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CDL Child Domestic Labor

CFLI Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives

JJSA Juvenile Justice System Act

NADRA National Database and Regulatory Authority

NCSW National Council for Social Welfare

SPARC Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child

UNCRC United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Message from the Chairperson



SPARC is a part of a larger civil society striving in all possible fronts to be a voice for child rights, be it at the policy level or through its programs at the grass roots level.

SPARC works for children coping with multiple challenges; access to quality education coupled with low learning levels; poor health conditions; a weak system of protection for destitute and vulnerable children; early and forced marriages; plethora of challenges in juvenile justice system; homelessness and meager resources, conflicts, internal and external trafficking; exploitation and continued employment in hazardous occupations including mines and no respite from domestic servitude.

Commitments made by Pakistan by ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and by adopting child

related laws and policies are important first steps to realize children's rights, but will remain less effective unless translated into allocations in provincial and national budgets and efficient public spending for children. We need reformed and improved legal frameworks in view of implementing the UNCRC. Moreover, concrete steps are needed to implement

laws formulated by the provinces to nurture an environment where children are secure, empowered and valued.

Here, I also value the power of media in bringing forward the various issues of children and joining hands with SPARC.

Attiya Inayatullah

Message from the Executive Director



SPARC plays a role in sensitizing the masses and creating awareness about the rights of every child to be nurtured and cared for by everyone. We at SPARC make sure that each and every one who is part of this organization understands the value of investing in kids. Thus with every intervention, we try to reach maximum beneficiaries in a cost effective manner.

All this work would not have been possible without the contribution of its partners and dedicated employees.

Despite challenges and shrinking space for NGOs, SPARC worked with diverse donors and continued to explore new avenues to increase its donor base. We look forward to continue to engage with them and serve our children. I take pride in working with dynamic coalitions on child rights. During the year 2018, SPARC continued to provide support

to less privileged children including child laborers, children on streets, and economic opportunities to girl child victims of early and forced marriage amongst other work. In addition to it, the team also explored the less talked about topics including tobacco use among children.

We appreciate the ongoing support from like minded organizations and government bodies and we pledge to

continue in our efforts to exceed expectations.

Sajjad Cheema

Message from the Executive Director

SPARC is registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 since December 1992 as non-governmental organization. It is SPARC's belief that child rights are human rights. This means that child rights envisages a broad range of rights issues, which amongst others in the context of Pakistan, include child labor, juvenile justice, violence against children, education and health.

SPARC has been creating awareness about the UNCRC and lobbying for implementation of its provisions. SPARC works at the national level, with offices in several major cities, and a member of prominent regional networks including Forum Asia, South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), ASPBAE and Defense for Children International. On a global level, it has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN Department of Public Information (DPI). SPARC has received the United Nations Recognition Award and USAID certification under the USAID Institutional Management Certification Program (IMCP).

SPARC strives to create awareness, promote and protect child rights. SPARC's primary activity in the early years was advocacy and awareness generation. This was viewed as the need of the time as there was little or no public disclosure on the condition and needs of children in Pakistan. To this was added the felt need of related activity of training,

orientations, capacity building of child rights specialists, however it became clear that the bottom line was service delivery which remained a neglected area.

SPARC hence planned and conducted strategic interventions for children who are in contact or conflict with the law, bonded child laborers, children living/ and or working on streets and children living in emergency/disaster hit areas. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster that displaces or affects children, basic humanitarian aid including food and non food items and safe play areas are provided. Early recovery interventions consist of rehabilitation of damaged schools and aid for seriously affected families whereas children on streets are catered through street children centers. Over the past many years, SPARC's outreach at the district level was through Child Rights Committees (CRCs) which are volunteer groups consisting of local activists working on children's issues.

SPARC has been able to increase its activities and expand its outreach at the national level with the support of a number of donors. SPARC Board of Directors (BoD) comprises of seasoned professionals who govern SPARC's objectives and gives leadership to SPARC's strategic positioning in world of the child in Pakistan. The Executive Director leads with a management team and is responsible for the organization's operations.

Vision

A world in which children are valued and empowered and their rights promoted and protected.

Mission

To promote and protect the rights of children and to empower through advocacy supported by research, awareness-raising, service delivery, and human and institutional development.

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

The Strategic Plan outlines SPARC's evolving approach to protection of Child Rights along with the programmatic direction outlining its priorities for five years. Furthermore, it focuses on strengthening political commitment and national capacity to legislate, plan and budget for children to enable greater dialogue through advocacy and evidence based research support to inform policy matters at national and provincial levels. The below mentioned SPARC's activities and programs are aligned with national and international priorities to ensure concrete and doable solutions and to support the achievement of targets as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Year at a Glance 2018

Changes in Management

In August 2018, SPARC's National Program Manager Mr. Sajjad Ahmed Cheema took charge as Executive Director. He has extensive experience with national and international Organizations and expertise on Child Protection. Mr Cheema has previously worked with SPARC as Regional Manager Punjab. Dr. Fakhar Sohail, former Executive Director assumed charge as National Training Manager. He has been a part of SPARC since 2009.

Awareness Raising

SPARC spreads awareness about child rights through its many publications, consultations, meetings with various stakeholders and campaigns. It also continuously strives to involve media, both print and electronic, in this endeavor.

