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Introduction

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) exists to provide opportunities through education and vocational and human rights trainings to vulnerable and disadvantaged girls/women, transgender and street children across Pakistan. The organization has expanded and evolved into a women's support body to provide help to those who are victims of abduction, rape, forced conversion, forced marriages, widowhood, disease, domestic violence and transgender community.

UPP is committed to the socio-economic rights and promotion of human rights amongst the masses of the country. It applies its resources to breaking the unjust structures prevailing in Pakistani society. It works at grass-roots level as well as lobby with policy makers and cooperate with all those who believe in human liberation and who have committed themselves to this worthy cause.

Mission

To reach out to those who lack basic human needs with the aim of restoring dignity and respect irrespective of cast, creed or gender.

Goals

- To promote and facilitate Human Rights and domestic processes within oppressed communities.
- To promote and facilitate integral development education at all levels.
- To provide opportunities to youth to identify talent and leadership qualities.

Vision

The vision of UPP is to achieve an educated & skilled generation of young people and improved equality between men and women. also to liberate

Human Rights:

- Human Rights and democratic education
- Empowerment of women and elimination of gender disparities
- Capacity enhancement of women's groups and civil society organizations
- Research and documentation

Umeed's Focal Sectors

Development:

- Promotion of entrepreneurship and development of small business skills
- Formal and non-formal education
- Socio-economic empowerment of the poor
- Assisting women in distress through free legal aid

Message from Chairperson: Shamim Gulzar

This year again I had the chance to work as Coordinator of the project titled “Peaceful Co-existence and religious minority rights in Punjab”. The whole purpose of the project was to increase interfaith harmony at local community level and to increase access to justice for religious minorities and women at grassroots level.

Religious minorities are among the most marginalized groups in Pakistan. Even though religious minorities in Pakistan have faced discrimination and violence for decades, the situation has steadily deteriorated in recent years. Attitudes and behavior of the majority population have become less tolerant towards religious diversity. Violent attacks by extremist and militant groups on the home, places of worship and persons of minority communities have increased.



In Pakistan Women are not only victims of discrimination and violence, but play an important role in conflict resolution. Since they themselves have to deal with inequality on a daily basis, their initiatives tend to stress inclusion, participation and dialogue. Women are the best carriers of peace and the dialogue of life: if minority and majority women join hands, they can influence a wide range of people, starting in their own households, for example by mitigating tendencies towards radicalization among their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, this peace building potential of women is still very much underutilized in Pakistan.

During 2017-18 Umeed has implemented project under the title “Peaceful co-existence and religious minority rights in Punjab”. This program brought majority and minority women together in local women groups. These women regularly meet and have a ‘dialogue of life’ to do away with the misunderstandings they have about each other and to cooperate and support each other in dealing with shared problems.

This project empowered and enabled women to critically assess their daily life, work together, resist violence and rights violations, mitigate fears, restore self-confidence and build bridges. I as project coordinator learnt that women could ease the situation and become effective mediator in the conflicting situations.

I am grateful to the donor agencies, place their trust and help Umeed to promote the cause of the most disadvantaged women as well as promote peaceful co-existence and religious minority rights in Pakistan. I am also thankful to my colleagues who are the main force behind to implement Umeed activities effectively among the poor masses.

Message from Executive Director: Yousuf Gill



Due to sectarianism and extremism the atmosphere of coexistence, peaceful pluralism, respect for diversity and human rights becomes a dream in Pakistani society. Intolerance, hatred, discrimination, rights violation, hostility, prejudice, gender inequality and religious strife are on the increase. The struggle for peaceful co-existence and justice requires both a human rights approach as well as a community approach-which fosters restoration of personal relationships between people of different faiths and ethnicity.

Umeed Partnership Pakistan is running a program called “Peaceful co-existence and increased interfaith/interethnic harmony at local community level”.

The program addresses the religious and ethnic misconceptions that are present at community level, and strengthen ‘people of good will’ from different faith and ethnic groups. This is done by forming and training women peace committees, women interfaith/interethnic groups, community volunteers, paralegals, religious leaders, politicians and lawyers of different communities. They are trained on human rights and conflict management and mediation skills. These are consistently contextualized, utilizing local traditions and religious values and frameworks. The acquired expertise enables them to forge linkages within and between conflicting parties in the community and to mediate peaceful solutions. The trained groups effectively use their skills to mitigate conflict and promote harmony in their respective communities and create to an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence and provide solutions in the conflicting situations.

