

Annual Report

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1- Organization's Introduction

CHANAN is a youth initiative taken by a group of young professional activists in June 2004. The pioneers of CHANAN formed Chanan Theatre Group after a comprehensive training workshop on "Theatre for Development (TFD)" because the group firmly believes that Theatre can play a vital role to bring change in the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the common people. The motto of Chanan Theatre Group is "Changing Behaviors to Change Realities".

Later the need was felt to register the group to have a identity and expand its work in a formal and structured way to bring change in the society strategically. Therefore the organization in registered under the society's act 1860.

CHANAN aims to highlight the Human Right Issues of Youth and Women 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 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.

Vision

A Society where Women's and Youth Rights are Respected and Recognized

Mission

The mission of CHANAN is to improve the status of youth and women and to enable them to equally and actively participate in planning, management, decision / policy making and execution of their plans without any biases of gender, religion, age, status, language and class.

Goals

- ❖ To organize youth and women into groups and build their capacity so that they can play vital role as "Change Agent" for bringing sustainable development in their communities.
- ❖ To sensitize policymakers and society at large about their concerns employing implements such as theatre, media, dialogue, training workshops, seminars etc.

Working Strategies

- ❖ Awareness Raising
- ❖ Referral System / Linkages Development / Networking
- ❖ Group Formation and Capacity Building
- ❖ Documentation (film, publications, documentaries etc.)
- ❖ Theater
- ❖ Advocacy

