



# Annual Report 2018-2019



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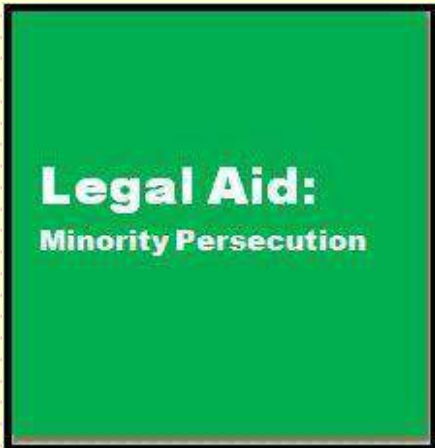
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# **UMEED ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS**



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**Peace Building**



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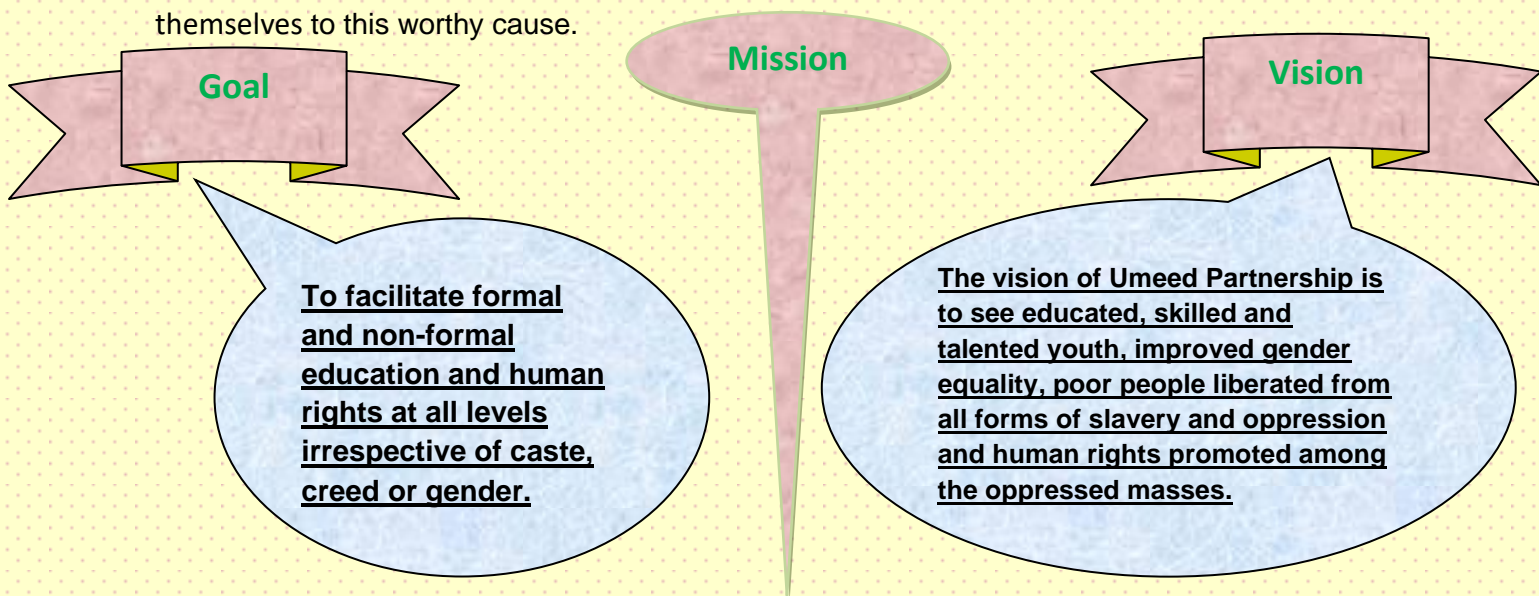




