



# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

**HOPE Worldwide-Pakistan**

***(Humanitarian Organization for Poverty Eradication)***

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**i. Message from Executive Director**



I am pleased to present the Annual Progress Report of the HOPE Worldwide-Pakistan (HOPE) for fiscal year 2016-2017. This report provides a summary of the HOPE's accomplishments in fulfilling its commitments of raising voice for the protection of human rights.

HOPE maintains a commitment to service excellence and the application of best practices in the protection and promotion of human rights in New Zealand, Thailand and Pakistan. HOPE has adopted proactive approaches to raise voice against all forms of discrimination against women, children, refugees which has resulted in giving great strength and positive light of hope to the asylum seekers in Bangkok, the elimination of child detention and struggle towards protection of right to life with dignity of women in the society. This has allowed the HOPE team to devote more resources to education and promotion efforts.

HOPE intended to create a forum for policy makers to learn about the innovations and consider opportunities for up scaling and incorporating them into policy by bringing together multi-sectoral groups around common goals so that they may collectively generate, implement and replicate innovations directed by the society.

Stakeholder engagement, collaboration and capacity building among partners and staff continue to improve the HOPE's ability to address existing and emerging human rights issues.

My sincere thanks go to the entire team, staff, volunteers, management and targeted audiences for their commitment and hard work to ensure the best possible service to the public throughout this period.

Sincerely,

Dr. Khurram Malik

Director

## ii. Acknowledgements

This report presents the efforts of HOPE's team, beneficiaries and other direct or indirect stakeholders of the organization's programs. The report discusses the progress made in project areas over the time period (December 2016 to March 2017) towards attainment of the envisioned goal.

## iii. Affirmation

The HOPE's team re-affirms the contribution of project's stakeholders, including beneficiaries and project staff in the accomplishment of project activities to achieve its ultimate goal. Despite many challenges, and particularly in this reporting period the project team has made tremendous efforts to secure the rights of the asylum seekers in Thailand, provision of food for the vulnerable population under 'Hunger Watch' programme and awareness raising initiatives for women rights, child rights and overall promotion of peace and interfaith harmony among the targeted communities of the organization's projects areas. This is further ensured by the project team together with the support of local communities made their level best efforts towards the fulfilment of the project and programme's objectives and commenced planning for continuation of the assistance of vulnerable communities on humanitarian ground.

## iv. HOPE's Memberships / Supporters

HOPE is having the memberships and receiving support from the following forums and networks.



## **I. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT**

HOPE's mission is to promote empowerment, social justice and protect the fundamental human rights of vulnerable groups by advocating against Human rights abuses, supporting, educating and building their capacity. We provide economically, socially, morally and financial assistance, and develop activities to educate the public of the plight of the vulnerable groups. We support and launch systematic fund raising activities to finance sponsorship of vulnerable groups including malnourished women, children, indigent families, and rural communities.

### **I.1 Purpose**

The main purpose of the organization is providing support to most disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable groups in the society to come up with their latent potential for social and economic empowerment. HOPE is dedicated to develop skills and mobilize people to take action towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

### **I.2 Philosophy**

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute” Proverbs 31:8. HOPE seeks to go beyond addressing the consequences of poverty by understanding, challenging and making an effort to change the environment that causes poverty and exclusion.

## **2. Projects Progress**

HOPE WORLDWIDE - PAKISTAN (HOPE) non-governmental and not for profit organization a Registered Charity Under Charities Act 2005 in New Zealand (Registration No. CC54345). HOPE was established with its mission to promote and safeguard the fundamental human rights of vulnerable groups whose lives have been traumatized by disasters, poverty, persecution or discrimination. Transforming lives by acknowledging people's strengths/needs and walking alongside to improve livelihoods have been always main core purpose of this organization. HOPE started its programs and stood against injustice, gender discrimination and to promote and protect the fundamental rights of vulnerable groups in the society.

