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FOR A STRONG, DEVELOPED, CONNECTED & GREEN HUNZA

Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly Elections | Constituency: GBA-06 Hunza

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Motto: People • Rights • Development • Environment • Future

1. Professional Leadership & Vision

I am introducing a governance model built on 15 years of technical expertise in economics, developmental and humanitarian service to replace traditional political rhetoric with "Results-Oriented Governance". My vision is to transform the MLA's office into a professional hub where every decision is data-backed, intellectually honest, and transparently executed. I pledge to build a self-reliant Hunza by optimizing our local resources and reducing dependency on central budgets, ensuring every sub-valley has an equal voice. This approach leverages international development standards to elevate our local economy, ensuring that Hunza is recognized globally not just for its natural beauty, but for its professional management and integrity-driven leadership that matches the true potential of its people.

2. Grassroots Empowerment & Village Development Committees

True development cannot be imposed from a distance; it must grow from the grassroots. During my campaign, I will travel to every village and sub-village to conduct inclusive workshops with all stakeholders to identify and prioritize local issues using a "Bottom-Up" approach. I will establish Village Development Committees (VDCs) in every cluster, or strengthening existing VDCs decentralizing the constituency budget and giving residents a decisive say in how funds are spent. This model includes community-led audits and social impact assessments to ensure infrastructure projects do not harm local cultures or ecosystems. By giving elders, youth, and women the authority to monitor projects, we will eliminate the waste and corruption that often plague public works.

3. Indigenous Resource Governance: Protection of Land & Resources

I will champion policies that recognize the community of Hunza as the indigenous owners of their land, pastures, minerals, and gems. My strategy focuses on creating a legal framework that prevents unauthorized encroachment and ensures that any utilization of communal land is approved by the local people. We will establish professional training for local miners to add value to gems within the valley, ensuring the economic benefits stay with the indigenous owners rather than outside corporations. By strengthening traditional community structures in resource management, we protect our pastures and mineral wealth from exploitation. This ensures that our natural assets remain a sustainable source of prosperity for future generations, managed by those who have cared for them for centuries.

4. Legislative Excellence & Accountable Representation

An MLA is more than a symbol; they are a manager of public trust and a legislator responsible for the technicalities of the law. I will use my background in economics to ensure Hunza receives its fair share of the provincial budget through rigorous budgetary scrutiny. My role is to translate your daily needs into actionable bills and hold the executive branch accountable for service delivery. I will act as a professional bridge between the government and international development partners to bring more resources to our valley. To maintain constituent accessibility, I will establish a permanent, professional office in Hunza for regular public hearings, personally overseeing the quality and timeline of every development project.

5. Data-Driven Planning & The "Open-Access" Database

All village-level plans identified during my workshops will be consolidated into prioritized targets at the Union Council, Tehsil, and District levels. This structured database will dictate yearly developmental plans and budget allocations, ensuring funds are directed toward the most urgent schemes and underserved villages. Whether I win or lose, these plans will be published on my website www.haiderforhunza.com as an authentic, accessible database for the community, civil society, and NGOs. If I am not in the assembly, I will still struggle for Hunza by using this professional data to "hunt" for projects from national and international donor organizations. I will use my professional capacity to mobilize resources and implement these community-prioritized projects independently, ensuring your needs are never ignored.

6. Ethical Politics & Voter Education

I am committed to a "New Politics" that rejects personal attacks in favor of solution-based policy debates focused on issues like energy, jobs, and rights. Drawing on my experience in community advocacy, I will launch voter education initiatives to help citizens understand the constitutional powers and limits of their elected representatives. My campaign will be a model of environmental and ethical responsibility, being entirely banner-free and focused on digital and face-to-face dialogue. We will create platforms for youth political inclusion, ensuring young thinkers contribute to the constituency's policy roadmap. By providing quarterly public reports on legislative progress and fund utilization, we will raise the bar for political discourse in Gilgit-Baltistan.