Publications

Publications play an important role in raising awareness. In this regard, SPARC has been taking out a number of publications, including newsletters, brochures, magazines, and reports for

the past two decades. Many of these publications, particularly the newsletters are distributed throughout the country to policy-makers, child and human rights defenders, national and international NGOs, academia and well-wishers.

Newsletters

SPARC published two bi-annual newsletters with 500 copies each. The NLs covered main stories concerning child rights and SPARC's projects geared towards the overall betterment of children.

Calendars

1,000 table calendars and diaries were printed with key messages on street children and State's responsibility towards improving plight of these unprivileged children.

Year at a Glance 2018



On July 9, SPARC launched its annual flagship report “The State of Pakistan’s Children 2017” at National Press Club, Islamabad. The event was attended by State Functionaries, Human/Child Rights Activists, Media Personnel, and Officials from National and International Non-Government Organizations, Donor Agencies and children from SPARC’s Center for Street Children. Comprising of a multi-faceted overview of the State of Pakistan’s Children, the Report has for the last two decades been systematically documenting the evolution of child protection laws, social attitudes and key developments, with an annual overview of the state of child rights in Pakistan.

This includes detailed figures on the state of education, health, juvenile justice, violence against children and child labor across Pakistan.



Ms. Manizeh Bano from Sahil shared that 3445 cases of Child Sexual Abuse were reported in 2017 which have been declined from 4139 which was in 2016.

She also emphasized on the representation of children from minorities and different ethnic groups so they do not get deprived of their rights.

Dr. Parveen Azam from Dost Welfare Foundation appreciated the efforts made by the CSOs on juvenile justice and some of the street children. She stressed on the need of collaboration among the government and civil/social networks.

While addressing the audience, Joint Secretary Press Club, Ms. Fouzia Rana emphasized on the need for broadcasting entertainment content at national television channels specifically designed for children. Dr. Sania Nishtar

supported the demand for increase in budget allocation for the health sector especially for the rural areas.

Ms. Tahira Abdullah put emphasis on uniform definition of child and a consensus on “No Child Labor”. Ms. Naheed Aziz being Human Rights Defender, also stressed on Pakistan’s compliance with UNCRC ratified back in 1990 and called for serious measures.

The Child Chief Guest Razzan Ahmed and Bakht Jamshaid of former Children’s Parliament also spoke and stressed on need of political and social will to improve plight of child rights in the country.

Guest of Honor and SPARC’S BoD Chairperson Ms. Attiya Inayatullah urged media’s role in providing statistics in highlighting the issues regarding children and civil society organizations in raising awareness about child rights.

She also emphasized on Government’s role in taking effective measures about pending laws regarding children.

SPARC received constructive feedback for SOPC including a mention of mental health and children; brief mention of cases being pursued by courts followed by a separate monograph once the case is over in court amongst other suggestions.

The report received coverage in leading media outlets- both print and electronic media and generated a momentum and debate around child rights issues in the country. Copies of reports were requested by over NGOs/ INGOs and researchers. (Please refer to Annexure –II for media links)

Big Tobacco: Tiny Targets

To generate a momentum through sharing of evidence based research on tobacco consumption, SPARC printed 500 copies of Big Tobacco: Tiny Targets report and launched the report on December 20 at Serena Hotel Islamabad in presence of 140 participants/ policy makers/ civil society activists/ WHO, Ministry of Health, academics, Child Rights Movement and print and electronic media. The report surveyed 133 schools throughout the country and found that 89 percent of primary and secondary schools have tobacco advertisements within 100 meters radius.

Some of the largest violations discovered in the report came from global tobacco industry giants Phillip Morris and Pakistan Tobacco Company. The report finds that tobacco companies are systematically targeting children as young as six years old by placing advertisements outside the gates of primary and secondary schools throughout Pakistan. CTFK partners i.e. HDF, Panah and FFC also attended the launch.

The panelists included Sajjad Cheema, Executive Director who quoted the "Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health Ordinance, 2002" which includes ban

on access to tobacco products near educational institutes and restriction on sale of cigarettes to those who are under 18. Colonel (R) Azhar Saleem – CEO HDF shared cultural and social habits fascinating minors. Tobacco companies are targeting the markets of minors and women to expand their future markets by expanding business. Major General (R) Masudur Rehman Kayani, President of PANAH, spoke on the smoking habits of youngsters which often leads to use of drugs.

Ms Sabeen Gul Khan, Member Punjab Assembly from Multan, asserted the need of addressing the concern of children being soft targets of the tobacco industry. She supported the idea of adding more model projects on 'tobacco free cities' thus keeping Islamabad's model in view.

The launch garnered support from media and top government hierarchy as the guest of honor and Federal Parliamentary Secretary of Health Services Dr Nausheen Hamid graced the occasion and reiterated government's commitment to check and curb tobacco prevalence with increase in taxation.



Seminars on Minorities and Electoral Reforms



SPARC realizes that social protection of children from minorities is imperative for their growth and better life prospects. In this regard, to raise awareness among Christian community, SPARC conducted a seminar on minorities and electoral reforms at Peshawar on February 22. The seminar was organized under SPARC's project – Strengthening Diversity and Democracy through Minorities Engagement in Electoral and Political Processes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh.



The seminar was attended by Community Action Groups comprising of Christian men and women, representatives from FAFEN, lawyers, civil society activists, elected representatives and media persons. The findings of SPARC's baseline assessment were shared; out of 423 respondents interviewed in the Kohati Gate locality in Peshawar, 75 percent of the male participants had acquired birth certificates whereas only 10.27 percent of the females had their birth certificates.

