

Forum for Language Initiatives (FLI)



Training and resource centre working to enable the language communities of northern Pakistan to preserve and promote their mother tongues



Background

- ❑ **Founded in 2002**
- ❑ **Non-government and non-profit organization**
- ❑ **Formerly known as Frontier Language Institute**



Target Language Communities

❑ 30 disadvantaged language groups in northern Pakistan

Language Families:

- Indo-Aryan
- Iranian
- Tibeto-Burman
- Nuristani
- An Isolate

Current involvement

■ 17 language groups

- Balti
- Burushaski
- Dameli
- Gawri
- Gawarwati
- Gojri
- Hindko
- Indus Kohistani
- Kalasha
- Khowar
- Kundal Shahi
- Palula
- Shina
- Torwali
- Ushojo
- Wakhi
- Yidgha

Implemented mother-tongue-based multilingual education (MTB MLE) projects in 6 Language groups

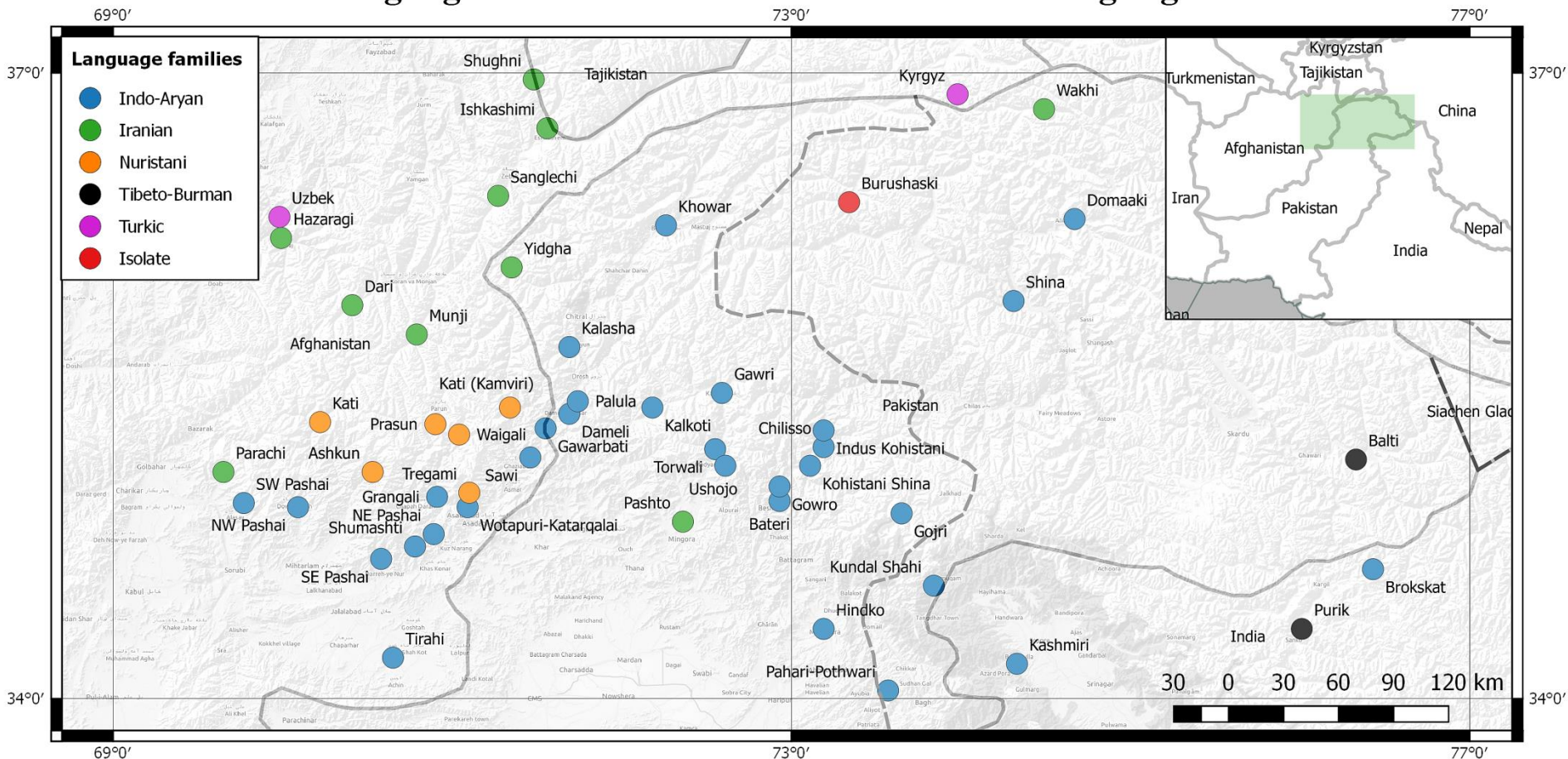
- Gawri
- Palula
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- Indus Kohistani
- Hindko
- Khowar