The year 2017-18 was full of activities under different projects. There were many stakeholders, donor agencies, volunteers, project teams and Umeed staff who were really committed to implement different activities and thus promote the cause of the most disadvantaged masses of this country. My special thanks are due for all those who in different ways supported the Umeed activities during the year. Thanks to UK Umeed Partners for their dedication in their work empowering girls and women. Very special thanks to MM Partners of Netherlands who are providing continuous financial support to promote the cause of the most disadvantaged communities of Pakistan. Thanks to Pakistan Bible society with whom we partner for the last 4 years to promote literacy among hundreds of illiterate women of Pakistan. Thanks also to local and foreign benefactors and supporters for supporting the Umeed Project with full dedication and commitment. I cannot forget to thank my dedicated UPP team and colleagues, teachers, supervisors, trainers, community volunteers and legal advisors without whose support Umeed Project cannot go forward.

Skills Training for women

Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development of any country. The economy becomes more productive, innovative and competitive through the existence of more skilled human potential. Women are the most vibrant and dynamic segment as well as potentially most valuable human resources.



For the last several years Umeed is empowering women/girls by providing skills training so that they may be liberated from the clutches of the male oppressors and in particular from the cultural barriers in Pakistan. Umeed is fully convinced that women in Pakistan cannot be liberated or have their rights unless and until they receive financial freedom. This financial freedom they could only gain if they become skilled workers. Umeed partnership Pakistan (UPP) takes an initiative to open sewing centres for the poor and needy women in slum areas hence the women after getting the sewing skill gets financial benefits and financially assist their families.



Skills Training for Street Children

Umeed provide training to most disadvantaged street children in a safe environment free of exploitation to generate regular income for their livelihood and their families and to become future entrepreneurs. We measure this by the number of boys who complete the carpentry training and tracking their income and employment. We train street boys in carpentry for a year, 2-3 hours daily except Sundays. Through this skill, their self-esteem, self respect and self-confidence are raised. This we measure by observing and interviewing trainees. These carpentry workshops are run in the slums and rural areas of Lahore, Kasure, Mian Chanue and Bahawalpur.



Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Umeed Partnership Pakistan with collaboration of Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty organized certificate awarding ceremony for women trainees of Umeed sewing/tailoring Centres Lahore slums. Rtn. Mubarak Ali Shahid District Governor Nominee of Rotary International District 3272 Pakistan and various other Rotarian graced the occasion. The ceremony was held on December 15, 2017 at Renewal Centre Lahore.



Education – EM Umeed Middle Schools

A few years ago Umeed was requested by two communities in the Cholistan desert where there was 100% illiteracy rate to help their children in education. Umeed opened two middle schools – one for the community called Garibabad colony (poor's dwelling place) in village 18/BC, Bahawalpur in 2007 and Garibabad colony of village 52/DB Yazman in 2009. These schools are known as Emma Marchant Umeed Middle Schools. They are registered with Punjab education department Bahawalpur.

Umeed Schools are the only institutions in the area which are opening up the windows of hope and opportunity for those who have the potential but lack the resources to realize that potential. These institutions are more than just schools; rather they are like a window to enable these communities to see beyond the narrow confines of their daily lives. The aim of the Emma Marchant Umeed Schools is to provide quality education to the children of the poorer communities to give them the opportunity to move from the margins of their communities to mainstream society and so allow them to contribute to the development of their nation. These schools are providing free education, books, stationary, uniforms etc. The people living in these areas are very poor and disadvantaged having no resource to pay for the education of their children since they are seasonal crop laborers.



