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Newsletter

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Encourage, Equip and Empower Partnerships for Holistic Transformation in Pakistan

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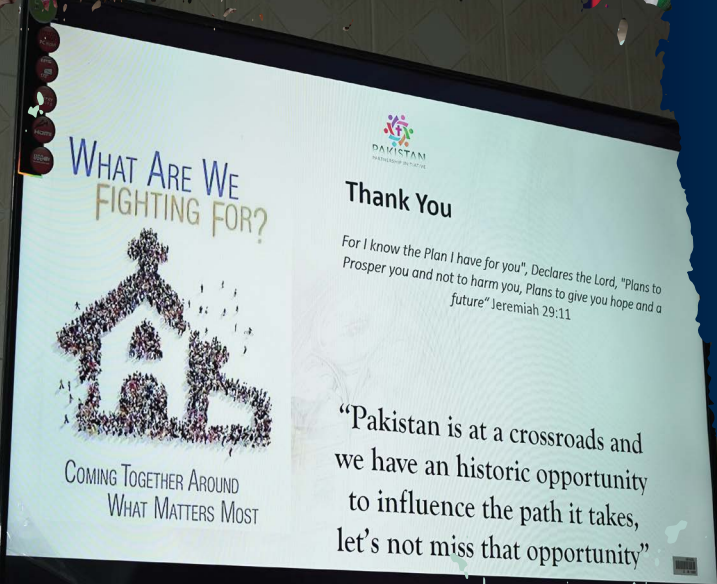
- ▶ How are we reaching young people?
- ▶ The prayer, as the integral component of our relief and development work.
- ▶ Striving to be better by aligning ourselves with national and global humanitarian and development standards.
- ▶ Developing local capacities through organizational development initiatives.
- ▶ Transforming communities by reaching them with impactful assistance.
- ▶ Learning that each of us has a unique role to play in the development of our country.



Transforming Local Capacities

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One-Day Prayer Session

The Primary Education Project (PEP) Diocese of Hyderabad Church of Pakistan organized a one-day prayer session on 21st June 2023. Led by Rt. Rev. Bishop Kaleem John, the prayer session had youth group members, clergy and other church leaders engaged in praying for the economic, political and social stability of Pakistan. Moreover, the importance of prayer was emphasized and the participants acknowledged that prayer is the way to strengthen the relationship with God and to help us deal with our challenges effectively.



Prayer Sessions at Partner Organizations and Churches

Parkari Community Development Programme (PCDP) organized a 1-day prayer mobilization session in Mirpurkhas. The primary objective of this event was to invite and gather church leaders, laypersons, and members of the community from various denominations to engage in a unified form of prayer. Five specific prayer requests were identified which will be followed through in participating churches and communities in their individual and collective prayer times. These included; 1) the Christian community (with a particular focus on youth), 2) the challenges faced by minorities (such as forced conversions), 3) Pakistan as a nation, and 4) other religions/non-believers. To symbolize peace and unity, the event concluded with candle lighting and small group prayers. This gathering aimed to promote a sense of togetherness and solidarity among Christians, fostering a spirit of peace and harmony.



Prayer Network - Provincial Chapter, KPK

National Prayer Mobilization has turned out to be a movement across Pakistan; the provincial prayer consultation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been held in collaboration with Assemblies of God Church, KPK on June 23, 2023, in Peshawar. Pastors from South and North Waziristan, Bannu, Kohat, D.I.Khan, Parachinar, Mardan and Peshawar participated. The provincial Chapter along with the working groups and district coordinators have been established in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.



Prayer Requests

- For upcoming events of the Pakistan Partnership Initiative.
- For recognition of our calling and the optimal utilization of our talents and gifts that lead to the prosperity of Pakistan.
- For unity among leadership, and economic stability of the country.
- For a well-nourished youth to stand strong for the

Pakistan Emerging Leaders Network (PELN) Peshawar

PPI in collaboration with SALT is making substantial efforts towards establishing the Pakistan Emerging Leaders Network for the holistic development and growth of emerging leaders so that they could effectively contribute towards the overall development of Pakistan. Regional chapters and working groups in Punjab and KPK provinces have been established. More than 65 emerging leaders have taken responsibility to take forward the agenda in partnership with SALT and PPI.



Mentoring Session with Youth

Pakistan Christian Forum organized a mentoring session aimed at empowering Christian youth to enhance their understanding of the right career choice along with scholarship beneficiaries on the PCF roll. The session was attended by 20-25 students, including both male and female participants, along with faith leaders who were present to provide guidance and support. PCF's focus on empowering the youth aligns with its vision of building a strong church and preparing the young generation for the development of our country.

The outcome of the mentoring session overall provided the students with valuable knowledge, empowerment, networking opportunities, leadership development, and inspiration. These outcomes collectively helped them to strengthen their faith, develop their character, and prepare them for a purposeful life serving God and people in need.



