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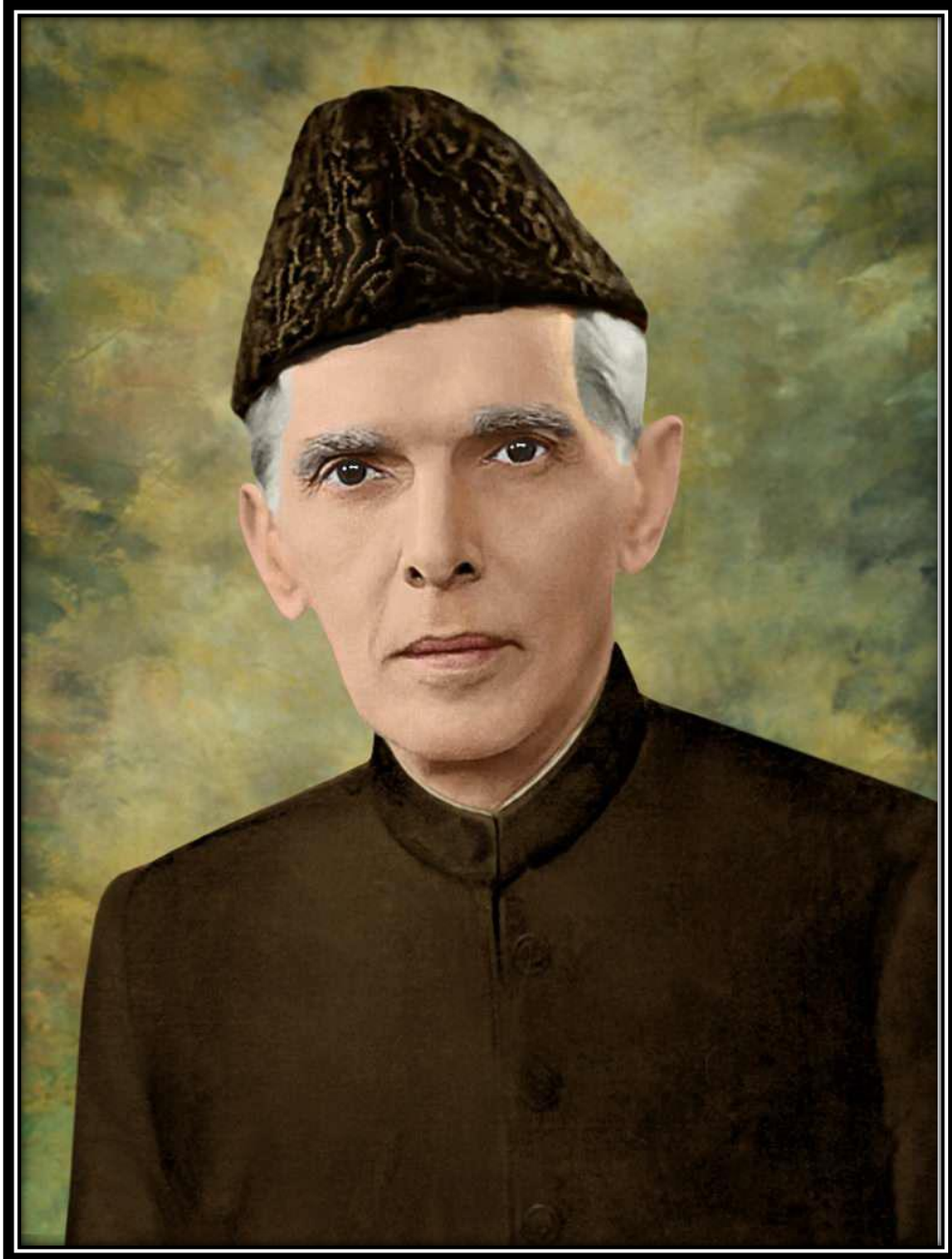
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There are two powers in the world, one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a great competition and rivalry between the two.

Then there is the third power than the both, that of the women.