FLI's publications also include information on

- Burushaski
- Kalasha
- Ormuri
- Pahari

Language map of FLI's target area

Languages of northern Pakistan and surrounding regions



Language Relatedness in Target Region

INDO-IRANIAN

Iranian

Western

Northwestern

Ormuri

Eastern

Southeastern

Pashto

Pamir

Wakhi

Yidgha

Indo-Aryan

Northwestern Zone

Kashmiri

Lahnda

Hindko

Panjabi

Kunar

Dameli

Gawarbat

Chitral

Kalasha

Khovar

Kohistani

Bateri

Chilisso

Gawri

Gouro

Indus-Kohistani

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Shina

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Palula

Ushojo

Kundal Shaki

Nuristani

Kataviri-Kamviri

Northern Zone

Western Pahari

Pahari-Potwari

Central Group

Domaaki

Central Zone

Rajasthani

Gojri

SINO-TIBETAN

Tibeto-Burman

Himalayish

Tibeto-Kahauri

Tibetic

Tibetan

Western

Balti

ISOLATE

Burushaski

Facilitation and Training

- ❑ Platform for mutual collaboration
- ❑ Advocacy for language development and Mother-tongue-based Multilingual Education (MLE)
- ❑ Publication of language and cultural resources

Facilitation and Training

□ Language Vitality and Revitalization

- o Phonetics and Phonology
- o Grammar
- o Anthropology
- o Methods of cultural research
- o Dictionary making
- o Writing systems

Facilitation and Training

□ Literacy Resource Development

- MLE committee training
- MLE curriculum development
- MLE teacher training
- MLE supervisors training