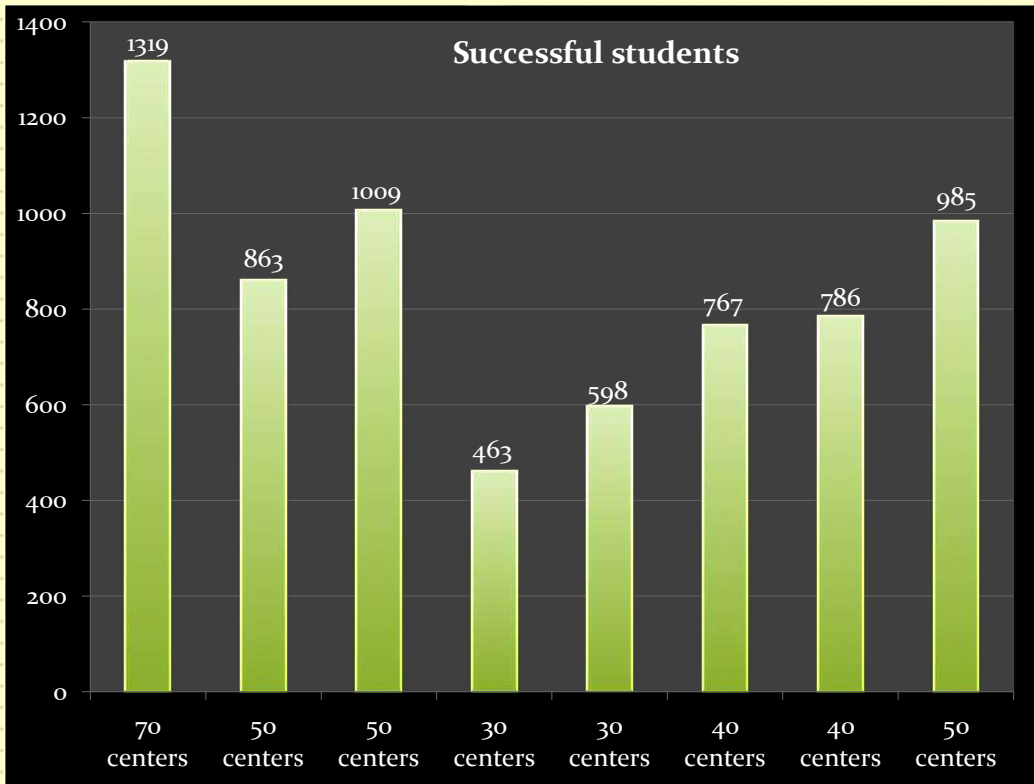
Emma Marchant Patron of Umeed Schools

Emma Marchant (late) from UK is patron of Umeed Middle Schools Yazman and Bahawalpur. She and her parents played a great role in establishing these schools but unfortunately she died in a very young age due to breast cancer. Her 41st birthday was celebrated by students, staff and parents of both the schools. On 19th December 2017 at EM Umeed Middle School 18/BC Bahawalpur, Chairperson Shamin Gulzar, Executive Director Yousuf Jalal Gill, Regional supervisor and the account officer of Umeed Partnership Pakistan graced the occasion. The students and staff offered a beautiful program which included games, skits, competitions with different themes, poems and cultural presentations. Through these programs Emma Marchant's life story was highlighted. Awards were distributed among winners of different categories. A festive meal was served to all participants of the program.



Adult Literacy Program

From 2014 Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) is a training partner with Pakistan Bible Society for the Adult Literacy Program for illiterate Women in Pakistan. Umeed so far has conducted 8 sessions from March 2014 to October 2018 educating 6790 illiterate women of slums and rural areas of Lahore, Kasure, Mian Chanue and Bahawalpur.



Adult Literacy Teachers Trainings

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) from 2014 runs Adult Literacy centers for illiterate women of Pakistan. Each centre is run with 20-25 illiterate women from 2-3 hours daily except Sundays and each session is of 6 months. One supervisor is appointed for 10 centres. Umeed conducts teachers and supervisors training sessions before each session is started.

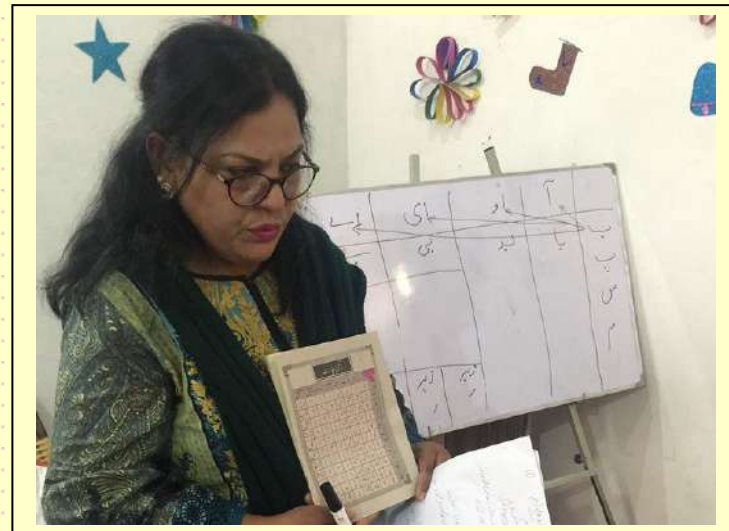
Teachers and supervisors training being conducted for **Kasur region**.