In the reporting period of (December 2016 to March 2017) HOPE has carried out the following projects, activities and initiatives:

- 2.1 Bangkok Asylum Seeker Support Programme
- 2.2 Celebration of International Human Rights Days (10<sup>th</sup> December 2016)
- 2.3 International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March 2017)
- 2.4 World Social Work Day (21<sup>st</sup> March 2017)
- 2.5 Seminar on Youth Empowerment and Awareness on Human Rights Education
- 2.6 Introduction of Equip with Knowledge and Tools Programme (New Zealand)
- 2.7 Human Rights Education Programme
- 2.8 Hunger Watch Programme
- 2.9 Psycho Social support Programme

## 2.1 Bangkok Asylum Seeker Support Programme

In 2013, number of families migrated from Pakistan to Thailand as refugee and seeking asylum. But they became victims of unnecessary detention and stranded hence struggled for safe place to live with their families in peace and harmony. A group of committed people joined hands and initiated a project of Bangkok asylum seeker support programme. Dr. Khurram Malik made visits to Thailand to access the situation of these refugees and further finding ways to provide support to these refugees and continued to help refugees and raise voice against injustice and human rights violation. During his visits he met with these refugees along with other key actors and organizations related to support and help refugees in providing asylum. He met with officials of UNHCR and filed the cases for seeking their support and help. He also met with Thai government officials, ministries and local churches, (Pastor Thoedsak Ajkraasawart from Jaisman Church Bangkok) came forward and joined hands for supporting distressed families those already in Bangkok seeking asylum. Alongside he is also having detail meetings with the families to assess their immediate needs like food, shelter, medicine and other necessities of life.



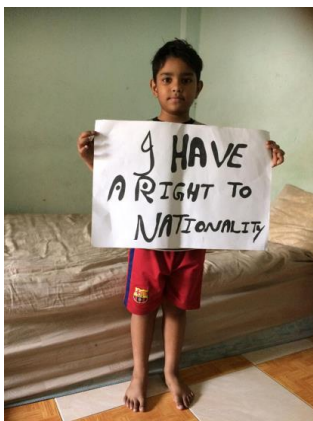
There are hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers of mainly from Burma, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam but Pakistani asylum seekers who are hundreds in number have sought for asylum and facing extremely hardships and their basic Human rights been violated and lost their dignity.



These people are stranded and their applications for refugee status is under process and are facing lot of hardships like no legal recognition, no right to work, fear of being arrested, no education, no medical treatment rights and malnutrition. On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, HOPE has organized silent protest in Auckland city in front of Thailand consulate. This could help by raising awareness among local community about Human Rights violation and how people are being treated in Thailand. Total 25 numbers of participants were gathered by holding play cards claiming children's rights and claiming to stop Human Rights violations.



**Say No To Child Detention:** Immigration detention is causing life-long damage on their mental and physical well being. These children need support and should be protected from further stress, so their mental and physical health could be improved and Children should achieve their potential.





**“Children are Angels they do not deserve detention”**



Initially, HOPE has started provision of support to 10 families in Bangkok comprised of 10 male adults, 10 female adults, 9 boys and 6 girls. While carrying out the need assessment of these families through interviews and observation find out of their immediate needs of shelter, food and medicines. Furthermore, a package of the food and non-food items is finalized in consultation with the families consisting of flour, tea, edible oil, rice, lentils, milk, sugar, soap and water bottles. Package of these items for 15 days is provided to the 10 families by HOPE Worldwide by its own resources and much appreciated by the receiving families.

**Expressions of Beneficiaries:**

*“We are happy for food given from HOPE organization in very difficult situation as we have no food in our house” (Haroon)*

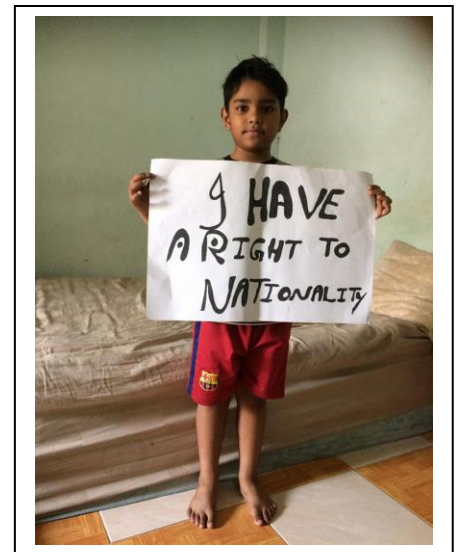
*“There was little food available in my house and this time when HOPE NGO came to my house and gave us food, lintels, milk, flour and rice. We ate and thanks.” (Babar)*

## **2.2 Celebration of International Human Rights Days (10<sup>th</sup> December 2016)**

International Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> December every year. It memorializes the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1950, the Assembly approved resolution 423 (V), appealing all States and interested concerned organizations to observe 10<sup>th</sup> December of each year as Human Rights Day.



