



Annual Report 2019-2020



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UMEED ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS



Education



**Legal Aid:
Minority Persecution**



Skills Training



Peace Building



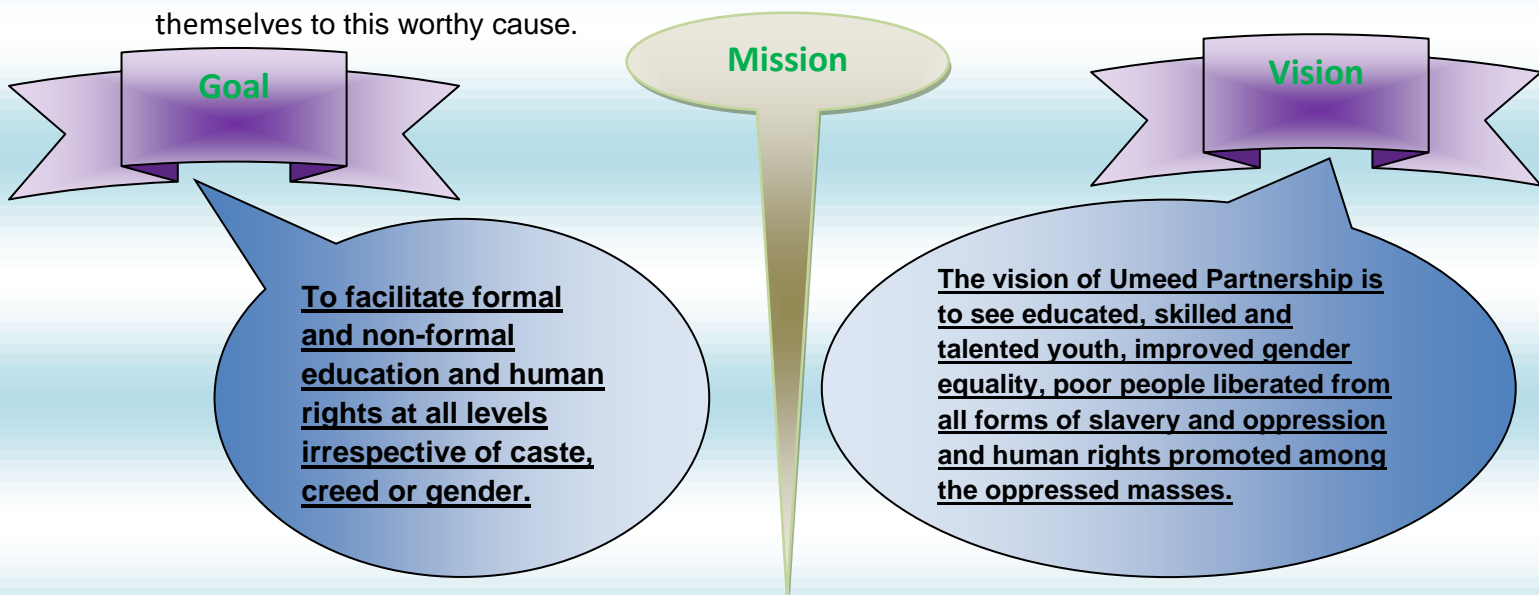
Human Rights



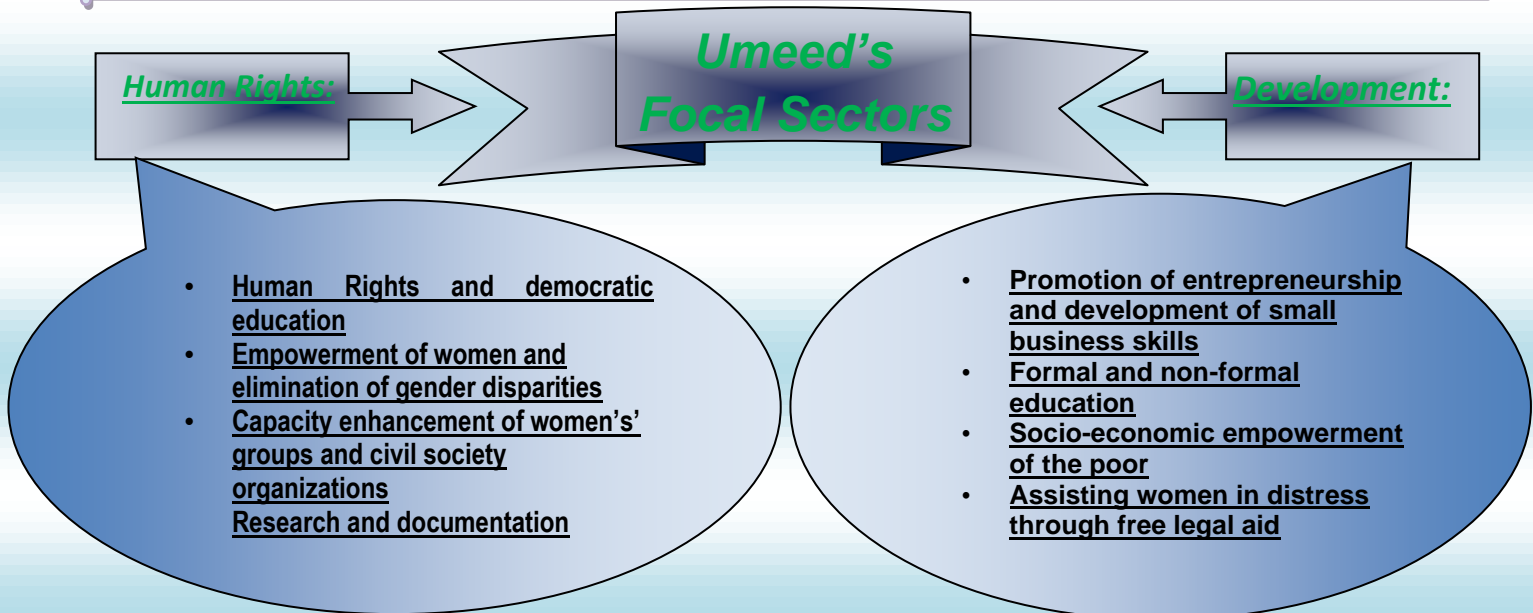
Introduction

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



Through shared beliefs and the reality of experiences based on our 'place' in society, keeps me connected to the women right's movement in Pakistan. During the last several years I started sharing my aspirations with different women rights groups and movements (The Women Action Forum (WAF) political school, Aurat March, Home Net and Shirkat Gah) a network of activists who stand against patriarchal structures which results in sexual, economic and structural exploitation of women and lobby for secular, progressive women's rights and are seeking to bring about more gender equal rights and greater autonomy for women within the operative structures

of state and society. I work with a bold stand for freedom of girls, their education and with voice against child marriage, injustice, illiteracy, violence against women, and discrimination.

I believe that equality, development justice and the realization of human rights can only happen when women, particularly marginalized women are empowered to lead policy and legal debates and determine solutions.

I strongly believe that providing women with greater opportunities and representation in decision-making fora, improved health and better laws are not ends in and of themselves. At best these can serve as stepping stones to a restructuring of power relations, structures and systems.

I apply rights based and feminist principles believing that advances in women human rights can be achieved and sustained when autonomous feminist movements exist and have a conducive environment to work and no one should be judged, valued, or discriminated on the basis of their sex or gender identity – that one's gender should not determine one's role, opportunities, resources, rights, or privileges in the world.

I embody feminist principles through self-awareness to my work and at the workplace and work towards accepting our vulnerabilities, as well as recognizing and valuing our own strengths and those of others. For example, in all learning events and during one to ones we encourage feedback and self-reflection as a way of learning about ourselves.

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



In Pakistan it is perhaps even more difficult to identify the challenges faced by women than in most of the other South Asian countries. Depending on her geographical location a Pakistani woman can find herself in a tribal, feudal or urban environment. She can be a highly qualified and self-confident professional, or self-effecting peasant toiling alongside her men folk; she can lead a protected life, aloof from all decisions and information in the urban lower-middle class of respectability or in the wide context of nomadic regions, or she can be a central figure of authority in the limited circle of influential women in government and business circles. Often the location of her cradle defines her future.