**Abbreviations and Acronyms**

<b>AeN</b>	<b>Azm-e-Naujawan</b>
<b>BBSYDP</b>	<b>Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program</b>
<b>CPHC</b>	<b>Community Peace and Harmony Center</b>
<b>DAI</b>	<b>Development Alternatives Incorporated</b>
<b>DDC</b>	<b>Deputy District Commissioner</b>
<b>GEP</b>	<b>Gender Equity Program</b>
<b>JICA</b>	<b>Japan International Cooperation Agency</b>
<b>KYI</b>	<b>Karachi Youth Initiative</b>
<b>NAPA</b>	<b>National Academy of Performing Arts</b>
<b>WDD</b>	<b>Women Development Department</b>
<b>WDFP</b>	<b>Women Development Foundation Pakistan</b>
<b>FHBW</b>	<b>Female Home Based Workers</b>
<b>WSDC</b>	<b>Women Skill Development Center</b>
<b>SAP</b>	<b>Social Action Projects</b>
<b>SWD</b>	<b>Social Welfare Department</b>
<b>UC</b>	<b>Union Council</b>
<b>IEC</b>	<b>Information, Education and Communication</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The development process requires inputs and serious efforts with focused agenda while all stake holders must respond accordingly. Working for women and vulnerable group really a challenge and need extra steps to bring them in mainstream. Women Development Foundation Pakistan has been engaged with its mission to empower women and able to impart their skills for the development of the society by large. We believe that empowering women; empowering society, for that motive WDFP has developed number of programs and conducted numerous events by and for women. In the year 2017-2018, WDFP initiated number of projects for peace and harmony, rights and responsibilities, skills and prosperity, linkages and strengthens; even community engagements in the recognition of role of women in community development which ultimately feeds for nation development. Without recognizing women role, their efforts, struggle and scarification we may not achieve our goals and reach to the destination. It is common fact that attitude played vital role to achieve goals and objectives, therefore, WDFP works with family members and due engaged men with confidence, as the result our projects have been very successful and created impact.



**Sabiha Shah**  
Chief Executive Office

WDFP established vocational center “Women Skill Development Center”, which is certified from Trade Testing Board for carrying out certified courses. It has been very instrument for the local girls and women to learn skills for significant earning to support their families. By establishing peace and harmony centers, WDFP changed fearful atmosphere into peaceful and to provide free of cost services including self-computer learning, women café, puppet shows, recreational activities, film screening, life skill based education sessions and indoor games for the young girls and women. It’s become a place where women can participate in the competitions such as arts, games, singing and cooking competitions etc. It has observed participants’ confidence level boost up and got motivation after attending various sessions.

Women have also right to spend their life freely like others. WDFP introduced Ladies Dhaba in Maripur to provide a secure space where women can share and discuss their issues especially for those who are not allowed to go anywhere and desire to live their life as their own. Ladies Dhaba is the energetic pool of peace for women and the main purpose of this Dhaba is to bring change in communities by giving women mentally relaxation and to end the feeling of depression and helplessness which mostly women feel at their homes. When women feel change in their lives then this change will bring peace in their homes and society. This concept resulted as a great impact on their minds and now women love this place.

Youth development; WDFP engaged youth in various activities for their interest and change behavior to development. The National Academy Performing Arts – NAPA introduced Dastangoi (storytelling) program and selected 12 students successfully, once they completed initial training, six students were selected for three years scholarship program at NAPA. Through this initiative, the participants got confidence, improve communication skills and

able to perform publicly. As the result they all be able to contribute in peace building process specially women.

Another initiative that impacted large is women for peace, it was designed to empower women through training on peace, IEC materials development and establishment of peace clubs by peace ambassadors.

In Pakistan women suffer discrimination in all professions and are paid less than the men working in the same capacity, women are also not aware of their rights which are assigned by government and even they are not allowed to raise their voice in men dominant society for their rights. The project was very challenging because of societal values. The team has been successful to motivate families and 15 women were trained and they became Peace Ambassadors. The Peace Ambassadors further orient 900 community women on human rights, women protection laws, community journalism, women and leadership and role of women in Counter Violence Extremism.

Azm-e-Naujawan (AeN), a collective effort of 10 civil society organizations in which WDFP's role was to provide space for trainings and participants. AeN is not just a pledge, but a comprehensive action plan undertaken by civil society organizations to train youth, and help them find solutions by developing social action projects. They are trained under expert trainers and young minds are been trained for bringing positive changes and for making peaceful society by using available resources.

