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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CPHC	Community Peace and Harmony Center
WDFP	Women Development Foundation Pakistan
WHBW	Women Home Based Workers
SWD	Social Welfare Department

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INTRODUCTION

ORIGIN:

Women's Development Foundation Pakistan (WDFP) is originated and registered under VSWA Act 1961 No. DSW (2112)-K on 16th May 2004. WDFP aim to support women in all fields of life and is striving to mobilize maximum resources for overall empowerment of the under privileged and neglected women folk. WDFP has been working in the slums of Karachi especially in Lyari, coastal area of Kemari and Bin Qasim Town on multiple issues in development sector. WDFP has an active network of civil society organization that supports its developmental activities.

OUR VISION:

To create perpetual congenial environment and to promote gender balanced society in Pakistan.

OUR MISSION:

Women Development Foundation Pakistan is striving to build an empowered society by strengthening the downtrodden women in all fields of life.

GOAL:

- To educate and aware the youth and community members regarding women empowerment
- To develop a society where everyone enjoy all their basic human rights

WHAT WDFP DO:

We are rigorously working in the following fields of operation.

- ❖ Health (General)
- ❖ Education (Formal and Non Formal)
- ❖ Human Resource Development
- ❖ Youth Empowerment
- ❖ Micro Entrepreneurship
- ❖ Career Development
- ❖ Skill Development and Management Training
- ❖ Media Sensitization
- ❖ Vocational Training
- ❖ Human Rights (Women & Children)
- ❖ Community Development Programs
- ❖ Peace Promoting Activities

WOMEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Women Development Foundation Pakistan-WDFP has its very own vocational training center named "Women Skill Development Center" which is certified from Trade Testing Board for carrying out certified courses. It is located in Maripur where courses like Beautician, Stitching and Information Technology were carried out to raise the living conditions of the residential community of Kemari Town. A very successful Non- Formal Education Center was also developed and supervised by Women Skill Development Center which educated hundreds of males and females in past.

Currently WSDC is facilitating the young girls from low income families of Kemari Town to enhance their professional skills. This Project is being run with the support of Benazir Bhutto Youth Development Program-BBSYDP which aims to strengthen the abilities of youth so they could encounter their challenge of employability. WSDC has successfully completed 3 Batches of BBSYDP and till now 165 girls are benefited from the stitching and beautician courses. Currently there are 50 students enrolled in the courses of Dress Making and Beautician for a period of 4 months and being trained under the supervision of qualified trainers. Under this program student does not only receive free training but also receive a stipend for each course to motivate them and to support their living. Soon the next phase of training will begin in the Women Skill Development Center.

WDFP also organize ending ceremonies and distribution of certificates programs for pass out girls of BBSYDP. BBSYDP girls participate in bridal competitions and best dress making competitions, in which they display their artistic skills by preparing brides and making creative designs of dresses. Prizes also distributed to winners for best bride making and best dress making, through this ceremony their motivation level boost up and they exhibit their skills in front of all people.

LADIES DHABA

Ladies Dhaba is the great success of WDFP which is situated in the deprived area of Maripur. It is for every woman and especially for those who are not allowed to go anywhere and desire to live their life as a free bird.

Women are the basic constituent of their family when they feel calm then the people surrounded by them also feel comfortable. Women have also right to spend their life freely like men do; they should also go out in a fresh air and enjoy their time. The main purpose of this Dhaba is to bring peace in communities and to end the feeling of depression and helplessness which mostly women feel at their homes. This concept resulted as a great impact on their minds and now women love this place.

The best part of this place is that it is not only a resting space but women also buy food items, ready-made clothes and crochet purses from the trade facilitation center in this vicinity.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT EXPERIENCE

ON 26th May 2017, Madam Sabiha Shah and Ms. AreebaWajid attended 2 days women making in Economic Empowerment sharing workshop at Marriot Hotel Islamabad. In this workshop home based worker Ms. Shamim Akhtar who was the trainee in Gender equity Program shared her success story that how she became capable of starting her own business from small level. In panel discussion Madam Sabiha Shah shared journey of WDFP, success of projects and what challenges WDFP faced.