The minority women are more vulnerable within the marginalized communities in Pakistan. Minority women face several forms of jeopardy, first as a woman in a patriarchal society, secondly as minority women and thirdly because they are poor. Minority women suffer from human rights abuses in Pakistan even more than woman in general. The women from minorities face double discrimination due to poverty and powerlessness. There are many factors that contribute to the worsening plight of minority women in Pakistan including religious intolerance, gender inequality, social exclusion, marginalization and poverty. In the past few years the incidence of kidnapping, sexual violence and forced conversion has increased. These crimes are often committed by manipulating the personal law, whereas the laws regulating marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc. of religious minorities have not been reviewed for the past 150 years and have become incompatible with present-day human rights standards.

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 Committee 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.

UMEED EDUCATION PROJECT

A. Formal Education

- a. Middle Schools for most disadvantaged boys and girls
- b. Scholarships: Schooling project

B. Non-formal education

- a. Skills training for women and girls
- b. Skills training for street children
- c. Adult Literacy Program (ALP) for illiterate women

A. Formal Education

a. Middle Schools for most disadvantaged boys and girls

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.

Umeed started two middle schools for dalit and most disadvantaged communities of Cholistan desert, district Bahawalpur, Southern Punjab Pakistan where there was 100% illiteracy rate. In 2007 a middle schools were started for the community of village 18/BC Bahawalpur and in 2009 another middle school was started for the community of village. 52/DB 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 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 2019 EM Umeed Middle School 18/BC Bahawalpur celebrated 43th 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.



b. Scholarships: Schooling Project

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.

During the academic year 2019 – 2020 the schooling project was implemented to assist the studentsurvivors of All Saints' Church bombing in Peshawar.

UPP extended financial support to 30 students under its schooling project. The support included following stuff for the project implementation.

- Monthly Tuition fee
- Necessary stationery for the year

- Stationery for the summer tasks
- Travelling expenses for the students (Home – School – Home)
- Additional coaching classes

UPP received 100% appreciation, encouragement and word of thanks by the beneficiaries and schools' management. They extended best wishes for the entire UPP team and supporters. The students were happy and promised to concentrate on their studies and producing good results.

List of 30 beneficiaries of schooling project for Academic year April 2019 – March 2020

	Student	School	Grade	Victimization
1	Meekal Arif	St. Michael's school	7	Orphan
2	Ephraim Naveed	Edwards Wing II	9	Orphan
3	Sam Emmanuel	St. Mary's school	4	Orphan
4	Shayan Emmanuel	St. Mary's school	7	Orphan
5	Tania Robin	Peshawar Public	7	Orphan
6	Umair Robin	St. Mary's school	4	Orphan
7	Sehar Amir	Red Rose school	4	Mother expired
8	Aman Arif	St. Mary's school	9	Father disable
9	Adan Moazam	St. Mary's school	10	Orphan
10	Anezka Muazam	Convent school	7	Orphan
11	Alisha Imtiaz	Cambridge Phonic	1	Orphan
12	Ayan Imtiaz	Cambridge Phonic	2	Orphan
13	Mehak Imtiaz	Cambridge Phonic	3	Orphan
14	Simran Nazir	Elizabeth school	7	Orphan
15	Smith Sabir	St. John's school	9	Orphan
16	Musa Sabir	St. John's school	4	Orphan
17	Ashbeel Tanveer	St. John's school	10	Orphan
18	Daim Tanveer	St. John's school	4	Orphan
19	Rajesh Albert	St. John's school	10	Injured
20	Shevoon Ishaq	St. Mary's school	5	Injured
21	Yashwa Arif	St. Mary's school	1	Injured
22	Meerab Pervaiz	St. Michael's school	9	Injured
23	Fiza Kanwal	Convent school	10	Injured
24	Sheza Tariq	Convent school	10	Injured
25	Suman Anwar	Elizabeth school	9	Injured
26	Anmol Kamran	Convent school	6	Injured
27	Aman Eliab Gill	St. Mary's school	8	Injured
28	Eden Eliab Gill	St. Mary's school	7	Injured
29	Fiza Munawar	Elizabeth school	8	Injured
30	Daim Ashir	Elizabeth school	Prep	Mother injured



B. Non-formal education

a. Skills training for women and girls

For the past several years Umeed is providing different skills trainings to women and girls so that they 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.



b. 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.



c. Adult Literacy Program (ALP) for illiterate women

Umeed Partnership Pakistan started its 10th session (February to October 2020) of Adult Literacy Program (ALP) for illiterate women of marginalized communities. Umeed has started 60 centres each centre with 25-30 women students of districts Lahore, Kasur, Khanewal, Bahawalpur and Loralai. 60 teachers and 6 supervisors' training were carried out at various places of different districts. Umeed is running this program since 2014.