2- Managing Director's Message

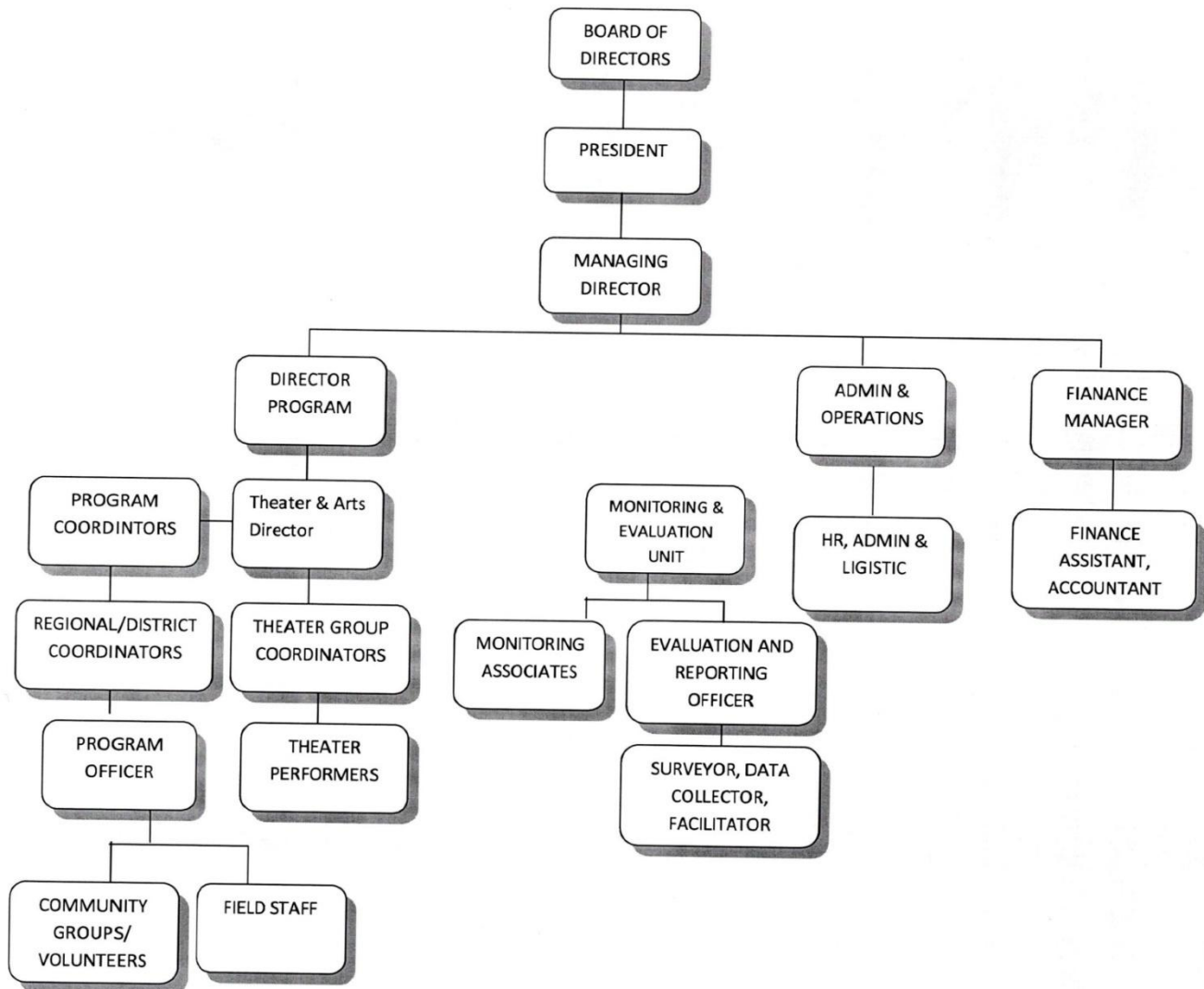


Alyas Rahmat
Managing Director - CHANAN

I acknowledge the efforts of CHANAN staff, volunteers and the entire key stakeholders for the promotion and protection of human rights of women and youth. There are a lot of work to be done especially for the human rights of Domestic Working Women in Pakistan.

A high percentage of Female domestic workers are facing the inequality for the basic human rights, and the society hopes are linked with the organizational vision, mission and goal. I wish that the staff, Volunteers, theater performers, board members, advisory board members as well as all the key stakeholders of the organization will focus on the mission of the organization “ to improve the status of youth and women and to enable them to equally and actively participate in planning, management, decision / policy making and execution of their plans without any biases of gender, religion, age, status, language and class” and will bring a positive change in the society towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

3- Organizational Chart



4- Our Programs



Women Empowerment Program (WEP)

Women Rights program is design to Promote and protect the women's rights focusing on gender, women's political participation, democracy, violence against. Women, domestic worker's rights etc. The objective of this program is to improve the status of women. It aims to organize women in groups and enable them to take part in the development activities by educating them through awareness and advocacy programs. It also aims to provide them opportunities to gain / enhance skills like basic reading and writing, sewing, stitching, handicrafts making, embroidery, glass painting, micro-business management and marketing for their social and economical empowerment.

Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)

The Objectives of this program is to raise the concerns of youth with an aim to provide them a platform where they can discuss their issues with each other and finds the solutions of their problems, regarding different issues particularly health / reproductive health, Peace and Harmony, democracy, political education and to exchange ideas and skills to strengthen their networking. This program also aims to Initiate PEACE education and awareness with school going and out of school youth, Promotion of Interactive Theatre / Street theater to increase youth participation for the advocacy and awareness. Sensitize policy makers to make youth friendly policies through Advocacy Campaigns





CHANAN Theater Group

Performing art is playing an important role in bringing change in behaviors, attitudes and practices of people. CHANAN theater group is trained theater as interactive, forum, street and community theater techniques by the national and international trainers; CHANAN is performing Street Theater, Interactive / Forum Theater and Community Theater. Since its beginning, CHANAN has staged nearly 6000+ theatre performances all over Pakistan. Around 550,000 audience directly involve in theater performances, more than 40 theater Plays on different issues have been performed by CHANAN theater. CHANAN Theater and its theater groups are performing many theater plays throughout the year with different likeminded organizations. Around 300 theater performers are performing with CHANAN in all over Pakistan.