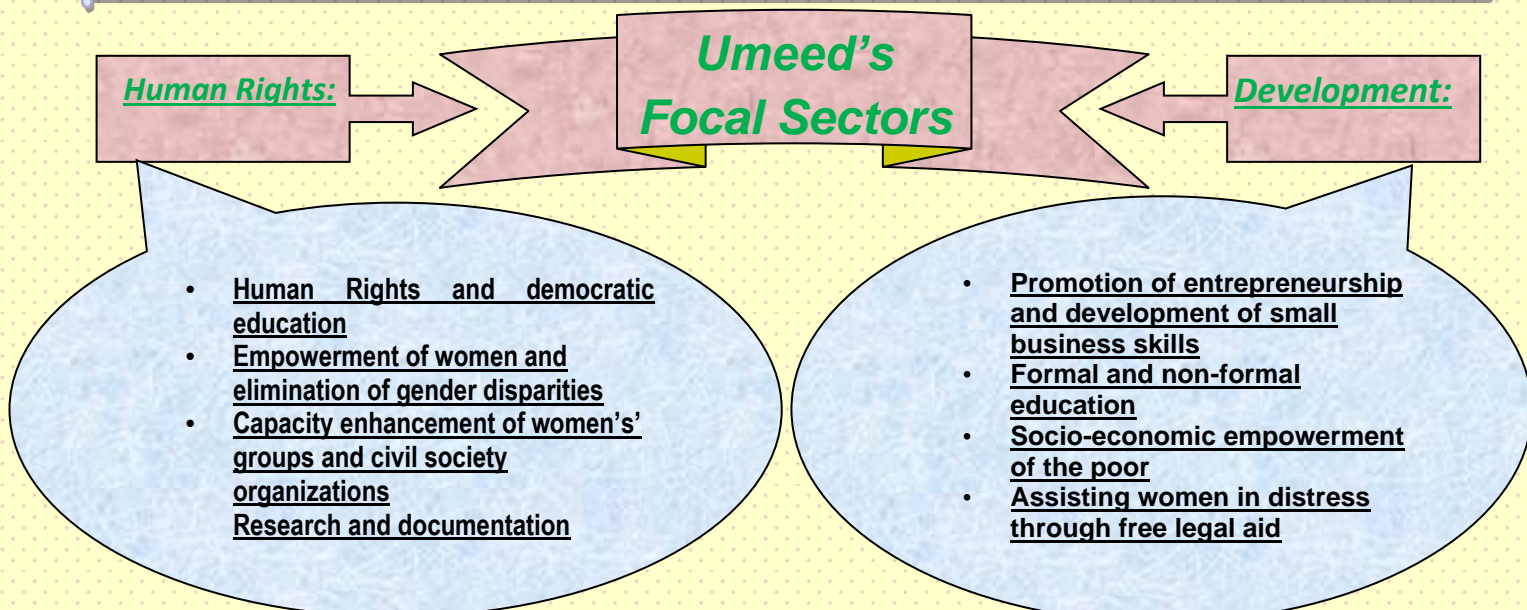
# Introduction

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 religious persecution.

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.



- To reach out to those who lack basic human needs with the aim of restoring dignity and respect irrespective of caste, creed or gender.
- To promote basic Human Rights and democratic processes within oppressed communities.
- To provide opportunities to young people to improve their talents, abilities and leadership qualities.



## Message from Chairperson: Shamim Gulzar

Umeed works for the empowerment and rights of women through different projects and programs of rights education, legal aid, education, skills training, economic rehabilitation of people suffering due to their faith and peace building. Umeed works for women survivors of GBV, abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriages and marriages of the minor girls. Women in Pakistan are the weakest and most vulnerable group because due to gender discrimination they become defenceless and marginalized; therefore they are easily exposed to torture, violence, harassment, threats, abduction, rape and forced marriages. Umeed empower these women by making them aware of their rights and get justice through police and judiciary.



Umeed provide Self care and Well being, physical, psychological and digital security training to Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) in Pakistan. Umeed conducts training on rights education, conflict management, interfaith harmony, leadership, dialogue of life sessions for women from all faiths, promoting peace and harmony at community level and well being and self care of HRDs. Umeed works for women empowerment to make them financially strong through skills trainings and help them to fight against domestic violence, torture and harassment. Umeed promotes rights to education especially for girls' education at formal and informal level through Umeed education project which poses lot of challenges due to hostile and patriarchal atmosphere regarding girls' education.

Especially in rural areas due to severe poverty women are forced to lead miserable lives. We identified women who know some skills to make embroidered dresses and stitch them but they are unable to make business out of it since they are not professionals. Thus through skills training project Umeed make these women professional and also help them to establish their own business.

My special thanks go to UPP and its administration for its untiring efforts to promote the cause of the most disadvantaged and suppressed communities, especially suppressed women in Pakistan. My special thanks also go to the donors, benefactors and supporters of Umeed. Thank you for your continued interest in the Umeed Project. I can assure you that your support, in whatever form it takes, really does make a huge difference to the lives of the beneficiaries of the Umeed Project in Pakistan.

## *Message from Executive Director: Yousuf Jalal Gill*



According to Human Rights Watch Millions of workers in Pakistan are held in contemporary forms of slavery. Throughout the country employers forcibly extract labor from adults and children, restrict their freedom of movement, and deny them the right to negotiate the terms of their employment. Employers coerce such workers into servitude through physical abuse, forced confinement, and debt-bondage. The state offers these workers no effective protection from this exploitation.