Achievements

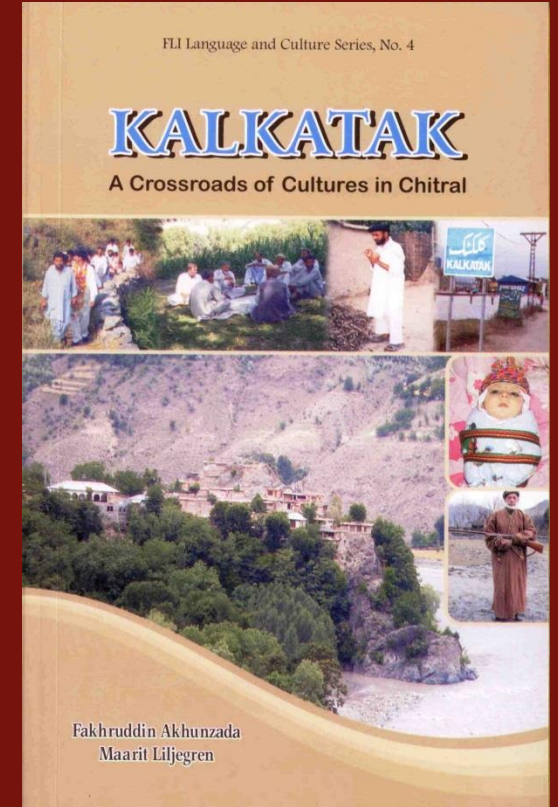
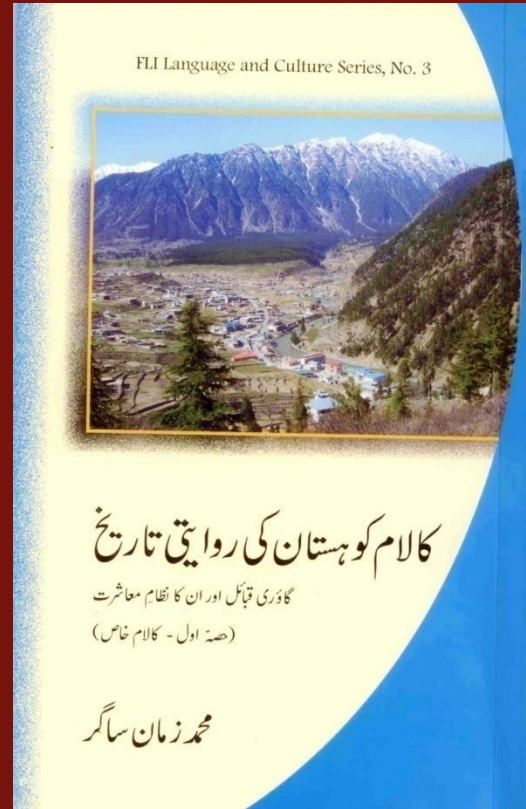
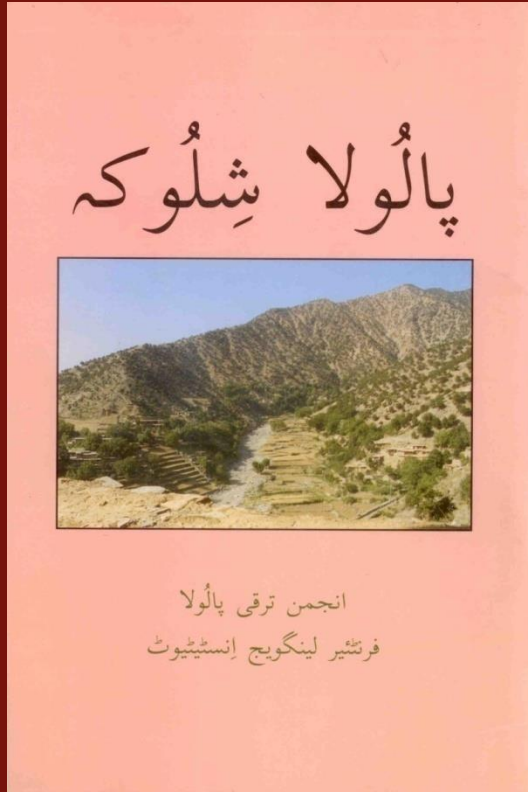
- ❑ First of its kind in the region
- ❑ Helped six language communities establish MTB MLE schools
- ❑ A growing library of books, articles and electronic resources available for research and consultation
- ❑ Website with information about the languages of the region
- ❑ Network of community-based organizations, GOs, NGOs and university departments in northern Pakistan who share a common vision
- ❑ Active on social media advocating for communities' rights



