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The attainments and accomplishments

During 2014, Sahkar Social Welfare Association put conducted dissimilar preparations concerning our mission modules which have been completed in the course of assessment policy 2014. Many remarkable operations were completed and a number of schemes and joint ventures had been focused to work on issues relevant to human rights, honor killing, child abuse, minority rights, sexual harassment, religious extremism, terrorism, health, Education, Drug and corruption etc. different issues related to human health, social uplift, religious synchronization and political harmony has been uplifted and promoted by Sahkar Social Welfare Association throughout the year 2014.

Foreword

SAHKAR Social Welfare Association (SSWAL) is a voluntary organization which dedicates its work to the social support of the poor people, especially from rural areas. SSWAL was founded in 1994 by a group of community workers interested in the development of the values concerned life of the disadvantaged sections of society, particularly the rural masses, through a variety of socioeconomic services. The organization stands registered with Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Sindh (Pakistan), under the voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance 1961 (XLVI of 1961), which deals with local communities and civil societies for their social development and fundamental rights.

This NGO is associated in socio-economic development activities for self-help and participatory basis, particularly in the fields of education, basic health Care (sanitation and drinking water), drug prevention, rural development, peace, equality and social justice and others with emphasis on child welfare, women development, human rights, termination of terrorism, religious extremism, environment and community mobilization, Working against torture through multidisciplinary approach, Drugs demand reduction, HIV/AIDS, and against corruption etc. The organization seeks to coordinate with the government and other donor agencies for social development in rural and urban areas. SSWAL is a dynamic platform for different religious and creeds for their better social protection and promotion of their civil rights. We strongly believe that human service is healing balm for wounded humanity, where a bulk of social distrust, communal Disorders and societal disruption brutally upset to all the individuals and institutions around the World. We serve for Children, Women, and weak people without any prejudice of religious creeds, race, class and gender. We fight against all forms of exploitation against children, women, minorities, and human rights. We love humanity since are willing to offer our services for its betterment, sustainable development and fundamental change through awareness and social mobilization.

Vision

SSWA contributes its efforts to a platform which recognizes, respects, and values the socioeconomic, political, legal and environmental aspirations of marginalized and helpless communities, particularly the women and the children on parity basis which promotes a sustainable, prosperous and peaceful society for our coming generations.

Mission

Sahkar Social Welfare Association endeavors to empower and improve the quality of life of the flimsy and defenseless communities in the least developed parts of the country through wellbeing, participatory research, capacity building, promotion of best practices, and advocacy by inducting sustainable innovative projects.

Motivation

SAHKAR Social Welfare Association was founded by a group of likeminded and motivated persons with an aspiration of working for the welfare of fellow beings in their hearts. Thus we contribute, in a small way, towards welfare of our society in particular, and making our planet a better place in general.

Assessments

That we in third world are in horrible require of reformative and reconstructive efforts directed at almost all aspects of our individual and collective lives, on war footing. Be it literacy, or quest for knowledge, character building, economic ills, deteriorating health, sanitation standards, tolerance or respect for others, our humiliating moral standards etc. thus the syndromes of the ills around us is just irresistible. SSWAL organizes training courses and strategy development workshops for rural workers, counselors, volunteers and trainers. Our work is also aimed at imposing programs for rural women's development to stamp out the vulnerabilities of child labor and to commence a drive against narcotics and drug.

SSWA working with United Nations Global Compact

United Nations Global Compact launched its first chapter in Pakistan and SSWAL was honored to create a chapter in Larkana, the 4th big city of Sindh Province of Pakistan. The President and the Secretary of SSWAL were selected the President and the Secretary of UNGC Chapter, Larkana respectively. The other members were selected from govt. departments, schools, labor organization, women representation, chamber of commerce, media and NGOs.



Riaz Hussain Chandio with Mr. George Kell Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact

SSWA advocated education, human rights & religious harmony throughout remote areas of Sindh

To sustain Sahkar Social Welfare Association we have been conducted programs, seminars, workshops in 2014. Major achievement of Sahkar Social Welfare Association in this regard is its tribute as an essential stakeholder in the field of human rights and social activists as we conducted some of public meetings, conventions rallies and programs in and around Sindh from the platform of SSWA as advocacy tool for understanding, vigilance and awareness for the society over all.