We celebrated International Human Rights Day this year and raised voice for the rights of refugees and asylum seeking in Thailand. The said event is organized in Thailand with six families seeking asylum. Little children and individuals were holding play cards seeking and requesting people to stand up for their rights. We collectively acknowledged the hardships and encouraged people to stand up and keep patience. HOPE stood alongside with these families and ensured their voice could be raised and organization is seeking possible opportunities to protect their rights by standing against injustice.



### 2.3 International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March 2017)

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 is the International Women Day globally and this year the theme was **“Be Bold for Change”**. HOPE Worldwide has celebrated this event at Pakistan and showed its commitment to help women and girls achieve their ambitions, challenge, conscious and unconscious bias, call for gender balance leadership, value women and men's contributions equally and create inclusive flexible cultures. This message is effectively conveyed to the participants of the awareness raising event held in Rawalpindi – Pakistan attended by 40 participants including 25 women, 5 men and 10 girls. The

participants also hold a rally carrying post cards with the messages of commitment of the theme for the protection of women and girl child rights in society.



## 2.4 World Social Work Day (21<sup>st</sup> March 2017)

21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is World Social Work Day celebrated throughout the world. The theme '**Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability**' relates to the third pillar of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development.



HOPE formulated a local youth group and also celebrated this day in Karachi-Pakistan and Mr. Kalib Joy led the group and organized seminar by inviting/involving and gathering youth and took their ideas on board. Mr. Kalib shared the vision of the organization and importance community development and environment sustainability. Our Earth planet is more worth for all kind of development and this growing group gathered and spent their day at beach to clean up in the recognition of International Social Work Day. After the whole day all members celebrated and enjoyed meal together.

## **2.5 Seminar on Youth Empowerment and Awareness on Human Rights Education**

Human Rights Education, in the context of the youth empowerment is with the understanding of educational programmes and activities that focus on promoting equality of human dignity. It embraces the widest definitions and practices of education and of human rights, including formal and non-formal education, such as peace education, civic education, minority rights, children's rights, etc.

HOPE has organized a seminar on youth empowerment and awareness raising on human rights education in Pakistan. The objectives of this event were:

- To inform, motivate and empower participants to develop human rights education activities;
- To explore human rights education as an educational concept at community and youth group level and beyond;
- To provide an opportunity to youth and senior members of society to develop useful understanding and partnerships for Human Rights Education Youth Initiatives;
- To exchange good practice amongst practitioners of human rights education in formal and non-formal education;
- To define the role of human rights education for young people and those working with young people;
- To examine ways of introducing human rights education as a means of conflict prevention and resolution;
- To develop perspectives for the integration of human rights education in youth programmes, integrating the accumulated experience in intercultural learning.

This was such a useful experience and participants of the events showed great interest in continuation of these initiatives in future as well.

## **2.6 Introduction to Equip with Knowledge and Tools Programme (New Zealand)**

Purpose of this programme is to equip people to have a better understanding of Country's system and enjoyment of their rights for safer and happier assimilation in the country. By Equipping people with knowledge and tools for their rights and responsibilities would lead them towards Equal World and to satisfying lives which would improve their self-esteem and promote equality. HOPE took initiative by reaching out newly migrated family where husband and wife have minimal or no understanding of English. This senior couple who recently migrated to the country and have no job

and activity so they can keep themselves occupied . The HOPE team started to meet this couple on regular basis by giving them hope and encouragement by taking them out and having meetings. The HOPE team has provided basic cell phone with a sim card so they could communicate with their family and approachable to others. Our initial discussions and meetings involved building their confidence and finding ways to keep themselves occupied and feel included within their community. With the help of volunteers we started to provide weekly ride to church where they meet other families to engage with. After having such an extensive efforts the expressions of the target family were:

***“We are happy and feel good when we go out meet people and now we can talk with my daughter and son overseas easily”.***

## **2.7 Human Rights Education Programme**

HOPE emphasize the promotion and protection of the fundamental human rights of people including migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in New Zealand , Pakistan, Thailand and the wider-world whose lives have been traumatized by poverty, persecution or discrimination. HOPE endeavors to promote human rights following the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to speak out for violations of human rights to the public and at the United Nations level. We intend to work with other civil society organizations for the advancement of human rights, refugees and asylum seekers rights and lobbying for and support international human rights resolutions.

