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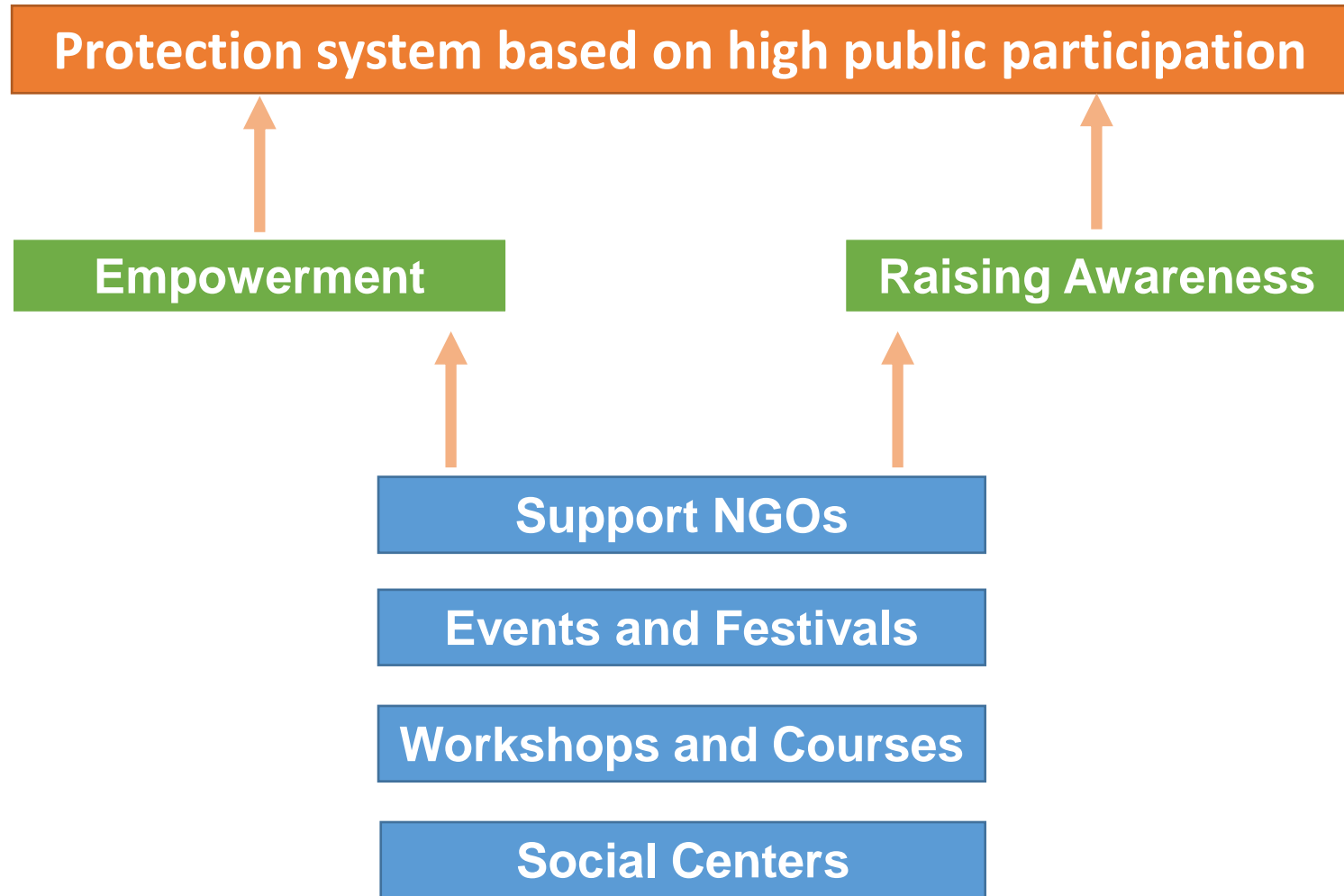
Bandar Khamir Introduction

Bandar Khamir is a small city with 20,000 population in southern Iran.

- Next to Largest marine wetland in the middle east (around 100,000 hectares)
- Next to Hara Biosphere Reserve (in Unesco's List)
- Next to the widest mangrove forests
- Its entire coastline is located in a protected area
- The only city and biggest settlement near the wetland and the biosphere reserve

“It is located in the extremely sensitive ecological position”

Selected Strategy



Support NGOs

The only environmental NGO in the city was supported.

It became the Best NGO in Hormozgan Province and was selected among the top 10 NGO in Iran in 2019



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World Wetlands Day



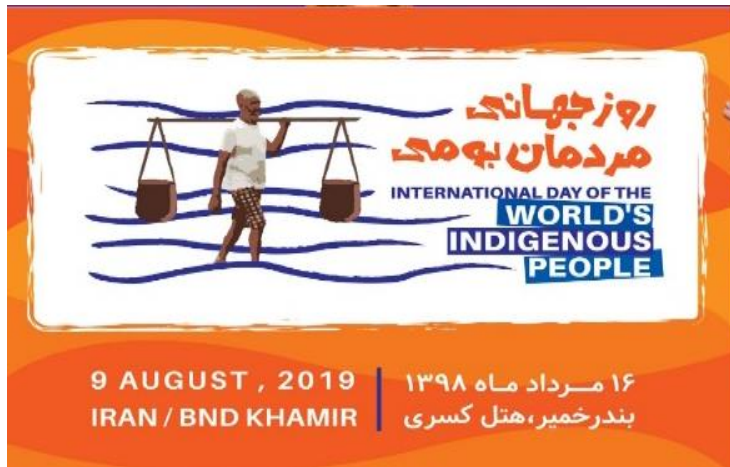
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International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem



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International Day of the World's Indigenous People



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World Migratory Birds Day



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National Day of the Child and the Environment



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And many local events



Workshops and Courses

All trainings were done according to a specific schedule



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CEPA Center:

Communication **E**ducation **P**articipation **A**wareness



Sanchah: Souvenir and handicraft center



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Boom Gohari Museum: And wooden local ship that turned to Traditional Maritime Museum



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Bandar Khamir became:

- UNESCO Learning City
- First National Wetland City in Iran

During The Pandemic

Due to the mentioned activities, at the time of the emergence of Corona, Bandar Khamir had one of the largest cohesive populations of volunteers.

- CEPA Center became a place to gather and manage all volunteers to combat Corona disease
- The volunteer population reached more than 500 in a short time includes men and women
- It was the largest public campaign against Corona in Hormozgan province

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During The Pandemic



Collect social donors



In-person training of people



Help disinfect surfaces



Produce masks and scrubs



Provide required facilities for the clinics and hospitals



Take care of the vulnerable

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During The Pandemic

The result was significant:

- Bandar Khamir was last city in the province that affected by Pandemic
- Recently, It became the first city in the province that reached to blue situation (low risk)
- The vaccination rate was 99%
- With the pandemic subsiding, the volunteers once again are assisting people in the various tourism sections, including accommodations, restaurants, local towns, wetland boats and handicrafts.

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Conclusion



The experience of Bandar Khamir shows if the focus is on increasing participation and social cohesion and giving people, global motivation, it can make the city safer and more resilient from the challenges ahead.

Bandar Khamir method is to have a global perspective and take local actions.

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