As a promoter of human rights, religious harmony and followers of humanitarian cause SSWA team since many years have been delivering services to general public of the locale exclusive of any difference of cast and statement of belief by instituting "Sahkar Primary Health Care Centre" where on low cost basis scores of patients are being diagnosed by our voluntary doctors regularly.

SSWA conveyed knowledge beside social evils in 2014

SSWA is equipped for rising intellectual approach of the masses around us by introduction different advocacy programs by renowned scholars, Doctors, philanthropists, renowned guest speakers and social workers. We have also been carried out various rallies to deliver awareness among common people concerned social evils they have to face.

SSWA expanded treatment and counseling for HIV/AIDS

Cities and villages of Sindh where major problems for populations are ill education, lack of medical facilities. During the twelve months of 2014 SSWA has accomplished free medical camps in the different villages where facility of medical checkup of Hepatitis (A/B/C), HIV/AIDS and other diseases has been conducted while treatment, prevention, health care and nutritional awareness had also been given to villagers.



SSWA working against Drugs Abuse

Among other cities of Pakistan (Sindh) Larkana is high risk area concerning drug addicts and increase of HIV/AIDS cases where heroin, cocaine and opium can be purchased like sugar, flour and bread openly from different spots. The analysis of factors associated with HIV transmission among drug users, injection sharing in groups ratio is 2.9, reusing a syringe of another IDU is 4.2, Sex with CSWs is 6.2, casual sex partners 3.5, initiation of sex ratio 18 years is 4.1 etc. SSWA is a drug abuse avoidance organization committed to develop, and promote strategies, policies, healthy life styles, enhancing positive attitudes, improving life skills and empowering individuals to reduce illegal drug use, drug addiction, crimes and drug-related injuries.

Pakistan is today disreputable for many things, but in the last 20 years, drug production and addiction has increasingly become just one of them. The issue of drug addiction is often overshadowed by the many of the country's other human development problems, such as poverty, illiteracy and lack of basic health care. Pakistan is not only one of the main exporters of heroin; it has also become a net importer of drugs.

It is estimated that about 50 tons of opium are smuggled into Pakistan for processing heroin for domestic use. Almost 80 percent of the opium processed in Pakistan comes from neighboring countries. In 2014 Sahkar Social Welfare Association organized three rallies one from its central office @ Manzoor Abad to Commissioner office on 25-4-2014, second from press club to Lahori Mohalla Suikarno Memorial on 3-5-2014 and third on 23-8-2014 from Sachal colony to press club larkana city.



SSWA steps for Child labor

Pakistan has alarming ratio of child labor, children rights abuse and violation has been found order of the day. Sahkar Social Welfare Organization have been busy in fighting for rights of children along with local chapters of SPARK, CRC, KHIDMAT MASOOMEEN, The Helpers & Developers Organization, Indus Cultural & Literary Organization and other organizations working for the rights of children and on juvenile justice.

To combat this social crime and moral evil the team, outreach volunteers of SSWA have been hectic throughout 2014 in villagers, rural areas, factories, shops, parents and other stake holders to incline them towards stop child labor and not to stop the education of children in any case.

SSWA promoter of Environment

2014 SSWA has planted and donated more than 20 thousand trees and plants in different cities, villages and suburbs of Sindh. A nursery of plants has been established in a mini form house (a piece of land donated by our vice president Asif Raza Morio adjacent to his residence) located on airport road from where we provide different species of the trees, herbs, shrubs, flowers, plants etc. There we have there more than 300 species of the plants. To promote a forestation the team members of SSWA have been regularly visiting different villages of this locate to promote the need of trees growing on earth among common people.

SSWA protested against violation of minority rights

Minority rights symbolizes two detach notions: initial, normal individual rights as applied to elements of racial, ethnic, class, religious, linguistic or sexual minorities, and final, collective rights accorded to minority groups. The term may also apply simply to individual rights of anyone who is not part of a majority decision. SSWA has been recorded protests against such climate of vigilante violence in Pakistan and condemned in rallies, demonstration, seminars and on different platforms against mass anti-Christian violence.



SSWAL express disapproval of Terrorism

Highly destructive phenomenon which Pakistan faced during past few years for being among one of those countries which are being affected by the terrorists activities in their premises; there are a lot of after effects of such disastrous activities which comprise the monetary loss, loss of lives and even the loss of national harmony and self-respect. During 2014 death toll attacks have been estimated more than 35 thousand. This condition has made the citizens fearful as day by day the terrorist activities are being made which has killed thousands of people who were not guilty. The loss of precious lives and the destruction of the public and governmental property have made terrorism as one of the most threatening and intimidating factor for the national interest of Pakistan.