Teachers and supervisors training being conducted for **Bahawalpur region**.



Teachers training of Adult Literacy Program session eight was held at **Dulu Kalan Lahore** on 21st February 2018. Shamin Gulzar was the main trainer. 10 teachers and supervisors were the trainees.



A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

Adult Literacy Graduation Ceremonies

Umeed organized Certificate awarding ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session six (February to July 2017) on August 12, 2017 at **Nazampura Kasur**. Guests from Pakistan Bible Society and other renowned personalities graced the event. Total 364 successful women students received the certificates in this ceremony.



UPP organised Certificate awarding ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session six (February to July 2017) held at **village 101/DB Yazman Bahawalpur** on August 17, 2017. A team from The Pakistan Bible Society and other distinguished guests graced the occasion. 402 successful women students received the certificates.



A graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) Session 7 was held on February 12, 2018 at **Nazampura, Kasure**. Mr. Anthony Lamuel Secretary General of Pakistan Bible Society and Mr. Nasir Justus Project in charge graced the occasion. Mr. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP and his team hosted the ceremony. 354 women were graduated and received their certificates.



A graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 7 was held on February 23, 2018 at **Chak no.35/16L Stunzabad Mian Chanue**. Mr. Nasir Justus Project in charge of Pakistan Bible Society graced the occasion. Mr. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP and his team hosted the ceremony.



A graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 7 was held on February 24, 2018 at **Chak no.52/DB Yazman, Bahawalpur**. Mr. Nasir Justus Project in charge of Pakistan Bible Society graced the occasion. Mr. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP and his team hosted the ceremony. 191 women were graduated and received their certificates.



AmplifyChange: Opportunity Grant

Umeed under the project title "Legal Assistance and Justice for Minority Women victim of forced conversions in Bahawalpur region, Southern Punjab, Pakistan" carried out the following activities in district Bahawalpur.

The project was implemented among the minority communities of 3 villages namely village 53/DB, village 52/DB and village 102/DB of Tehsil Yazman, District Bahawalpur. These villages were selected due to the most number of Hindu families residing in them. At each village a committee of 7 members (4 men and 3 women) was formed and trained to help the project team to implement the project effectively among their communities.

Lobby Seminar

Umeed Partnership Pakistan organized Lobby Seminar on 25th August 2017 at village 53/DB Yazman district Bahawalpur for minority women keeping in view the situation of abduction, rape, force marriages and force conversions' cases in the selected areas in this lobby seminar, Hindu young girls and women came to participate. They were encouraged to be the part of lobbying. In the seminar, doctor, political leaders, police and legal advisors participated for lobbying along with Hindu community.



Resource persons and the honorable guests facilitated women well to build their confidence level. Mr. Yousaf Jalal Gill said we are hoping that these public service representatives will fulfill their promises. Whenever need arises you may approach the concerning department as they are available for public service. Meanwhile we will give follow up to address the problems of forced conversion.

Seminar on Women Human Rights

Umeed organised a seminar on women human rights at village 52/DB Yazman district Bahawalpur for minority women on 26th August 2017. This awareness session was arranged to make better understanding of participants about Women Human Rights that has been approved worldwide. Resource person also gave detailed lecture on Women Human Rights that Pakistan judiciary has legislated. According to the participants awareness session has developed their understanding on Women Human Rights adequately.



Lobby Seminar

UPP conducted a lobby seminar with minority women leaders and women survivors of abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriages on December 18, 2017 at village 102/DB Tehsil Yazman district Bahawalpur.



Seminar on women human rights

Training Seminar on women human rights was held on 20th December 2017 for minority women survivors of abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriages at village 104/DB, Tehsil Yazman, district Bahawalpur.