With regard to voter registration it was found that a sizeable majority of 86 percent from the Christian community was registered to vote with more men compared to women while 21.6 percent women were not registered to vote while 2.25 percent were unaware of their voting status".

Zahid Khattak from Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) said; "Peshawar was one of the districts with lowest women voter registration against a population of 2100,719 women as of the 2017 census, only 663,192 are registered to cast votes".

He urged both men and women participants to get CNIC registration to be eligible to cast their votes in the 2018

elections. Speaking on the occasion, Arif Yusuf, advisor to chief minister, said that government wished to see more political participation of women in the upcoming elections.

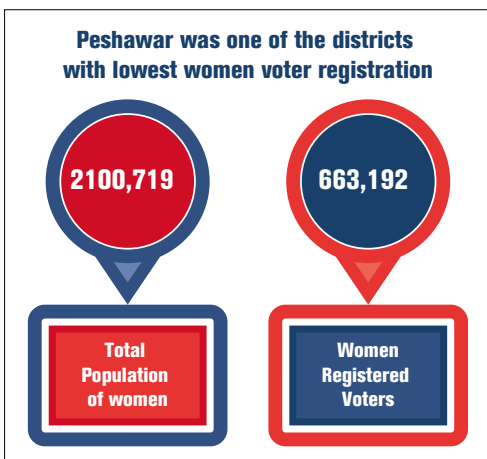
A similar seminar was held in Sindh on February 14 where representatives of various political parties, rights activists, bar association called for unanimously passing a resolution for the right of dual voting and proper legislation for protection of life and property and sacred places of citizens belonging to minority communities. Advisor to the Chief Minister Ms Shamim Mumtaz said that her party has prioritized rights of religious minorities; religious holidays have been granted to them with nomination and representation in elections and Senate.

Ms Anisa Waliullah from Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf and other speakers reaffirmed commitment to protect the rights of religious minorities, they pledged to work towards a Pakistan where all citizens would be treated equally, regardless of caste, creed or religion.

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Child Rights Protection through CRM

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Child Participation

SPARC undertook initiatives to utilize platform of CRM in pursuing ideals and plans in the best interest of children of Pakistan. Child Rights Clubs were established under CRM at school levels to raise demand for the recognition of child rights through proper implementation on UNCRC.

SPARC involved the children of Child Rights Clubs between

the ages of 10-18 years in trainings to encourage them for participating in demand generation of their rights. For this purpose, various capacity building sessions were held with students of Saya School, Falcon School and mainstreamed children of Street Children Center Rawalpindi.

Dr. Fakhar Sohail and Ms Sabeen Almas facilitated interactive sessions with the children through innovative group projects, role play and exploring their rights mentioned in the UNCRC. The aim behind was to raise awareness, develop their understanding of rights and to teach them how to assert themselves. The sessions were designed to be fun and playful for the children so they interest and participate in the activities with high spirits.

Seminar on “Budget Analysis from a Child Rights Perspective”

SPARC under the platform of CRM organized a seminar on December 28 where key journalists participated in debate on budget analysis from a child rights perspective.

Speakers urged both provincial and federal governments for





better budgetary analysis for children. They also called for the need to introduce a system to bring the children’s voices and views into the decision making process under Article 12 of UNCRC.

Seminar on Child Protection: Issues, Solutions and Opportunities

On December 24, Federal Minister for Human Rights Dr Shireen Mazari attended the seminar on Child Protection: Issues, Solutions and Opportunities,

organized by CRM in Islamabad. The minister stressed that although Child Protection is the responsibility of the state yet the family has a very important role to play in this regard. Parents should educate their children. To sensitize parents and children on child abuse, the Ministry of Human Rights is bringing an Alert Bill to preempt any child abuse incident. Moreover, the steps are also taken to address the issues like sexual abuse, child labor, child trafficking and

those related to the refugee children.

Workshop on Investment in Children

National Council of Social Welfare (NCSW) on November 14th organized a workshop- ‘Importance of Investment in Child Welfare & Our Social Responsibilities’ in collaboration with Child Rights Movement National Secretariat. The panelists included National Council of Social Welfare Chairman Dr. Nadeem Shafiq Malik, Parliamentary Secretary, M/o Federal Education & Profession Training and Parliamentary Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development.

The notable speakers stressed said that it is our collective responsibility to work for the reduction of school dropout ratio and private schools should work hand in hand with public sector and offer some incentives through reduction in fee to the needy and deserving children.

Strategic Area 1

Securing and protecting the rights of Children in Pakistan: UNCRC & SDG Goals 1 (Poverty), 2&3 (Health), 4 (Education) and 16 (Injustice)

HEALTH

Saving Young Generations from Harms of Tobacco

Supported by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the project brings to the forefront the widely overlooked issue of adverse effects of tobacco on well being of children and to persuade federal government to address policy gaps in tobacco legislation; implement the laws in compliance with Framework Convention on Tobacco Control articles along with its related protocol; MPOWER policies and SDG commitments (in particular

Target 3A) through targeted advocacy in presence of civil society and media support. All these rigorous interventions will lead to pressure building on government to address the crucial issue of tobacco industry's leverage through low taxes and manipulative measures to attract minors to take up tobacco use. On pilot basis, concerted efforts have been initiated to make Multan- a tobacco free city largely through involvement of district government, health department and public.