WDFP has strengthened role of women as "Empowered Women; Empowered Society" by evolving 50 women in skill training and legal awareness sessions. The objective is to strengthen women by imparting skills for making hand-made products. The project has been very successful and women were able to display their products in exhibition.

WDFP organized a grand peace conference with the objective to boost up the confidence of the Peace Ambassadors by awarding them with certificates and token of appreciation. WDFP has been performing great job by encouraging women and making peaceful society. We always try to change aggressive society into peaceful society by educating women in different fields. More than 450 people participated in this event.

To encourage the skills of Shershah women, an Exhibition and Seminar were organized on 10 February 2018 at National Museum Karachi to motivate the skills of Shershah women and provide them platform to exhibit their products. In this event 398 people participated including, dignitaries, trained participants/beneficiaries, civil society organizations and Community members of Shershah.

Volunteers are main inspiring force to development work for vulnerable and destitute people, therefore in recognition of their work International Volunteers Day celebrated on December 5, and shields and certificates were awarded to distinguish volunteers who work day and night for the social causes. A book who's who in Sindh launched in this occasion.

WDFP adapted integrated approach to women development and try to coherence issues with indigenous solutions at local level. To bring all stakeholders together, number of well attended events organized during the year. On the other hand, partners and donors appreciated and provided technical and financial support in the programs.

I am thankful to Board of Directors for their guidelines and trust to lead and manage WDFP programs independently as per the mission. I never forget to appreciate immense support of my staff to complete projects in time with dedication. I applauded the role of donors and supporters, especially institutions such as KYI, DAI, USAID, JICA, NAPA, TDEA, BBSYDP and last but not the least Media support. All these institutions contributed significantly in the progress of WDFP and community development process.

**Sabiha Shah**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## INTRODUCTION

### ORIGIN

Women's Development Foundation Pakistan (WDFP) has been established and registered under VSWA Act 1961 No. DSW (2112)-K on 16th May 2004. WDFP aims 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 in society. 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 organizations that supports developmental activities.

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

### OBJECTIVES

To educate youth and community members regarding women empowerment through non formal educational activities.

To develop a peaceful society where everyone equally enjoys their basic human rights.

### PROGRAM AREAS

WDFP is rigorously working in the following program areas:

- Women Development and Empowerment
- 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



## BENAZIR BHUTTO SHAHEED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

“Women Skill Development Center” WSDC, a very successful vocational training center owned by Women Development Foundation Pakistan-WDFP and has been registered for carrying out certified courses from Trade Testing Board. The center is located in Maripur and offer courses like Beautician, Stitching and Information Technology to enhance the living standard of residents of Kemari Town. WSDC has also supervised a very successful Non-Formal Education Center, where hundreds of boys and girls got educated in past. Vocational training center is the source of better opportunities in terms of employment and income generation for women. With the support of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth development Program-BBSYDP this project has being run since February 2015. To encounter the challenges of employability of youth (Girls), this program has the aim to strengthen their abilities. WSDC has successfully completed their 5 batches under the supervision of BBSYDP. 290 girls (aged 18 to 35) are benefited from the stitching and beautician courses. In these courses trainees enrolled for a period of four months and being trained by the qualified trainers. Students are trained at free of cost under this program as well as be given stipend.



After the completion of training talented girls were hired by WDFP on vacancies for the sake of equal opportunity and also referred to relevant institutes for placement according to their talents. The closing and certificates distribution ceremony also organized on the completion of each batch to maintain the motivation level of students. Bridal and dress making competitions held after the completion of batch in which participants show their skills of bridal make-up and different styles of dress which are made by them. Prizes distributed among the participants according to their winning positions. This ceremony boosts up their motivation level and they display their work and demonstrate their efforts in front of all.



## SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

WDFP is working in different areas of Karachi; main targeted areas are Maripur, Baldia, Sultanabad and Lyari. WDFP is working on different projects and has 15 years of experience in social mobilization and has developed strong links with targeted communities, civil societies and different organizations.

### **BBSYDP Outreach:**

Mainstream of youth are unemployed and they do not have skills to compete in the job market. Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Project is designed for unemployed youth and WDFP is working in collaboration with BBSYDP. From 2015 WDFP is enhancing females (18-35) who belongs to deprived background and could not afford the expenses of courses like beautician and stitching. WDFP give them opportunity of learning skills without any cost and make them *capable* to earn some amount for their financial expenses. WDFP has empowered 290 girls and make them capable for employment.

