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# Annual Report

*To Establish Peace Feeder Schools to Provide Basic Education to Marginalized and Working Children*



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**Project Title:**

*To Establish Peace Feeder Schools to Provide Basic Education to Marginalized and Working Children*

**Implementing Organization:**

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**Project Period:**

12 Months (March, 2017 – February, 2018)

**Project Goal:**

Goal of Peace Feeder School (PFS) is to facilitate in decreasing the level of illiteracy and to create educational opportunities for the unreached, marginalized and neglected groups such as miss-outs and never-gone-to-school children, aged 5-10 years and mainstreaming of out-of- school children into formal education system.

**Project Geographical Coverage**      District Lahore and Okara

**Project Beneficiaries:**

276 People (Students and their Mothers)  
180 Students (Boys & Girls)  
60 Women, Girls (Vocational Centers)  
36 Male and Female (CMT Members)

**Project Location:**

1. Bilal Town Lahore (Peace Feeder School for Children)
2. Shamkay Bhattia (Vocational Centers for Girls and Women)
3. Peace Feeder School for children in Renala Khurd Okara
4. Peace Sewing Center for Girls and Women in Renala Khurd Okara

**Project Target Group**

180 Students (Boys & Girls in Peace Feeder School)

60 Women & Girls in Sewing Centers

# Executive Summary

Peace Feeder School is specifically implemented for the uplift of those children who are working at vulnerable places as auto workshops, restaurants and as daily wages workers. The number of working children is increasing day by day. This is taking place due to poverty and unawareness. The future of these children is getting ruined in the streets and on the roads. As a result their health is affecting at a larger extent.

The result of survey Peace Center Lahore, Pakistan has shown that they are losing right of education, health care, love and affection, recreation and above all their future. This is indeed a challenging task to motivate the parents as thousands of children are forced to take up jobs at an early age to earn for their family. Their little hands work at machine, pick up waste, and scrub floors and wash utensils to earn paltry sum as an income. This is a fact that, parents feel themselves economically strengthened as they said that they do not have any other choice than to send their children to work.

Peace Center Lahore established 2 Vocational Centers. PCL developed sewing and knitting training course which implemented in Vocational Centers. PCL observed that mostly women and girls after morning work remain in homes and mostly girls aged 10 to 15 do not go to school. PCL targeted these girls and women who wish to learn skills. This initiative provided them opportunity to learn skill and contribute in their family income, this way they will be become fruitful part of their family.

PCL enrolled 30 (women or girls) in each center for one year and following skills imparted to them during one year.

1. Sewing, Knitting and Embroidery
2. Fabric Painting, Glass Painting
3. Hand Made Decoration
4. Beautician

They got skill and earn money through her skill, that they may be able to put their children in school and also be able to provide other basic needs.

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Each center is consisted of 30 students, who are regularly attending classes. The teachers are playing an effective role for their education and awareness. We are hopeful to bring a positive change for children as well as for their parents. These children are our future, who should not be ignored. Because they are the one to be the leaders and assets to the country for its progress. Peace Center Lahore, Pakistan established six peace feeder educations centers to provide basic education to marginalized and working children in two districts Okara and Lahore.

**Fr. James Channan OP**

Director

Peace Center Lahore, Pakistan

## **Main Objectives of the Project:**

1. To Establish 6 Basic Education Centers (BEC) in 2 districts of Punjab
2. To Establish 2 Vocational Centers in 2 Districts
3. To Provide Awareness on Health and Hygiene to Mothers and children

### **Objective 1**

Established 6 Basic Education Centers (BEC) in 2 districts Lahore and Okara in Punjab

#### **Establishing Basic Education Centers (BEC)**

Peace Center, Lahore established 6 BEC in two District Lahore and Okara. 30 students in each center registered and given Basic Education. Altogether 180 students enrolled in 6 centers. Peace Center Lahore established these centers in Targeted communities. The students completed first stage syllabus in one year they need more time but project has been closed and we request that project should be extend for two year more.



