



# 2018

## Annual Report

A year of accomplishments



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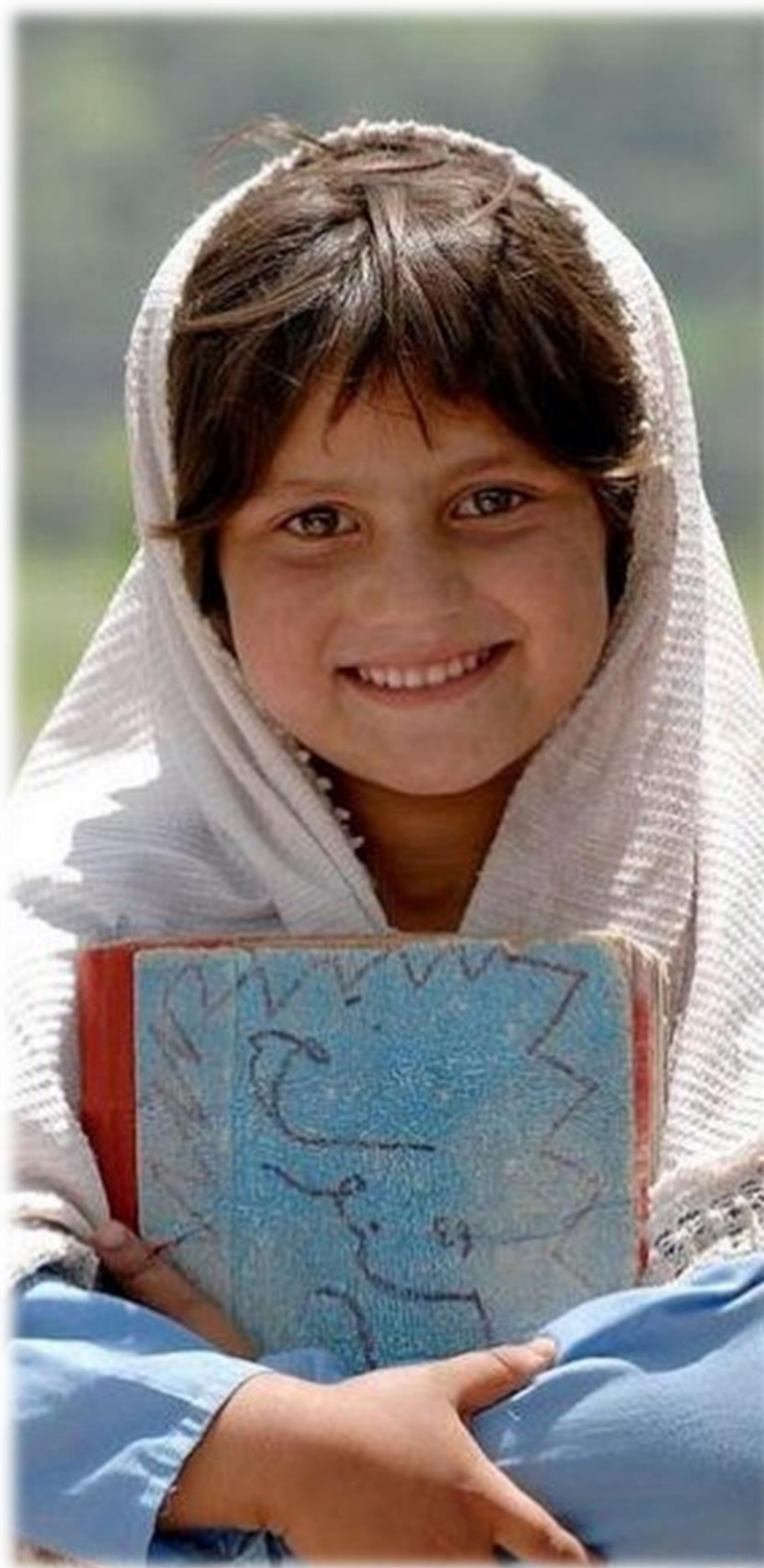
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# statement of **Executive Director**



Dear Friends, dear children, dear fellow Pakistani citizens,

This is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to share our work and the changes we were able to contribute to. 2017-2018 has been a busy year for the enforcement of child rights in Pakistan and with the general elections having taken place in May 2018, the working pace was intense.

Yet with a dedicated team, fabulous associates and marvelous Pakistani child rights advocates, some historical milestones have been achieved. The inauguration of the pilot child court in Lahore in December 2017 in particular, gives us hope that the agenda of child protection and juvenile justice will remain high among the priorities of the government to come for the next 5 years. More than ever, we remain committed to ending violence against children via promoting legal and policy reform, reinforcing pro-child rights structures and mechanism and fostering positive socio-cultural change in the best interest of the child.

Our very next efforts will be focusing on helping Pakistan to develop a child protection mechanism that is aligned with international standards and which includes interagency work and family-based care support structures. Join us for the next chapter! Pakistan Zindabad!

Valerie Khan Yusufzai

Executive Director

Group Development Pakistan

# about the organization

- ✓ **Group Development Pakistan (GDP)** is a Pakistani Civil Society organization. GDP believes in a democratic and humanistic society in which the most important stakeholders-children-are acknowledged, respected and protected from violence, abuse and discrimination. GDP follows a holistic, child focused, culture sensitive and human rights-based approach
- ✓ GDP Pakistan avails a strong and unique expertise in building/improving institutional and technical capacities using professional, scientific, creative, user-friendly, participatory, inclusive and culture sensitive methods. GDP also strongly believes in developing synergies and enhancing positive communication to promote collaboration between state institutions and civil society, media, community, members, corporate entities, artists, youth, children, academia & donors to generate positive systemic change to promote and protect child rights.