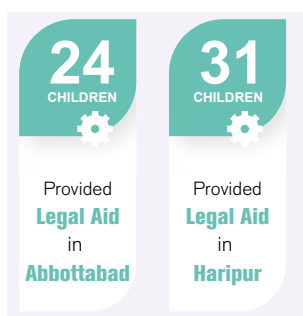
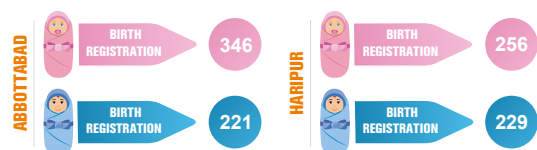
EDUCATION

SPARC with the financial support of BMZ and KNH, successfully completed its four year project- Learning is Fun: Promoting Child Friendly Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in March 2018. The project covered 60 schools in district Haripur and Abbottabad with technical support of district education departments. A baseline was conducted to ascertain requirements whereby SPARC improved school environment through provision of furniture, pictorial depiction of various subjects, sapling plantation, outdoor play facilities, and provision of first aid boxes to deal with minor injuries. As a result of the project.

- 320 students from private schools moved back to government schools due to attractive and appealing school environment
- Parents Teachers Councils attended trainings and provided feedback in infrastructural needs as identified

during School Development Plan preparation. Their ownership towards schools thus increased.

- At-least in 50 % schools after provision of WASH facilities, security risk has reduced, particularly in girls schools who had to go out otherwise.
- In the result of collaboration among SPARC and Education Department, about 5798 students were enrolled in project selected schools according to below given details.
- SPARC, took the number of initiatives to ensure child participation at school level; to make school environment safe, friendly and corporal punishment free for the students SPARC introduced redressal complaint mechanism at selected schools, in this regard SPARC requested Education Offices of both districts to establish



complaint redressal committee at school, because there was no such structure existed in the schools at the time of school identification.

- 346 girls and 221 boys in Abbottabad were facilitated for birth registration certificates whereas 229 boys and 256 girls in Haripur were reached through project teams and NADRA.
- 85 columns appeared in different national and local newspapers on educational reforms.
- In the result of collaboration among SPARC and Education Department, about 5798 students were enrolled in project selected schools according to below given details.
- Replication trainings helped train 394 teachers were trained against the target of 360 whereas master trainers from various schools also delivered various sessions.
- 24 children and aggrieved families were provided legal aid in Abbottabad; 31 in Haripur whereas 17 factfindings were carried out in Abbottabad and 27 in Haripur.

Promoting Child Friendly Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa – Extension Phase

SPARC's four year education project in Haripur and Abbottabad districts resulted in gratifying improvements in the learning environment in 60 participating schools. Since August 1, SPARC has continued with a follow-up project in Tehsil Ghazi, District Haripur to implement some recommendations identified in the project evaluation and to use and replicate the positive experiences in another 30 primary schools. The interventions include training of 75 school teachers on improved teaching techniques and to enable 375 schoolchildren take on social responsibility and participate in the decision-making processes in their schools.

Strategic Area 2

Implementation of national laws and policies regarding Child Rights

JUVENILE JUSTICE

SPARC is a pioneering organization in the field of helping children who come into conflict with law. Despite the challenge of paucity of funding for JJ, SPARC was able to garner some support in pursuit of reaching out to incarcerated children. Year 2018 saw repeal of Juvenile Justice System Ordinance 200 by another comprehensive law- Juvenile Justice System Act whereby SPARC actively advocated for its implementation

in true letter and spirit and also conducted awareness raising trainings among JJ stakeholders in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh.

Reaching out to Juvenile Prisoners in Central Jail Peshawar through Stakeholders' Involvement

SPARC is working in Central Jail Peshawar on restorative justice system and improving prison conditions. This



involves formation of a cohort of dedicated stakeholders willing to work towards restorative justice system; availability of handy resource material on roles and responsibilities of JJ stakeholders with subsequent improved

Reaching Out to Incarcerated Youth through Educational Uplift

SPARC has recently undertaken a project in Youthful Offenders Industrial School Karachi to re-socialize the children and youth into the fold of society through techniques of positive behavior. The project over a period of 12 months will work to incorporate Non Formal Education, Computer Literacy and Life Skill Based Education among 120

access to sports, recreation and health based needs of minimum 120 juvenile inmates. Children living with incarcerated mothers are also the beneficiaries of the project.

juveniles. They will also be provided with sports activities to offer a healthy outlet for their energies. Similarly, introduction of a Learning Corner will help nurture an environment to enhance the youths' cognitive, linguistic, social and civil development. SPARC will also train prison staff on Juvenile Justice System Act and to sustain interventions in the long run.



Combating Child Early and Forced Marriage through Girls Empowerment

SPARC completed 2016- 2018 project in Multan, largely aimed at improving the livelihood opportunities for disadvantaged young girls and women in targeted communities by providing vocational skill training, Life Skills Based Education (LSBE), creating market linkages, referring for advanced training and employment and advocating for the education and training of girls. Basic mandate of the project was also prevention of Child Early & Forced Marriages (CEFM) in marginalized communities where girls are taken as burden of the family while boys are considered as earning hands. Provision of vocational training and earning opportunities to girls at their doorstep helped in delaying the marriage age of young girls. SPARC concluded the project in December 2018 by training 6078 girls in Multan and Muzaffargarh districts over the period

of more than 2 years out of which 610 girls got internships while 23 got formal employment and 145 are self-employed. Moreover, 13 girls got microloans to start their business and 429 girls opened their own bank accounts to manage their finances. Community awareness on the issues of early marriages and importance of education and training for girls was also huge part of the project. Major stakeholders like TEVTA (Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority), Chamber of Commerce, Louis Berger and Akhuwat Foundation has also been taken on board for the support and sustainability of the initiative at local level. Job fair and market exposure was ensured to get girls familiar with the market demands and business development skills.