Human Rights Network (HRN)

CHANAN took initiative to Established a Human Right Network in January 2010, with the focus to protect and promote the Domestic working women's human rights collectively. The objectives of the HR Network are to gather grass root level, new born, struggling and mature organizations along with, Lawyers, media, government and other stakeholders for the collective action towards human rights. To share resources and support each other for the collective action at all level to bring a sustainable change in society and to build a capacity of grass root organization. HR Network reached to the national level in 2016-2017 and increased its membership by introducing the Provincial HR Network Coordinators in all 4 provinces of Pakistan.



Child Awareness Program (CAP)

CHANAN initiated Children Awareness Program for the Poor families of the society. The children of Female Domestic Workers are too vulnerable as their mother did not pay fully attention to their children due to the too long duty hours. They are not able to pay fully attention for the growth and the basic needs like education, health, food and social rights. So CHANAN aims to Providing them Health and hygiene awareness (Both school going and out of school children), Supporting them for formal and non formal education, Promote Interactive Theatre / Street theater to increase youth participation and Sensitize policy makers to make Child friendly policies through Advocacy Campaigns.



5- Our Activities 2016-2017

5.1 Celebration of International Youth Day 2016

To celebrate International Youth Day and to promote civic and citizenship education CHANAN organized a **Youth Leadership workshop on Civic and Citizenship Education** to engage youth on the occasion of youth to make them realize that they are very important asset of our country and they can play their vital role for the promotion of Peace, Inter-faith-Harmony, Cultural diversity, Human rights and sustainability in our society.

This workshop was conducted at CHANAN Office on August 12th, 2016. CHANAN gathered around 20 youth members from different local areas of Lahore to disseminate the message of Civic education, citizenship education and Sustainable Development Goals.



The Workshop was based on following sessions:

- ❖ Youth Capacity Building on Civic and Citizenship Education
- ❖ Awareness session on Global Sustainable Development Goals
- ❖ Role of Citizenship Education in Peace Building
- ❖ Importance of Social analysis in Peace Building
- ❖ Role of Effective communication in prompting Civic and Citizenship Education
- ❖ Session on Leadership for GCED
- ❖ Global work and examples on SDGs
- ❖ Importance of Community profiling
- ❖ Role of Youth in bringing positive and sustainable change in the society

All the participants showed amazing interest and potential in all the above mentioned sessions. Session on SDGs was new for everyone because no one had any idea about SDGs. During the group activity social analysis and community profiling they learnt many things. While presenting their group work they mentioned that we are much confident now as from before. At the end, everyone pledged that we will promote learning ahead.



5.2 Celebration of International Peace Day 2016

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. CHANAN 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.

CHANAN 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.

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



5.3 Street Theater Voter and CNIC Education for Women political participation



CHANAN conducted **495** of the theater performances in the selected tehsils of targeted districts under the street theater program. **15** theater teams performed these theater performances in the 4 provinces.

7 theater teams performed **217** theater performances in province Baluchistan, which included **44** Theater performances in tehsil Chaman, Dobandi and Gulistan of district Killa Abdullah, **103** theater performances in tehsil Panjpai and Quetta Sadar of district Quetta, **30** theater performances in tehsil Khuzdar, Zehri, Oranach, Aranji and Saroonah of district Khuzdar, **6** theater performances in tehsil Gazg and Mangochar of district Kalat, **12** theater performances in tehsil Kahan, Kohlu and Mawand district Kohlu, **4** theater performances in tehsil Mirpur of district Jhal Magsi, **4** theater performances in tehsil Liari and Othal of district Lasbela, **10** theater performances in tehsil Dasht, Johan and Kirdgap of district Mastug and **4** theater performances in tehsil Kutmandai and Sangan of district Sibi.