✓ GDP  
Pakistan  
is a  
member of  
(CRC  
Asia,  
CRM  
Pakistan,  
EVAWG  
alliance,  
Girls Not  
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## GDP Pakistan aims to:

- Promote evidence-based policy and legal reform to enforce child rights in Pakistan at a cross-sectoral level
- Develop systems and build local capacities to enforce child rights and address violence against children (prevention and response) as per international child rights standards, at structural, institutional and socio-cultural levels.
- Facilitate networking and synergies between state actors and civil society to enforce child rights and counter violence against children in Pakistan
- Improve the body of evidence and knowledge management relating to child rights and addressing Violence Against Children (VAC) in particular through cross sectoral lenses
- Promote and enforce safe, inclusive and meaningful child participation and positive citizenry in Pakistan



A close-up photograph of two young girls in the foreground, both wearing white headscarves. The girl on the left is smiling broadly and clapping her hands. The girl on the right is also smiling and has her mouth open as if laughing or shouting. They are both wearing colorful, patterned clothing. In the background, several other people are visible but out of focus.

### Vision

Pakistan is a country in which each child is free from violence and discrimination and fully avails and exercises his/her fundamental rights to a life of dignity, safety and self fulfilment.

### Mission

GD Pakistan believes in a democratic and humanistic society in which the most important stakeholders – children – are respected and protected from violence and discrimination.

# our milestones in 2017

For the first time in the history of Pakistan, a team of Pakistani child advocates was part of the First international Human Rights Conference organized by the Federal Ministry of Human Rights in Islamabad, in February 2018. GDP has helped train and prepare the children to contribute to a reflection that will eventually lead to pro child rights policy and legal reforms

GDP has assisted the Lahore High Court to establish the first specific

## Child Court

in Pakistan, in December 2017.

GDP has co-led an advocacy campaign against child marriage titled #raisetheage to improve minimum age of marriage for girls to 18; this resulted in an increased support from parliamentarians and religious leaders towards legal reform to end child marriage.

GDP contributed to the enactment of the National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act 2017, JJSA 2018, and ICT Child Protection Act 2018



# our milestones in 2017

GDP has been coordinating a SAARC regional advocacy project on behalf of NACG (National Action Coordination Group) Pakistan and in collaboration with all NACGs, SAIEVAC regional secretariat, and in partnership with Plan International to advance child protection at a regional level. This resulted in the development of a first ever draft SAARC regional strategy on CSAE and a set of recommendations formulated by children to stop CSAE, along with a gap analysis of the SAARC conventions that were endorsed by the SAIEVAC 7th board meeting.

Technical Support to local NGOs representatives in Lahore Pakistan, which led to the mainstream of around 120 child labourers (girls and boys) into the formal educational system by end of 2017 and the publication of a compilation of good practices to stop child labour and child marriage in Punjab.

GDP ED, Ms. Valerie Khan, is a member of the Board of Zamung Kor, the first ever state Child Protection Institution in KP dedicated to street children. To this effect, GDP has helped develop ZK's Child protection Policy and SOPs that were officially notified and validated by ZK board.

# Few Clicks!



*Valerie Khan, GD Pakistan ED and UNICEF representative meet the Chief Justice of Lahore High Court in December 2017 to discuss first child court in the country*



*Training sessions delivered to judiciary staff by Valerie Khan, Executive Director GD Pak, in Lahore Pakistan for establishing the child court.*



*Inauguration of the Child Court on 20th December 2017 by then Chief Justice, LHC, Syed Mansoor Ali Shah*





Human Rights Children and Youth Task Force: "We are one", children taking part in the International Human Rights Conference 2018, Islamabad, along with Director General, MoHR, HR & Development.



GD Pakistan Executive Director, Valerie Khan, defending legal reform to increase minimum age of marriage for girls to 18, in the senate of Pakistan Interior Standing Committee



A training session delivered by GD Pakistan capacity building officer on child rights and child protection in Lahore.





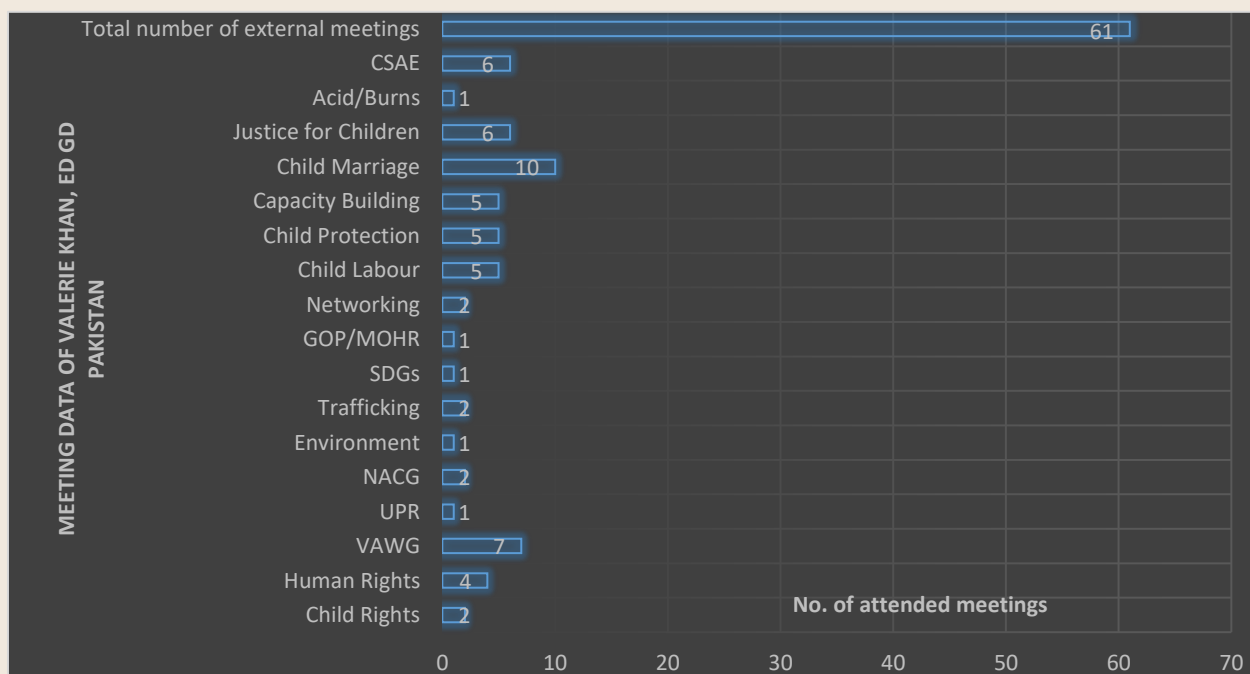
Valerie Khan, ED, GDP attended the Training on Human Rights and Children organised by Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF) in collaboration with Department of Child Law, University of Leiden, Netherlands, 9 – 12th April 2018.