**Students Selection Criteria in Peace Feeder School was:**

- Student age were 5-10 years
- Student were working children and never-gone-to-school
- Peace Feeder School gave more preference to working children and deserving students.
- 50 % or more female students enrolled

### **Class Timings:**

Each Peace Feeder School has time minimum 3 hour's class. Time to start a center from 9:00 am to 12:00pm. One teacher hired for each basic education center. A standard process adopted for hiring of staff according to the policy of Peace Center Lahore.



### **Syllabus for Peace Feeder School:**

Peace Center Lahore developed a syllabus for the students according to Punjab Text Board Lahore. PCL got expert opinion from renowned Educationists to develop the syllabus. As these children came from neglected background therefore they need special syllabus that gave them basic education and helped them to continue their education in formal education system.

## Objective 2

### **Established Peace Sewing and Knitting School in Two Districts.**

Peace Center Lahore established 2 Peace Sewing and Knitting School. PCL developed training course which implemented in Vocational Centers. PCL observed that mostly women and girls after morning work remain in homes and mostly girls aged 10 to 15 do not go to school. PCL targeted these girls and women who wish to learn skills. This initiative provided them opportunity to learn skill and contributed in their family income, this way 60 women and girls learnt this skill of sewing and knitting and became fruitful part of their family.



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## Objective 3

### **Provided Awareness on Health and Hygiene to Mothers and children**



During Filed visits and various programs in target vocational centers PCL observed that mostly women, girls and mothers are unaware about health and Hygiene issues. At their work and living place at brick kilns there are no hygienic facilities for women and children especially, that's why most or the women and children remained sick.

Peace Center staff conducted 1 session per month in each Vocational Center. In these Hygiene sessions

many girls and women invited and they participated and got awareness about hygiene

issues. PCL got special services form trained Staff nurse to conducted sessions with mothers and girls.

## ***Opening Ceremony of Peace Sewing and Knitting School in Renala Khurd Okara.***

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Peace Center Lahore opened a Peace Sewing and Knitting School in the area of Renala Khurd Okara with marginalize women and girls for one year. This is an urban area and people have basic need of life and facilities as light, Road, Shops, Schools, clean drinking water, Hospital, Mosques and Churches. But spite of all most women and girls are uneducated and they are without of any skill and learning. They are unaware about their rights. So these women and girls have to work in rich family's houses as wash of cloth, washing dishes, and clean of houses.



Mostly the owner of houses blames and tortures them that you stole some things and arrested by police. So they have to face many problems because they are uneducated and unskilled women and with it they belong from poor families. Peace Center is working hard to bring visible change in the lives of women and girls through rights based and development initiatives. Peace Center is striving for a society where women do not feel insecure and have a liberty and freedom of expression and could develop themselves without any social and economic obstacles. our mission is to mobilize and organize women to use available resources and talents to bring visible and measurable change in the lives and society. Peace Center opened Peace Sewing and Knitting School to empower these women and girls through skill and learning. Peace Center has special focus on organizing women to get unite and raise their voice against unjust structure and prejudice against women and religious minorities. Fr.James Channan OP Director Peace Center opened a Peace Sewing and Knitting School in Renala Khurd Okara.

## Interfaith Christmas Celebration with the students of Peace Feeder School and Peace Sewing Center in Renala Khurd Okara Pakistan



Peace Center organized an Interfaith Christmas Celebration program for the students of Peace Feeder School and Peace Sewing Center at Renala Khurd Okara. In the event of Interfaith Christmas celebration program 150 children, girls and women were present and they shared love and gifts with another. Teachers of Peace Feeder School and Peace Sewing Center organized this program with the staff of Peace Center Lahore, Pakistan.

Parents of children were also present and they were very happy to see the performance of children. Members of the different organizations like as COPE Pakistan, CTV Khushpur, Sofar Ministry Pakistan were present and they appreciated the great work of Peace Center for the education of working children. Through the project Peace Feeder School by Peace Center supported by Accion Verapaz 160 working children getting education and 60 unskilled girls and women got sewing and knitting course in one year.