Lush Charity Pot

Lush Charity Pot funded the project titled “Facilitating access to justice for Minority Women victim of forced conversion” to assist minority women who are victimized and intimidated by the powerful land lords through abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriages. These women are not able to register their cases with the police and in the courts thus remain without justice. This project would help them first of all to register their cases to get justice and secondly through seminars conseintize women survivors and their families to adopt protective mechanism to reduce the number of new cases.

The victims are poor slaves thus they have no resources, courage, knowledge and influence to fight against the powerful culprits. The victims are afraid of going to the police to get their cases registered because police is always on the side of the powerful land lords and harass the poor victims. Umeed provides assistance at legal, financial and psychological level to the victims. Following are the activities organized under this project:

Seminar on Women Human Rights

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) works in the areas where most of the population are illiterate and because of lack of knowledge people of different faiths do not get interact infect they always keep and maintain distances from each other. This requires cooperation and collective efforts to combat all forms of hatred, intimidation, incitement and acts of violence motivated by intolerance. UPP always make efforts to bring people closer to each other exclusive of making any differences on the basis of faith, culture, color etc.

UPP organized a seminar on Rights Education in which women from different faiths (Muslims, Christians and Hindus) were present on 20th October 2017 at village 52/DB. The purpose of this seminar was to sensitize women about their rights and make them aware that all women have equal rights whether they belongs to majority or minority group in Pakistan.





Seminar on Women Human Rights

Umeed Partnership Pakistan organized awareness session of Women Human Rights on 21st. October 2017 at village 53/DB Yazman district Bahawalpur for minority women victim of abduction, rape, force marriages and force conversions. Targeted minority community participated in the session for their betterment. They were facilitated on Women Rights' Awareness. Especially women were sensitized to recognize their rights. After attending the session women were thankful for the remarkable acknowledgments of their rights.



Peace building and interfaith harmony

Umeed implemented the project titled “Peaceful co-existence and protection of religious minority rights in Punjab, Pakistan” funded by RASKOB in the slum areas of Lahore and among the desert minority communities of district Bahawalpur. The purpose of the project was to increase interfaith harmony at local community level, to increase access to justice for religious minorities and women at grassroots level and to increase capacity of Umeed staff so that they work effectively and efficiently towards the objective. In order to achieve the project objective the following activities were implemented under this project:

Formation of Interfaith Women Groups

Under the project “Peaceful Co-existence and Religious minority rights” 8 women interfaith groups (ach group 10 women from different faiths) were formed at Lahore on 20 February 2018. 4 groups were formed at Badami Bag region and 4 group at Yuhannabad region.



Formation of Interfaith Women Groups

Under the project “Peaceful Co-existence and Religious minority rights” 4 women interfaith groups (each group 10 women of different faiths) were formed at Yazman region, Bahawalpur on 24th February 2018.



Dialogue of life session

Under the project: “Peaceful Co-existence and Religious Minority Rights in Punjab” Umeed organized a session on “Dialogues of Life” on March 20, 2018 at Staff Guest House, Kinnaird College, Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The resource person for the session was Naumana Suleman from Centre for Social Justice Lahore and the Guests Speakers were Rev. Fr. James Chanan OP, Sabina Joseph, Asher Nazir from Peace Centre Lahore, Hafiz M. Nauman Hamid Executive Director World Council of Religions, Sohail Raza URI Lahore, Professor Chaudary Latif Lahore and Dr. Munawar Chand Chairman Pakistan Hindu Welfare Council Lahore. More than 40 women from 4 interfaith women groups from Badami Bag region participated in the seminar.



Dialogue of life session

Umeed organized a session on “Dialogues of Life” on March 22, 2018 at Staff Guest House, Kinnaird College, Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The speakers for the session were Rev. Fr. Inayat Bernard Rector of Catholic Cathedral Church Lahore, Peter Jacob and Nabeela Jacob from Centre for Social Justice Lahore, Yousaf Benjamin

from Dignity First Lahore, Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP, Shamin Gulzar Project coordinator and Chairperson UPP and Dr. Munawar Chand Chairman Pakistan Hindu Welfare Council Lahore. More than 40 women (Muslim, Christians and Hindus) from 4 interfaith women groups from Yahunnabad, Khliq Nagar, Asif Town and Nishtar Colony Lahore participated in the session.