Tayyaba Qurban, Project Coordinator, GDP, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Partnership meeting organised by Child Rights Coalition Asia, on behalf of Valerie Khan, ED GDP Pakistan.

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# Meetings of Executive Director!





# our projects

## Taawun (Synergies)

This is a European Union (EU) funded project “TAAWUN (Synergies)”, in partnership with Acid Survivors Foundation. The duration is 24 months. Target countries and regions are; *Pakistan: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh*. Overall objective of the project is to support gender equality and contribute to supporting women’s rights in Pakistan.

**Final beneficiaries &/or target groups (if different) (including number of women and men):**

- Women and girls survivors of/vulnerable to acid and burn attacks
- Women BISP beneficiaries, transwomen
- The Federal Ministry of Human Rights
- (National/Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women/Human Rights
- Service providers
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Policy/Law makers
- Religious leaders
- Civil society/SAIEVAC & CRC Asia members/children and youth
- Media
- Men



## 1. Assessment of Implementation of Action Activities

### 2.1 Executive Summary of the Action

The project was initiated with the start of the 'Research phase': to build a baseline and an evidence base to support the need for and design and implementation of the action. However, in view of some arising legislative opportunities that were envisaged in the project and that came up much earlier than expected, ASF and GD capitalised on the opportunity, and took part in advocacy and lobbying activities regarding three women and girls' rights laws. GD and ASF also gave their inputs on draft national guidelines on GBV for the Federal Ministry of Human Rights in May 2018.

#### The overall objective of the project:

To support gender equality and contribute to supporting women's rights in Pakistan, the project aims to a) Contribute to preventing Violence Against Women and Girls and b) Support women's rights and fight against acid and burn violence. Those overall and specific objectives imply that: The protective framework for women and girls in Pakistan improves through the adoption of at least 1 national policy, 1 law and at least 1 public-private partnership to Support;

- gender equality and women and girls' rights, in accordance with Pakistan international commitments.

- The KAP surveys demonstrate that at least 50 % of the target population has improved Knowledge, attitude and behaviour towards gender equality and women's rights
- A referral mechanism is established in one of the targeted areas, to counter VAWG
- A policy to counter VAWG is produced by the Federal Ministry of Human Rights
- 50% of the target population is aware of the dividends of gender equality and support to women's rights
- 1 law is adopted to improve the support services to women and girls victims of acid and burn violence
- Improved response to acid and burn violence through the engagement of 393 stakeholders (388 trainees, 5 members of the referral network) and through the operationalization of at least 1 referral system.

**Below is a summary of the main project accomplishments during this first reporting period** which are discussed in further details hereinafter:

- GDP's partner ASF signed a MoU with the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) in January 2018, aiming for commitment to collaborate and achieve the various goals and objectives under this project. ASF has had a signed commitment with NCSW since March 2014, which is renewed annually. ASF maintains strong and positive professional relationships with the Commissions on the Status of Women since 2011 and has collaborated on various assignments (including some under ASF's previous EU project) with these official institutions.
- In March 2018, GDP's partner ASF signed a Letter of Agreement with the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) under this project; parties present at the signing included Chairperson ASF Pakistan, Mrs. Valerie Khan, Executive Director Mr. Mohammad Khan, Chairperson BISP Ms. Marvi Memon, and Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Pakistan, Mr. Jean-Francois Cautain. Ms. Marvi Memon's association with ASF dates back to a decade: she transpires what women politicians can do and ASF's aims through this move, to reach out to the most vulnerable of women groups to promote women's rights, agency and overall positive citizenry.
- ASF and GDP's successful lobbying contributed to the enactment of ICT Child Protection Act 2018, and the Juvenile Justice System Act 2018, which occurred in May 2018.
- GDP helped establish the first specialized Child Court in Pakistan, in the Lahore Session Court, in December 2017, and is in discussions with the higher judiciary to upscale and improve child courts in ICT and Lahore.



**2.2 Results and Activities: What is your assessment of the *results* of the Action so far? Please list the expected results in the log-frame and indicate: Outputs achieved, Outcomes and Impacts, Unforeseen results (positive and/or negative). Please relate these observations to the specific & the overall objectives.**

**2.2.1 What is your assessment of the results so far?**

**Op 1.1 Increased basis of evidence for law/policy makers, N/DHRI and civil society through 4 reports relating to VAWG (including acid and burn violence), gender equality and women's rights.**

This Output will be achieved through the completion of the first phase of the project, which is the Research phase. This phase is currently underway; details on the progress can be found below under activities. Three of the four research activities are currently underway.

