

CALL FOR PAPERS

National Seminar on Child PROTECTION, CARE AND REHABILITATION

held on
May 23, 2015

at
ISOSS HOUSE
44-A, Civic Centre, Sabzazar
Multan Road, Lahore (Pakistan)

Jointly organized by



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Introduction

A one day seminar will be held at the premises of Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS HOUSE), 44-A, Civic Centre, Sabzazar, Multan Road, Lahore (Pakistan) on May, 23, 2015, to discuss various aspects of logistics, policies and legislations for child protection, care and rehabilitation.

The seminar is being held by Child Protection and Rehabilitation Trust, UK and organized by Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences, Lahore.

Child Protection and Rehabilitation Trust, UK

Child Protection Project is a dream to rehabilitate garbage collecting children in the streets of Pakistan to normal childhood. All children have a right to enjoy their childhood and follow their dreams. They should have a chance to get educated and choose a career. No child should be forced to work at a young age or be exposed to abuse on the streets. Hundreds of thousands of children in Pakistan have lost their childhood to poverty, lack of educational facilities, organized crime and many other factors.

The Trust had been established and approved by the UK authorities on Wednesday, 21 January 2015, (Registered Charity Number 1,160,070) as a registered charity.

We studied a similar Centre in Peshawar the aim of which was to get the street children exposed to fun and games and enjoy their childhood just like any other child away from the abusive environment that they were growing in. The program workers went through a structured process of identifying these children, finding their parents or guardians, explaining to them the program and its advantages, getting the consent of the children and their families to join this program and then setting up activities that will not only allow them to enjoy but to see what can be achieved by educating themselves. Trips to museums, picnics in historic sites and even dining in 5 star hotels were just a few ways to incentives these children to leave the garbage dumps and educate themselves to enjoy this life style.

It has worked for over 2 years. These children have been transformed. They and their families have removed them from the garbage dumps and some of them are studying full time with clear career objectives while others with more entrepreneur minds have started their own business using micro-financing also provided by this program and have already shown signs of success.

When we watched a progress report movie made by the program coordinators in Peshawar and saw these children transform, we were moved.

A group of doctors had been collecting donations through direct debit for years while planning educational grants for the poor in Pakistan but never found the right cause. We decided to take this program to other cities as the same story is being reported everywhere in Pakistan. Child abuse and criminality is exploited and encouraged due to poverty among people. This has to be stopped. We had the funds, a template of successful program, clear objectives, experienced organizations already working on this project and an added advantage of having another big organization Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) <http://www.isooss.net/> ready to work with us and provide the infrastructure free of cost. ISOSS are educationists, scientists and teachers with international reputations and who better to be around these children and to inspire them.

In short, we discussed, we agreed, we planned and we started the program in Lahore, another major city in Pakistan. Within the first week 30 children were identified and following the same meticulous model that has been successful in Peshawar, these children and their families agreed to use these facilities. They are enjoying being kids again. They have fun, they play, more importantly they are clean and realize the importance of personal and societal hygiene now and they have started to enjoy a bit of studying and asking for more.

Our supporters have more than trebled now and we have other colleagues inspired and planning to take the program to their own cities. We are on a journey and we hope you will join us to inspire us and to be inspired.

Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS)

The Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) was established during the First Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-I) being held at Lahore in August 1988. The Society is the only professional body of Statisticians in the Islamic countries and it has been functioning since its inception for the promotion of statistical sciences and other social, ethical and philosophical areas in the Islamic countries.

ISOSS is working towards developing linkages between researchers and practitioners from all over the world and in particular from Islamic countries. The purpose is to infuse all available knowledge resources for creating a better living environment for human race.

Since its establishment, the Society has been regularly organizing biennial conferences, seminars, workshops and colloquia in collaboration with educational institutions/ universities in various Islamic countries: International and National Conferences, National and International Seminars on various topics of national and international interests. We have arranged lectures by eminent social scientists. ISOSS has established Social Survey Research Centre, Institute of Population Studies and Child Care and Rehabilitation Centre (CCRC) in collaboration with Child Protection and Rehabilitation Trust, (CPRT) UK.

Our Mission

The objective of the project is for the child to be facilitated into something for which he has passion and aptitude. If a child is keen to proceed to formal education we will support his studies. If a child is an entrepreneur, we will encourage, guide and help with their projects. If they want to pursue vocational training, we will help them learn the skills. However, the children are strongly encouraged to carry on attending Child Protection and Rehabilitation Trust (CPRT) centres and its activities every day with the aim to nurture strong bonding and mutual trust between the child and the CPRT centre and carry on building his personality while allowing them to enjoy their childhood as part of the rehabilitation program.

Our Aim

If we can save even only one child from despair and hopelessness we would have done well. From tiny seeds grow mighty trees. Our aim is creation of inspiration out of hopelessness. The future of our war torn motherland is children. If we wish for a bright future for our land, we have to ensure the bright future of these children.