## EMPOWERED WOMEN EMPOWERED SOCIETY

WDFP is empowering women in slum areas of Karachi to eliminate exploitation against women since 2004. District Management West got an opportunity from DAI to work in Model UC Shershah. WDFP is one of the organizations who got the opportunity to empower women in Model UC Shershah with the collaboration of DAI and Deputy Commissioner West. In the period of four months WDFP has strengthened women “Empowered Women Empowered Society” by evolving 50 women in skill training and legal awareness sessions through KYI & DCC west program of Shershah to make as Model UC 1. WDFP started the project by the division of 50 women in two groups of 25 participants and trained them at different venues at the vicinity of Shershah; that were Al-Haram Iqra Public School, Chahat Beauty Parlor, The Academy School and Nagori Hall Shershah. Main objective of the project was to strengthen women by offering skills like, Jewelry Making, Candle Making, Cooking Classes, Block Printing, Foil Work and Detergent Making. 12 one-day skill training sessions were conducted by trainers and 10 awareness sessions on the topic of Gender Discrimination, Personal Grooming, Women Protection Laws, Human Rights and Mental Health were also organized. 2 legal assistance programs, Legal Rights Forum (LRF) and Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC), in which participants from both groups participated. The programs were organized by WDFP to deliver awareness about the legal aid organizations those particularly provide free legal aid to the people as well as for women. At last to encourage the skills of Shershah women, an Exhibition and Seminar were organized on 10 February 2018 at National Museum Karachi to motivate the skills of Shershah women and provide them platform to exhibit their products. In this event 398 people participated including, dignitaries, trained participant civil society organization and Community members of Shershah.





*Exhibition & Seminar of Empowered Women Empowered Society at National Museum Karachi*

## PEACE CLUBS

### WOMEN FOR PEACE PROJECT

For further enhancement in the achievements of Women for Peace project and to serve the community in a more effective way, WDFP inaugurated four Peace Clubs to empower the women and to motivate them that they should stand for their rights to resolve their issues. In the month of January 2018 the opening ceremonies for these clubs were organized and the leader for each club was elected. The clubs were: "Aman Ki Talaash" (leading by Ms. Shehnaz in Saeedabad, Baldia Center), "The Shone" (leading by Ms. Ruby in Nevel Colony, Baldia Center), "Naya Ujala" (leading by Ms. Noreen in Ladies Dhaba Maripur) and "Aman Ki Aasha" (leading by Ms. Falak Naz in Hijrat Colony). WDFP look after the clubs and every month leaders organizes bimonthly meetings, in which panel discussions take place; where discuss the issues of community and plans how to resolve their issues. Different life skill based sessions and activities for community women like Yoga Classes, meditation, one-day classes are conducted in these clubs.



### TDEA-CIP

On “Promoting the Human Rights and Electoral Participation of People with Disabilities (PWD), Transgender people and Women in Pakistan” TDEA implemented a 20-month project in collaboration with United States Department of State Bureau of Democracy.

This project took the responsibility to address the concern and rights of PWDs and transgender people which have not previously been focus of election observation in Pakistan, and women’s rights in elections remain imperfectly realized. To achieve their human rights through greater participation in electoral processes, 15 CSO’s dedicated to the rights of these populations have formed Coalition for Inclusive Pakistan (CIP).

TDEA-CIP selected 15 organizations throughout Pakistan from provinces which were divided into three marginalized clusters: Women, Trans-genders and Special Persons (PWD). To facilitate women, WDFP is selected from Sindh and decided to perform different activities in Karachi between November 27, 2017 and March 14, 2019.



*Certificate distribution ceremony at Margala Hotel Islamabad*

The majority of women of our society do not participate in the process of elections. Women are left behind in the era because they have to face some social challenges in our society. Women are the major part of our society and we respect them a lot but not gave them opportunity to take part in elections for the betterment of society. Despite of facing all these issues, if women get success and show their determination, we will be able to give them on board and facilitate with a quality of life. Now the overall scenario is being changed and society realized that men and women are the same pillars to serve the development of nation and country. There are number of organizations working and supporting women to highlight these issues.