**Op 1.2 Improved collaboration between at least 5 state and non-state actors to support women's rights and respond to VAWG (including acid and burn violence).**

There have been a few notable achievements; ASF established a partnership with 2 state entities: by signing an MoU with NCSW, ensuring a committing to achieving common goals, and secondly signing a Letter of Agreement with BISP (as mentioned above). BISP is going to be heavily involved in the project's KAP survey activity, as well as the training of trainers on gender equality and women's rights. It is also going to be featured in the mapping of good practices.

In December 2017, GDP collaborated with the ex-Chief Justice of Lahore High Court to establish the first specialized Child Court in the country.

All those outputs show that awareness on the need to develop partnerships between state and non-state actors is increasing and such efforts contribute to sustaining the momentum against VAWG.

**Op 1.3 Enhanced awareness and engagement of law/policy makers, children and youth and community members to prevent VAWG**

GDP Executive Director, Ms. Valerie Khan was contacted by the police; they invited her to participate in the Federal Citizens-Police Liaison Committee and contribute to ending VAWG



*Signing of MoU between BISP and GD Pakistan's partner ASF Pakistan*

through this community based approach. The

national Commission on Human Rights also contacted GDP to help design a training module to train police officials on child rights and stop VAC especially against girls.

ASF was contacted by two students and some volunteers to do research and mobilise resources; ASF was also contacted by the Canadian High Commission for data on Human Rights.

All those outputs show that awareness on the need to develop partnerships between law/policy makers, children and youth and community members and police to prevent VAWG is increasing.

#### **Op 1.4 Increased capacity of LEAs, service providers and community members to respond to VAWG (including acid and burn violence)**

GDP has been involved in developing a training manual in collaboration with the police, CSOs and the NCHR to stop VAC.

#### **With regard to specific objective 1: Contribute to preventing Violence Against Women and Girls**

- A draft policy on Gender Based Violence (GBV) was reviewed by GDP and submitted to the Ministry of Human Rights. The drafting of a regional and national strategy on CSAE is in process in collaboration with the federal ministry of Human rights, SAIEVAC, ASF, GDP and other CSOs and ECPAT is in process.

#### **With regard to specific objective 2: Support women's rights and fight against acid and burn violence**

- The Comprehensive Acid and Burn Crime Bill was passed by the National Assembly in May 2018.
- The ICT Child Protection Bill and the Juvenile Justice System Ordinance were both also passed by the National Assembly.

To achieve those results and generate the outcomes and impact described above, the following activities took place:

#### **A.1.1.1 Research on the national policy and legislative framework in order to identify loopholes to address VAWG (including acid and burn violence) (Output 1.1)**

##### *A.1.1.1.1 Report on the national policy and legislative framework relating to VAWG (including acid and burn violence)*

#### **A.1.1.1.1 Desk review and analysis**

After a competitive recruitment procedure, Advocate Sharafat Ali was selected as a consultant to conduct a Desk Review and analysis and produce a report on the national policy and legislative framework relating to Violence Against Women and Girls (including acid and burn violence) in Pakistan. And thus the initial research phase of the project was initiated. GANDHARA services was selected to edit, review and draft the report once approved by ASF and GD Pakistan.

The main objective of this activity is to generate the first piece of evidence to provide law/policy makers, human rights institutions and civil society activists with a list of what has been done and what remains to be done to counter acid/burn violence and VAWG at a structural and institutional level. This review aims to identify what components of the legislative and policy frameworks in Pakistan can counter VAWG in view of Pakistan international commitments. The review will also assess the effectiveness of those legal and policy tools, identify lacunae and come up with precise recommendations that will constitute the baseline of the project advocacy demands.

Advocate Sharafat Ali has been collaborating with the ASF project staff consistently in the process of conducting the review. He submitted a draft of the report with ASF, which was shared with the project staff, ASF Executive Director Mohammad Khan, ASF Chairperson Valerie Khan, Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women Ms. Khawar Mumtaz, and Human Rights activist and CSO member Ms. Tahira Abdullah for review and feedback/recommendations. After receiving this input, Mr. Sharafat is working on compiling and editing the final draft before final submission.

#### **A.1.1.1.2 Production, publishing of the report (English and Urdu)**

This activity is expected to take place in the coming month, after the finalisation of the report.

#### **A.1.1.1.3 Dissemination and launch of the report through a national consultation**



This activity is planned to take place after the general elections being held in July in Pakistan, to ensure maximum support and interest, especially from parliamentarians/policy makers.

**A.1.1.2 strengthening the basis of evidence on VAWG including acid & burn violence (Output 1.1)**

**A.1.1.2.1 Pre and post KAP survey on VAWG including acid and burn violence** The recruitment process for a consultant for this activity has begun, and should be completed within the coming month.

This activity is to be conducted by staff members of BISP (Benazir Income Support Programme), and includes a training session for them on how to conduct a KAP survey. Therefore it was important to fully and successfully establish a partnership between ASF and BISP before this activity could take place. This process was initiated in late March 2018 when ASF signed a Letter of Agreement with BISP.

The process of developing the KAP tools and the training of staff members will be carried out as soon as the recruitment process for the consultant is complete. The call for proposals in the process was met with zero suitable responses/applications, resulting in the need for a second call, causing a delay.

In the coming week, ASF plans to set up a preliminary meeting with BISP for a brief orientation of the activity. Delays in the setting up of this meeting from both parties due to various impeding factors such as the Holy month of Ramzan (during which work hours are cut short and certain activities take precedence over others), followed by Eid holidays, have in turn led to the overall delay in this activity taking place.

The pre KAP survey will be conducted first, whereas the post will be conducted at the end of the project.

**A.1.1.2.2 Production of a baseline report**

The Baseline report will be produced after the completion of the pre KAP survey, as the survey results will feed into and inform the report.

