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16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Civil Society Support Program (CSSSP) commemorated its 16th anniversary in Karachi on May 26, 2023. The event witnessed the participation of academia, government officials, political leaders, policymakers, development professionals from INGOs and NGOs, religious leaders, and people from across the country. The celebration reflected on the organization's journey and its unwavering commitment to improving the lives of marginalized communities in Pakistan, particularly Sindh. The event showcased the significant achievements of CSSSP over the past 16 years, highlighting its impactful projects and initiatives that have positively contributed to improving the lives of countless individuals.

RIROUNDTABLE MEETING ON SOCIAL COHESION IN DISTRICT HYDERABAD, SINDH



On April 13, 2023, CSSP Hyderabad organized a Roundtable meeting on Social Cohesion. During the meeting, many important decisions and recommendations were put forth for the protection of minorities in district Hyderabad, Sindh including the establishment of peace committees and fact-finding committees, organizing open forums and katcheries, implementing safety measures for places of worship, prioritizing development projects in minority areas, addressing issues related to force conversion and double marriage, and appointing focal persons from minority communities. Distinguished guests representing various line departments, communities, religious, and political parties, as well as the district government, including Pir Mohammad Shah, D.I.G. Hyderabad, attended the event.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: CSSP'S EFFORTS IN CYCLONE BIPARJOY RESPONSE IN SINDH, PAKISTAN

In response to Cyclone Biparjoy on June 16, 2023, Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) initiated various measures to provide assistance and support. CSSP prepared a Cyclone Biparjoy Sitrep" to keep stakeholders informed about the ongoing situation and to provide insights into its own response efforts. Additionally, CSSP focused on raising awareness about emergency situations and precautionary measures and established a coordination group to ensure collaboration and communication among organizations and authorities. CSSP also offered volunteer services for emergency response and shared essential information with district administration and the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). Moreover, CSSP, also participated in a general coordination meeting with UNOCHA to enhance overall coordination and information sharing.



Meeting on Safeguarding Children during Biparjoy Cyclone: Strengthening Coordination and Preparedness in Mirpurkhas, Sindh

ONE DAY SEMINAR ON PROTECTION OF MINORITIES: DEBRIEFING ON TERMS OF REFERENCES FOR FACT FINDING & PEACE COMMITTEES AND MINORITY FACILITATION DESK, HYDERABAD, SINDH



Civil Society Support Program collaborated with DIGP Office to organize a seminar on minority protection mechanism, newly formed fact-finding and peace committees, and the establishment of minority facilitation desks in Hyderabad Range. Chaired by Syed Pir Mohammad Shah, DIGP Hyderabad Range, the seminar aimed to foster interfaith harmony, strengthen communication between the police and the community, and ensure peace and harmony at the regional level. With a strong focus on safeguarding the rights and safety of religious minorities, the event witnesses the exchange of terms of reference for the committees and desks, as well as discussions on their efficient operations in collaboration with community and religious leaders.

CSSP FACILITATES COORDINATION MEETING AMONG PUBLIC SECTOR DEPARTMENTS TO TACKLE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN DISTRICT SANGHAR, SINDH

Under the project Power to the Youth, the Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) organized a meeting with focal persons of various Public Sector departments on June 8, 2023, chaired by Mr. Abid Ali Baloch, SSP Sanghar, Sindh. The meeting brought together district-level departments, including the Police department, Women Development Department (WDD), Bar Association, Shelter Home, District Information Department, District Administration, Social Welfare Department (SWD), and NGOs/INGOs. The primary objective of the meeting was to improve the coordination mechanism among these departments in district Sanghar, with a particular focus on responding effectively to the needs of youth and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). The meeting aimed to ensure that each identified case is facilitated efficiently in collaboration with officials from the respective district WPC, SWD, and WDD.





LINKAGES BUILDING SEMINAR OF UMERKOT CITIZEN FORUM AND DISTRICT WOMEN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES WITH PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDERS (DUTY BEARERS AND RIGHT HOLDERS)

The Civil Society Support Program organized a linkages building seminar in Karachi, bringing together Umerkot Citizen Forum (UCF), District Women Group (DWG), and provincial duty bearers to address social cohesion challenges. The seminar focused on implementing Acts, Policies, and Laws at the grassroots level and promoting equal citizenship rights for minorities of faith and belief. During the event, the UCF/DWG presented a Charter of Demand, which included issues like Hindu marriage registration, inclusion in government committees, access to minority funds, women constables in police stations, and protection of minority religious sites. The Sindh Human Rights Commission Chairman acknowledged the demands and shared initiatives taken by the commission. Various departments expressed commitment to collaborate and discussed ongoing initiatives related to child protection, social development, senior citizen welfare, minority funds, and women empowerment. The seminar concluded with the establishment of community groups in each Union Council to survey and protect Hindu graveyards and religious sites, facilitating the resolution of social cohesion issues faced by Umerkot and its citizens.