During the month of June WDFP did meeting with 5 representatives of different political parties (Mr. Ramazan Memon and Mrs. Shaheena Ramazan (National Party); Ms. Kishwer

Zehra (MQM); Mr. Niaz Khan (ANP); Advocate Mumtaz (Jammat e Islami) and Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Kaim Khan (Dy. General Secretary Karachi Division) PPP), meetings with 3 Returning Officers and observation of collecting and submitting of nominations papers in City Court. In the month of July attended 8 corner meetings and 8 Jalsas of different political parties 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, WDFP team and 25 EDO's observed on-going activities of different polling stations in Karachi.

### TDEA SEMINAR

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Women Development Foundation Pakistan organized Seminar with collaboration of TDEA on "Protecting and Promoting Rights of Women" at Mehran Hotel Karachi. Program began with the recitation of Tilawat and more than 60 participants attended the seminar. Speakers were Mr. Sahib Khan (PPP), Huma Rahat (PTI); Shaheena Ramazan (National Party), Mangla Sharma (MQM) and panel discussion was moderated by Najia Ashar (Journalist, Host, Anchor and Producer (Geo News fame). Welcome note was presented by Mr. Zafar Iqbal Center Coordinator and Program activities were hosted by Ms. Hira Ambreen, Ex. Coordinator Lincoln Corner Karachi. Mrs. Sabiha Shah gave the introduction of WDFP and the purpose of organizing the seminar. Najia Ashar began the discussion and asked several questions regarding the women rights in the political manifestos. Following questions were raised in the program: What does your manifesto say about the vote of women? What is your Party Policy for women? Is your party following the rules which are set by ECP? Are those already the part of your party manifesto? Is there any unique step taken by your party for women rights in the context of election, voting and else? Mangla Sharma MQM: In MQM there is separate Ladies wing and if anyone faces issue than we all support and stand for the right decision. MQM never resisted any decision of women and they always support women views instead of demotivating and legging them behind. MQM also passed the bills and implemented the laws regarding women rights. In city women follow the rules independently but when we talk about small villages they cannot use their will power in front of male decisions.

Ms. Najia asked that there is obstruction so how it can be resolved. Panelist Mangla replied that they have appointed women staff who is providing awareness sessions to women regarding voting and motivating them to choose right candidate.

Sahib Khan PPP: Mohatarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed herself is an example of women role model in PPP. Dr. Fehmida Mirza, the first women Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan and Ms. Shehla Raza Deputy Speaker of Sindh Assembly. PPP has also followed ECP rule of 5% reserved seats for females. At the time of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto development work took place for women empowerment, she established women jail, women police stations, established first women bank, jobs for women and Benazir Income Support Program.

Shaheena Ramazan: National Party began from Baluchistan but now it is working all over Pakistan. Our party not only works for Muslim women but for all religions without

discrimination in caste and creed. Our party mandate is to motivate women to work with man and to stand beside them. We all know that women are treated as slaves and tortured in the name of family customs and rituals. National Party tried and still trying to change the mindset of discriminated people and raised voice against women rights.

Huma Rahat: PTI has empowered women by constructing colleges and motivate girls by awareness sessions to continue their education. Made hospitals and for ending violence, PTI established centers.



*TDEA Seminar on "Protecting and Promoting Rights of Women" at Mehran Hotel Karachi*

Questions raised by Participants:

- 1) `There are rights of protecting and promoting women than why the women are facing issues in interior Sindh? According to Article 9 and 25 of constitution men and women both have equal rights.
- 2) How will disable women caste vote on the Election Day? Nadir - Participant Ms. Mangla Sharma replied that in MQM there is separate wing for PWD and Sahib Khan said that in assembly he will appeal for DWA rights and in future PPP will work for them.
- 3) Transgender Nisha - Raised question about transgender rights in the manifesto of political parties? Huma of PTI responded Nisha that they are doing work for their rights, specially the voter list and the registration for CNIC as transgender.

**Conclusion of the Discussion:** There are issues for women in the society and after panel discussion known about the work for women by different political parties. Work is done for women rights but still lot more to do for them.

Panelists shared their point of views and at the questions and answers session took place. Goodie bags of WDFP were presented to panelists, certificates to volunteers and Group Picture was captured with panelists, guests and WDFP staff. Ms. Abida Memon shared Charter of Demand and Mr. Abdul Rahim Moosvi presented vote of thanks to all for taking out their precious time to make seminar honored and colorful with their presence.



