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A high level of trust has now been established. People from diverse backgrounds and regions join the community meetings. There are Internally Displaced People from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, refugees from Afghanistan, communities from the Punjab who have actively got involved in the NFE center.

Greater awareness amongst parents about education for all and knowledge transfer is occurring from children to parents. This is evident from parents giving feedback from their Child Rights sessions on what they have learnt from their children who have already attended child rights sessions dispensed by GDP.