7. Economic Resilience & Household Income

Economic stability starts at the household level, and my plan focuses on building income security for every family by moving beyond seasonal tourism. Having managed multi-sector poverty reduction programs, I will introduce professional models such as targeted Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and other related models for the ultra-poor. We will focus on the "Value Chain," establishing local processing and packaging units for apricots and cherries to increase export value and ensure farmers receive higher margins. Additionally, we will provide technical assistance and soft loans for small-scale home businesses, particularly for women and youth. Our goal is to ensure that no family in Hunza is forced into poverty by seasonal economic fluctuations.

8. Modernizing Agriculture & Livestock Restoration

I will implement strategies to modernize the agricultural and livestock sectors by providing targeted subsidies for high-altitude machinery, high-yield seeds, and organic fertilizers. My plan focuses on restoring agriculture as a primary source of livelihood through the rehabilitation of traditional irrigation and the introduction of solar-powered systems. For livestock, we will establish professional veterinary hubs and provide training on animal health to improve the value chain for dairy and wool products. This restores farming and herding as reliable year-round livelihoods, treating livestock management as a professional agribusiness. By merging technical expertise with indigenous knowledge, we will reclaim barren lands and stabilize slopes, ensuring our agricultural infrastructure is as resilient as the people who work it.

9. Border Trade & The Khunjerab Economic Gateway

I will work to modernize and improve border trade with China via the Khunjerab Pass, advocating for streamlined customs and more efficient logistics to benefit local transporters and businesses. We will position Hunza as a strategic trade hub, ensuring our community is the primary beneficiary of this international corridor. This initiative will focus on creating a stable trade environment that fosters long-term economic growth and creates diverse entrepreneurship opportunities for our youth. By improving regional connectivity, we will open new markets for our local products. I will work with national and international stakeholders to ensure the Khunjerab Pass remains a consistent gateway for prosperity, driving economic development through professional trade management rather than temporary seasonal booms.

10. Energy Sovereignty: Solar & Renewable Future

Electricity is a fundamental right, and my energy policy focuses on "Sovereignty" giving communities the power to generate their own electricity to end the "winter darkness". We will invest in scaling up solar energy subsidies and rehabilitating community-managed micro-hydel units that are maintained locally. This decentralization ensures that even if the main grid fails, our homes, schools, and clinics stay powered. Drawing on my experience in resource mobilization, I will seek international "Green Funding" to modernize our local distribution network and make it resilient. We will turn our power crisis into an opportunity for sustainable innovation, making Hunza a model of renewable energy for the entire region.

11. The Digital Revolution: Internet for All

The internet is the new silk route, and my "Digital Hunza" initiative will treat high-speed internet as a basic public utility. To stop our youth from leaving the valley for work, we will establish Community Digital Hubs in every sub-valley, providing co-working spaces with reliable power and internet. These hubs will offer training in freelancing, coding, and digital marketing, allowing our talent to work for global companies from home. We will also digitalize local administration to reduce travel time and paperwork for citizens through E-Governance services. This digital shift will inject millions into the local economy without putting pressure on our fragile mountain environment.

12. Human Capital: Sector-Based Skills & Education

We must align our schools with the jobs of the future by focusing on "High-Value Skills" like eco-hotel management, solar grid maintenance, and software development. Having held management roles in education services, I will prioritize vocational excellence through the

establishment of specialized training centers. We will expand fee remission schemes to ensure no student is denied higher education due to financial barriers, keeping education the ultimate equalizer. Our plan includes professional mentorship, linking students with global industry experts to build a world-class workforce. By strengthening Early Childhood Development (ECD) in public schools, we are building a professional human capital foundation for a new Hunza.

13. Public Health & Social Wellbeing

Health is the foundation of prosperity, and I will work to ensure every resident has access to quality care without long-distance travel. I will upgrade Basic Health Units (BHUs) with modern diagnostic tools and implement telemedicine to link remote clinics with specialist doctors. My approach prioritizes maternal and child health to reduce mortality through dedicated care units. We will also focus on "Prevention" by constructing resilient water filtration and supply systems for every village. By bringing professional financial management to health budgets, we will ensure that medicines and staff are always available, creating a system defined by empathy, efficiency, and modern technology.