Business Incubation Program for Women Home-Based Workers

IBA CED in collaboration with Aurat Foundation introduced certified entrepreneurship program for women home-based workers. In this program WDFP introduced their talented and hard worker community members from Lyari and Sultanabad. In September 2016 IBA team took interviews from interested candidates for trainings and short listed candidates were called for trainings at IBA Campus. Ms. Shamim and Ms. Shahida from Lyari; Ms. Rukhsana and Ms. NusratShaheen from Sultanabad attended these trainings on the reference of WDFP.

COMMUNITY PEACE AND HARMONY CENTERS

Women Development Foundation Pakistan established two Community Peace and Harmony centers in the deprived corners of Karachi; Maripur and Baldia in the month of July 2016. The objective of these centers is to provide free of cost services of technological facilities, intellectual facilities and recreational facilities.

Self-computer learning, women café, puppet shows, recreational activities, film screening, life skill based education and indoor games for the youth and women and also organized competitions such as arts completion, gaming competitions, singing and cooking competitions etc. to engage public in healthy activities so that they may be less vulnerable to the influence of VE groups.

PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY WDFP

Independence Day Celebration at Maripur:

On 13th August 2016, a program for the celebration of Independence Day was organized at Maripur's Community Peace & Harmony Center in which 98 people (including; young girls, boys, teachers, students and community women) and WDFP team participated. The celebration of Independence Day was followed by recitation of Holy Quran, Naat, Speeches from Team Members, cultural costume walk by kids, national song performance, dance performance on patriotic songs and a comedy show to entertain audience. This celebration broke the barrier between different communities of Maripur and they were all enjoying the diversity of cultures with unity and patriotism for the nation.

Independence Day Celebration at Baldia:

On 14th August 2016, a program for the celebration of Independence Day was organized at Baldia's Community Peace & Harmony Center in which 119 people (including; young girls, boys, teachers, students and community women) and WDFP Team participated. The celebration of Independence Day was followed by recitation of Holy Quran, Naat, Speeches from Team Members, national song performance, speech from a student, costume walk and dance performance on patriotic songs. The audience enjoyed the celebration whole heartedly and mentioned that they are feeling like they are celebrating independence after ages.

Opening Ceremony at Baldia:

On 23rd August 2016, Opening Ceremony of Community Peace & Harmony Center was organized at Baldia in which 127 people (including; social activists, partner organizations, government officials, young girls, boys, teachers, students and community women) and team WDFP participated. In this program well known personalities and partner organizations were invited and they appreciated the efforts of WDFP and KYI for establishing a unique center to facilitate the communities of Baldia without any discrimination. Furthermore, there were cultural tablos, patriotic performances on the songs, speeches and other performance by a professional band to entertain the audience. After that Mr. Altaf Hussain Hali, Area Chairman Baldia cut the ribbon and all the guests visited the center and appreciated the management.

Opening Ceremony at Maripur:

Opening Ceremony of Community Peace & Harmony Center was organized on 25th August 2016 at Maripur in which 121 people (including; social activists, partner organizations, government officials, young girls, boys, teachers, students and community women) and WDFP team participated. Well known personalities and partner organizations were invited and they requested the audience to join hands with team WDFP and also assured their support and partnership for the success of this center. For the entertainment of audience there were performances of Musical Band, Theater Group and Comedy Group which engaged the public and provided them wonderful entertainment.

Eid Celebration:

On 24th September 2016, Eid Milan Party was organized by Maripur staff with students of BBSYDP at Community Peace & Harmony Center, in which Sabiha Shah, Chairperson and AreebaWajid Project Manager WDFP were invited as guests. In this party there were no boundaries between religions; Hindu, Christian and Muslims all girls (only) participated and enjoyed the program. All girls were dressed up in Traditional colors and attires of their choice; they gathered in a hall and had a wonderful program. Nazia, Center Coordinator hosted the program; as our every program starts with Quranic recitation, this also began with it. Program included following performances: Drama on disobedient children of today's era, Catwalk performance by glamorous and beautiful girls and another Drama for the messages to accept and manage your mistakes and in the end there were six dance performances by stunning girls which made it memorable for all.

Painting Competitions:

In October WDFP organized two Painting Competitions, One in Baldia and One in Maripur. The topic of these competitions was “Amaanke Rang, Dosti k Sang”. The purpose of these competitions was to bring out the hidden talent of students to express their concept of peace and harmony by giving them opportunity to present their painting skills and abilities. In these competitions students from different schools and communities participated and painted wonderful ideas.