Adult Literacy Graduation Ceremonies

AT the completion of its 9th session (February to October 2019) Umeed organized graduation ceremony for the successful women students of Adult Literacy Program (ALP). Guests from Pakistan Bible Society and other renowned personalities graced the event. Total 966 successful women students received the certificates in this ceremony.



Ration Distribution

On 22nd April ration distributed among Adult Literacy Students at Kasur to help out the deserving families in the wake of COVID-19



During May ration was distributed among Adult Literacy Students at Lahore to help out the deserving families in the wake of COVID-19



Self-Care and Wellbeing training session

Self-Care and Wellbeing training session was organized for Teachers and supervisors of Adult Literacy Program so that they have the ability to maintain a positive attitude towards their work despite challenges in their daily life and feel healthy, active, safe, and fulfilled.



Umeed organized Self care and Well being session at community level at Renewal Centres Lahore, Pakistan. Shamin Gulzar chairperson Umeed facilitated the session.





UN SLAVERY FUND

The main focus of UN Slavery Fund project is to conduct employable skills trainings for the victims of modern slavery and help them to establish small businesses as skilled workers so that they may do away with the slavish work under the land lords. Under this project social and psychological sessions are conducted for the women survivors of modern slavery. During the psychological sessions through stress releasing exercises their self-worth was highlighted and their inner pain, inner wounds, anger, fear, embarrassment, humiliation, inferiority complex and dalitness were healed and cured. The session conducted on social level, it was observed that the minority communities are suppressed, downtrodden, having low self-esteem, with lot of fears, reservations, living in awful conditions without basic human facilities and rights and they remain aloof from the government departments and law enforcement agencies. These communities never gain real benefits from these agencies. Their Bastis are kept without the basic human facilities. The participants of the seminar became aware that the suffering minority community needs their rights since they are suffering of isolation, slavery of land lords, without basic human needs, illiteracy and poverty. The project also provides legal and financial assistance to the victims of modern slavery. Under UN Slavery Fund project the following activities began from January 2020:

Employable skills training

Under the banner of UN Slavery Fund during January 2020 skills training: tailoring and embroidery/patch work started among women victims of contemporary forms of slavery among vulnerable communities of district Bahawalpur, each centre having 30 women.





Psychological Session

Under the project UN Slavery Fund Psychological session was held among the suffering women of district Bahawalpur during February 2020.



Ration distribution among women survivors

On 29th June 2020 under UN Slavery Fund ration packages were distributed among women of victims of contemporary forms of slavery in district Bahawalpur in order to help them out during the grave situation created by COVID-19 Pandemic. Prior to the ration distribution awareness session was held on the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic. Protective material i.e. face masks, hand sanitizers etc. were distributed among the recipients.



On 30th June under UN Slavery Fund Ration packages were distributed among women victims of contemporary forms of slavery in one of the villages of Tehsil Yazman district Bahawalpur to help them out during the grave situation created by COVID-19 Pandemic. Prior to the ration distribution awareness session was held on the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic. Protective material i.e. faces masks, hand sanitizers etc. were distributed among the recipients.



Economic Development of the poor and marginalized

Through Economic Development Projects UPP assist 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 Economical 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.

Guests and Visits

Umeed Staff met with Mr. Ejaz Alam Augustine Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs.



Training Session

UPP with collaboration of Shirkatgah Lahore conducted 10 awareness session on "Rights awareness, Gender equality and Marriage Laws" at various slum areas of Lahore at grass root level in community. Miss Shagufta Nazir project supervisor and trainer UPP conducted the sessions.

Session 1

For 25 women of Asif Town Lahore on 24th September 2019.



Session 2

For 24 men of Asif Town Lahore on 24th September 2019.