4 theater teams performed **108** theater performances in province KPK, which included **48** theater performances in tehsil Dir, Sharingal and Wari of district Upper Dir, **36** theater performances in tehsil Timargarah and Samarbagh of district Lower Dir, **6** theater performances in tehsil Kandia of district Kohistan, **18** theater performances in tehsil Tall of district Hangu

3 theater teams performed **138** theater performances in province Sindh including **42** theater performances in tehsil/town Jamshed town and Kiamari town of district Karachi South, **16** theater performances in Gadap town of district Karachi East, **56** theater performances in Baldia town, Site Town and Orangi town of district Karachi West, **24** theater performances in Landi Town of district Malir.

1 theater team performed **32** theater performances in province Punjab including **32** theater performances in tehsil Rajanpur of district Rajanpur.

The theater groups covered **29501** direct audiences, which included **13371** female youth, **7015** male youth, **5978** females over the age of 30 years and **3137** males over the age of 30 years. Overall audience participation in percentage of the project includes **66%** female while **34%** male audience.



Theater were performed at different locations such as schools, colleges, universities, vocational centers, basic health units (BHUs), women centers, community and youth centers, academy, computer center, bazaars (markets), NADRA camp, church, play ground, learning centers, bus/lorry depots, sports clubs, press clubs, arts councils, and otaq/baithaks.



5.4 16 Day Campaign to End Gender Based Violence Against Women 2016



This year marks the 25th year of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, initiated in 1991 and coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. Given such insecurity and lack of safety in relation to education, and informed by the results of a global survey, the theme of the 16 Days Campaign is **"From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education Safe for All"**. This theme recognizes that structural discrimination and inequality is perpetuated in a cycle of violence that does not end even when girls and young women are in the act of gaining an education. Gender-based violence with respect to the right to education is a consistent threat in public spaces, schools, and homes and is a detriment to the universal human right to education and it is our obligation to focus on the precarious situation of education for girls and boys, young women and men this year through the 16 Days Campaign. Education is a public good and fundamental human right recognized in Article 26 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and upheld in various international and regional human rights conventions and treaties. The right to education is subject to political, economic, and social shifts and upheavals, consistently leaving women, girls, people with disabilities, migrants, and



Indigenous people particularly vulnerable and liable to being denied this crucial right. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 on education makes it clear that education will lead to skills and knowledge for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, as well as gender equality, culture of peace and non-violence, and appreciation for cultural diversity. This year CHANAN again celebrated the 16 days campaign nationally. CHANAN conducted 3 activities in 3 provinces of Pakistan (Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan) on issues to be addressed during the 16 Days Campaign

- Education and gender justice: consequences of structural discrimination on women and girls
- Women's role in peace negotiations, peace-building, diplomacy and decision-making positions
- Vulnerability of girls and boys, young women and young men to be denied education in internally displaced persons (IDPs)