EMPOWERING YOUTH IN HYDERABAD, SINDH: TRAINING FOR YOUTH LEADERS CORE GROUP TO PROMOTE ACTIVISM AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The Civil Society Support Program, under the Shared Future Socio-Economic Cooperation for a Better Future Project, has taken a significant step towards empowering the youth of Hyderabad by conducting a training for the Youth Leaders Core Group. This inclusive training, held in two union councils of Hyderabad, involved the participation of 54 young individuals in two batches, comprising 29 majority and 25 minority youth, with equal representation of boys and girls. The training focused on essential topics such as activism, leadership, and enterprise development, aiming to develop leadership skills, foster an entrepreneurial mindset, and encourage activism among the youth.



TVET Trainings Phase 1 , District Mirpurkhas, Sindh

775 trainees successfully completed training under the project of CSSP 'Power to Youth, in district Mirpurkhas, Sindh in a wide array of vocational training programs. The trainees, hailing from diverse backgrounds, opted for various trades such as Office Automation, E-Commerce, Dress Making, Beautician, Solar Repairing, Mobile Repairing, and many others

TVET Trainings Phase 1, District Sanghar, Sindh

CSSP under its project Power to Youth in district Sanghar, Sindh is providing TVET trainings in areas such as Beautician, Dress Making, Embroidery, Mobile Repairing, Solar Technician, Motorcycle Repairing, Office Automation, and E-Commerce..

Youth skills development training. Hyderabad, Sindh

The Civil society support program (CSSP) under the project "Shared Future Socio-Economic Cooperation for a Better Future" is empowering youth by training them in various skills i.e. Beautician, Dressmaking, Barber, Cooking, Electrician, Graphic Designing and Video Editing.

POWER TO YOUTH WEBINAR SERIES

The Civil Society Support Program, under its Project Power to Youth, organized a series of webinars during the months of May and June. These webinars focused on addressing several pressing topics, including "Empowering Youth for Economic Transformation," "The Role of Civil Society Organizations," and "Self-Care and Well-Being." The aim of these webinars was to provide a platform for insightful discussions and to foster a deeper understanding among participants regarding these critical subjects.

Webinar

**"EMPOWERING FUTURE:
YOUTH AS A CATALYST FOR
ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION"**

on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM | Live on [/CSSPPakistan](#)

SPEAKERS

- MR. MAALIK KHASHKHELY**
Founder XPO LEARNER
- MS. BISMA JATOI**
Author, United Nations UNV & Former Counseling Officer
- MR. NASIR LAGHARI**
Youth Group Focal Person, PTY Mirpurkhas
- MS. ROSHNI ANWAR**
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Webinar

**"ROLE OF CSOs
IN SOCIETY"**

on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

SPEAKERS

- MS. KIRAN DAUDPOTO**
Manager Gender and Protection Management and Development Foundation-SDP
- MR. NOOR MUHAMMAD MANGI**
Executive Director, Sindh Green Foundation-SGF
- MR. ABDUL MAJEED MANGRIO**
Executive Director, Sustainable Development Foundation-SDF
- MR. ABDUL WAHID SANGRASI**
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Webinar

**SELF CARE AND
WELL BEING**

on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM | Live on [/CSSPPakistan](#)

SPEAKERS

- DR. ERUM SHAH**
Manager Program Development, Civil Society Support Program (CSSP)
- MS. SANAN UROOJ**
Psychologist
- MS. HIAN KHAN**
Assistant Director, Women Development Department
- MS. ABSAR FATIMA**
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SUFI, LITERARY, AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE, DISTRICT UMERKOT, SINDH

CSSP under its 'Joint Social Action Project' organized a Literary Cultural Festival on 5th June 2023 at Misri Shah Walidad Palli Umerkot. The program provided a valuable platform for an open dialogue, dispelling misconceptions and extremist ideologies associated with religion, establishing connections with the communities shared past and promoting a sense harmonious coexistence within the community.



COMMUNITY AND YOUTH LEADERS' EXPOSURE VISIT TO RAHIM YAR KHAN



CSSP organized a three-day exposure visit to Rahim Yar Khan under the project "Shared Future Socio-Economic Cooperation for Better Future. The visit comprised a diverse range of activities, enabling the delegation to observe ongoing project initiatives firsthand. Participants had the opportunity to engage with community faith actors, young entrepreneurs, government officials, and various stakeholders associated with the Rural Education and Economic Development Society (REEDS). As part of the exposure visit the youth and community leaders also visited different faith places in Sindh and Punjab.