Dialogue of life session

Umeed organized a session on “Dialogues of Life” on March 24, 2018 at community Hall Yazman district Bahawalpur from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The resource persons for the session were Ms. Mariam Kaisar advocate, first women civil judge of Punjab and

Ms. Yasmeen Muslim advocate Bahawalpur and the Guests Speakers were Rev. Fr. Rehmat Raja OP, Rev. Fr. Shehzad OP and Rev. Bro. Tariq OP from Bahawalpur, Ayub Sajid Executive Director ODP Multan, Ms. Hafzeeba from ODP Multan and Yousaf Gill Executive Director UPP. More 40 women (Muslim, Christian and Hindus) from 4 interfaith women groups from different villages of Yazman participated in the session.



Seminar on Rights Education for Women

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of "Rights Education for Women" on 17th April 2018 at Renewal Centre, Ferozepur Road Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The session began with peace prayer of Saint Francis which was lead by main speaker Saeeda Diep. She involved participants and asked them for prayer to promote peace, love, unity and co-existence among

different religions. Yousaf Benjamin of Dignity First Lahore warmly welcomed and introduced guests. After that, women participants presented beautiful garlands to the guests.

The main speakers for the seminar were Saeeda Diep a renowned human rights activist, founder and Chairperson of the Institute for Peace and Secular Studies Lahore and Rev. Fr. Cecil Paul OMI Lahore. More than 40 women (Muslim, Christians and Hindus) from 4 interfaith women groups from Yuhannabad, Khliq Nagar, Asif Town and Nishtar Colony Lahore were the participants. Through this session they become able to teach other women about women human and minority rights. They become confident and play their role for promoting peace and harmony in their communities.



Seminar on Rights Education for Women

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of "Rights Education for Women" on 21st April 2018 at Badami Bag, Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The main speakers for the seminar were Yousaf Benjamin director Dignity First Lahore and Mrs. Shamin Gulzar women rights activist and chairperson of Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) Lahore. More than 40 women (Muslim,

Christians and Hindus) from 4 interfaith women groups from Badami Bag, St. Joseph Colony and other slum areas of Lahore participated in the seminar.



Seminar on Rights Education for Women

Umeed organized a seminar on the theme of “ Rights Education for Women” on 28th April 2018 at chack no. 102/DB Yazman from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The speakers for

the seminar were Mrs. Sonia Zafar, Miss Nagina Noor Elahi and Miss Mehwish Anwar the women activists of the area. . More than 40 women (Muslims, Hindus, Christians) from different interfaith women groups participated in the seminar.



Training Women in Leadership and Conflict Management Skills

Under the project “ peaceful Co-existence and Religious Minority Rights in Punjab” Umeed conducted seminar on the theme of “ Training women in Leadership and conflict management skills” on 12th May 2018 at Renewal Center Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm The main speakers for the seminar were Shamin Gulzar and Shagufta Nazir from Umeed head office Lahore. More than 40 women (Muslims, Hindus, Christians) from different interfaith women groups participated in the seminar.





Training Women in Leadership and Conflict Management Skills

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of “Training women in leadership and conflict management skills” on 15th May 2018 at Renewal Center Lahore from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The main speakers for the seminar were Dr. Munawar Chand a Hindu leader from Lahore and Yousaf Gill Executive Director UPP. More than 40 women (Muslims, Christians and Hindus) From different interfaith women groups of Badami Bagh region participated in the seminar.



Training Women in Leadership and Conflict Management Skills

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of “Training women in leadership and conflict management skills” on 26th May 2018 at community hall yazman from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The main speakers for the seminar were Yousaf Gill and Aneel Zafar from Umeed head office Lahore. More than 40 women from different interfaith participated in the seminar.



Session on general well being

Mrs. Shamin Gulzar Chair person UPP and physical, psychological, digital security and Yoga trainer conducted a session held for women Human Rights defenders on May 07, 2018 organized by Democratic Commission for Human Development (DCHD) Lahore. The main objective of the session was to recognize stress, how to handle a tensed situations and also to take care of general well being of human rights defenders. Yoga Reiki, Healing Therapy, Pranayams (Breathing Techniques) and Mindful Meditation were also included in the session. It was a life changing experience for the participating women human rights defenders of the session.