Session 3

For 26 women of Dullu Kalan Lahore on 25th September 2019.



Session 4

For 26 men of Yuhannabad, Lahore on 25th September 2019.



Session 5

For 31 men of Makhan Colony, Lahore on 26th September 2019.



Session 6

For 48 women of Makhan Colony, Lahore on 26th September 2019



Session 7

For 36 women of Rasulpura, Lahore on 27th September 2019.



Session 8

For 31 men of Kaliq Nagar, Lahore on 27th September 2019.



Session 9

For 32 men of Kahna, Lahore on 2nd October 2019.



Session 10

For 37 women of Nishtar Colony, Lahore on 2nd October 2019.

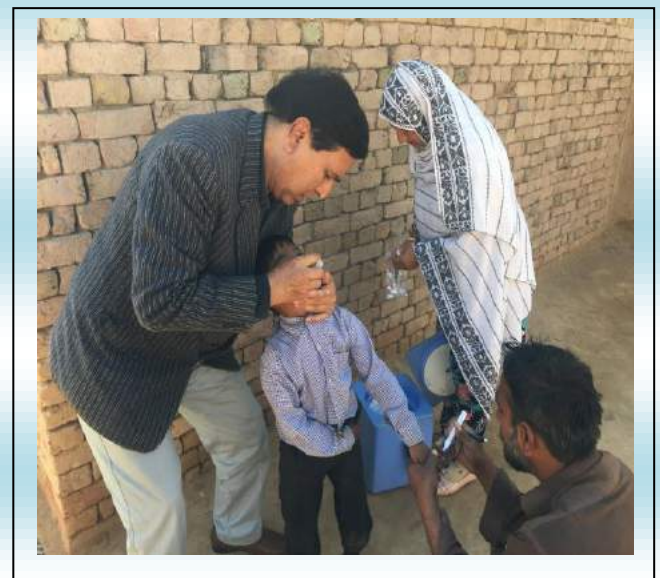


Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty

Celebration of International Polio Day 2019 at Umeed Schools. Mr. Yousaf Gill Director of Umeed Partnership Pakistan (UPP) and President of Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty briefly explain the importance of polio drops and take promise from all students to help polio teams whenever they came to village.



Rotarian Yousuf Jalal Gill president Rotary Club of Lahore Liberty organized polio drop campaign among two Umeed Middle schools children and in the communities of chak no. 18/BC Bahawalpur and chak no.52/DB Yazman on 17th February 2020. Hundreds of children under the age of 5 years were given polio drops.



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, 2019 with local minority communities.



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 2019 with school children and local minority communities.





16-Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign was carried out around the world from 25 November to 10 December 2019 to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls. In collaboration with ROZEN Umeed organised 16 days of Activism on the theme of violence against women on 9th December 2019 at Renewal Centre Lahore Pakistan.



International Human Rights Day

Umeed Celebrated International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2019 at Renewal Centre Lahore, Pakistan.

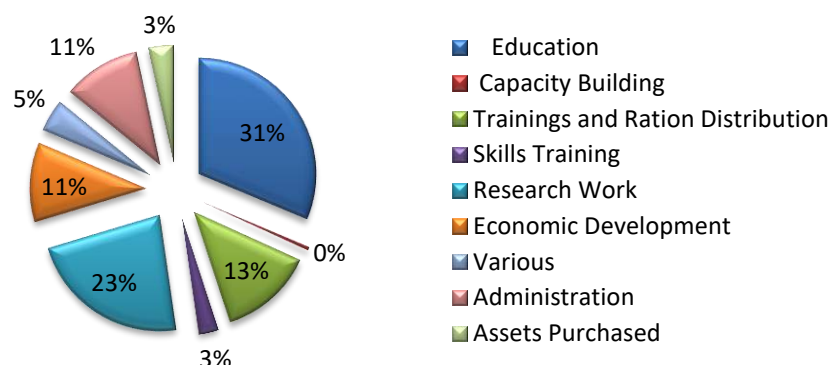


Umeed staff's participation

Umeed staff participated against trafficking and child abuse organized by Rawadari Thehreek in front of Press Club Lahore



Heads & Their Expenditure in Financial Year 2019-2020





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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