Although slavery is unconstitutional in Pakistan and violates various national and international laws, state

practices support its existence. The state rarely prosecutes or punishes employers who hold workers in servitude. Moreover, workers who contest their exploitation are invariably confronted with police harassment, often leading to imprisonment under false charges. But when it comes to women it becomes worse. Umeed is assisting some of these workers by providing them with legal aid and the skills training on professional level so that they may begin their own businesses to do away with the slavery of land lords.

Women suffer, bonded labor, slavery and human rights abuses in Pakistan more than an average population. The women face double discrimination due to poverty and powerlessness. There are many factors that contribute to the worsening plight of women in Pakistan including gender inequality, social exclusion, bonded labor, slavery, marginalization and poverty. In Pakistan the land lords are very powerful and government is not active to provide justice and protect especially poor women from the tyranny of these land lords. Thus in Pakistan women are the severe victim of bonded labor and slavery of land lords.

In order to help out these women for the last 18 years Umeed has trained thousands of illiterate girls/women in different skills who are now self employed earning reasonable sum every month for their sustenance. Umeed educate illiterate women of Pakistan by running adult literacy centres and educate the most disadvantaged children of the poor families by running schools where free and quality education is given to them. Umeed provides legal, financial and psychological aid to the victims of injustices done by the society. Umeed also provides educational assistance to the children survivors of the victim families who became the prey of the terrorist attacks.

My special thanks go to all those who have supported Umeed Project over the years especially the donor organizations, benefactors and friends without whose support the Umeed Project would have failed. Very special thanks to Umeed Partners in UK for their tireless efforts to raise funds to support the most neglected, suppressed and disadvantaged masses in Pakistan. I'd also like to thank all my colleagues, especially Executive board members, project committees, office staff, teachers, trainers, supervisors, beneficiaries, community leaders and many volunteers for their dedication to promote the cause of the most disadvantaged masses in Pakistan.



# Skills Training for women

For the past several years Umeed is providing different skills trainings to women and girls so that may be freed from the cultural barrier and male domination in Pakistan. Umeed has a dream to empower women at all levels, especially economic level. Umeed opens skill training centres in various areas for deprived and deserving women and it is our experience that after getting skills training these women becomes financial supporter for their families. They also provide assistance to other women of their localities to become entrepreneur.



## **Certificate awarding ceremony of women trainees Sewing/tailoring**

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) Organized Certificate Awarding Ceremony for 35 successful women trainees of Sewing/tailoring training on Saturday 04 May 2019 at Renewal Centre Ferozpur Road Lahore . The sewing machines and other equipment were given by Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty. Thus Rtn. Muhammad Mushtaq District Governor 2018-19, Rotary International District 3272, Pakistan, the honorable District Governor Elect Rtn. Mubark Ali Shahid, PDG Rtn.Shahzad Ahmad, Deputy Governor Azmat Chaudhry, the club president Tahseen Nawaz Gardezi and Assistant Governor Yousuf Jalal Gill along with respectable members of the club participated in the ceremony. Ms. Tanzeela Imran PTI representative of Rapid Response to Women Empowerment Punjab along with other guests of honor were also present at the occasion.



## Skills Training for Street Children

Umeed runs carpentry workshops in slum areas of Lahore, Kasur, Mian Channu and Bahawalpur. Umeed runs these carpentry training centres for underprivileged street children. Every year Umeed provide training to many children and provide them safe and clean environment. Through this skill they become able to generate income for their families and raise their self-dignity and self-wroth. This training is a best opportunity for those boys who could not get the education. After getting this training they become able to start their own business.



## Education – EM Umeed Middle Schools

In Pakistan Umeed Partnership provides education at all levels irrespective of caste, creed or gender. The rate of education among the communities Umeed serve is the lowest in the world. These communities in urban areas live on the fringes and peripheries of the cities forming miserable slums and in rural areas live outside of the main villages and towns where there is no access to any type of development. They have no schooling, no health care, no sanitation facilities, no roads and no facilities for socialization.



A few years ago Umeed was invited by two dalit and most disadvantaged communities of Cholistan desert, Southern Punjab Pakistan where there was 100% illiteracy rate to begin middle schools one for the community of village 18/BC Bahawalpur and another for the community of village 52 D.B Yazman. Both the schools continue providing quality education to about 300 students both girls and boys. The Schools for their day to day running are funded totally by Umeed since the pupils are unable to pay anything for their education.



## Emma Marchant Patron of Umeed Schools

Emma Marchant (late) from UK is patron of Umeed Education Project and EM Umeed Middle Schools Yazman and Bahawalpur. She had dream to educate the poor children, unfortunately she could not see her dream for long time. She could not fight with cancer and expired in a very young age. After her death her parents still supporting these schools. Her birthday is celebrated every year in both the schools by students, staff and parents.