**A.1.1.3 Mapping and analysis of support and assistance facilities and good practices for individuals particularly vulnerable to VAWG (legal, medical, psycho-social,**

**reintegration) and exploration of linkages to existing systems (Output 1.1)**

**A.1.1.3.1 Mapping and analysis of existing support mechanisms to counter VAWG (including acid and burn violence)**

A competitive recruiting process took place and as a result Mrs. Ibtesam Hasan Qaisrani was hired as a consultant to conduct the first mapping exercise. She conducted several interviews with relevant stakeholders in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad and is now in the final stages of completing her report before submission. Delay occurred in KP where most key stakeholders were not available for interviews due to various political crisis.

**A.1.1.3.2 Mapping of good practices to counter VAWG (including acid and burn violence)**

The recruitment process for this activity was completed, and the hired consultant, Ms. Khadija Ali was able to begin her process as soon as a rough draft of the first mapping exercise report was shared by Mrs. Qaisrani, as information from this would feed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> mapping exercise content. Since then Ms. Ali has submitted an inception report for her work to ASF for feedback.

**A.1.1.3.3 IEC material on good practices**

This activity will begin after completion of the mapping exercises, in the coming month.

*Note: the rest of the activities will begin once the research phase has been completed and after the general elections of 2018; as such, they have been planned for Year 2 of the project.*

**Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other Cooperation**

**3.1 How do you assess the relationship between the beneficiaries/affiliated entities of this grant contract (i.e. those having signed the mandate for the Coordinator or the affiliated entity statement)? Please provide specific information for each beneficiary/affiliated entity** ASF has collaborated with GDP, in the past and now, because of the rich experience of the organization and their staff capacity to carry out the envisaged project activities. GD Pakistan will be facilitating ASF to organise and conduct sensitization and training

sessions to build strong relationships with the policy makers, and responsibility holders for advocacy and lobbying. GDP maintains excellent relations with various human rights bodies, with the higher judiciary and the Ministry of Human Rights, which will be a great asset to be utilized under this project. They have been very useful in pushing for the ICT and JJSA laws to be enacted and their linkage with the MoHR is also critical for the rights policies and strategies to be notified to counter VAWG.

### **3.2 How would you assess the relationship between your organisation and State authorities in the Action countries? How has this relationship affected the Action?**

National & Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women (CSW): Our partner ASF maintains strong and positive professional relationships with the Commissions on the Status of Women since 2011 and has collaborated on various assignments (including some under ASF's previous EU project) with these official institutions. To this effect, ASF signed a MoU with NCSW in March 2014, which has since been renewed annually, with renewed commitment to the goals under this project.

In general, ASF and GDP have maintained good professional relationships with state authorities, in the field as well as at higher levels. ASF is positive that these collaborations will greatly help in the efforts for the drafting, introduction and advocacy for effective legislations in the Provincial and National Assembly and other policy platforms.

### **3.3 Where applicable, outline any links and synergies you have developed with other actions.**

In order to raise awareness on girl child protection and enforce concerned policies and laws that are referred to in this action, GDP has submitted two projects with the American Bar Association, Solidar and another donor to establish specialised child courts at a national level.

### **3.4 If your organisation has received previous EU grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EU grants).**

- EIDHR (EU) Project: "Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls by promoting Women and Girls Empowerment in Pakistan"

Duration: 2015-2016

The first EU project that ASF implemented, laid a great foundation in its efforts to get the Comprehensive Acid and Burn Crime Bill enacted. While those efforts have born impressive fruit, with the National Assembly passing the bill in May 2018, ASF aims to build upon these efforts under this project, to get the federal as well as provincial bills fully enacted.

- Furthermore, ASF's efforts to reduce the occurrence of acid violence in the country under the above mentioned previous action with EU were overall quite successful, with the number of reported incidents decreasing by approximately 50% in 2016 (from 153 in 2014 to 73 in 2016). That momentum has sustained itself: the number of incidents reported in 2017 has decreased by a further roughly 50% (39 attacks, corresponding to 48 victims). This progress is encouraging to see, however ASF has noted that the number of attacks involving other types of burns (fire via petrol, gasoline, oil, boiling liquids, chemicals, contact burns) has been increasing in the last few years, and rough data shows a doubling of the number of reported cases in 2017. This EU project aims to build upon ASF's previous successes by addressing the issue of these other burns incidents.

- There is also a discussion currently going on regarding GBV courts, this could be a way to enhance previous efforts relating to improving access to justice for victims of GBV.



A group of five young children, likely of South Asian descent, are posed in front of a rugged, rocky mountain range under a clear blue sky. The children are dressed in school uniforms consisting of green and white checkered shirts with green collars and ties. They are all looking towards the camera with slight smiles. The child on the far left is partially cut off. The child second from the left has a red backpack strap visible. The child in the center is smiling broadly. The child second from the right is also smiling. The child on the far right is looking slightly to the side. The background shows a steep, rocky slope leading up to a mountain peak.

# **Counter Child Labour in Lahore through Empowering Government Institutions and Community**

**Project objective:**

**The overall objective of this project is to counter child labour in Lahore,  
provincial capital of Punjab Pakistan.**

## Activities and results obtained

The summary of expected outcomes is mentioned below:

**Outcome 1** – is the capacity of key government departments (Labour-, NFE and Literacy department) and civil society stakeholders (parents, children, religious leaders, civil society organisations) of Lahore are strengthened to counter child labour.

**Outcome 2** –The rights of child labourers and their peers (5 to 14 years old) are recognized and better protected by services provided by state and non-state actors.

**Outcome 3** – Evidence is available to improve legal and policy reform to protect and promote the rights of child labourers in Pakistan.