The project was supported by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) as part of their Girls Inspire initiative in developing countries.



CHILD LABOR

Child Labor is a provincial subject under the 18th Constitutional Amendment. In this regard, SPARC pursued its comprehensive Position Paper on CDL; exhorted the provincial governments to enact comprehensive legislation against child labor (where non-existent) and implement (where available) in line with Article 25-A (right to free and compulsory education) of the Constitution of Pakistan. By the end of December 2018, the provincial government had finalized the draft of 'Punjab Domestic Workers

Bill of 2018' that carried a ban on children below age of 15 years to work as domestic worker.

SPARC demanded the federal and all provincial governments to take the following measures to ensure an end to the abhorrent abuse and exploitation of child domestic workers in the country:

- It is imperative that Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill should be enacted without any further delay; as it also addresses child domestic labor. Furthermore, the age bar in all the bills and existing laws should be raised to 16 years from 14 years, in line with Article 25-A of the constitution of Pakistan, to ensure children below 16 years of age are able to acquire education and not be left for labor and exploitation on behalf of domestic employers.
- Under the Federal law of ECA 1991, Child Domestic Labor should be listed in the Schedule of the Worst Forms of Labor as one of the hazardous establishments. No such structure existed in the schools at the time of school identification.

activities at its five centers for street children in Islamabad, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Hyderabad and Multan.

The global theme for year 2018 was to promotion of health and safety at workplace. SPARC conducted safety and protection-related sessions with the employed children of its centers. It raised awareness about the importance of health and hygiene. SPARC held a meeting with stake holders of automobile, workshops and other employers who have engaged children in work.

The Centre for Street Children (CSC) Peshawar arranged awareness session and a street walk in the community about child labor and its effects on society. The purpose was to guide them about the consequences of employment of children and how it can be hazardous for them. The children as young as 7- 8 years old are involved in child labor and are subjected to long working hours, little rest and vulnerability to physical, mental and sexual torture.

In 2017, some efforts were initiated across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh. However the most substantial effort was taken by government of Punjab which completed the data collection tasks with the help of UNESCO.

CSC Managers in different locations briefed media of the ongoing situation of child labor. In Peshawar, team shared said there has been a widespread deprivation of rights of children engaged in domestic work and there is a need to ratify C189 -- Domestic Workers Convention so we can have adequate laws for regulation of not only child domestic labor but also domestic labor in general.

Universal Children's Day

- Universal Children's Day was celebrated on November 20 from the platform of Child Rights Movement



and Centers for Street Children. A press conference was held at National Press Club, Islamabad by SPARC in collaboration with CRM where children of Child Rights Clubs from Islamabad International School and Saya School addressed the media personnel to lobby for implementation of UNCRC. SPARC Executive Director who is also the Coordinator CRM explained that children of CR Clubs are learning about their rights and after a series of orientations sessions they are able to talk about their rights at their

own. The participation of children was appreciated and highlighted by media persons in event's coverage.

- Through SPARC street children centers, children in Multan, Peshawar, Rawalpindi and Hyderabad commemorated the day through drawing competitions, motivational speeches. SPARC Hyderabad organized a rally to the Hyderabad Press Club while street children, mostly girls, held banners and placards inscribed with their demands "We also want education" and "Education is our right".

International Day of the Girl Child

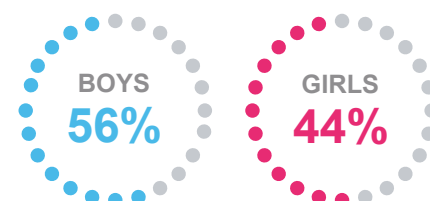
SPARC on October 11 marked International Girl Child Day to highlight the challenges girls faced and to expand the opportunities being provided to them. Regional offices organized rallies on international day of the girl child with social workers, school teachers, parents, children and government stakeholders. A large number of girls also attended the rallies, followed by press conferences by SPARC staff. SPARC highlighted the clear bias in education opportunities available to boys and girls while observing International Girl Child Day at their office in Islamabad on October 11. Of the children enrolled in schools all over Pakistan, 56% of them are boys whereas 44% are girls, SPARC said in a statement. The comparison clearly represents the bias, lack of opportunities and unequal treatment that girls face throughout the country at social level.

SPARC Islamabad organized an event to involve students from different schools

in the activity. Almost 30 children from SPARC's Center for Street Children in Islamabad and Rawalpindi, Saya School and Islamabad International School took part in it.

SPARC through its Vocational Training Centers also engaged in interactive sessions with the girls about girls' rights and their empowerment. They girls were oriented with global acknowledgement of the International Day of the Girl Child and were subsequently asked to participate in a social media campaign initiated by Commonwealth of Learning – COL. Girls shared their stories of empowerment whether it was in the form of learning new skills or by experiencing a sense of freedom and self-confidence which was previously unthinkable. As the session progressed the girls described their aspirations like pursuing education and careers in human and social development and to actively engage acquired skills in helping their communities and creating a better future.