On 19th December 2018 EM Umeed Middle School 18/BC Bahawalpur celebrated 42th birthday of Emma Merchant by staff, students and parents. On this special event Executive Director Yousuf Jalal Gill, Regional supervisor and the account officer of Umeed Partnership Pakistan graced the occasion. The students and staff presented a beautiful program which included games, skits and competitions with different themes, poems and cultural presentations. Through these programs Emma Marchant's life story was highlighted among students and their parents. Awards were distributed among winners of different categories. A festive meal was served to all participants of the program.







## Schooling Project

### Victims of Terrorism in Peshawar – Pakistan

#### Background

On September 22, 2013, a Church in Peshawar was devastated when two suicide bombers attacked All Saints Church outside Kohati gate in Peshawar. The worshippers were just exiting following the Sunday morning service when the bombers attacked, exposing around 600 Christians to the deadly blast. When the dust settled, around 100 Christians were reportedly killed and scores more were seriously injured.

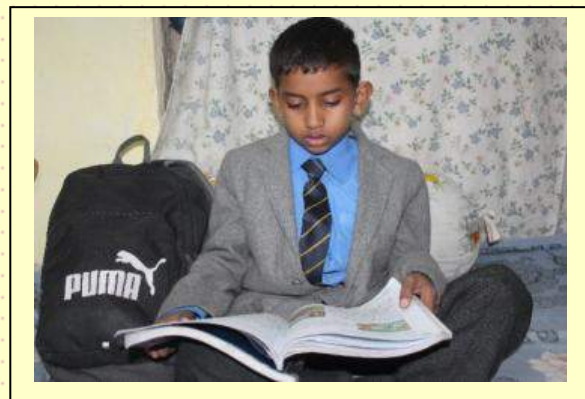
#### Project implementation

The schooling project for the victims of terrorism was implemented four times in a year. The schooling project was divided into four quarters i.e. 1st) July to September 2018, 2nd) October to December 2018, 3rd) January to March 2019 and 4<sup>th</sup>) April to June 2019.

UPP extended financial support to 30 victim-students under this project. The support included following stuff for each quarterly implementation.

- Monthly Tuition fee
- Annual charges, exams fee and other charges for the academic year
- Books, notebooks and school bag for the year
- Winter and Summer Complete School uniform and shoes
- Necessary stationery for each quarter
- Travelling expenses for Home – School – Home
- Additional coaching classes in the evening.

The Project Manager and a focal person in Peshawar visits these schools regularly, the beneficiaries and banks to pay school fee and other related payments to the parents / guardians of the beneficiary students.





## Economic Development Projects

Through Economic Development Projects UPP assists the disadvantaged masses in their time of difficulties by supporting them to establish small business for their economical sustainability and to uplift their lives.

Families and individuals who face societal discrimination, violence and torture, sexual assault, murder or any other form of hatred falls under the frame and scope of these projects. There are two other segments under Economic Development Projects for assisting the deserving families, i.e. a) Relief and Rehabilitation and b) Food aid and medical aid. In this regard there are no specific criteria; however, there must be some official documents for the reason the targeted family/individual wants assistance. Therefore, UPP is open to assist the victims irrespective of their religious background, caste, gender and geographic segment.

During the reporting period of July 2018 – June 2019, UPP assisted 24 families with small business assistance, relief and rehabilitation. Out of 24 Economic Development Projects 10 were in different parts of Sindh and 14 in the province of Punjab. Below is initial tabular information of the projects implemented during the fiscal year.

Province	Nature and District of Economic Development for a Victim
Sindh	1) Six-months relief and rehabilitation for Vikram in Karachi
	2) Four-months relief and rehabilitation for Haroon in Karachi
	3) Six-months rehabilitation for Ramis in Karachi
	4) Rehabilitation and medical aid for Beenish in Karachi
	5) Small business of beauty parlor for Iram in Karachi



	6) Small business of beauty parlor for Roma in Karachi
	7) Eight-months relief and rehabilitation for Yaqoobin Hyderabad
	8) Small business of grocery store for Yousaf's widow in Hyderabad
	9) Small business of building construction material for Aziz in Kotri
	10) Small business of livestock for Sumwar in Badin
Punjab	1) Small business of Auto rickshaw for Waqas family in Gujrat
	2) Construction of a Church, set of fire by extremists in Lahore
	3) Six-months relief and rehabilitation for Emmanuel in Lahore
	4) Rehabilitation and medical aid for the villagers in Kasur
	5) Rehabilitation and medical aid for Vishal in Sheikhpura
	6) Rehabilitation and medical aid for Daud in Kasur
	7) Eleven-months rehabilitation for Shama in Lahore
	8) Small business of Auto rickshaw for Vishal Masih in Donga Bonga
	9) Small business of Fire Wood for Shazia in Bahawalpur District
	10) Small business of Auto rickshaw for Bhola Masih in Donga Bonga
	11) Financial support for Sharoon siblings for education in Burewala
	12) Small business of Auto rickshaw for Sahib's family in Chishtian
	13) Small business of Loader rickshaw for Adil Masih in Donga Bonga
	14) Beautician training for 4 girls in Sokar district Bahawalpur.