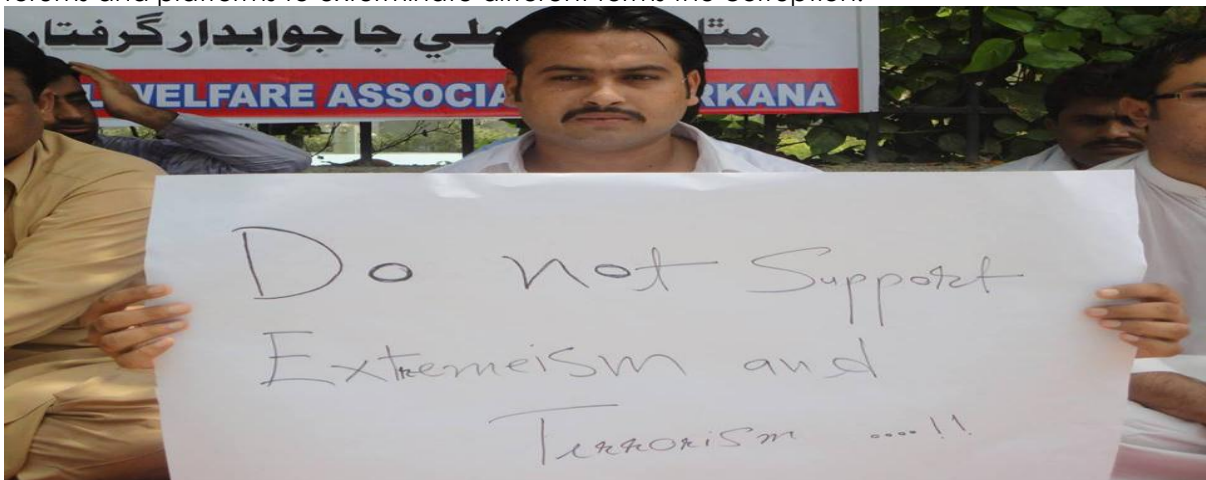
Terrorism is a form of violence committed by opportunists groups of any society achieves varying political ends or social goals. Now a days the maniac of terrorism speeded over all the world specially in Middle East, Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and North America. Terrorist organizations have been known to employ in strategy together with suicide attacks, bombing, hijackings, kidnapping and recruiting new members through the Internet. Regrettably those social, political and religious groups who choose violence to develop their institutions and constituents, resisting repression and gaining political power.

One reason could be that religious societies, which favor one group over another, repressing all other competing sections, encourage furious and fanatical violence. SSWA arranges Workshops, Seminars including Walks / Rallies against terrorist attacks in difference places of Pakistan. I.E. Seminar on "Effects of Terrorism on Society and Economy" on 23rd March 2014 in SSWA office @ Lahori Mohalla. And another awareness raising one day seminar arranges regarding increasing religious Talibanization at village Mad Bahoo taluka Bakrani district Larkana on 1st June, 2014. Moreover SSWA has been promoted promotional material; leaf lets against plague of terrorism and also conducted press conferences and issued press releases.



SSWA steps against Corruption

Immorality of corruption has devastated our society over all. Politics, bureaucracy, military, and lower levels of clerical sections and police forces has been sacked by this meniac. Sahkar Social Welfare Association has been taken every step to eradicate corruption in this region. SSWAL carried out different workshops and seminars for awareness of common masses about the heinous effects of corruption on society. Counseling programs different forums and platforms to exterminate different forms the corruption.



SSWA Condemn terrorist attacks throughout world

SSWA demanded in rallies, seminars and different forums that "civil and military institutions of the country should wake up to the dire situation and protect all Pakistani citizens irrespective of their faith, sect and creed. Their events were attended by hundreds of people from all walks of life. There was a heated debate on the issue of religious extremism and the imperative of turning Pakistan into a moderate, pluralistic society", because we believe "If we don't stand up to this challenge, Pakistan will remain isolated politically and socially." Sahkar Social Welfare Association aims to condemn all forms terrorism.