Children Enrolled in Schools all over Pakistan



Strategic Area 3

Capacitate and enable the rights of the poor and marginalized, discriminated children in poverty.



Centers for Street Children and Child Laborers

With the help of Kindernothilfe, SPARC since 2008 has been operating Drop-in-Centers in Peshawar whereas DICs were established in Rawalpindi (2009) and Hyderabad covering around 675 children on annual basis. The Multan Center was established in 2011 and SPARC is sustaining the center on its own reaching out to 60 children. Another center in Islamabad is being run with the support of Mustard Seed Mission through child sponsorship program which caters to 50 children per year.



Children are provided meals, non-formal education and skill training is another component whereas recreational facilities are provided to all registered children. Children with inclination to learning are enrolled in government schools.

Philanthropy

Multan Chamber of Commerce Provides Support to Needy Children

On June 11, clothes were distributed among children at SPARC's Center for Street Children, Multan in collaboration with Multan Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sarwat Zehra Bukhari, Women Wing and Mr. Khurram Javed Butt, General Secretary - Multan Chamber of Commerce distributed the presents to almost 60 children. On August 18, CSC Multan distributed clothes among 60 children on occasion of Eid. Since March 2018, SPARC has been operating the center on its own and looks forward to philanthropic support.

Networking

SPARC provided technical support to Forum Asia's Executive Committee, National Action and Coordination Group under SAIEVAC, NACG (National Action and Coordinating Group on Violence against Children) and various national and provincial forums working on human and child rights. This included government departments and Ministry of Human Rights.

SPARC Sets Up Stall at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Human Rights Policy 2018 Forum

On December 5, SPARC Peshawar participated in an orientation event titled 'Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Human Rights Policy 2018' organized by the Directorate of Human Rights in collaboration with UNDP. A large number of prominent, NGOs, INGOs and government departments were invited to set up stalls where SPARC also displayed its IEC material related to child rights, education, minority rights, juvenile's, early child marriage, child labor etc. Many visitors took keen interest in IEC material. SPARC is grateful to Ms Rukhshanda Naz, a noted human rights activist and SPARC BoD member who facilitated SPARC. She also highlighted key features of the Human Rights Policy about civil and political rights, women and children rights, transgender persons and minorities' rights, senior citizens and human rights defenders rights.

Strategic Area 4

Community mobilisation - CRCs to be made community based intervention

SPARC is working on resource mobilization to endorse SPARC's Strategic Plan to establish institutionalized support structures designated as Child Rights Committee's at the district level. The focus will be on

participatory activities of child & adults, grass root awareness interventions and advocacy instruments. The basis will be working with structures for inclusivity and diversity.

Strategic Area 5

Sustain SPARC contribution as principal Child Rights Organization: SOPC, training, research and Resource Center on Child Rights and Child Protection

Training

Training was provided to multiple stakeholders and target groups under SPARCs' various projects including;

Learning is Fun; promoting child friendly schools in selected schools of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Designed and developed learning material for teachers, school children and community members:

- Designed and conducted project orientation training with the project team
- Conducted orientation sessions with Education Department including head teachers on the effective implementation of the project

Child Rights Movement

- Designed and conducted 6 consecutive training with members of Child Rights Clubs "Empowering CR clubs to perform effectively"
- Conducted a three days training of Punjab based civil society organizations on child rights and

- Designed and conducted 4 trainings of selective redressal committee members on harms of corporal punishment at Ghazi and Haripur
- Developed a booklet based on the findings of survey conducted in selective schools ("A model government primary school through the eyes of children")
- Designed and implemented school appraisal to assess the current scenario of selective schools
- Designed and conducted 2 four day Trainings of Teachers on Active Teaching Learning Techniques

effective advocacy work conducted in Faisalabad

- Designed and conducted two trainings spanning over three days for CRM members on Empowering Civil Society Organizations to Effectively Promote and Protect Child Rights





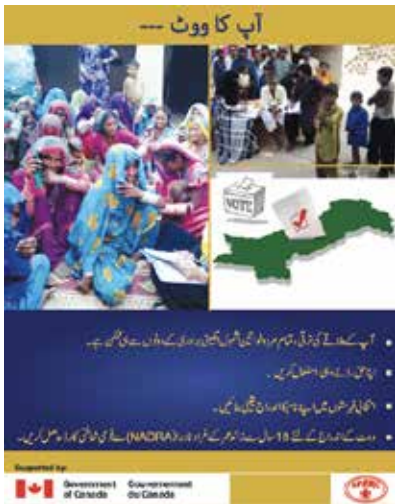
- Developed CRM members Training manual; (A formal guide book mentioning their roles and responsibilities, success indicators, tools and techniques of effective advocacy and networking)

- National Program Coordinator of International Labor Organization Mr Abid Niaz Khan along-with a fellow consultant visited and held a meeting on bonded labor issues in Pakistan.