# Adult Literacy Program

## Adult Literacy Graduation Ceremonies

In 2014 Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) became a training partner with Pakistan Bible Society for the Adult Literacy Program for illiterate Women in Pakistan. Umeed completed 8 sessions from March 2014 to October 2018 and educated 6790 illiterate women of slums and rural areas of Lahore, Kasur, Mian Chanue and Bahawalpur. In February 2018 Umeed started 8<sup>th</sup> session of adult literacy training program in its 50 centres each centre with 20-25 women/girls at different brick kilns of Lahore, Kasur and Bahawalpur districts.

### **Graduation ceremony at Nazampura Kasur district**

AT the completion of its 8<sup>th</sup> session (February to October 2019) Umeed organized graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) at Nazampura Kasur. Guests from Pakistan Bible Society and other renowned personalities graced the event. Total 179 successful women students received the certificates in this ceremony.



### **Graduation ceremony, Don Basco, School Hall Lahore**

UPP organized Certificate awarding ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) session 8 (February to October 2018) held at **Don Basco, School Hall Lahore** on October 23, 2018. Mr. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP and his team hosted the ceremony. 190 women were graduated and received their certificates.





### **Graduation ceremony, 101/DB Yazman**

A graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) Session 8 was held on October 30, 2018 at **101/DB Yazman**. Mr. Nasir Justus Project in charge from Pakistan Bible Society graced the occasion. Mr. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP and his team hosted the ceremony. 450 successful women were graduated and received their certificates.



## **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:

### **Exposure visits to places of worship for interfaith groups and peace committees.**

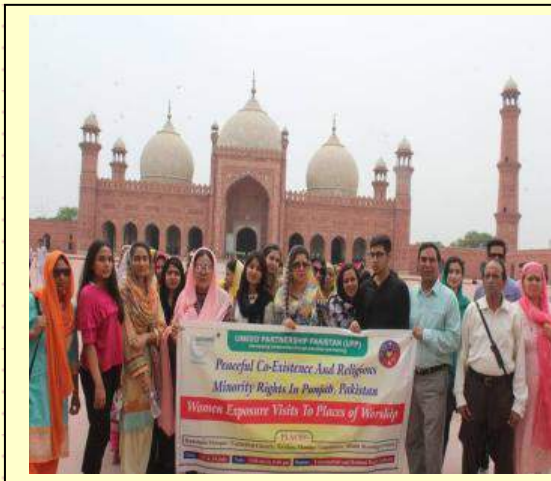
Towards the end of different sets of activities Umeed arranged diversity tours for interfaith groups and peace committees to visit different worship places in Lahore and Yazman. Diversity tours 4 Lahore and 2 at Yazman were carried out. Each diversity tour included 20 participants but we combined 4 groups together making total of 80 in Lahore. A diversity tour was organised in Yazman, district Bahawalpur with 40 participants (2 groups). The places of worship included Hindu temples, Mosques, Sikh Gurdwaras, Churches and Bhai Prayer centres. It was a life changing experience for the participants since most of them had first chance to visit each other's worship places. The tours were documented and a report was published by an international media with a short video clip. Watch Umeed Partnership Pakistan Diversity tour Lahore on YouTube.

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### Exposure visit Lahore

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) organized women exposure visits to five places of worship: Badshahi Mosque, Shri Karishna Mandir, Gurdwara, Sacred Heart Cathedral Church and Bhai Centre, Lahore on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The group of 80 women was invited from different faith communities including Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Bhai community.



### Exposure visit Yazman

Under the project "Peaceful Co-existence and Religious minority rights" 2 women interfaith groups (each group 20 women of different faiths) participated in the exposure visit on July 28, 2018 at Yazman.





## **Seminars on rights education for interfaith groups and interfaith peace Committees.**

Seminars on “Rights Education” facilitated 12 Interfaith women groups and 8 interfaith peace committees of Lahore slums and rural areas of Yazman. 3 seminars held for 12 Interfaith women groups and 2 seminars for 8 interfaith peace committees. Each session was held with four groups/committees each having 10 members making it 40 participants.