We censure 9/11 attacks. We denounce attack on Malala Yusufzai. We criticize against attacks on 26/11 Mumbai attacks, Indian parliament house (India). In Pakistan also we condemn all terrorist attacks such as 18th October blast, assault on Benazir Bhutto, attacks on GHQ, Mehran air base Karachi etc: Collectively SSWA has been condemning terrorism where ever occurred on any part of the globe, with any person and society.

In 2014 we organized two workshops against terrorism in Labor Hall and Paris Inn Hotel. We also condemn in our press releases the terrorist's attacks such as Bombing in North Sinai (Egypt). Series of explosions in Baghdad, Suicide car bombing in Jarabulus, Syria, Train Bombing in Rajanpur (Pakistan), bombing in Jamshedpur Jharkhand, India, Double suicide bombing in Beirut Lebanon, Suicide car bombing in Hermet Lebanon, Roadside Bomb in Golan Heights Israel, Suicide Bombing in Djibouti etc.



SSWA condemn religions and ethnic extremism

Being secular and progressive state constitutionally religious extremism and extremism has been condemned in Pakistan. We believe Average Pakistanis actively embrace or advocate violent extremism. They condemn the ideologies driving violent extremism because such activities directly impact their lives in the form of suicide bombings or militant attacks. Being promoter of peace and harmony SSWA cannot turn a 'Blind Eye' to the hastily increasing religious extremism and intolerance in our society as sectarian violence and religious extremism is an unpredictable menace.

The recent wave of growing religious extremism in our country can be attributed to internal and external factors which plunged our state into harm of political, economic, social and religious chaos. SSWA time and again has been started counseling peace projects between the people of different sections to reduce sectarian differences between the rival groups, sections, cultural and religious groups surviving in our society to reduce the differences founded among them.

SSWA believe in that way confusions and delusions regarding different concepts of Islam and other religions can be reduced. It is indeed a complex matter which really needs to be resolved as early as possible through effective policies. SSWA established rallies 3 seminars in different venues of Sindh.

SSWA Approachable greeting from common masses to SSWA

Sahkar Social Welfare Association has received a good deal of moral gratitude and positive reception from the general public, stock holders and state organizations for its role towards the eradication of communal problems, terrorism, religious extremism and strengthening society to build positive approached society. This all honor was due to selfless efforts of the team who has been done their mounting task on the risk of their lives for the reason that they have been assaulted many times by terrorist groups.

SSWA Education plans Survey about Ghost Schools

As per survey conducted by SSWA in 8th November 2014, more than 1000 schools are non-functional in Sindh, where 10000 teachers are not going to those schools and more than 500000 students are roaming without education and many schools in Sindh are without any roof. These schools exist on paper only as supposedly all teachers and other staffs are receiving their salaries; the repair budget is being regularly spent in maintaining buildings; and students are being shown to be receiving education. But, in fact, unfortunately many children were deprived of their right to education at such schools,



Public Meetings on Education

There are many backward areas in Sindh such as Dokri Kamber, Shadadkot, Sanghar Districts etc; where awareness campaigns are needed to motivate the communities to send their children especially girls to schools. SSWA, realizing severity of the issue, sent trained motivational teams to the areas to sensitize the community the importance of education. The campaign received warm welcome from the people of the area and successfully presented the targeted message of the time to educate the nation.

SSWA participation in International events

SSWA received Congratulations on being nominated for a 2014 N-Peace Award

1. Mr. Ubedullah Pahore, Member of executive committee of SSWA attended 4TH World Forum against Drugs organized by World Federation against Drugs.
2. Mr. Riaz Hussain Chandio, Secretary General of SSWA and Mr. Ubedullah Pahore, Member of executive committee of SSWA attended International AIDS conference 2014 took place 19-20 July 2014 in Melbourne, Australia.
3. Mr. Zameer Hussain Chandio, Deputy Secretary General of SSWA attended The 65th United Nations DPI/NGO Conference held on 27 - 29 August 2014 at UN Headquarters New York City USA.
4. SSWAs 03 representatives Mr. Riaz Hussain Chandio, Mrs. Noreen Riaz and Mr. Shah Shariq Masood attended WFS+10 World Family Summit 2014 held in Zhuhai, China on 2-4 December, 2014 organized by World Family Organization.



International AIDS Conference 2014 Melbourne, Australia



WFS+10 held in Zhuhai, China on 2-4 December, 2014

Conducted survey reports

1. DRUG REPORT 2013 (Illegal Drugs scenario in Larkana)
2. Honor Killing

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