## AZM-E-NAUJAWAN PROGRAM

Like women WDFP is also empowering the youth. Azm-e-Naujawan (AeN), an active action of civil society organizations to empower the youth by training to find solutions of their problems in the form of social action projects and campaigns. The role of WDFP in project was to provide space for trainings and train participants from Maripur, Saeedabad and Ittehad Town. Maripur Center is the main center of AeN District West. The first



phase of the project was started in September 2017 and completed in March 2018. It started with the selection of youth aged 14-25 and divided in two groups 14-17 and 18-25. Therefore, for making society a peaceful place, they trained by professional trainers.

19 training sessions were completed in each group (Maripur, Saeedabad and Ittehad Town) by expert trainers in AeN Pilot Phase 1. With the support of trainers and members of WDFP the youth identified the problems in their communities and made solutions for them. Total 20 Social Action Projects and Social Campaigns including: Parha Likha Naujawan, Hunarmand Naujawan, Green Town, Healthful Naujawan, Husne Naujawan, Cleaning Your Environment (Sehat Mand Muaashra), Establishment Library, Creative Learning, Child Friendly Space, Agahi (Theatre), Say No to Pollution, Functional Literacy, Go Aware and Healthy and Clean Society, Cleaning and Plantation, Renovation of classes and Azm-e-Naujawan Inter Schools Football Tournament were implemented by youth of each area from Maripur, Ittehad Town and Saeedabad. 8 Art and Culture activities organized by WDFP with the collaboration of partner organizations in Maripur including an art training session conducted by Adeela Suleman at Azm-e-Naujawan Maripur Center, the Theatre Play "Mera Shehar" presented by Tehreek-e-Niswan, Musical Event with collaboration of NAPA, Art & Culture Event "Tumhara Shehar" and an activity with the collaboration of Tehreek-e-Niswan, Dastangoi was performed "Mhukanas Jadogar" with the collaboration of National Academy of Performing Arts, two more performances of Dastangoi were organized by National Academy of Performing Arts. At last mentors praised the performances and shared the message to make Pakistan a beautiful place after the successful completion of AeN Pilot Phase 1. Closing ceremony was organized by Pakistan Youth Alliance at Arts Council to appreciate the efforts of Trainers and Youth.

## SUCCESS STORIES OF AZM-E-NAUJAWAN

### Madaim Habibullah Baloch

#### Alumna AeN Maripur Center

Madaim Habibullah Baloch is from Maripur. She has completed her Intermediate at the Age of 20 years. She was born in a very conservative family where girls do not have rights to get higher education in college and university. Madaim Says, "I am very fortunate that in this situation my father and mother supported me a lot. In my family the girls do not have permission to go outside without any male support. When I was doing my intermediate from Women Girls College, my uncle did not allow me to go for further education even though I am the first girl in my family who got permission to get further education". It became possible only because of her parents support and motivation. In 2013 she completed her intermediate from Women College Karachi.



***" Person should not worried about their bad time because good time would also come"***

She got the opportunity to become a part of Azm-e-Naujawan Project training Pilot Phase 2017 at Women Development Foundation Pakistan, Maripur Center. It was a great initiate from consortium organization for bringing the youth together. Before the training of Azm-e-Naujawan, she couldn't speak in the crowd and feel shy to talk in front of people confidently but AeN training boosted up her confidence and made her capable by encouraging her with positive thoughts. She says, "Now I can face the crowd and show my talent in my society that I also have confidence to change myself and society as well".



She joined the Dow Medical Lab at M. A Jinnah Road as a Lab Assistant and this is only because of Azm-e-Naujawan that gave her confidence.

***"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams "***

## Riaz Baloch

### AeN Alumnus Maripur Center

Riaz belongs to a deprived Baloch family and he is living in Maripur. He is running his laundry shop in Maripur and contributes financially at home. Before joining WDFP he used to spare his time in Burglars gathering and known as immodest/shameless boy in community. In August 2017, he applied for internship in WDFP for CPHC Project and got selected after interview and test. In opening ceremony of CPHC, he shared that before joining center ***“I lacked confidence for doing good things and had a very bad temperament and behavior. But after joining this center my personality has groomed so much that I have also started realizing my roles and responsibilities towards society”***.