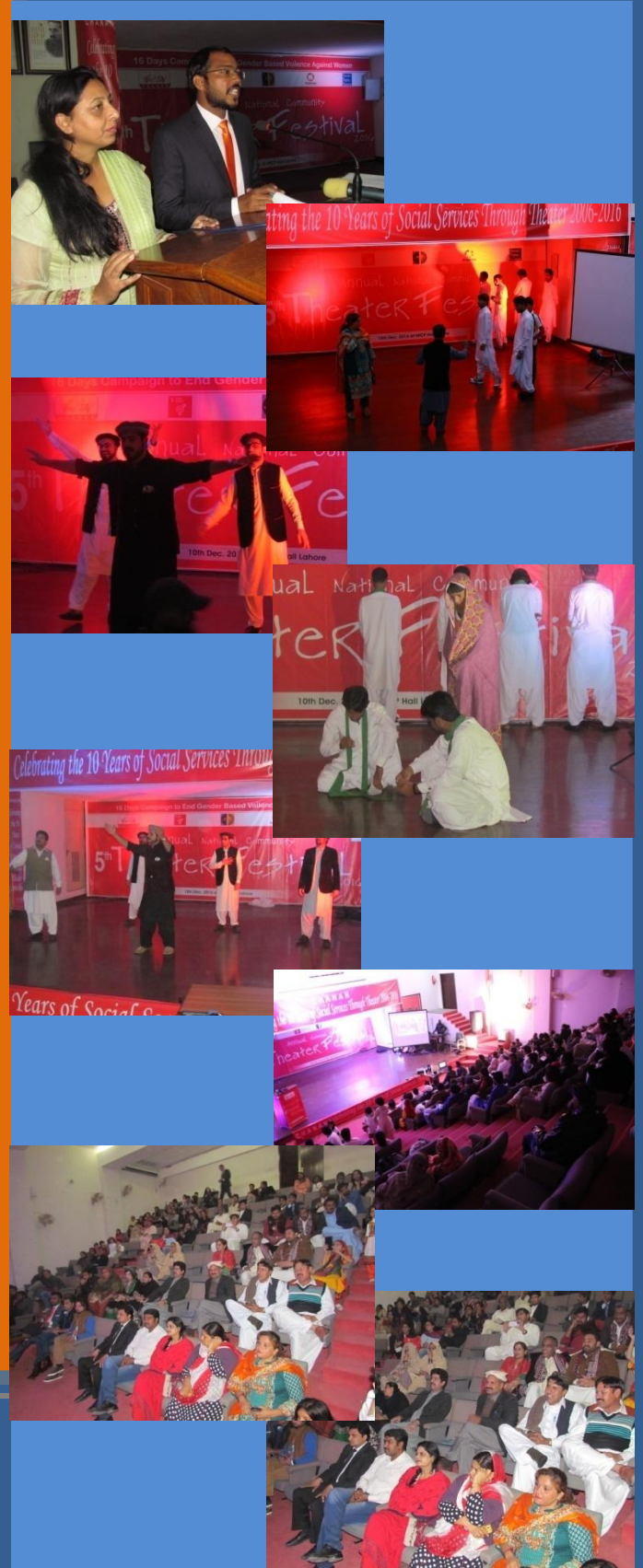
5.5 5th Annual Community Theater Festival 2016

Community Healthy Advocacy Network At Nation (CHANAN) conducted 5th Annual National Community Theater Festival this year on 10th of December, 2016 at HRCP Hall, Lahore. The Festival was having the activities under the celebration of 16 Days Campaign to End Gender Based Violence against Women. The festival was based on National Theater performances and there were some cultural performances as well to promote cultures' values among the participants. More than **150** participants participated at the Festival. Participants were from different sectors e.g. educational Sector, Development Sector, Media, and Community etc. Youth showed amazing passion while watching the theater performances on different social and motivational messages.

The Theater Groups were

- Gyaan Theater Group
- Saher Arts Theater Group
- CHANAN Theater Group

After the amazing theater and cultural performances from Punjab, KPK, Sindh and Balochistan group the Awards Distribution Ceremony was started so present the Shields and Certificates to the groups who worked with our organization under the project titled "Street Theater- voter Education and CNIC and Voter Registration" from different districts of four provinces. After having closing remarks, A Musical Performance was also performed by a young and compassionate group of boys who sung very amazing patriotic and Sufi songs to celebrate the evening in a more effective and traditional way. Audience really enjoyed the musical performance.



5.6 Celebration of 10 Years of Social Services 2006-2016



This year CHANAN celebrated its 10 years of Social Services through theater. CHANAN is serving as a Theater group since 2016 (Officially) and has been performed more than 4500 Theater Performances till now on different issues to be highlighted e.g. Human Rights Violation, Gender Discrimination, Early age marriages, Illiteracy etc. CHANAN invited all the people who worked with us throughout these 10 years of social services through theater.

CHANAN appreciated every single person and effort through presenting them with shields and certificate of appreciation. CHANAN thanked all the Board members, governing committee, staff, members and volunteers from the core of our hearts who contributed in the success of CHANAN. The celebration was having a series of activities through which CHANAN tried to make every single personality who worked with us happy. CHANAN organized different cultural performances, musical performances and singing performances. At the end CHANAN conducted a cake cutting ceremony to make the celebration of completing the 10 years more entertaining and memorable.