The details regarding the progress that geared into the expected outcomes are articulated hereunder:

### Outcome 1:

**The capacity of key government departments (Labour-, NFE and Literacy department) and civil society stakeholders (parents, children, religious leaders, civil society organisations) of Lahore are strengthened to counter child labour.**

## Highlights:

In November 2017, a meeting was conducted with Secretary Literacy and Non-Formal Education Department, Punjab, led by Mr. Safdar Amir Khan-PM Solidar, attended by Ms. Valerie-ED GDP, and Ms. Mehreen Fatima-Project Capacity Building Officer GDP to share training contents with the Punjab Literacy and Non-Formal Education Department. A presentation on training tools and content was given to the high officials of the department. Ms. Valerie Khan addressed all their concerns regarding training component.

**Pre KAP study:** In December 2017, a couple of meetings were held to discuss Pre KAP tools. Two Meetings were held among Project Manager, MEAL officer and Project Coordinator, Pre KAP tools were reviewed in these meeting. 2 consultation session were conducted with project field staff and Project Capacity Building Officer for their input on Pre KAP tools. These sessions were led by Ms. Zahra Moazzum, Project Coordinator.

Two Skype meetings were held on 10th January and 18th January, 2018 among CR Solidar, Project Manager, MEAL officer and Project Coordinator GDP. Agenda of the meetings was to review pre KAP tools. Mr. Sufyan MEAL officer led the meeting and

give orientation to CR Solidar. GDP Field team was engaged in translation of Pre KAP tools from English to Urdu as decided in the Skype meeting.

Methodology of Pre KAP-was discussed during quarterly meeting by MEAL Officer in the month of February.

**One month residential training of project staff;** two sessions of this training were conducted in November 2017. First session was held from 1st-6th November 2017 on Child Rights and Child Protection while the second session was started from 21st-28th November, 2017 on Sticks & stones Manual. The main objective of the training was to give understanding on the approaches that how to involve children in their own protection.

In December, one-month residential training for field officers was continued in Lahore office. Two sessions of this training were conducted, first session was held from 7th-8th December, 2017 on Para Counseling whereas the second session was conducted from 13th-15th December, 2017 on Caregiver Empowerment Program. The major objective of these training sessions was to equip field staff how to deal/contact with children and communities.





*GD Pakistan team along with Solidar's team members!*

In January, one-month residential training for field officers was continued in Lahore office. Two sessions were conducted on Caregiver Empowerment Program dated 1-4th January and 11th-12th January, 2018. The major objective of these training sessions was to equip field staff how to deal/contact with children and communities. One session on child protection and labour laws was conducted on 30th January, 2018. Advocate Syed Miqdad Naqvi renowned lawyer for child protection was invited for this session. It was one day session in which he covered all laws related to child protection and child labour law. Mr. Miqdad presented his book on Child Protection laws, after this training Field team have better understanding and clarity on child protection laws particularly child labour laws. This training equipped them about laws and it will be supporting in the field activities. A meeting was conducted with Ms. Bejhtawar Project Coordinator "The Little Art" an Organization working on art education for children. The meeting was conducted by Ms. Mehreen Fatima (PCBO) on 24th January, 2018 with the objective to organize a training session on Cutputli a puppetry manual basically using simple methods and accessible material to promote and protect child rights. Training session will be planned on

19th-21st February, 2018. A couple of telephonic follow up were done followed by the meeting in order to finalize budget of training with The Little Art. The main objective of the training is to empower field team in conducting activities in creative and friendly way to deliver Life skill base education.

In February, one-month residential training for field officers remained continue in Lahore office. A Training session was done on Cutputli manual. This manual was made by The Little Art Foundation "The Little Art" an Organization working on art education for children. GD requested to The Little Art Foundation in reference of conducting this session. Two trainers from the Little Art Foundation facilitated training on the cutputli manual. This session was held on 19-21st February, 2018. 7 Field officers, Project Capacity Building Officer and Project Coordinator were the participants of the training. The main objective of the training was to empower participants that how can Cutputlis be used as medium to communicate with communities and children particularly on child rights and child protection.

In connection with the training on Cutputli manual, all field officers were engaged in creating puppets

on a Life skill-based cartoon Aflatoon. In order to improve numeracy, money management, ethical values and child rights, Aflatoon cartoon videos is best tool to be presented to children in field since it is not possible to show the videos in community. Field officers crafted puppets based on Aflatoon characters shown in videos. It took a month to complete all the puppets afterward A daylong session was conducted under the supervision of Capacity Building Officer on 27th April, 2018 to harmonize the actual stories of these videos with real life examples thus children in NFE center/communities will able to understand.

**Value addition;** after training on Cutputli Manual field staff made puppet on AFLATOON a Life Skill based tool.

Ms. Mehreen Fatima drafted the urdu version of training manual on CARE GIVER EMPOWERMENT, it happened due to her concerted and dedicated efforts it would be a good addition to GDP resources

**Value addition;** Booklet in Urdu on Aflatoon cartoon videos is in process to be developed.

In connection with the previous month activities Field teams completed all stories of Aflatoon cartoon and demonstrated these stories within the team with the technical assistance of Capacity Building officer

**Value Addition;** Field staff weekly Progress and - planning formats are drafted.

Ms. Mehreen Fatima completed first part of manual on CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION Urdu Version. Currently she is working on the Urdu version of Convention on the rights of children and laws related to children. Which might be printed as IEC material in future.

