been the most effective in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Pakistan. This paper also explains the effective programme which became replicable in 21<sup>st</sup> century since 2001 with reference to Local Government Ordinance-2001. The programme has undergone a lot of changes. Thus the salient features of the same programme are compared in two different periods or regimes in notably the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries.

The research concludes that MG Programme of 20<sup>th</sup> century was single service NGO based which could be implemented in rural areas of Punjab province only. On the other hand MG programme of 21<sup>st</sup> century has been institutionalized and serving with the help of Citizen Community Boards (CCBs) in all rural and urban areas of all provinces of Pakistan which is a significant change and achievement in Pakistan.

The impacts of 21<sup>st</sup> century MG Program has also shown that with the help of respective active CCBs (1) It is generating awareness of safe drinking water getting from Sodis (safe drinking water from solar technology) in 27 areas out of 34 experimental areas of three districts namely, Cholistan Desert, mountainous Chakwal district and plain area of Jhang district of Punjab. (2) It is reducing poverty of various households by reducing seasonal death rates, saving energy, time and improving living conditions in MG prone areas.