Our Approach

Our approach is more fundamental. We want to inspire them and give them back their dreams and hope. We aim to return their childhood as a first step while giving them a taste of good life and teach them to work towards it. We want them to have aspirations of a successful life. We want to see them smile again and not be afraid. We believe in the ancient proverb "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

We bring them together in a safe environment, away from the streets and the garbage dumps where they spend their lives. We encourage hygiene and cleanliness, we provide fun and activities, teach them self-respect and respect for each other and learn from each other. They have fun, they smile and they want to have more of it and then they want to work for it and then they want to be educated or learn a skill.

It has already happened for many of the children in our centres and we believe they will all be inspired and have dreams once again!

Our Strategy

These children are identified on garbage dump sites and in the streets. Their parents are located and the whole project discussed with the parents and the child. Once agreed upon, the child starts attending the Child Protection and Rehabilitation Trust (CPRT) centre every day for two to three hours. In CPRT Centre a child is taught basic ethics and morality in the form of stories, allowed to play with other children in the CPRT centre and provided with meals. During this

period, children also learn about Salat, Ayats, Urdu, basic social skills, basic hygiene, basic literacy and numeracy, different indoor and outdoor games and team work.

Prior to joining the CPRT centre these children are provided with a clean pair of clothes for home and a pair of CPRT centre uniform along with shoes, socks and jumpers for the winters. They also receive lesson on “Wuzu”, Salat, a brief lesson in basic hygiene and a hygiene kit is supplied to each child along with a school bag.

Once a month these children are taken on a day trip to an amusement park or some other recreational activity outside CPRT centres. They enjoy themselves by going on the rides in the park or playing games of football, cricket, etc. Hot meal is provided outdoor during these trips.

Background and Goals:

The CPRT is holding the national seminar on Child Protection, Care and Rehabilitation devoted to all aspects of children rights. The aim of the Seminar is to create awareness in the community and civil society in child protection. The Seminar will focus on theoretical and empirical aspects of the street children. The Seminar will give an opportunity both to researchers and the protagonists of public, NGOs and Institutes interested in child protection, to meet and compare experiences and analyses.

Seminar Topics:

The Seminar topics but not limited to these, are as follows:

1. Policy.
2. Legislation.
3. Identification of Street Boys/Girls through Surveys.
4. Meetings with Parents for their Awareness.
5. Advice/Guidance of Parents for Allowing their Children to Attend School.
6. Child Care Main Beliefs and Values:
 - Neglects and Severe Neglect.
 - Street Violence.
 - Domestic Violence.
 - Street Jobs.
 - Malnutrition.
7. Child Rehabilitation.
8. Education.
9. Games.
10. Out-door Activities.
11. Attending Meetings/Lecturer at School.
12. Children as Co-researchers.
13. Children as Public Speakers.
14. Arts Competition.
15. Meetings with Politicians, Academicians, Intellectuals, Journalist.

Submission of Abstracts:

An Abstract of 500 words should be submitted via e-mail/or airmail. Questions or queries may be sent to Dr. Munir Ahmad, Chairman of the Editorial Committee.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts of Contributed Papers:	April 12, 2015
Registration	May 08, 2015
Full length paper	May 10, 2015

Abstracts and full length papers size 5" x 7.5" (width x height) with "Time New Roman" Font size 10 may be submitted via e-mail by using M.S. Word software to Seminar Secretariat.

Instructions to Authors of Contributed Papers

All Authors of invited and contributed papers are requested to follow the instructions:

1. Manuscripts should be type-written, single-spaced size 5" x 7.5" (width x height) with "Time New Roman" Font size 10. The paper should be divided into sections, numbered by Arabic numerals and with suitable short verbal titles. Pages should be lightly numbered at the bottom with a blue pencil. Running titles should be given.
2. Paragraphs should be indented five spaces.
3. The name and full postal address of each author should be given immediately below the title of the paper along with e-mail.
4. Equations should be centered, with identifying numbers in parentheses.
5. Tables should be inserted in the text as close to the point of reference as possible.
6. Graphs and other numbered figures should be drawn in black Indian ink.
7. References should be indicated in the text by author's name(s) and the year of publication in parentheses. All references should also be given alphabetically at the end of the paper.

Please note that contributed papers should not be more than SIX pages.

Tentative Program:

Saturday May 23, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Registration▪ Opening Ceremony▪ Plenary Sessions and Contributed Papers▪ Business Session▪ Closing Ceremony
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Seminar Venue:

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Full Name: _____

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Tel:/Fax _____ Email: _____

◆ Do you intend to submit a paper? Yes No

◆ Title of the Paper: _____

- ◆ Last date for submission of abstract is **April 12, 2015**
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REGISTRATION:

The registration fee for the Seminar is Rs. 300/-

- **Registration fee includes materials, tea/lunches.**
- **Registration fee payable through cash/demand draft/pay order to:
Islamic Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS), Lahore.**

Please send the filled form along with Registration Fee at the following address:

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