Universal Children Day:

On 16th November 2016, Women Development Foundation Pakistan celebrated Universal Children's Day in collaboration with Social Welfare Department Government of Sindh at Community Peace and Harmony Center Maripur. Ms. ShamimMumtaz, Minister for Social Welfare Department Government of Sindh was the Chief Guest. Mr. Sahib Khan Chairman of UC-40 Maripur, Ms. Noor Bano City Councilor and Liqueate Birhamani were the guest of honors. Mrs. Sabiha Shah, Chairperson WDFP welcomed the guests and briefed the activities of WDFP regarding women empowerment, youth empowerment and protection of child rights and requested SWD to strengthen Civil Society Organizations with their assistance and support. Ms. ShamimMumtaz Minister ensured her department's cooperation and every support in this regard.

Micro Entrepreneurial Session for Tiffin Service:

In the month of November WDFP organized two micro entrepreneurial sessions for tiffin service at Community Peace and Harmony Centers Maripur and Baldia. In these sessions famous Chef of Zaiqa TV Channel Ms. Ruby Taj motivated women to look at the positive side of life's challenges, she also taught them to stand for themselves and start earning for their better lives. The concept of these activities was to provide knowledge and insight regarding home based small business of Lunch boxes service so women can contact with different factories and provide this service professionally. Women learned different delicious recipes to prepare on commercial level.

Programs on Women Empowerment and Women Rights:

In November and December, Women Development Foundation Pakistan in collaboration with YES Alumni Network, Saviour Vivra and War Against Rape organized different awareness programs for women empowerment. In these programs we taught them about child marriage act, effective parenting, passive violence, good and bad touch, workplace harassment, Legal rights and shared contacts of organizations which help women in legal protection. In one program we also taught them about self-defense and for this we invited two female boxing champions and their coach Younus Kambrani from lyari boxing club. These sessions were very motivational and emotional as well because the women community of Maripur is facing many challenges and needs continuous support to stand firm against all the domestic violence.

International Volunteer Day:

On 5th December 2016, Women Development Foundation Pakistan celebrated International Volunteer's Day in collaboration with Organizing Committee for International Volunteer Day at Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors. The purpose of celebrating IVD is to honor those people who voluntarily serve their time, energy and skills to change the world for a better future.

This year WDFP has selected volunteers for awards from the areas like Lyari, Maripur and Baldia which have always been ignored by government & administration in past. In the program after recitation of Tilawat, Sabiha Shah Chairperson (WDFP) welcomed all guests and briefed about the community services of WDFP. She told that for bringing peace and unity in communities, WDFP has organized many peace conferences and activities in violence affected areas. After the successes from previous projects, six months ago WDFP established Community Peace and Harmony Centers in Baldia and Maripur in collaboration with Karachi Youth Initiative (KYI). Nazia and Maria shared the success of these centers through wonderful presentations.

Abdul Rahim Moosvi, Chief Organizer of International Volunteer's Day committee addressed speech on importance of International Volunteer's Day and highlighted different era/centuries. In this program Tablo performances and dance performances were performed on Culture of Pakistan. Different people presented speech on International Volunteer's Day about its importance and history and appreciated the Volunteer with huge round of applause. Following are the names of those people who were awarded for volunteer services: Ms. Sabina Khatri, Rukhsana Paul, Mehmood Hashmi, Abdul Razak Baloch, Ramzan Baloch, Muhammad Ismail Panhwar, Anwar Ali Bhatti, Allama Ehsaan Siddiqui and Raj Muhammad.

In this program Mr. Faisal Malik from Thespianz, Mr. Fahim Shad from Meharden Art Production, Ms. Madiha Rehman and Jennifer Johnson from PACC and Mr. Zain Awan from AzCorp Entertainment were also awarded for their valuable services as partner organization for the promotion of peace. WDFP also presented shields and certificates to their dedicated staff members and team.

Chief Guest Javaid Jabbar exemplary volunteer, renowned writer and scholar, highlighted the value of volunteers in society, Guests of Honor Syed Ahsan Raza Gilani, Mahnaz Rehman, Rubina Brohi, Anees Danish, Naseem Bukhari, Zafar Iqbal, Abid Brohi, Shabbir Ahmed Arman, and Muhammad Ali Rasheed also presented their views that WDFP is doing remarkable work for deprived areas of Karachi. As we all know that Karachi is trapped in many issues so people need support of those organizations which can bring peace and unity in their lives. These types of organization must be in every corner of different areas so that people

can live happily in peaceful environment. This entire program was hosted by AreebaWajid, Project Manager (WDFP).

Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) Celebration

In mid-December Milad Celebrations were organized at Community Peace and Harmony Center Maripur and Baldia. In these celebrations centers were beautifully decorated with colorful lights, flags, flowers and banners were placed on walls. Rose water was sprinkled everywhere; hall was decorated according to the religious festival. The program began with the recitation of Holy Qur'an and the whole community participated in reciting Durood-e-Pak, Naats and narrated stories about life of Muhammad (PBUH). In these programs not only Muslims but Hindus and Christians also participated with respect. Everyone expressed their love for Muhammad (PBUH) by reciting Naats and Salaam in different languages and enjoyed their time. All females enjoyed their time and it was a blessing for everyone.

Christmas Celebration:

In both Community Peace and Harmony Centers Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas parties were organized. In these celebrations SAVIOURS Welfare Organization and Christian Community was invited. The main purpose of organizing Christmas party was to spread happiness among those needy children who cannot afford wealthy celebrations. It was small effort from WDFP team to remove religious differences and to spread peace and love among all communities.

In both programs the center teams did wonderful preparation and decorated the halls beautifully with fairy lights, colorful balloons and also packed some gifts for children. In Baldia Ms. Maria bought gifts for the needy children with the help of donation from BUBW project and in Maripur the gifts were donated by Sahib Khan UC Chairman Maripur. In these programs Church's Father also participated and prayed for everyone before cake cutting then cake cutting ceremony was done by the guests and community members. Santa Claus distributed cake and surprise gifts to children. It was a great time with everyone and they all appreciated team WDFP efforts for managing and organizing such wonderful programs.

ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY PEACE AND HARMONY CENTERS

Community Mobilization in Kemari Town:

WDFP staff and Interns do Outreach Activities in different areas of Maripurand Baldia in which they visit schools, met common people in different areas, distribute brochures of organization.

Recreational Sessions (13 in Maripur, 13 in Baldia):

Women Development Foundation Pakistan successfully completed 26 Recreational sessions for the communities of Maripur and Baldia. In these sessions Mr. Zain and Mr. Jan Muhammad from AZ Corp Entertainment, Mrs. Saba Khan, Ms. Beenish, Mr. RamazanBaloch, Ms. Madiha Art teacher from HunarGhar and Ms. SairaBano young talented Art teacher performed as trainer to train school students and community women. These sessions were very interesting for public, because of their uniqueness of recreation. In every session participants learnt to create beautiful and creative items from old waste papers and bottles. They learnt to make pen holders, baskets, paper bags and paper envelops from newspapers recycling, butterflies and flowers from plastic bottles recycling, pendant lamps from balloons and strings, marble painted thermocol cups and glass bottles used for decoration, 3D paper butterflies, decorative pots, flower art and other decorative items from tissue paper and chart papers. Trainers also conducted storytelling, leadership and stress reducing sessions in non-formal style. After these sessions participants tried things at home and they kept coming back to check when a new creative session will come. Participants enjoyed all the sessions, learnt creative things and were motivated from the sessions.

Film Screening Sessions (15 in Maripur, 15 in Baldia):

Women Development Foundation Pakistan successfully completed 30 Film Screening sessions for the communities of Maripur and Baldia. In these sessions Mr. Arbab Khan, Mr. Muzammi Illahi, and Mr. Faheem Shad from Mehrdar Arts Production, Mr. Adeel Wali Raees from AWR Productions, Mr. Zafar Iqbal and Mr. Waseem Somroo Young Talented Film Maker from Lyari cooperated with us as trainer and motivated community members by showing them real life based motivational documentaries. Different documentaries were played in which Lyari's success stories, Nil bata 0 an inspirational movie for the women, I am Karachi videos, Wall chalking, Yellow journalism, Documentary on women awareness, 2x1=2 (Child Labor), Poster (Child Labor), Symphony of Lyari, Symphony of Karachi, Documentary on Eunuch Community, Success Stories of Lyari Youth, Respect for Parents, Recorded Documentaries of Participants and Motivational documentaries of Lyari youth were played. These films were shown in order to spread awareness on positive thinking, effective thinking, active citizenship, ownership, taking personal responsibilities, courage, dedication and motivation. In these sessions Film makers not just shown their films but they also carried out pre and post discussions on the topics to make sure that the participants are absorbing the concepts behind these film screening. The films were also repeated in a few sessions because we had different audiences every time. The best part was that Mr. Fahim Shad and Mr. WaseemSomroo explained video making through mobile and participants expressed their keen interest in learning and making videos on the issues around them.