Children of Peace School sang Christmas songs and decorated the Christmas tree in Peace Feeder School. In this program two hundred new pairs of clothing for children and women gave as Christmas gifts. In this Christmas Celebration Christians and Muslims children, women and girls were present, and they shared joy and gifts with each other. Celebration of

Christmas event provided an opportunity for the people of different faiths to celebrate the joys of Christmas. This also helps the people of other to understand the real meaning and purpose of celebrating Christmas. This also make a way to bring people close to each other and clear misunderstanding that might be a hurdle in their relations. Children got a chance to show their hidden talent in the presence of public.



## **Conducted monthly meetings with teachers**

The monthly conducted with teachers to get an opportunity to share their activities about the syllabus completion and they may enhance their skill of teaching. Problems faced during teaching, reports according to the monthly plan. They submitted their daily diary and Monthly Plan according to the methodology of teaching. Forthcoming programs are also discussed and plan in details for its completion.

Outcomes:

- ✓ Sharing of activities help a lot to know problems and issues being face by teachers.
- ✓ Timely submission of monthly activities reports and activities plans.
- ✓ A positive feedback was given by teachers that such activities are quite helpful for students.
- ✓ Students are in the process of learning the writing and drawing on charts with images.
- ✓ Syllabus and curriculum planned with teachers and the consultant for Peace School.

## **Fr.James Channan OP Director Peace Center paid visits in Peace Feeder School at Bilal Town Lahore.**

In Peace Feeder School 30 working children are attending evening classes regularly after work. Being a backward area parents and children have to work at different places for daily food. Several people do not have jobs, so they have to work on daily wages. A large number of parents work on brick kiln and their children to help them to increases their wages.



The record of Peace Feeder School was updated and maintained by the teachers in files.



✓ Number of students at Peace Feeder School increased and punctuality was observed.

✓ Students were present with school bags, Books, Notebook and stationeries and they were very happy that now they getting education and Peace School.

✓ Students of Peace Feeder School studying in education environment with great attention.

✓ Checked the record about attendance of the students and teachers with the progress of the students.



## **Annual Evaluation by Fr. James Channan OP Director Peace Center Lahore.**



**A**n annual evaluation of Peace Feeder School Project was conducted from 2-5 February, 2017 for the year 2017 by Director of Peace Center Fr. James Channan OP paid this evaluation visit. Peace Center Lahore organized visit in the areas where project is located. He talked with teachers of Peace Feeder School and trainee of Peace Sewing and Knitting Center and their parents about this program. He also visited Peace Sewing and Knitting Center started by the Peace Center Lahore and met the girls and women who are the trainee of Peace sewing and Knitting Center at Shamkay Bhattia Lahore. Parents of working children shared their views about the positive result that they are satisfied with the progress of teachers of Peace Feeder School. At the end of his visit, he gave very valuable suggestions to bring more improvement in the program. The points share by him are being brought into practice as syllabus is being once again reviewed, as addition of maps of Asia, Europe and typical information to help children that they may learn more effectively. He also laid an emphasis on the element of inter-faith harmony for the purpose of social and religious harmony through these children.

## Annual Study Tours for the students of Peace Feeder School



**Children are enjoying during study tour at Picnic point Rana Resort**

Peace Center Lahore organized a Study Tour for the students of Peace Feeder School at Rana Resort a beautiful and attractive picnic point. Fr.James Channan OP Director of Peace Center and Ms.Neelam Nisari Program Coordinator were also with children. Fr.James Channan OP said pray for bright future of these children. 180 students of Peace Feeder School enjoyed together and got familiar with each other. This study tour became a joyful and rich experience



for them as majority of the children are unable to avail these types of recreations in their lives because lack of resources and time. Through this study tour Children gained knowledge. Moreover they were able to show their hidden abilities. They observed discipline throughout study tour.



**Fr. James Channan OP is sharing with children of Peace Feeder School about this Tour.**



Children of Peace Feeder School enjoyed with delicious food by Peace Center Lahore

# Diploma Ceremony of Sewing and Knitting Course

Date: 25/1/2018

Venue: Shamkay Bhattia, Lahore.