DXM FUNDRAISING – ONLINE COURSE

PPI in collaboration with DXM Institute for Changemaking Innovation arranged a 3-day online course on Fundraising facilitated by Mr. Kn Moy. This online training program richly informed the participants on practical and updated fund-raising strategies. The content of the training was based on first-hand experience and research. It thoroughly was addressing the needs of a board and wider community engaged in donor-management practices. Overall, with 36 participants from 25 local organizations participated in the online course out of which 11 were females and 25 were Male participants learnt new insights into this significant area.

Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy) PCP Certification for PPI Partners

PCP (Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy) certification for non-profit organizations in Pakistan is essential to enhance credibility, build donor confidence, improve organizational capacity, access funding opportunities, foster networking and collaboration, and strengthen advocacy efforts. It helps non-profits to demonstrate their commitment to transparency and accountability, ensuring that they are well-positioned to make a positive impact in their communities. Expressing its commitment towards transforming local capacities, PPI facilitated its five (05) key partners for obtaining PCP certification.

Community Mobilization Strategy

PPI selected 10 partner organizations in Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan to develop their Community Mobilization Strategy resource guide. CMS refers to marshalling all kinds of resources; human, geographical, and financial actions. PPI envisions a transformation to achieve an effective community-based organization aligned with its vision and mission during field operations and interventions. CMS forecasts a well-defined strategy to steer organizations in the right direction for the optimum utilization of resources to equip stakeholders. Hence, enhancing their skills and abilities to transform communities accordingly.

Code of Conduct (CoC)/Complaint Response Mechanism (CRM) Policy

PPI collaborated with CWSA to strengthen the organizational capacity of its partner organizations to bring their systems, policies, procedures and mechanisms more in line with the internationally recognized accountability frameworks. This has helped the organizations to improve their response to the communities they are working with and be more accountable to the affected population. Seven (07) organizations were selected and facilitated to develop and strengthen the existing COC and CRM policy at the organizational level as per the international standards by Community World Service Asia (CWSA).

Community Awakening Through Churches- ISB/RWP

Society for Relief and Development (SRD), with a mission to promote prosperous and empowered communities, has been diligently carrying out the Community Awakening through Churches (CATCH V) project along with consortium teams; United Christian Council (UCC), Outreach Assistance to humanity (OATH), and Life Through Sports (LTS). On April 27th, 2023, TOT Umoja was conducted with Consortium Partners, and around 15 consortium members participated. The training equipped the consortium teams with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct Umoja training with partner churches. Under this activity, consortium Partners organized multiple trainings with their 40 Partner Churches.



Brick Kiln slaves that have been freed

As part of the Freedom Project, the New Covenant School System, NCSS-Faisalabad team liberated 500 individuals from Brick Kiln enslavement, including 86 Christian and one Muslim family. All of the 87 families' debt (avg debt PKR 150,000 per family) was paid to the Brick Kiln owners, and the families were moved to safe habitats. The family would be taken care of for a month while they were supported in starting small business set-ups to maintain themselves.

Amjad, a member of the Brick Kiln family, said, "I've been working here for the last 20 years, initially I took a loan to treat my wife who was ill. I am grateful to the project team and God for giving us this opportunity to be free of slavery."

PPI is also collaborating with the **National Commission on Human Rights** to undertake research on Brick Kiln employees, which will be used to advocate for Brick Kiln workers with the government of Pakistan.



Emerging Leaders Camp - South Punjab Consortium

Emerging Leaders Camp was organized for emerging Christian leaders who serve in different ministries. 22 young people participated in the camp. Its focus is on creating transformative experiences that engage, stretch, and release leaders for the present and future, flourishing and impacting their churches. This camp provides a unique platform for young adults to develop their leadership skills, deepen their faith, and foster meaningful connections with like-minded individuals. The Church Emerging Leaders Camp created a transformative impact on participants' leadership abilities. By participating in interactive workshops and activities, attendees gained valuable insights into effective leadership practices. They learn to communicate effectively, build relationships, and make sound decisions. By honing their skills, deepening their faith, and engaging in community service, attendees gain the confidence to step forward and take on leadership roles within their churches, schools, and workplaces. This newfound confidence extends far beyond the camp and empowers participants to pursue their goals and dreams with courage and conviction.



Bible Training Centre, Society organized a Leadership Training

“Recognizing Pitfalls in Church Leadership”, facilitated by “Der Mar Thoma”, was organized by BTC to sharpen the lens of theological students and leaders to identify ignored groups in the communities. It mainly focused on the inclusion of diversity emphasizing the underlining Bible reference that “no one is greater than another one according to Genesis 1:27, God created every human in his image.” This sanctioned a new perspective to not shun but to embrace the disabled members, widows, orphans, mentally retarded and handicapped, transgender, and remote area communities. Since such concerted support transforms the community and fulfils the law in Christ to “love all”.