In June 2018, Field Team demonstrated session with children through puppets they were instructed to produce stories on the theme of different types of abuse and what is the role caregiver in the life of a child. Ms. Mehreen facilitated the session all field officers presented their stories. Pictures are attached as annexure. Ms. Mehreen Fatima finalized Urdu version of the training manual on child rights and child protection. She added a very easy to understand version of CRC which can be printed as IEC material for awareness raising in community on basic child rights. The draft copy of the manual has been shared with ED- GDP for final arrival. The team of technical advisor of GDP is currently reviewing the KAP tools and the Urdu training manuals

#### Signing of MOU;

5 meetings were conducted with IB, ISI and Special Branch of Punjab police in account of signing MOU. Group Development Lahore and Islamabad staff was interrogated and gone through a long in house and distanced verification. All demanded documents regarding Group Development Pakistan working and project details were provided with detailed one to one orientation.

Continues and rigorous follow up visits of home department were done in order to pursue GOP case for MoU. All required documents have been submitted and Home Department. After a long and continuous follow up, GDP obtained security clearance and home department wrote letter to Literacy Department. Literacy And non-Formal Education Department forwarded our case to Law Department for legal opinion, June, 2018.

#### Outcome 2:

**The rights of child labourers and their peers (5 to 14 years old) are recognized and better protected by services provided by state and non-state actors.**

#### Distribution of NFE tools;

• Capacity building officer purposed a list of Non-Formal Education tools and shared the list Executive Director for final approval. The required tools would be sent for printing once it is finalized.

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#### **Outcome 3:**

• Two Skype meetings were conducted with the Executive Director Group Development for finalizing the list of LSBE tools for printing. Some of the material needs to be translated in Urdu. Capacity Building officer is working on the Urdu version. The required tools



**Evidence is available to improve legal and policy reform to protect and promote the rights of child labourers in Pakistan**

**1.1 180 government key stakeholders are equipped with relevant knowledge & capacities to provide child friendly support services to child labourers and their peers**

**1.2 70 Parents Committees are engaged in countering child labour and promoting education**

**Establishment of 70 Parents Committees:** guidelines for the establishment of Parent committees has been drafted and shared with Executive Director for review and addition.

**1.3 280 (140 each year) child rights representatives are engaged in countering child labour**

**1.4 A monitoring mechanism is established to ensure adequate provision of support services to child labourers and their peers**

**External Relations  
(Government, donors,  
other organizations or  
agencies)**

- Ms. Zahra Moazzum-Project Coordinator attended National Conference on child Rights organized by PAHCHAAN and Child Rights and Abuse Committee in November 2017. The major objective of the conference was to sensitize masses on child rights and child protection. Various stakeholders (Civil society, academia, doctors, donors, government representatives, students) attended the event. It was three-day long event loaded with different lectures on Child Protection, prevention of child abuse and issues related to child rights. GDP ED gave a speech on the topic "Justice for Children".

- A meeting was conducted with Mr. Abid Gil-Deputy Chief Advisor-JICA, led by Mr. Safdar Amir-Project Manager, Solidar. Mr. Gill shared non-formal education curriculum developed by JICA in November 2017. He assured any possible help to Solidar/Group Development in term of technical assistance in operation within non-formal education centers.

- In order to counter child labour and foster child

rights and child labour in general, it is also important to foster law enforcement and to this effect, GDP has been collaborating with the Chief Justice of Lahore High Court to establish a pilot child court.

- 2 meetings were conducted with district coordinator Sahil-a child rights based organization working for providing legal and psychosocial support to the victims of Child Sexual Abuse. Group Development Pakistan will sign MOU with Sahil for technical assistance once field activities will be started. Sahil provided very useful IEC material which have been placed in office and child friendly courts.

- Ms. Zahra Moazzum and Ms. Merhreen Fatima attended a Provincial Conference organized by Search for Justice/ CAN Pakistan in January 2018. The major objective was to set the way forward to ensure protection of children in Punjab during 2018. Representatives from Ministry of Human Rights, Labour & Human Resource Department, Social Welfare & Bait ul Maal Department, Human Rights & Minority Affairs Department, Women Development Department, National Commission for Human Rights, representatives from civil society organizations, Parliamentarians, Local Government representatives, youth volunteers and children club members were among the participants. Panel of the conference emphasized that children should be a priority in 2018. Rigorous work needs to be done to at all levels. Prevention of children must be focused via awareness raising and capacity building of main caregivers.

- Ms. Zahra Moazzum participated in a press conference in the Press club on 12th January, 2018 organized by Child Rights Movement Punjab Chapter in connection with an 8 years old girl child Rape case. Through this forum establishment of a comprehensive child protection system was demanded in order to give a safe and secure environment to our children. This in itself builds upon past advocacy efforts to promote child protection and counter child labour.

- Additionally, a meeting was held on 23rd January in Islamabad between the civil society and the Federal Ministry of Human rights, and GDP was made -along with three other NGOs: Bedari, Sahil

and Rozan- a focal point for a national child protection group under the Ministry of Human Rights. Consequently, this child protection group will contribute to updating and finalizing a national action plan against Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. This is crucial in terms of policy reform to foster child protection in the country.

- On-going efforts by GDP to pursue collaboration with the Lahore High Court for the first child court in the country. GDP consultant has drafted the guidelines for the juvenile's court, those will be finalized later with the LHC judiciary team.

- 2 meetings were conducted with Pahchaan Representatives. One meeting was held with Ms. Mehek Naeem, Program Coordinator Pahchaan on 12th January, 2018 while the other meeting was done with Ms. Mehwish Sehgal Project Coordinator Child Protection Unit, The Children Hospital on 24th January, 2018 the main objective of the meeting was to build liaison for cases referral to The Children Hospital in case any of our beneficiary needs healthcare facilities in future.

In February 2018, Ms. Zahra Moazzum and Ms. Mehreen Fatima represented GDP in Child Rights Movement Punjab Chapter meeting. On Punjab Level Group Development became part of CRM though it is already member of CRM national chapter. Ms. Zahra Moazzum shared working of GDP in Punjab.

