



# *Narrative Report*

## *Pakistan Peace League 2016*



CHANAN

Community Healthy Advocacy Network At  
Nation

1<sup>st</sup> Narrative Report

## About CHANAN

Community Healthy Advocacy Network At Nation (CHANAN) is a registered organization under the society registration act 1860. CHANAN aims to highlight the human rights issues of women and youth as this profile group of society found to be neglected and disregarded of their contributions and strengths. There is lack of involvement of youth and women in decision / policy making as well as lack of education / awareness regarding health, social and legal, democracy and Human right issues, while discriminatory laws and social customs against women hinders them to enhance their self growth and enjoy equal status in the society.

## About Cricket Tournament

**Background:** Cricket is one of the greatest medium to engage and gather different people on one platform, which is a brilliant tool to promote social harmony, co-existence, team work and inter-faith harmony. In Pakistan we have a huge figure of young people who love to play cricket, who are very much passionate of sports. Therefore, to engage them on a single platform and to promote peace, interfaith harmony and social awareness I'm very much thankful to CHANAN who accepted my idea and conducted 1st **Pakistan Peace League PPL** on the occasion of International Peace Day. The aim of the event was to have a bunch and diverse group of youth cricket teams to spread peace interfaith harmony, Citizenship Education, social message and the spirit of love among them through sports.

### Activity Summary and Justification

In this idea we engaged youth to the plate form of Pakistan Peace League (A Cricket Festival) on the International Peace Day as the waywardness is one of the major reasons of illiteracy, unemployment and less participation of youth in country's affair and for the development.

As we believe that sports is an essential tool in bringing people together on a single platform aiming a single goal by working together. We conducted **Pakistan Peace League PPL** among 6 teams from different areas of Lahore. Six teams played on knockout bases with each other keeping in mind the sportsmanship, team spirit, Co-existence, Interfaith harmony and Unity. Behind all this our aims was to make them realize the importance of youth in bringing positive change in the society that's why we conducted this tournament on the International peace day.

We conducted the interfaith and peace matches between the mixed religions teams to promote the culture of interfaith harmony, citizenship education and peace among youth in communities. The opening ceremony of the event conducted on the same day, religious leaders, interfaith harmony activist, media, political and CSO's representatives also joined the opening ceremony of the event and the guest spoke with youth on the importance of peace, citizenship and interfaith harmony.

*Each match started with peace and interfaith harmony. Teams brought their citizenship, peace, interfaith harmony messages on charts, flexes etc. the peace and interfaith harmony messages were also handed over to the crowd to support their teams. Through this we motivated youth to participate in social activities and to promote the culture of peace, interfaith harmony and tolerance.*



### **Activity Objectives**

- a. To engage the 300 youth in sport during the celebration of international peace day 2016*
- b. To conduct the 7 Peace and Interfaith cricket matches among youth to promote the culture of citizenship, awareness of Sustainable development goals, peace and tolerance*
- c. To engage communities youth to nurture the value of education, social values, social and inter faith Harmony*

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So with the fully support of CHANAN we organized **1st Pakistan Peace League (PPL) 2016**, on the occasion of International Peace Day under the theme of **“Building Blocks for Peace”** in the support to Global Sustainable development Goals.

We conducted the interfaith and peace matches between the mixed religious teams to promote the culture of interfaith harmony and peace among youth in communities. Religious leaders, Peace Activists, Human rights Defenders, interfaith harmony activist, media, CSO’s representatives and politicians attended the opening and closing ceremony along with their support ad views on Sports for Peace. Teams brought their peace and interfaith harmony messages on flexes to present their support for International Peace Day.



Before starting the tournament all the guests had few words on the theme of International Peace Day and role of Sports in the promotion of Peace, Social Harmony and Inter-faith Harmony.

“Peace is achievable if we all do work together, stand together and live together along with the respect and acceptance of everyone’s different choice and opinion” said **Mr. Maqsood** (District Manager- FACES Pakistan)

“Cricket is an amazing tool especially in Pakistan to gather young people on a single platform and to use their energy and potential for productive work to bring positive and sustainable change in the society” said **Mr. Saleem Shakir**



“Keep the spirit of love, tolerance and respect within you who would make everyone of you a real sportsman and a social activist in the society. All the very best to all the teams for their matches” said **Mr. Alyas Rehmat** (MD-CHANAN).



The tournament started off with the opening ceremony in which all the guests and MD-CHANAN used balloons and played one over to start the tournament officially.





The tournament was conducted between 6 different cricket teams from different areas of Lahore. CHANAN was having 6 teams entitled:

- Team HAQIQI WARIS
- Team FACES And SANJHA PAKISTAN
- Team Pakistan Assemblies of God
- Team St. Francis
- Team Christ Church
- Team Friends Level

CHANAN invited all the guests and captains of all the teams to inaugurate the Winner's Trophy of PPL 2016





Matches were designed through the Draw system to make it transparent to all the teams. After that matches took place on the knock-out system.



All the teams played with full of their energy and passion to win the trophy of Pakistan Peace League (PPL) 2016. For their appreciation CHANAN presented token of appreciation to Man of Match after every match through the hands of our guests.





While presenting Shields to Men of the Matches our guests (From religious and political background) also had their amazing opinions regarding PPL and sports for Peace. Our guests really appreciated the idea and showed their support for next PPLs.





All the matches went amazing due to the brilliant performance of the players. Final Match was breath taking match and the players of both teams played very well without having any trouble or conflict.

At the end Team Assemblies of God won the Match and Pakistan Peace League's Trophy. CHANAN was very much pleased to announce team Assemblies of God as winner due to their outstanding performance. Their happiness and enjoyment after winning the match really made the Day memorable and ever-lasting.

They completed our aim of promoting Peace and Love on the International Peace Day. CHANAN used balloons in the closing ceremony too through the hands of members of Winning team and Runners-up Team to celebrate the winning spirit collectively.



From the Platform of Pakistan Peace League 2016, CHANAN presented Shields as Token of Love to the Management team from CHANAN and HAQIQI Waris for managing PPL from last few months. Their efforts made the PPL successful.

All the teams showed great passion for cricket and their amazing support for bringing Peace in the society which fulfilled the motto of **Pakistan Peace League (PPL)**.



### **Words of Thanks**

At the end I and CHANAN being a team of **Pakistan Peace League 2016** presented words of thanks to all the management, guests, audience, teams and players. We presented Shields to Management Team as well for their appreciation. CHANAN was very much pleased to organize **Pakistan Peace League 2016** to contribute on International Peace Day.

CHANAN said that they will make this event their annual event as it went amazing. CHANAN will be striving to enlarge social capital of PPLs so make it a biggest annual event.