Human Rights Education (HRE) Program focuses to empower people and seeks to build stronger and fairer societies. It is all about ending volition and preventing violation and building societies that are respectful of Human Rights. HRE is very important and as an organization, we would like to address this matter. HOPE is keen to take part in initiating HRE Program to empower people, so they can address their complaints or disappointment.

In this program we anticipate and raise awareness through organizing workshops and training sessions. Main goal of the Program is to promote and educate by providing resources for individuals, youth to develop new skills, and help making the world a safer place. This program would provide knowledge about human rights and violations. For upcoming programs please get in touch with us. We will be happy to assist you further in this process.





Human Rights Education Program **2.8**

### **Hunger Watch Programme**

HOPE in collaboration with Bread & Butter is running a Hunger Watch Programme in Auckland, New Zealand. The objective of this initiative is to fulfill the food needs of those immigrant families who are facing difficulties in fulfilling their dietary needs due to various reasons.

HOPE team collects food and bread etc. from Bread & Butter and distribute to those who struggle to put on table. With both social and environmental benefits, this intervention is a 'win-win'. While executing this project HOPE has also integrated this initiative with its Human Rights Education programme.

In this way both dietary and educational needs and fulfilling to the target audiences amicably. This initiative can also be seen as in the light and theme of Salvation Army sought to bring salvation to the poor, destitute and hungry by meeting both their “physical and spiritual needs”.

### **2.9: Psycho-Social Support Programme**

HOPE's new project is geared towards supporting people seeking refuge in Thailand who are currently mainly victims of religious persecution from Pakistan. There is currently a very inadequate system in Thailand to support these refugees which leads them to become victimised further. We aim to support these individuals and families to help them to achieve a greater level of stability and wellbeing. HOPE intends to launch its 'Social Integration and Support Program' in collaboration with New Beginnings Therapy (counselling and therapy services; [www.newbeginningstherapy.co.nz](http://www.newbeginningstherapy.co.nz)) to

support these individuals. This program would help individuals and families to improve their wellbeing, understanding and help them to manage and resume their normal lives. Volunteers will go through a training program in order to get the basic skills required to be able to carry out support for our people in crisis by qualified therapists.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

HOPE is progressing ahead focusing on its mission statement of providing support to most disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable groups in the society to come up with their latent potential for social and economic empowerment. HOPE is dedicated to develop skills and mobilize people to take action towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

As regard with its Bangkok Asylum Seeker Support Programme, HOPE has substantially contributed in raising voice for the rights of refugees struggling hard to gain the status of citizenship for the refugees families in Thailand at earliest possible timings so that the these families can live a peaceful life and enjoy their basic rights freely.

Similarly, HOPE will also like to continue its efforts for raising voice for the rights of most vulnerable groups of the societies in different geographical locations of the world. This will also lead to develop strong networking and linkages of like minded organizations, networks, forums and governments of the countries where refugees are existing struggling for the obtaining the legitimate and legal status of citizenships.

### **4. LESSONS LEARNT**

While implementing various projects and initiatives with regard to the human rights protection of the most vulnerable segment of the societies, HOPE has the following learnings this year:

- i. A big achievement or success always comes from a first small step. This is what HOPE believes and continuing its efforts to help marginalized and vulnerable groups in the society.
- ii. Integration of various initiatives or projects gives more positive impact and strengthens the image of organizations among the beneficiaries and targeted populations.
- iii. Exploring new opportunities and venues is inevitable to promote the organization mission statement meaningful and purposeful way.

## 5. WAY FORWARD

HOPE's senior management and leadership team is committed to continue the efforts to support vulnerable and marginalized population in its areas of operations. Raising voice for the human rights protection of women, children, refugees and people facing issues, challenges and constraints in practicing their rights will be core areas where HOPE would continue its on-going programmes as well as seeking support in channelizing new opportunities and venues.

## 6. FINANCIAL UPDATES

Sr. No.	Description of Items	NZ Dollar	Pak Rupees
1	Donations Received:	1880.60	17000
2	Expenses Incurred (Direct expenses on Organization in NZ)	141.50	17000 (This amount used in Pakistan for project activities)
3	Expenses incurred in Thailand	969.32	
4	Expenses incurred on project activities in NZ	639.20	
<b>Total Expenses Incurred:</b>		<b>1750.02</b>	
<b>Remaining</b>		<b>130.58</b>	

**Note:** In this year 2016-2017 we did not send any money off shore to support HOPE's activities in Pakistan but local donations fulfilled needs of current planned activities.