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- Ms. Mehreen Fatima (CBO) attended a training workshop organized by Child Rights Movement Punjab for CSOs on understanding Government Budget Process, allocation and tracking of spending on 22nd March, 2018. Budget Analysis of Punjab province in three sections Education, Health and Social protection from year 2014 to 2017 was shared Gap and areas of improvements in these three sections of budget was also highlighted. Mr. Abdul Khaliq was the analyst and resource person of the training session. At the end of the session participants made some recommendations which might help to government institutions for proper utilization of the allocated budget

- Ms Ghosia Khan and Ms. Sadaf Aziz (Field Officers) attended a awareness raising session on "Essence

of Entrepreneurship" organized by Akhuwat Institute of social Enterprise & management, Lahore. On 30th March, 2018. The Facilitator of the session was Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib. The main objective of this sitting was to nurture capacities and creativity of participants which would help them to realize the abilities to be a entrepreneur and a leader. The discussion covered 8 key traits which are essential to be a good leader.

- Ms. Zahra Moazzum attended a 2 day training workshop on "Understanding UN Human Rights Mechanisms" for civil society organizations organized by Child Rights Movement on 30th-31st March, 2018. A very good pool of expert spoke on various topics related to UN Human Rights Mechanisms. Ms. Farida Shaheed (Former UN Reporter on cultural rights, spoke on UN human rights mechanisms. Mr Iftikhar Ahmed Child Labour expert beamed lighted on lack of coherence in child labour laws and other child protection laws. , Dr. Noor ul Zaman rafiq CEO PFRD spoke about risk of drug abdication in adolescent. Mr Ali Zafar Senior policy analysist UNDP shared working of Punjab Sustainable Development Unit. Ms Lillaria from UN secretariat Geneva talked about recommendations of committee on the rights of children. The main objective of all the session was that how can civil society incorporate all these systems in their work. (Pictures of the activities are attached in annexure)

- Mrs Valerie Khan had two meetings with the federal ministry of human rights: they are interested to work in collaboration with GDP on child protection, have requested GDP to submit a concept note and help them design an integrated child protection mechanism at ICT level.

- Additionally, GDP ED was requested to provide technical support to conduct a first national consultation to update and review the national action on CSAE and online safety. Other consultations will follow at provincial level
- Ms. Mehreen attended a workshop for civil society and govt officials on Child Rights and Child Protection organized by Ministry of Human Rights in facilitation with CRM. On 12th April 2018, at Flattie's Hotel Lahore. People from MoHR, Labour Department, CPWB and Sahil shared their contribution for child right and protection. The need was urged for the proper utilization of resources either financial or technical to strengthen child protection systems in Punjab. Lack of coherence in the child related laws need to be



reviewed and amended accordingly. At the end of the workshop, participants were awarded certificates.

- Ms. Mehreen Fatima and Ms. Ghousia Khan attended Media briefing on Sahil cruel numbers 2017 data of CSA cases reported in Pakistan. Generalist questioned authenticity of the data which was answered by Mr. Ansar from Sahil. He elaborated the process of data gathering for this report. This event was held on 18th April, 2018.

- Ms. Zahra Moazzum and Ms. Mehreen Fatima attended Consultation on national plan of action on child abuse organized by Ministry of Human Rights on 25th April, 2018, at Avari Hotel, Lahore. Representative of different Civil Society Organizations and Government department participated in it. Different Government department working with Children presented their work, limitations and action plans to deal with child rights and child protection. After their presentation Secretary human rights identified four thematic areas that need to be addressed in order to draft action plan on child abuse for solution.

1. Compliant Handling:
2. Awareness and training
3. Data collection

National action plan was discussed and shared with the participants for their recommendations at the end of consultation session.

Ms. Zahra Moazzum) attended a session on resource allocation for children a dialogue with Civil Society and media organized by Child Rights Movement Punjab on 30th April, 2018. Budget Analysis of Punjab province in three sections Education, Health and Social protection from year 2014 to 2017 was shared Gap and areas of improvements in these three sections of budge was also highlighted. Mr. Abdul Khaliq was the analyst and resource person of the training session. At the end of the session participants made some recommendations which might help to government institutions for proper utilization of the allocated budget (Pictures of the activities are attached in annexure)

In May 2018, Ms. Zahra Moazzum attending a workshop on "Concluding Observations of 5th Periodic Report of UNCRC organized by Child Rights Movement, Punjab] in collaboration with Human Rights & Minority Affairs Department Government

of the Punjab. The event was chaired by Mr. Asim Iqbal Secretary Human Rights & Minority Affairs, Punjab while Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Khalil Tahir Sindhu Minister for Human Rights & Minority Affairs Punjab. He formally inaugurated Human Rights Policy of Punjab Province.

-Ms. Mehreen Fatima Attended a consultation conducted by CPWB in collaboration with Search for Justice on 1st June 2018. The purpose of this consultation was to get recommendation of different stakeholders on the child protection policy drafted by CPWB. Representatives of different government and non-government organizations/department highlighted areas of improvements in the said policy. The event was clubbed with the monthly meeting of Child Rights Movement Punjab Chapter.

-On 12th of June, 2018 CRM Punjab organized a press conference on child labour. Various child labpur laws which are not being implemented were highlighted and demanded to enforce these laws. Ms. Zahra Moazzum and Ms. Mehreen Fatima represented GD Pakistan on this event.

-Valerie Khan attended a consultation on UNCAT and how to end torture against children in detention or in custody

-Valerie Khan has been helping the NCHR on developing a training manual for police in ICT

-Valerie Khan has attended a consultation against child marriage on 29th June in ICT organized by NCSW and Shirkat Gah.

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