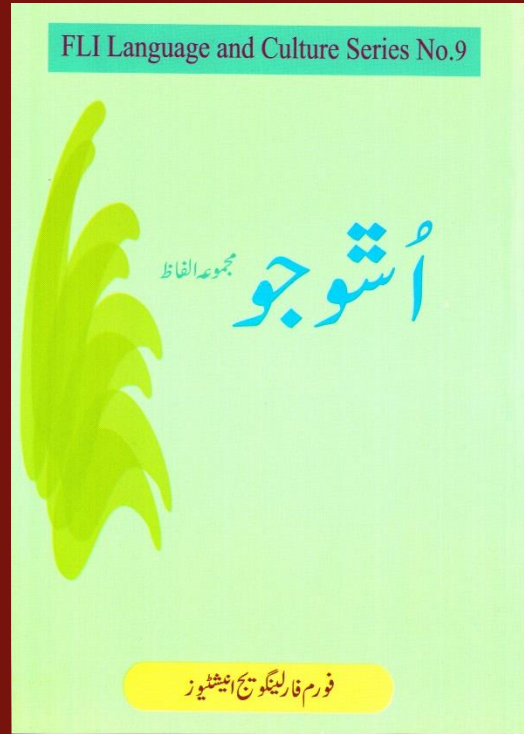
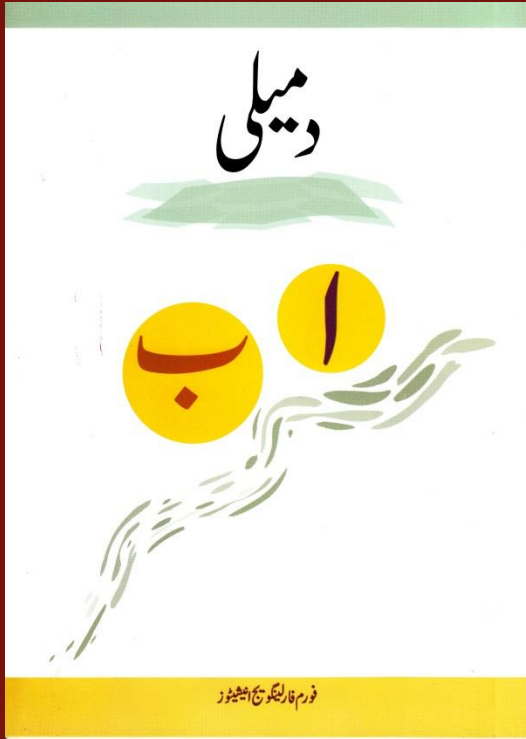
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- ❑ Training Pakistani citizens to become master trainers in the areas of linguistics, anthropology, orthography and MLE.
- ❑ Enabling people to enable others
- ❑ Publishing a series of books and promotional materials in the fields mentioned above
- ❑ Helping to organize language-related conferences
- ❑ Promoting UN-sponsored International Mother Tongue Day and Literacy Day celebrations
- ❑ Advocating for language rights and multilingual education.

Publications



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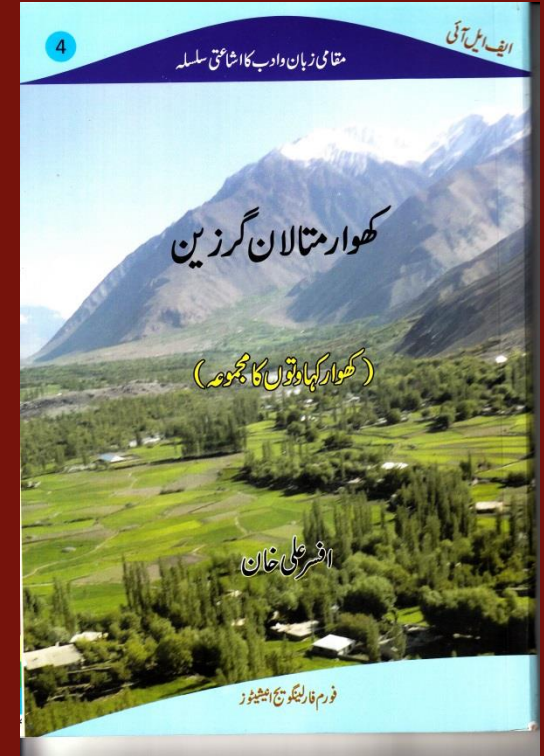
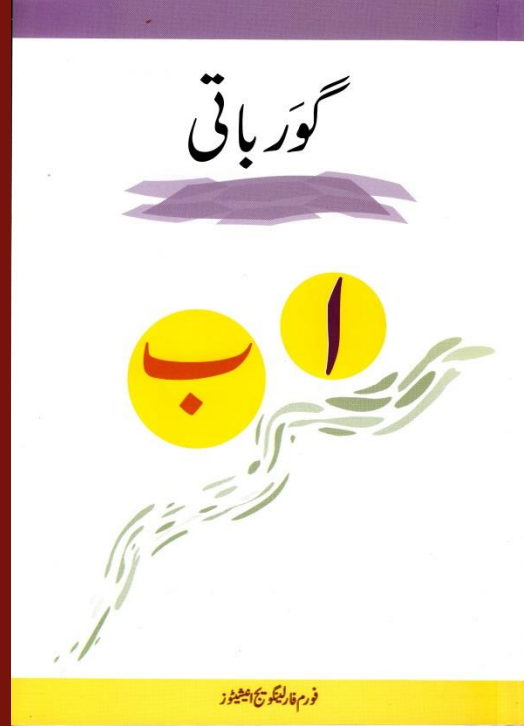
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Project: Preliminary Documentation of Yidgha, Gawarbat, Dameli, and Ushojo Languages.