5.7 Women Day Celebration 2017



Community Healthy Advocacy Network At Nation (CHANAN) and Human Rights Network celebrated International Women's Day 2017 on 8th-March-2017 in Youhanabad. CHANAN gathered more than 40 females to celebrate the Day with. An overwhelming majority of women are in the informal economy, subsidizing care and domestic work, and concentrated in lower-paid, lower-skill occupations with little or no social protection. CHANAN believes that achieving gender equality in the world of work is imperative for sustainable development.

And still to this day, International Women's Day continues to be a powerful platform globally that unifies tenacity and drives action for gender parity, while celebrating the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women. CHANAN celebrated the day to foster specific values that drive International Women's Day and provide an important parameter for guiding the action, behaviors and ethos associated with this critical and globally-supported day. Therefore, to strengthen the above mentioned values CHANAN conducted activity with the females living in rural area of district Lahore. Mr. Alyas Rahmat conducted a brief session on the importance and history of International Women's Day. Mr. Alyas Rahmat (MD-CHANAN) also conducted a group activity to make them understand better the role of females in our society and to motivate them to work for each other through being each other's voice. A balloon activity was also conducted as well in which females were asked to blow them by their own, which was having social message behind it to nurture the value of team work and to highlight that we don't need to show others down to be superior we should be the real us.

5.8 Celebration of Labor Day 2017

This year CHANAN organized a Youth Seminar in collaboration with Haqiqi Waris on 1st May, 2017 in Township. The event was conducted with more than 50 participants (Youth, Domestic Workers, and Labors) to celebrate the Labor Day and to motivate youth to work hard for their betterment.

The event started off with the session of Mr. Kashif Sooba (Director-Haqiqi Waris) on the role of youth in making sustainable communities. Mr. Kashif highlighted the importance of talent and skills young people have and how can young people contribute in bringing positive and sustainable change.



Mr. Pastor Chisco Jan entirely mentioned the success stories and efforts of Labors of our society. He stated that every one of us is dependent on their work and we should appreciate and respect labors. Labor do work day and night which shows their spirit of hard work and honesty. He mentioned that youth can bring change in the society through initiating their own ideas. Social Entrepreneurship is a great example. Youth can initiate their own ideas to overcome the current challenges we are facing and to break down the negative narratives of people, intolerance and extremism. Mr. Chisco appreciated the young people who are actively working and serving their selves for the good.

Rasheed Munir actively served as Stage secretary throughout the event and engaged all the audiences in all the activities. Haqiqi Waris highlighted the previous work of young members and their efforts as volunteers, members and staff. Haqiqi Waris presented token of love to all the Cricket team members of Haqiqi Waris.



5.9 Domestic Worker's Day 2017

CHANAN celebrated International Domestic Workers' Day 2017 on June 16th, 2017 at Ambassadors Hotel, Lahore. This year's theme was Turning Rights into Reality-One for All and All for One. CHANAN invited participants from different fields like civil society, youth, domestic workers, politicians, community activists and community members. This year CHANAN planned a way forward to strengthen domestic workers' rights. The event started off with the Welcome note by Mr. Alyas Rahmat (Managing Director-CHANAN). In the first segment CHANAN ask all the participants to identify the problems being faced by the domestic workers' in their daily life. . After having fruitful discussion and listing out the problems, our respected Panel having Miss. Shunila Ruth-Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA-PMLN), Miss. Farah Chughtai (President-CHANAN), Miss. Tanveer Jahan, Mr. Joseph Francis, Mr. Yousaf Gill, Miss. Naeema (SAP) and Mr. Yousaf Benjamin presented their suggestions. An interactive session in between the panel and audience was one of the best segments of the Event. Through this interactive session CHANAN came to now many issues along with their solutions. "We all are a part of the issues but we all are the part of solutions as well, said Miss. Tanveer Jahan" "We need to give skill based education to all the domestic workers, said Mr. Joseph francis" "We the young people should act actively to promote and secure Domestic Workers' Rights, said Miss. Shaista Rasheed-Participant) The whole group came to a end where CHANAN asked everyone to come up with some solutions and Establishing a **Alliance for Protecting Domestic Workers' Human Rights** is important and should work should work actively in society.