Life Skill Based Education Sessions (15 in Maripur, 15 in Baldia):

Women Development Foundation Pakistan successfully completed 30 Life Skill Based Education sessions for the communities of Maripur and Baldia. Initially PRSS withdrawn from partnership but after that our partnership grew with other partners; Drug Free Pakistan Foundation, Management and Development Foundation, The Disputed Families Welfare Organization, Roshni Help Line and Search for Common Grounds, HMPK Solutions, PACC, Institute of Skill Enrichment, Dastageer Legal Aid, Society of International Education and other Individual Professional Trainers. In these sessions trainers were Ms. Samreen, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. JameelaTaj, Mr. Amrat, Mr. ZafarIqbal, Mr. Ahmed Shah, Ms. Ruby Taj, Ms. Mahnoor, Mr. HarmitMana, Ms. Hameeda, Ms. Umm-e-Kulsoom, and Ms. MadihaRehman; all trainers were very cooperative and also motivated participants with different real examples. In these sessions trainers discussed, CV Making, Public Speaking Skills, Art Of Conversation, Self Esteem, Leadership Skills, Decision Making Skills, Time Management, Self-Management, Confidence Building, How To Be A Good Citizen, Relationship Management, Alliance in society, Presentation Skills, Entrepreneurship, Self-Motivation, SMART Goals in life, Building Bridges by Peace, Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution. The impact of these Life Skill Based Education Sessions was remarkable specially when people threw soft drugs like Pan and Chaalia out of their pockets and promised to not eat them again. These sessions enhanced the well-being of community members and promoted positive outlook.

Puppets Shows (5 in Maripur, 5 in Baldia):

Women Development Foundation Pakistan has successfully completed 10 Puppet shows by Thespianz Team in Maripur and Baldia. The most colorful, entertaining and message filled sessions were the puppet shows. Those dancing and acting puppets made us realize we all are same regardless of our race, color, language and culture. We all love to smile, we dance when we feel happy, we must practice honesty and with true dedication we can make all our dreams come true; these are the lessons which we learnt from stories of Lake Saif-ul-Malook, Sindbad and cultural performances of puppets. The sessions were full of entertainment and participants enjoyed a lot.

WDFP PICNIC

On 13th November 2017, after very stressful work WDFP team had Picnic with all staff members at Mubarak Village and Sunehri Beach. All had great time and enjoyed a lot.

WDFP Team Engagements and Achievements

MEDIA COVERAGE

SUCCESS OF WDFP

Unseen Barriers in Communities

The Community Peace and Harmony Center Baldia is located in the area where there is an unseen barrier between communities i.e. Sindhi, Pathan, Urdu Speaking, Memon, Hindko Speaking etc... They don't go into each other's areas and keeps a cold war in between. When we gathered interns from different communities initially we observed them as reserved from each other, but after regular activities and skill sessions the distance has begun to reduce. They became a strong team and now a Pathan Intern Boy daily waits for Urdu Speaking Assistant Coordinator to give him a ride to home. This is a wonderful sign and a great achievement by our center.

Support from Stakeholders

Ms. Noor Bano City Counselor visited Maripur Center after looking at banners placed in the area and confirmed her full support for center. She helped the team of Maripur in resolving the sanitation problem of choked sewerage line. The interns of Maripur also set up an example by cleaning the path way in front of our center; they did it in recognition of ownership for this center.

After hanging banners in Baldia and Maripur people started visiting Community Peace and Harmony Centers, In Baldia Mr. Abdul Rehman; Information Secretary, All Sindh Private Schools Association visited and met everyone at center. He was very happy to see a community based center with so many facilities that provide a healthy and peaceful environment. In this regard he also offered his contribution in terms of bringing audience at center and he kept suggesting people to visit our center.

As a result of outreach activities in Baldia, people were showing wonderful response and they appreciated the performance of interns especially when they went to their own schools their teachers felt proud of them and also liked their efforts for the society. In few schools they gain standing ovations after their speeches and presentations. At the end of every session students and teachers were super excited to visit the centers that they can't even wait for 23rd August for the opening; most of the kids have already visited Baldia center to confirm the address. Teachers and girls are already planning their exiting parties and get together at the café area.