Capacity building

A training session for Umeed project staff was held on monitoring and evaluation on February 09, 2018 at Umeed Head office Lahore. Mrs. Corien Wahid director BUNYAD Consultancy Lahore was the main trainer.



Glowing Tribute to Dr. Sr. Ruth Pfau

Staff from UPP showed their solidarity with YDF at the Candle Light Vigil Procession at Liberty Chowk Lahore to give glowing tribute to Dr. Sr. Ruth Pfau for her Messianic services rendered for the Pakistani nation.



Celebrations

Minority Day Celebration

The founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in his speech to Constituent Assembly on August 11, 1947, had clearly laid down the outlines of the type of state he visualized Pakistan to become. "You are free; you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or any other places of worship in this state of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed – that has nothing to do with the business of the state." The speech clearly indicated that Pakistan was to be a pluralist society. On the basis of this speech Government has declared 11th August, as "Minorities Day". Minority's day got an official reorganization in 2009 by the efforts of former minister of Pakistan's minority's affairs Shehbaz clement Bhatti. Umeed Celebrated Minority Day with the Minority community of Nazimpura, Kasur on August 11, 2017. The day was celebrated for promoting the actual and legal rights of Minority communities in Pakistan.



Minority Day Celebration

Minorities Day in Pakistan is a very significant day in order to promote the rights of people belonging to religious minorities. In Pakistan, frequent disagreements and discussion on majority-minority issues creep up creating religious and political disharmony. Even though the Pakistan Constitution has always advocated and provided equal and fair rights to all the communities including minorities, but certain issues concerning the rights of minorities keep creeping in. Umeed Celebrated Minority Day with Hindu Minority community of Yazman on August 11, 2017.



Pakistan Independence day Celebrated

14 August 1947, the independence day of Pakistan is a national public holiday and this day is remembered as long as Pakistan is on map of the world. The Independence Day is celebrated with full joy and enthusiasm not only by majority community but also by minority community of Pakistan. Umeed Celebrated Pakistan Independence Day (August 14, 2017) with minority community in Kasur.



World Polio Day Celebrated at Lahore.

Umeed celebrated World Polio Day on October 24, 2017 at Paris Primary school, Dalu Kalan Lahore. Shamim Gulzar Chair Person UPP beautifully explains the importance of polio drops in every child's life. She said that "Pakistan is one of the two remaining countries in the world where Polio still remains as an endemic viral infection, the other being Afghanistan. She stressed the importance of polio vaccination for every child. All the women's were very happy to become a part of this celebration and they also promised to take their children for vaccination and push other illiterate women and explain them the importance of polio vaccination for their children.



International Women's Day Celebrated

International Women's Day was celebrated with the most disadvantaged and depressed women of St. Joseph Colony Lahore. It was also the occasion of anniversary of burning of the colony misusing blasphemy law in 2013 against the minority community of the area. Women took out rally holding play cards demanding their rights and released balloons in the air showing their happiness and hoping for their freedom and press for progress.



International Women's Day Celebrated

The day has been seen as a time for asserting women's political and social rights, for reviewing the progress that women have made, or as a day for celebration. In keeping with its early radical traditions, Lena Lewis, U S. socialist, declared in 1910 that it was not a time for celebrating anything, but rather a day for anticipating all the struggles to come when "we may eventually and forever stamp out the last vestige of male egotism and his desire to dominate over women"

International Women's Day was celebrated with the most disadvantaged and depressed women of Badami Bag Lahore. Women took out rally holding play cards demanding their rights and exchange flower bangles with each other showing their happiness and hoping for their freedom and press for progress.





Come and join Umeed:

Become partners of Hope
Hope for a better and just world;
Hope for men and women's equality;
Hope to strengthen the hopeless and those
in despair.

Join us to support our program of

Human Rights Training for women and
street children (Just Society)
Economic freedom for women and street
children (vocational)
Girls' & boys education (schools)
Rehabilitation of women in distress (Legal
Aid)
Talent Development (Youth)
Peace building and interfaith harmony
(tolerant society)

Help Umeed in providing:

Administrative and skills-based support
Tools and materials (in-kind)
Financial support
Support as volunteers

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