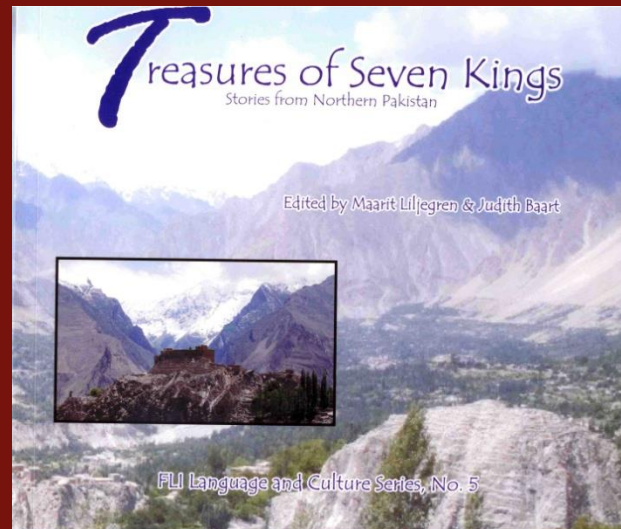
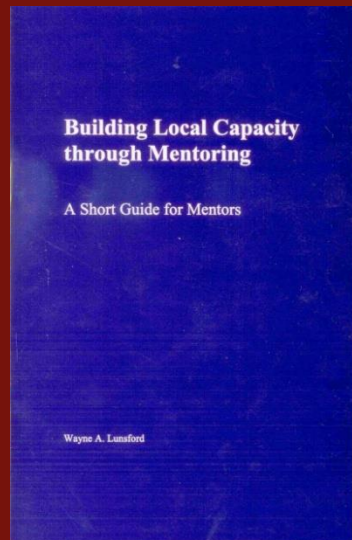
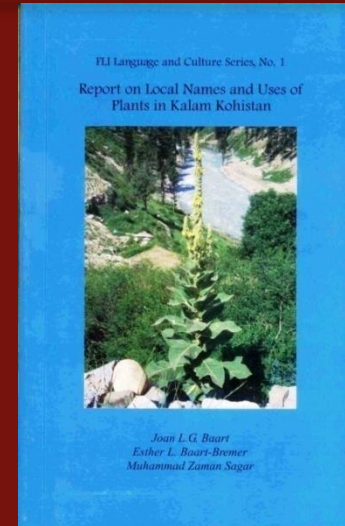
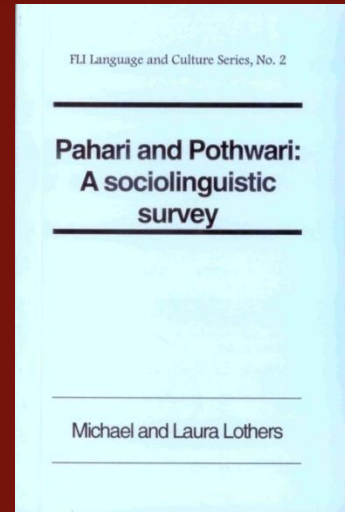
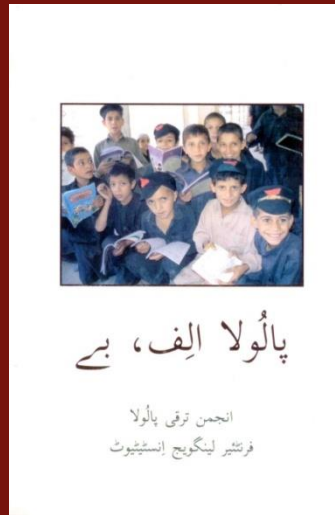
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