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 Peace Center Lahore organized a diploma ceremony of the completion one year sewing and knitting course for the students of Peace Sewing Center at Shamkay Bhattia, Lahore. Sixteen unskilled and uneducated poor Christian and Muslim girls got this training with great interest and responsibility. Ms. Neelam Nisari Project Coordinator of Peace Feeder School for sewing and knitting in Shamkay Bhattia, Lahore. She arranged this ceremony with her team member's teacher Nagina Hanief, Pator Amjad and women Peace committee at



Shamkay Bhattia Lahore. She is working with devotion and commitment for the empowerment of marginalized women and girls through skill and education. Education is a vital prerequisite for combating poverty, empowering women, protecting children from hazardous and exploitative labor, sexual exploitation and promoting peace and interfaith harmony between different religions.

Fr. James Channan OP Director Peace Center, Lahore and URI Regional Coordinator Asia Pakistan were the chief guest of diploma ceremony sewing and



knitting course. In honorable guest Mr. Asher Nazir Executive Secretary URI Pakistan, Pastor Shan Khokar Director Sofar Ministry Pakistan, and Mr.Pervaiz Channan were present in this beautiful diploma ceremony.

Pastor Amjad welcomed and introduced to all guest and he said that we are very thankful to Ms.Neelam Nisari and Fr.James Channan OP that they selected the area of Shamkay Bhattia and worked with poorest and needy women and girls because before this project they have no skill but now they feel proud with her skill and have great hope about her bright future. With it he invited to Mr. Asher Nazir that he shared his views. Mr. Asher Nazir said that we are very happy that today you have completed one year course of sewing and knitting and today you are getting certificates from Fr.James Channan OP Director Peace Center Lahore. You gave time and learn many things and you can earn money and financially you can support her family. Through skill this is positive change in a women life and now many women feel proud.



Pastor Shan Khokar Director Sofar Ministry Pakistan said that today I am very impressed to see this change in life of women and girls through skill and education. I appreciated to Fr.James Channan OP he is working a great work for deserving women and girls. In this diploma ceremony 150 women and children were present and they received new cloths as gifts from Peace Center Lahore and Sofar Ministry Pakistan. Women and Children are very happy that they received gifts and they thanked to Fr.James Channan OP. In the last of the ceremony Fr.James Channan OP said that today 16 girls got this wonderful one year training course sewing and knitting with the guidance of Ms.Neelam Nisari Project Coordinator of Peace Center and

Teachers Nagina Hanief. Today I am looking that you are very happy because now you feel proud on her skill and through this skill your life will be change positively.



Fr.James Channan OP and Ms.Neelam Nisari with the students at Shamkay Bhattia Lahore



Ms.Neelam Nisari Project Coordinator and Fr.James Channan OP Regional Coordinator URI Pakistan and Director Peace Center Lahore are giving certificates to students.



Fr. James Channan OP said that we are very thankful to our benefactor Accion Verapaz because without their financial support we cannot complete this project. So for this great contribution we pray for Accion Verapaz and we hope that through this skill and knowledge your future will be bright. With it He congratulated to project staff of

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## Celebration of Pakistan Independence Day 14<sup>th</sup> August 1947



Children of peace Feeder School celebrated Pakistan Independence in Renala Khurd Okara. Many people were come from different faith as Muslim and Christian. With together they celebrated Pakistan National day. Different organization members also present and they appricated the students of Peace Feeder School. Parish Priest Fr.Zafar Iqbal was also present and he said prayer for peace of Pakistan and for the people of Pakistan. Children sang national songs with music.



## Project Outcomes:

- 180 non-school going children will get basic education through Peace Feeder Schools
- Literacy rate increased in the target communities in particular and at country level in general.
- Parents of students will learn new income generating skills to meet all the requirements of their family members specially their educational needs.
- 9 project staff members got new job but contribute for education promotion in country.
- 6 Center Management Teams (CMTs) formed and work for the promotion of education at community level not only for non formal education but in future for formal education and awareness for the importance of education.
- 180 students be part of mainstreaming into formal education system of Pakistan and will get more education at a level which is their desire goal. It is also main goal of this project.
- Overall this project will sensitize the general public about importance of education at individual, community and country level. The main key of development of a person and society is only education.

## Publication during the year for awareness:

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