CFLI (Minorities Uplift)

- Designed and conducted two days trainings spanning over 12 days with Community Action Groups and elected representatives/ leaders on Strengthening Diversity and Democracy through Minority Engagement in Electoral and Political Processes at KP and Sindh.
- Conducted a Training of Parliamentarians & Local Government Representatives, Women & Youth Councilors at Tandu Allah Yar, Sindh.
- Conducted Multi-stakeholder seminars at the provincial levels on minority related issues and electoral reform

- Students visited SPARC head office and regional offices to collect data on various child rights issues. They benefitted from informational resources and experts' feedback for their dissertation.
- Representatives from more than 18 NGOs visited the head office and took part in CRM's meetings organized on monthly basis
- A delegation from Canadian High Commission celebrated March 23 with street children of Rawalpindi Center and shared views on countering divisive narratives with strong community engagement where children can also participate.



SPARC Invited to FNF's 60th Anniversary Celebrations

SPARC was invited to Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)'s 60th Anniversary celebrations on November 20. In the event, individuals from FNF's partner organizations, media, university students, government officials, German political foundations, INGOs, European and South Asian diplomats and civil society organizations took part. Different stalls were set up by partner organizations where SPARC also exhibited its work by displaying publications, presentations, pictures and documentaries at the stall. A session was also held for sharing success stories and question and answers. The Guest of Honor at the event were; Ambassador of European Union to Pakistan Mr. Jean-Francois Caution and Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Mr. Shafqat Mahmood. Later SPARC's stall was visited by German Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Martin Kobler and FNF's Regional Director South Asia Dr. Ronald Meinardus who took interest in IEC material developed by SPARC and appreciated all the work and efforts the organization has done.



- Developed training manual titled "Organized Minority is Political Majority" National Commission on Human Rights
- Developed training sessions for the training of Islamabad Capital Territory police on Human Rights Standards and Practices for Police. (The trainings will be conducted in the year 2019).

SPARC's Ex-Employee Elected

The ex-employee of SPARC Mr. Jamshed Thomas has been nominated as the Member of National Assembly on reserve minority seat for Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf. He is representing Christian community of KPK. In SPARC, served as the coordinator of the project 'minorities' engagement in electoral and political processes in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, funded by Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives.

Guests at SPARC

- SPARC Islamabad was visited by more than 20 journalists from print and electronic media.



Annexure 1

STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS/ WORKSHOPS-2018

Sr No	Title of Training/ Workshop	Venue	Name of Participant	Date	Organized by
1	Workshop on "Child Protection Policy"	Islamabad	Sabeen Almas, Zahid Thebo, Mr. Sohail Ahktar Moamar Afzaal	December 3- 6, 2018	Kindernothilfe
2	Orientation session- "FATF Guidelines on Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing for NGOs in Pakistan"	Islamabad	Zaheer Hassan	December 5, 2018	Pakistan Center for Philanthropy
3	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)	Islamabad	Minal Kiani	December 11, 2018	World Health Organization
			Asiya Arif	December 12 -18	World Health Organization
4	Three Day Workshop on Impact Monitoring & Evaluation	Islamabad		November 2018	Kindernothilfe
5	Workshop on Child Rights Situation Analysis	Islamabad	Minal Kiani Sajeeda Nahid	August 16-19, 2018	
6	Refresher Training on Data Analysis and Micro Soft Excel	Islamabad	Minal Kiani Sabeen Almas Sajeeda Nahid	August 30, 2018	
7	Workshop on Partners' Proposal Writing and M&E	Islamabad Karachi	Asiya Arif Sajeeda Nahid Zajid Thebo	March 21-22, 2018 March 13-15, 2018	US Embassy Public Affairs Section
8	Workshop on Child Rights Situation Analysis	Islamabad	Minal Kiani	Aug 15-17, 2018	Kindernothilfe
9	Final Workshop on European Union Roadmap for Civil Society Organizations in Pakistan	Islamabad	Minal Kiani		
10	Strategic Planning Workshop on Elimination of Child Labour in Cotton, Textile and Garment Value Chains organized by ILO	Islamabad	Minal Kiani	Sep11 – 13, 2018	ILO

Annexure 2

Selected SPARC Media Coverage on Child Rights Issues

Zainab Abuse and Murder Case

	Title	Date	News Link
1	Senate Committee on Zainab murder	01-23-18	https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/271713-senate-body-condemns-zainab-asma-s-abduction-rape-murder
2	Aaj News	01-15-18	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO7ZcinH99w
3	VOA (Urdu) Washington Service	01-17-18	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BplPEd9o1ts
4	VOA (Urdu) report	01-22-18	https://www.urduvoa.com/a/child-protection/4216836.html
5	Nothing's changed (Anees Jillani Article)		https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/269686-nothing-s-changed
6	Latin American Herald	01-18-18	http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2449445&CategoryId=12395
7	Punjab's child protection law by Anees Jillani (Article)		https://www.dawn.com/news/1388805/punjab-child-protection-law
Child Labor			
9	Associated Press of Pakistan	01-08-18	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWutjU2ef2U
10	Arab News	01-31-18	http://www.arabnews.com/node/1236296/world
Minorities			
11	اقلیتوں کی بڑی تعداد برتھ سرٹیفکیٹ اور شناختی کارڈ سے محروم	02-22-18	https://jang.com.pk/print/452642-todays-print-city-news
12	SPARC holds multi stakeholders seminar On minorities, electoral reforms in Peshawar	02-22-18	https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/society-for-protection-of-the-rights-of-the-c-266524.html
13	13pc women, 70pc men from minorities possess CNICs in Peshawar	02-22-18	https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/284535-13pc-women-70pc-men-from-minorities-possess-cnics-in-peshawar
14	Govt Urged to Focus on Solutions of Minority Issues	02-22-18	https://www.dawn.com/news/1391094/govt-urged-to-focus-on-solution-of-minorities-issues
Child Rights Movement (National Chapter)			
15	Child Rights Movement demands immediate action against child trafficking	02-22-18	https://dailytimes.com.pk/205830/child-rights-movement-demands-immediate-action-child-trafficking/
16	Child protection institutes across Pakistan demanded	02-22-18	https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/284107-child-protection-institutes-across-pakistan-demanded
17	Rights activists urge govt to curb child abuse	02-22-18	https://tribune.com.pk/story/1641263/1-rights-activists-urge-govt-curb-child-abuse/
18	چائلڈ رائٹس موومنٹ	02-22-18	http://takbeernews.tv/210218-27972/
The State of Pakistan's Children (Report Launch)			
19	22 million children out of schools in Pakistan	07-10-2018	https://dailytimes.com.pk/265179/22-6-million-children-are-out-of-school-in-pakistan-report/