Findings:

- ❖ There should be help lines for them to contact at in case of emergencies
- ❖ Housing Schemes/Societies should set a policy for the domestic workers in the premises of their housing schemes/societies
- ❖ A charter of Demand should be designed and prepared to strengthen the Domestic worker's rights then should be presented to government.
- ❖ There should be some skill based trainings for Domestic Workers
- ❖ There should be registration process among the domestic workers and their employers in the presence of Police and a legal policy regarding the wages of Domestic Workers
- ❖ There should be Union of Domestic Workers There should be some consultative sessions with the domestic workers to build their capacity and change their behaviors positively.



5.10 Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner 2017 (Building the interfaith Climate Moment)

CHANAN and Human Rights Network collectively organized *“Inter-faith Iftar Dinner”* to gather a bunch of people from different cultural, religious and social background. CHANAN was aiming to celebrate the Holy Month of Ramadan with Muslim community along with other religions.

Through this CHANAN was building an interfaith climate movement.

People from Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Sikh community attended and showed great potential towards such inter-religious activity to promote Co-existence, tolerance and acceptance.

CHANAN invited people from different sectors e.g. social sector, government, educational institutes, civil society, community and youth. Such activities are very much important to be held in our society as we all are far away from each other. We all should spend time together so know each other more clearly rather than to make different miss-perceptions.

CHANAN and Human Rights always promotes Inter-religious activities and will keep on doing that to play their vial role in bringing positive change in the society through promoting Co-existence and Tolerance.



5.11 Community Initiative for Women and Peace

CHANAN with the collaboration of Haqiqi Waris and PMC organized ***“One Day Training Seminar for Couples”***. This seminar was held in Mariam Colony, Township on 27th of June, 2017. The purpose of this seminar was to strengthen the best living style of couples to make their married life perfect and full of success. We were able to get 120 couples registered for our program which was one of our huge successes. The participation of people showed us that they really want such sort of activities so improve their life styles and married lives.

The seminar was entirely based on the role of parents to motivate their children and to teach their children effectively. Parents should be crystal clear regarding the grooming of their children and to select the future of their children according to their innate abilities rather than to force them to choose what they are not made of or what doesn't interests them.

We invited a bunch of speakers from social sector, government sector and community to come and disseminate their learning and knowledge among the community members so that they may analyze their own selves, their households, their responsibilities and their contributions.

Stage Secretary Mr. & Mrs. Kashif Sooba were the strong part of our seminar. They conveyed small messages regarding couples' education throughout the seminar. Mr. Kashif Sooba and Ms. Sana Kashif are very much passionate to build a nation full of strong couples and to strengthen the relationships among them. They are one of the best examples of best couple as they do support each other side to side and do work with each other shoulder to shoulder.

Mr. Patras Yousaf from Haqiqi Waris served his-self actively to make this seminar successful. He also sung few musical (Motivational) songs to convey the aimed purpose through artistic way as well. Mr. Patras Yousaf performed with full of his choir and musical instrument to make his performances more attractive and beautiful. His musical and singing skills always have been quite useful for Haqiqi Waris to convey their social messages through it.



6- Words of Thanks

CHANAN is thanks full to its all partners, supporters, donors and stakeholders who supported CHANAN for its activities throughout the year and played their role to meet the common objectives of all the stakeholders. CHANAN is very thankful to all the Board of Directors, Management, Staff, Volunteers, Theater Performer and especially our Donors who made this year a successful year.

Hope that CHANAN will continue its efforts for the marginalized communities especially for the women and youth in future.

Let's build a peaceful society together



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