14. Sustainable Tourism & Heritage Management

Tourism must be a blessing for our people, not a burden on our resources. I will promote a "Sustainable Tourism" model that prioritizes local ownership and environmental protection, ensuring revenue is reinvested into village infrastructure. We will implement strict eco-tourism mandates for hotel development and provide professional support for the restoration of traditional homes and heritage sites. By promoting local arts, music, and cuisine as high-value products, we will build a cultural economy where the local community is the primary stakeholder. Having managed social impact programs, I will ensure that progress doesn't destroy the very beauty that draws the world to us.

15. Climate Resilience & Disaster Preparedness

Hunza is at the front lines of the climate crisis, and we must adapt to protect our future. Using my experience in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, I will implement professional resilience strategies. This includes installing modern sensors for early warning systems to monitor glacier surges and GLOF threats. We will build climate-resilient roads and bridges and invest in "Nature-Based Solutions" like community-led reforestation to stabilize slopes. By equipping local volunteer teams with professional rescue tools and training, we make environmental protection a core survival issue for our legislative work.

16. Women's Leadership & Inclusive Policy

A society cannot prosper if half its population is sidelined; therefore, I am committed to the full economic and political inclusion of women. We will move beyond tokenism by mandating women's representation in all Village Development Committees, Union councils and district councils and ensuring they have a seat at the table where budgets are decided. My plan includes creating dedicated grants and cooperatives for women-led startups, supported by professional training and market access. Drawing on my background in Safeguarding, I will implement strict policies to ensure that schools, workplaces, and public spaces are safe for everyone. Empowered women make for resilient families and a stronger, more inclusive local economy.

17. Differently Abled Persons: Ensuring Dignity and Full Accessibility

I am committed to transforming Hunza into an inclusive society where differently abled persons are not just cared for, but are fully integrated into our economic and social life. My strategy focuses on "Accessibility by Design," mandating that all new public infrastructure including schools, clinics, and government offices be built with professional accessibility standards. Drawing on my background in Safeguarding and Social Wellbeing, I will establish a dedicated support desk to link differently abled individuals with specialized healthcare, vocational training, and assistive technologies. We will move beyond charity by creating specialized employment quotas within local industries and providing soft loans for home-based digital work. By ensuring their voices are represented in Village Development Committees, we will build a Hunza that truly leaves no one behind.

18. Youth Priorities & Development: Pioneering a Modern, Global Hunza

I am committed to transforming the youth of Hunza into global competitors by treating their development as a professional economic priority. Recognizing that Gen Z is the most digitally native generation, my strategy centers on achieving Digital Sovereignty through high-speed internet as a basic utility and the establishment of "Community Digital Hubs". These spaces will provide the infrastructure for high-end remote work in coding, software development, and digital marketing, allowing our youth to earn global salaries while living in their home valleys. We will move beyond traditional education by establishing specialized vocational centers focused on 21st-century "High-Value Skills" like eco-tourism management and green energy maintenance.

Furthermore, I will create dedicated platforms for youth political inclusion, ensuring that young thinkers have a decisive seat at the table where the constituency's roadmap is designed. By providing soft loans for youth-led startups and international professional mentorship, we will shift the narrative from seeking government jobs to pioneering local entrepreneurship. My focus is on creating a transparent, merit-based environment where the talent of Hunza's youth can flourish without the barriers of political favoritism or financial constraints. We are not just preparing for the future; we are enabling Gen Z to lead it today.

19. Transparency, Accountability & Conclusion

To build lasting trust, I will implement "Open-Source Budgeting" by publishing all constituency expenditures on a public digital dashboard. I will host quarterly town halls to answer questions on progress and challenges and establish whistleblower protections to ensure citizens can report corruption without fear. This manifesto is not a list of wishes but a professional roadmap for GBA-06 based on my decade of experience in economic management. I promise to be a representative who is as accountable to the people as I have been to international professional standards. Together, we will build the transparent, developed, green and connected Hunza we deserve.