20	State of Pakistan's Children issued	07-10-2018	https://thefinancialdaily.com/state-pakistan-children-2017-issued/
21	1300 children abused in 2017	07-10-2018	https://tribune.com.pk/story/1753847/1-3000-children-abused-2017/
22	Call for holding survey on child labor	07-10-2018	https://www.dawn.com/news/1419087
23	SPARC celebrates girl child day		https://tribune.com.pk/story/1823862/1-awareness-sparc-celebrates-girl-child-day/
Networking:			
	Orientation on KP HRs Policy 2018	06-12-2018	https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/402298-orientation-on-kp-hrs-policy-2018-minister-says-human-rights-subject-being-introduced-in-curriculum
Universal Children's Day			
24	Press Information Department	24-12-2018	http://pid.gov.pk/site/press_detail/9966
25	APP Photo		https://photo.app.com.pk/photo/2018/12/federal-minister-for-human-rights-dr-shireen-mazari-addressing-in-a-seminar-on-child-protection-issues-solutions-opportunities-app/
26	Parents are equally responsible to protect child rights		http://thedaysspring.com.pk/parents-are-equally-responsible-to-protect-child-rights-shireen-mizari/
27	Government to ban child domestic work: Minister		https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=25_12_2018_153_002
28	Parents equally responsible to protect child rights		https://nation.com.pk/25-Dec-2018/parents-equally-responsible-to-protect-child-rights-mizari
29	Federal-government-to-prevent-child-abuse		https://www.urdupoint.com/en/amp/pakistan/federal-government-to-prevent-child-abuse-515056.html
30	Preventing child abuse and trafficking		https://newspakistan.tv/preventing-child-abuse-trafficking-and-labour/
31	APP video		http://vid.app.com.pk/vid/2018/12/
Children and Tobacco			
33	Multinational companies advertising tobacco products to children, SPARC report says	21-12-2018	https://epaper.dawn.com/?page=21_12_2018_152
34	Despite ban, vendors still selling loose cigarettes to children		https://dailytimes.com.pk/336034/despite-ban-vendors-still-selling-open-loose-cigarettes-to-youth/
35	Children are the soft target of tobacco Industry		http://thedaysspring.com.pk/children-are-the-soft-targets-of-tobacco-industry-reveals-big-tobacco-tiny-targets-report/
36	Tobacco companies targeting school children		https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/tobacco-companies-targeting-school-children-a-512287.html
37	Towards tobacco free Pakistan		http://thedaysspring.com.pk/towards-tobacco-free-pakistan/

Financial Statements

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (SPARC) CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

RIAZ AHMAD & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants



	NOTE	2017 RUPEES	2017 RUPEES
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	3	3,409,062	2,864,254
Investment properties	4	13,600,000	9,450,000
		<u>17,009,062</u>	<u>12,314,254</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Advances, deposits, prepayments & other receivables	5	3,554,549	6,680,695
Short term investments	6	36,211,050	29,206,031
Cash and bank balances	7	16,611,199	20,198,886
		56,376,798	56,085,612
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	(8,099,995)	(6,426,534)
		48,276,803	49,659,078
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Restricted grants	9	(4,974,852)	(6,486,079)
Deferred capital grant	10	(3,293,231)	(3,215,415)
		(8,268,083)	(8,651,183)
		<u>57,017,782</u>	<u>53,322,149</u>
NET ASSETS			
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fund balance		57,017,782	53,322,149
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS			
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		<u>57,017,782</u>	<u>53,322,179</u>

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Chairperson - SPARC

Executive Director

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (SPARC)
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

RIAZ AHMAD & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants



	NOTE	2018 RUPEES	2018 RUPEES
INCOME			
Restricted grants	9	68,466,560	65,347,535
Amortization of deferred capital grant	10	589,834	776,308
Donations and membership fee		2,485,040	827,454
Gain on remeasurement of Investment Properties		4,150,000	-
Other operating income	12	3,981,383	3,263,134
		<u>79,672,817</u>	<u>70,214,431</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Programme expenses	13	(65,602,266)	(56,032,516)
Administrative expenses	14	(9,782,924)	(12,337,455)
Depreciation	3	(591,994)	(791,921)
		<u>(75,977,184)</u>	<u>(69,161,892)</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>3,695,633</u></u>	<u><u>1,052,539</u></u>

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