Sustainable Livelihood Project (AWARD)

AWARD under the Sustainable Livelihoods Project (SLP) established liaison of 20 Christian businesswomen with the Faisalabad Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. To carry forward the agenda, a 2-day Business Development Training was organized for 40 business women. Later they were provided with Cash grant cheques to initiate their small business start-ups. Furthermore, at Women Resource Center, another training was organized for local development committees of each selected and target area of the project to help them hone their "leadership skills" and run their business effectively.



CREATE - Center for Building Better Community

Center for Building Better Communities (CBCB) is a hub for applied research and holistic change. They are committed to the creation of a world where everyone and every community can flourish. In partnership with CBCB, PPI had initiated trainings in Pakistan. PPI is in the planning phase to explore the possible opportunities to apply.

Global Resource (Initiating a Cohort)

PPI is in the initial phase of its partnership with Resource Global to start a course with the first cohort in Pakistan in 2024. Resource Global is committed to identifying emerging Christian marketplace leaders in major global cities and providing them with the teachers, mentors, and global network to allow them to transform their workplaces and cities for the Gospel. Resource Global is going to start a series of ground-softening sessions in August 2023 prior to the start of Cohort in 2024.

Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) Certification of PPI

To demonstrate the commitment towards transparency and accountability and model increased operational excellence, PPI deliberately applied for the PCP certification in Pakistan. PPI looks forward towards receiving PCP certification with high marks which will ultimately contribute towards enhancing PPI's credibility, donors' confidence and organizational accountability.

PPI's ISO 9001 Certification

PPI has started a process to achieve ISO 9001:2015 standard certification with the purpose to set "Standard Operating Procedures" for its management, operations and program. Gap Analysis of PPI has been completed and a series of orientations and training of the staff have been conducted to familiarize them with ISO standards on how to set/develop QMS and maintain them. It is hoped that PPI will complete all the processes by Nov 2023 and achieve ISO 9001 certification.



Empower Media Women

With EWM, Pakistan Partnership Initiative is planning to collaborate to contribute to women's empowerment through digital means. Initially, to begin with, 30 women, we are further exploring opportunities on how we can maximize our impact on women and can effectively lead as peace-building advocates through the media.



PPI board and AGM meeting

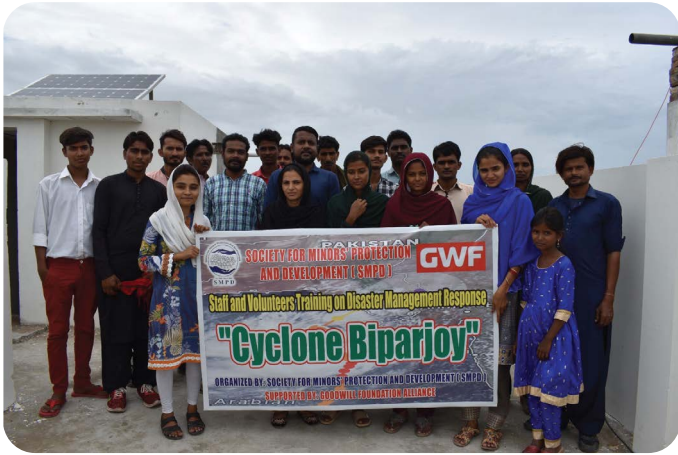
PPI annual General Members and Board of Directors meetings took place on June 30, 2023, in Islamabad. Organizational annual progress and achievements towards the strategic aims and objectives were reviewed and appreciated by the members. The board members appreciated the hard work and concerted efforts of PPI management and its staff and guided further for aligning PPI's initiatives with the vision of seeing a transformed church serving as a catalyst for holistic development in Pakistan.



PARTNERS' INITIATIVES

Humanitarian Response

PPI's partners were actively engaged in terms of preparedness for the cyclone. SMPD, which ran an awareness campaign regarding disaster management in the context of cyclone warnings, also organized one-day training on disaster management response regarding the forecasted cyclone "Biparjoy". Staff and volunteers were provided with updated information about cyclones and measures to be taken to mitigate the calamity in the event of an emergency in the targeted communities. Also, the PEP-DoH field team conducted awareness sessions on the Biparjoy Cyclone in its targeted communities and shared updates and information for their safety.



Support Children (SALT) - Leadership & Governance Certificate, Murree

Graduated Youth attended a week-long course on Leadership & Governance. They were equipped with the requisite knowledge and skills required to be effective influential future leaders. The course also focused on good governance practices enhancing their capacity towards improved management of the institutions they may be contributing to in their roles.



Christian Women Conference

SRD organized Christian Women Conference in Islamabad. Around 70 women participated in the event. The gathering highlighted the unique strengths and talents of women; encouraging them to embrace their potential, amplify their voices, and take leadership roles in addressing the issues that affect them negatively.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ National Leadership Gathering
- ▶ Project Cycle Management
- ▶ Humanitarian Principles & Essentials
- ▶ Discipleship one-day online session by Resource Global



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