These seminars made the participants able to regularly meet and to familiarize and talk to do away with the misunderstandings they have about each other and to cooperate and support each other in dealing with shared problems. Trainings on women’s rights empowered and enabled them to critically assess their daily life, work together, resist violence and rights violations, mitigate fears, restore self-confidence and build bridges. This contributes to an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, and respect for diversity and human rights between minority and majority faith communities.

### **Rights Education Yazman**

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of “Rights Education for interfaith women peace committees” on 30th July 2018 at Chak no. 102/DB Yazman from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

More than 40 women (Muslim, Christians and Hindus) from different interfaith women peace committees participated in the seminar.



### **Rights Education Lahore**

A seminar on the theme of “Rights Education for interfaith women peace committees “ was held on August 4, 2018 at Renewal Centre Lahore from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The main speaker for the seminar was Mrs. Bushra Khaliq Director WISE (NGO) Lahore. The session was concluded by Mrs. Shamin Gulzar Chairperson Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP). More than 40 women (Muslim, Christian and Hindus) from different faith women peace committees of Badami Bagh and Yuhannabad area Lahore participated in the seminar.



## **Training Sessions on leadership and conflict management skills for interfaith groups and interfaith peace committees.**

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During these trainings women leaders were trained to use effectively their authority to mitigate conflict and promote harmony in their respective communities. During sessions leadership and conflict management skills were taught to women participants by involving them in different activities and role plays and through examples from the context. Importance of women’s rights in the family and society and their role as bridge builders were highlighted. Common grounds on which the interfaith harmony would be built were discovered and the damage causing factors in family and society due to religious differences & intolerance were pointed out. Women Role model as bridge builders in society and history were mentioned. The art of answering the religious issues questions was given through practical exercises.

### **Training women in Leadership and Conflict Management**

Umeed conducted a seminar on the theme of “Training women in leadership and conflict management skills” on 10th August 2018 at Renewal Centre Lahore from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The main speakers for the seminar was Mrs. Corien Waheed Director BUNYAD Lahore. The session was concluded by Mrs. Faryal Sami from Canada. More than 40 women (Muslim, Christians and Hindus) from different interfaith women Peace committees of dami Bag and Yuhannabad area participated in the seminar.



### **Training Women on Leadership and Conflict Management**

*Training Sessions on leadership and conflict management skills was held for interfaith women peace committees on August 28, 2018 at Yazman.*





## Consultation on peace dialogue with peace committees

Each consultation included 24 women (6 from each committee x 4 committees) 3 stakeholders and 3 project staff making a total of 30 members for each consultation. 1 consultation held at Lahore and 1 at Yazman.

It was discussed at length during the consultation that the trained peace committee members know how to conduct Peace dialogue and consultations with relevant local stakeholders e.g. councilors, politicians, police station personnel and journalists etc. With the help of trained peace committee members Local stakeholders begin properly investigating conflicts by gathering actual roots before taking any action and give equal importance to the members of both minority and majority communities. Due to the efforts of trained peace committees level of accepting of each other increased.

## Consultation on peace dialogue with peace committees at Yazman

Umeed organized “consultation on peace dialogue” with women peace committees/stakeholders held on August 17, 2018 at Yazman.



## Peace committees advocacy

Each peace committee advocacy included 24 women (6 from each committee x 4 committees) 3 stakeholders, 3 project staff making a total of 30 members in each advocacy. 1 advocacy held at Lahore and 1 at Yazman.

During the peace committee advocacy sessions it came up strongly that the trained women are now identifying, selecting and approaching peace-minded religious leaders, women leaders, other community leaders, local counselors and politicians from the majority and minority religions in case any religious issue comes up in their areas. The participants shared that the trained committee members have become skilled for advocacy at local level and also are able to be efficient mediator in conflict situations. Capacitated interfaith peace committees are performing local peace advocacy with relevant stakeholders especially from the majority religion.

### **Peace Committee Advocacy at Yazman**

Under the project “Peaceful Co-existence and Religious Minority Rights in Punjab” Peace committee’s advocacy was held on August 18, 2018 at Yazman.



### **SWOT Analysis on Project Activities**

SWOT Analysis on activities of project "Peaceful co-existence and Minority rights in Punjab" was held on August 27, 2018 at Umeed Head Office Lahore. The resource person for SWOT Analysis was Mrs. Corien Wahid. Umeed staff members participated in the session.



### **Selection of 40 Community Volunteers**

20 community volunteers (girls and boys) were selected in Lahore region and 20 community volunteers (girls and boys) were selected in Yazman, district Bahawalpur. The criteria for the selection of community volunteers were to get those who are already involved in some way in community service or they are recognized by their community as social workers. Those who could spare some free time for the volunteer work and who have some spirit, vision or goal to serve the suffering humanity. We selected the inspired and motivated youth who want to do something in life.