He realized inner change in himself while working with WDFP and also served his services voluntarily after CPHC. After the CPHC Program he became the part of Azm-e-Naujawan Program and was trained under expert trainers. Actually he always wanted to work for his community for the betterment of his own society. Riaz Baloch also has been introducing himself in Dastangoi Project. After completion of trainings he selected for scholarship in NAPA for 3 years Dastangoi course and performing Dastangoi at different platforms.



So, these are the great contributions of Riaz in social action projects that he performed the theatre in different schools of Maripur. Riaz says, ***“I, with my group spread the awareness by theatre and acting. After the Social Action Project the Little Doctor Children Academy Principal Madam Sidra offered me that in every event and ceremony. I would perform the theatre in her School”***.

## JICA MEETING

One of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies supporting developing countries in socioeconomic development is the "Japan International Cooperation Agency"-JICA. It is a governmental organization of Japan and WDFP is working with them as a partner toward common purposes and achieve shared results. Team of JICA and WDFP had several meetings at different venues as Head Office Saddar, Maripur Center, Baldia Town Center and Sindh Secretariat.

On 29th January 2018, Ms. Sabiha Shah, Mr. Abdul Rahim Moosvi, Mr. Anis Danish, Mr. Zafar Iqbar, Ms. Nazia and Ms. Larish Turshani from Women Development Foundation Pakistan had a fruitful meeting to discuss the project plan with Ms. Yoshiko Honda, Ms. Mika Kawamoto, Ms. Noriko Hara and Mr. Abdul Hafiz Shaikh from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA and WDFP are collaborating to work for empowerment of women home based workers (WHBW) of Maripur and Baldia. Team JICA was happy with the project plan submitted by WDFP and both the teams are hopeful to facilitate WHBWs in near future.



*Meeting with JICA Team at WDFP Head Office*

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 8th March 2018, WDFP organized International Women's Day with UN theme of "Press for Progress" at Maripur Center. Ms. Sabiha Shah, Mr. Zafar Iqbal, BBSYDP team Mr. Faisal Ansari and Mr. Umair Zuberi, Principal of Javed Bharia Riffat Sultana of and WDFP team attended the program. Ms. Sabiha Shah focused on the discrimination which women are facing in different areas of country and she motivated them to stop this discrimination and raise your voice against it. In societies male child



is regarded more valuable to the family and girls are often denied the right of life, right of education and denied for other rights. They are forced to stay at home and help in domestic chores. She motivated them by speech and tried to make them think in a positive way in life.

Ms. Riffat Sultana shared her views regarding International Women's Day. DastanGoi students of Maripur performed role play on girl's discrimination and played Pushto Documentary on Women's role in society and summarized by Zafar Iqbal.

Certificates were distributed among the girls of BBSYDP by dignitaries. In the end cake cutting ceremony of IWD was celebrated and event was hosted by Nazia Baloch.



Group picture of WDFP Staff with participants in certificate distribution ceremony

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- Electronic media Geo and DAWN covered the program on 10th February 2018. Daily Jang and Ausaf Newspaper did coverage of the event from print media
- The Neo channel visited the Maripur District West Center on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. The media team covered the interview of Madam Sabiha Shah. The AeN candidates also shared their views about their SAP planning
- Mr. Amir Zaid took an interview of Sabiha Shah regarding Women and their Issues in Sindh for Radio Magazine Program for SUCCESS and UCBPRP on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**
- DAWN news covered the activities of AeN and IWD at Maripur Centesr on **March 8, 2018**
- On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, DAWN news came for the coverage of Ladies Dhaba and Maripur Center and released that coverage on **16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**
- On **7<sup>th</sup> April 2018**, News One covered the short documentary on Maripur Center <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTWWkE2qWE0&feature=share>
- Daily Express **May 28, 2018** published the Ladies Dhaba Maripur. "Khawateen ka Dhaba; Chalo Chai peenay chaltay hain."
- On **20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, Daily Awami Awaz, Express Tribune, Duniya News, Express, Daily Pak, Neo News and Dawn covered the Seminar on "Protecting and Promoting Rights of Women" at Mehran Hotel.

### BOARD MEMBERS

M. Yousuf Baloch	Acting President/ Vice President
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