We believed in converting challenge into success and that's what we did throughout the project. Due to the lack of approval for designing of promotional material, the opening ceremony of our centers was postponed. But our interns had already spread the word in communities for opening ceremony with Independence Day celebration at our centers so we welcomed the communities before formal opening of center and celebrated the

happiness together. Although all our performances as per agenda were postponed but kids from different schools stood up from audience and presented their talent and love for Pakistan.

Appreciation from Community Members

In both opening programs we superseded our target of audience. People of Maripur and Baldia attended the opening ceremonies with great interest and enjoyed every bit of the program. Our partner organizations joined us in our programs and appreciated our efforts.

Our both centers teams did regular outreach and made contacts with local people. This is the reason our visitors were increasing and registrations were being done easily via messages and calls. Beneficiaries of both centers were very thankful to CPHC because as they cannot afford internet and computer expenses at their homes so they are learning computer free of cost in centers and interns are helping them in building their skills.

There is a deaf & dumb girl who frequently visits our center in Maripur. She loves our center and happily participates in activities of our center. She also took part in recreational session by AZ Corp Entertainment and her cousin helped her to understand the session. In Recreational sessions by AZ Corp Entertainment majority females participated in this session; the winning group "The Queens" was also a group of girls and the group leader was very confident while presenting her poster brilliantly on stage.

Through various activities of religious harmony we have realized that all religions give the message of peace and love. If we truly try to understand the message of God then no one on the earth will try to take part in violence or extremism.

Benefited from CPHC:

Maryam worked in CPHC Baldia as an intern and got a very good experience from here. She told us that she belongs to a very strict Pathan family and she was not allowed to come out of her home or to get education after matric but she struggle hard and did everything and went to college and university for study and pushed aside all the obstacles and hindrances then she got a chance to be part of CPHC as an intern and she worked here divinely and also told us that she got many things from here like she had no confidence to say anything in front of males but here she learned the communication skills and now she is quite confident than before. She told us that when she was very young her parents forcibly engaged her with an old age man but when she came to know of this she was very hurt and she said after joining this center I came to know about the rights of women and how to get our rights then she broke that unmatched relation which was made when she was totally immature. When she had an assembly on this matter so she stood for her right and in front of all the leaders of assembly she broke this relation and got free from that prison. She's thankful to WDFP for giving her self-confidence and ability to live her life with her choice.

There is a boy named Malik Arbaz, he is 17 years old and studying in grade 9 at BRAC School in Baldia. He belongs to a deprived family and he often comes at CPHC. One day we asked him about his daily routine and he told us that in morning he goes to school, then to a tailoring shop for work and then he come to Community Peace & Harmony Center in Baldia. He also said that, before establishment of this center there was no such place for him to enjoy his leisure time activities and take a break from his busy routine. He likes to learn new things but never had any opportunity due to his weak financial background. He feels really happy now that he can come here and learn computer, play games and also attend sessions which are informative and helpful. He is very thankful to WDFP for establishing Community Peace & Harmony Center.

Women Development Foundation Pakistan offered opportunities to the youth of Maripur who never had any developmental opportunity before opening of Community Peace and Harmony Centers. CPHC a ray of hope not just for the youth but for their families who were worried about the future of their young generation. A boy Riaz, while sharing his achievements from the platform of CPHC said: "Before joining this center, I lacked confidence for doing good things and had a very bad temperament and behavior, for which I was known as immodest/shameless (اواراه) boy. Not only me but my whole group of friends was always criticized by the community members for our carelessness. But after joining this center my personality has groomed so much that I have also started realizing my roles and responsibilities towards society. We thrive for adventures to show our potential and if we lack guidance then our adventure does not only affect us but also disturbs our whole society. But if the energy of youth like us finds a channel like CPHC then it can be utilized to make possible out of impossible. We have seen the team of WDFP struggling for the establishment of this center and we stood by their side and today the same people who used to disrespect us appreciate me and my group of friends for our efforts."

In Baldia there's a lady Ms. Kousar who faced a lot of discrimination in life sue to her facial complexion and she used to bear taunts about it from her husband as well. Her husband had a second marriage which disappointed Kousar a lot and she was worried about her daughters and a young son. When CPHC shared the idea of catering business and asked her to be a part of this so she willingly agreed because after that she will earn by herself and will support her children nicely.