## **Seminars on Rights Education**

1 Seminar on rights education with 20 community volunteers was held at Dullu Kalan Lahore and 1 seminar on rights education with 20 community volunteers was held at Yazman, district Bahawalpur. The purpose of the seminars on rights education was to first of all make the community volunteers aware of their own rights, their rights as community volunteers, rights of women in their families and communities and rights of different faith communities. Then they were prepared to interact in their communities and see and observe where the rights are being violated and exploited. Learn about the segment of society whose rights are grabbed by powerful forces and try to be at the side of the suppressed groups to make them aware of the rights and help them to challenge their exploiters and get their rights back from them.

### **Right Education for Community Volunteers**

Under the project “Peaceful Co-existence and Religious minority rights in Punjab” training seminar on “Rights Education” for community volunteers was organized on October 5, 2018 at village 102/DB Yazman, District Bahawalpur from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The resource of the session was Yousuf Jalal Gill, Executive Director UPP. 20 boys and girls (10 boys and 10 girls) participated in this session.



## **Trainings on mediation and reporting skills**

1 training on mediation and reporting skills with 20 community volunteers was held at Umeed head office Lahore and 1 training on mediation and reporting skills with 20 community volunteers was held at Yazman, district Bahawalpur. The main purpose of the trainings was to prepare community volunteers to become liaison between interfaith women groups, interfaith women peace committees and UPP head office with regards to incidents of religious nature taking place among the communities of different faiths. They were prepared to first of all with the help of interfaith women groups and interfaith women peace committees solve the problems locally and secondly in case of complicated incident then report to UPP head office who would sort a legal assistance to mitigate the situation. The community volunteers were trained in report writing and mediation skills.

### **Training on Mediation and Reporting Skills**

Training on mediation and reporting skills for community volunteers (10 girls and 10 boys) was held on 6th October 2018 at village 102/DB Yazman, District Bahawalpur.



### **Rights Education**

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### **Guests and Visits**

Mr. Lennard Roubos from Netherlands visited UPP head office and communities in Lahore from 8 - 17 September 2018. It was a great honor for us to have him in our midst and we enjoyed his company and friendship.





## **Meeting partners**

The Pakistan Bible Society Lahore organized a meeting with its partners of Adult Literacy Program on 2nd October 2018 at The Bible House Anarkali Lahore in honor of a guest representative of British Bible Society, one of the donor partners for the Literacy Project in Pakistan. Umeed Partnership Pakistan participated in the meeting as their main partner.



## **Session on general well being**

Shamin Gulzar Chairperson and coordinator of Umeed Partnership Pakistan conducted a training for the theological students of Anglican Church in Lahore on Human Rights and Women Rights according to the International treaties and declarations especially United Nations Declaration for Human Rights . The training was organized by Mrs. Corien Waheed director BUNYAD Consultancy Lahore on November 20, 2018 at her residence.



## **Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty**

With the collaboration of Umeed Partnership Pakistan Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty hosted a festive Lunch for the visiting team of Rotarian under the leadership of Waqar Rizvi from USA on 27 November 2018 at Nishat Hotel Johar Town, Lahore. Rotarian Yousuf Jalal Gill assistant Governor of District 3272 gave the resume of different projects run by RC of

Lahore Liberty. Rotarian Tehseen Nawaz Gardezi the club president officially welcomed the guests and gave a short history of the club. Rtn. Chaudhry Atiq, Abdul-Rehman, Mrs. Angela Marry Sadique, Mrs. Shamin Gulzar and Aneel zafar were present to accompany the visiting Rotarian from USA. It was a great get together to share our experiences and ideas with each other. We very much enjoyed the company of our visiting Rotarian from USA.



## 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 recognition in 2009 with the efforts of former minister of Pakistan's minority's affairs Shehbaz clement Bhatti. Umeed Celebrated Interfaith Unity Day (Minority Day) on August 11, 2018 with Yazman Community.





### **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 2018 with the students of both EM Middle Schools 18/BC Bahawalpur and 52/DB Yazman.



### **World Polio Day Celebrated at Yazman Bahawalpur.**

Umeed along with RC of Lahore Liberty celebrated World Polio Day on 24th October 2018 at EM Umeed Middle Schools Chak No.52/DB Yazman and 18/BC Bahawalpur, South Punjab.



### **Activism Campaign**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign was carried out around the world from 25 November to 10 December 2018 to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls. UPP carried out the campaign on 29 November 2018 at EM Umeed Middle Schools 18/BC Bahawalpur and 52/DB Yazman with female teachers and girls to raise voices against gender discrimination and to demand equal rights.





## **Christmas Dinner**

Umeed organized a Christmas dinner for its staff at Nishat Hotel Lahore in December 2018.



## **Other activities**

UPP with collaboration of Shirkatgah (NGO) Lahore conducted awareness sessions on “Rights Awareness, Gender Equality and Family Laws” at different areas of Lahore, Yuhannabad, Nishtar Colony, Hamza Town, Badami Bagh, Joseph Colony and Asif Town in December 2018. Miss Shagufta Nazir project supervisor UPP conducted the session with male and female participants



## **Rozan (NGO) Islamabad Team visited UPP office Lahore**

Rozan Team from Islamabad visited UPP head office in Lahore on January 31, 2019. Rozan will be launching the Punjab Chapter of Pakistan Forum for Democratic Policing. The purpose of the team’s visit was to bring together relevant stakeholders from the civil society to discuss policy issues and reforms for the Police laws in Punjab for a more democratic, citizen-centric, and sensitive police force. A mutual discussion was held to explore ways and means to launch the Punjab Chapter of Pakistan Forum for Democratic Policing.





## Umeed staff's participation

During launching ceremony of Pakistan Forum for Democratic Policing-Punjab Chapter by Rozan Yousuf Jalal Gill Executive Director Umeed Partnership Pakistan raised issues faced by the religious minorities in Pakistan especially highlighted the recent case of a minor Christian girl Sadaf khan of 22/DRB Tehsil Yazman district Bahawalpur who was abducted, raped, forced converted and forced married by land lord's son of the village on February 06, 2019. Sadaf's date of birth is June 03, 2005 and she was a student of grade 5. Lahore DPO Mr. B.A. Nasir and Ms. Fauzia Waqar Chairperson Punjab Commission on the status of women (PCSW) extended their full support for this case.



## Mentoring Visit at UPP head office

Shirkatgah (NGO) Lahore team had mentoring visit to UPP head office Lahore regarding "SAFE- Security activities for freedom and empowerment of women and girls" on 27 March 2019 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and had detailed discussion with UPP Staff and women human rights committee members.



## International Women's day

In order to promote women rights Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) on 8th March celebrated The International Women's Day at Lahore by organizing a seminar and women's rally, women holding play cards and chanting slogans demanding equal rights. During cake cutting ceremony women asked men to join in to show solidarity. Shamin Gulzar Chairperson UPP explained the main theme of the year [#Balance](#) for Better and gave the history of the International Women's Day. Yousuf Gill Executive Director UPP spoke about religious, cultural, social, political and economic rights of women which are exploited by men. Yousaf Benjamin director Dignity First (NGO) discussed about the programs being organized world over in relation to the International Women's Day. ShaguftaNazir spoke about women rights in general and stressed the need to get their lost right as soon as possible.



## Training on Holistic Safety of WHRDs

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) staff energetically participated in 4-days training on Holistic Safety of WHRDs (Risk Management, Security & Protection of Human Rights Defenders) which was organized by Shirkatgah and DCHD at Country Club Lahore, Muridke on 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



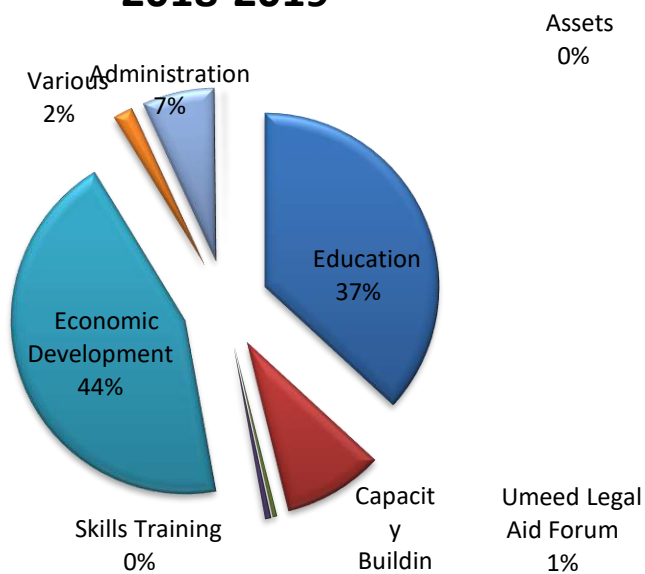


## Training on Women Human Rights

Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) staff actively participated in 3-days training on Women Human Rights, Gender Analysis, Family Laws and Communications skills organized by Shirkatgah in Lahore on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.



### Heads and their Expenditures 2018-2019



# Where we work

**Lahore and Kasur Slums**  
Umeed skills training centres for women and street children

**Quetta/Loralai**  
Umeed skills training



**District Khanewal**

**Bahawalpur/Yazman**  
Umeed skills training centres for women and street children





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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)

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

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