



Group Development Pakistan



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Acronyms

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| ABA ROLI | American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative |
| BHC | British high commission |
| CPI | Child Protection Institute |
| CSAE | Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation |
| FIA | Federal Investigation Agency |
| GBV | Gender-Based Violence |
| GPU | Gender Protection Unit |
| ICT | Islamabad Capital Territory |
| KP | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa |
| KPCPWC | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Commission |
| KPJA | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy |
| LOC | Letter of Collaboration |
| MoHR | Ministry of Human Rights |
| MoJ | Ministry of Law & Justice |
| PPCRP | Protecting and Promoting the Children Rights in Pakistan |
| PPWWG | Protecting and Promoting the Welfare of Women and Girls |
| SGBV | Sexual Gender-Based Violence |
| SOPs | Standard Operating Procedures |
| VAW | Violence Against Women |
| VAWG | Violence Against Women & Girls |
| VSSD | Victim Support Services Directory |

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Message from CEO

As we reflect on this period of growth and resilience, we are reminded of our unwavering commitment to the well-being and development of children across the nation.

The preceding year was marked by challenges stemming from the global pandemic and 2022 floods, which demanded that we be adaptable, responsive, and innovative in our approach. Amidst these trials, GDP remained steadfast in its mission to bring transformative change that is both inclusive and driven by the voices of the children. Our work continued to revolve around the paramount principle of safeguarding the best interests of every child.

Building upon the strides made in the previous year, GDP fortified its partnership with state actors to inaugurate 4 GPUs, 1 women police station and 1 Child Protection Institute. This expansion bolsters our ongoing efforts to ensure child justice and protection. Moreover, we outreached 7,702 direct beneficiaries, a diverse spectrum of individuals including women, men, girls, boys, and transgenders through sensitization sessions, capacity-building program, and emergency relief distribution. The collaboration was not limited to those we directly supported, but also encompassed vital stakeholders such as the judiciary, legal professionals, law enforcement agencies, parents, and educators. Together, we united to prevent and address the scourge of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Violence Against Children (VAC), and the transmission of the virus, and supported the flood affected populations of Pakistan.

Recognizing the pressing need to provide children with a platform to voice their experiences and concerns amidst the pandemic, GDP facilitated dialogues through which the youth candidly shared their thoughts and emotions. In these exchanges, we encountered their resiliency and learned the necessity to prioritize mental health as a core focus area. Acknowledging the emotional turmoil induced by the crisis, we incorporated mental well-being into our agenda. Our endeavors to amplify these young voices culminated in the Global Survey' #CovidUnder19', capturing a comprehensive snapshot of their experiences and recommendations.

It is incumbent upon us to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our partners. The invaluable technical support offered by esteemed institutions including judicial academies, the Supreme Court of Pakistan, High Courts, and government ministries has propelled our shared aspirations forward. The dedication of the Federal Ministry of Law and Justice, the Federal Ministry of Human Rights, and regional departments such as the KP Social Welfare Department and the KP Child Protection and Welfare Commission has been instrumental. Additionally, the collaborative spirit of organizations like the Federal Investigation Agency, the legal community, and CSOs have surpassed all expectations.

As we stride into the future, GDP is not only proud of the progress made but also honored to have contributed to a burgeoning global discourse on child governance and protection. Our child and youth-led approach has not only fortified our national response to the COVID19 crisis but has also catalyzed change on a global scale. With unwavering conviction, we believe that the foundation laid this year will yield even more promising outcomes in the times ahead.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who has entrusted us with their support. Your faith drives us to do more, to do better, and to stand resolutely beside our children. We implore you to continue sharing this journey with us, safeguarding our commitment to a brighter, safer future for every child.

Stay safe, stay joyful, and stand united with us!

Ms. Saima Qadeer Janjua

Executive Director

Group Development Pakistan (GDP)

Who We Are

Group Development Pakistan (GDP) is a Civil Society Organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 working on protecting and promoting child protection and justice with children across Pakistan. GDP believes in a democratic and humanistic society in which the most important stakeholders – children – are acknowledged, respected and protected from all forms of violence and discrimination. GDP follows a holistic, creative, participatory, eco-friendly, child-focused, and human rights-based approach.

What we aim for

Vision: Make Pakistan a country free from violence and discrimination against children, as described in the UNCRC and other international treaties/agreements ratified by Pakistan.

Mission: Promote evidence-based policy and legal reform and develop youth led sustainable systems to enforce child rights in Pakistan at a cross-sectoral level.

Values: Best interest of the child, innovation, participation, inclusion, accountability, and transparency.

Thematic Areas:

1. Child Protection (Countering Violence against Children) & Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
 - a. Countering Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)
 - b. Countering Child Marriage
 - c. Countering worst forms of Child Labour with focus on Child Domestic Labour (CDL)
 - d. Child Trafficking
 - e. Safe Learning
 - f. Digital Safety
 - g. Countering Violence against Women (VAW)
 - h. Gender Equality & Social Inclusion
2. Justice with Children
3. Mental Health
4. Environment
5. COVID-19

Programs

Tabdili: GDP believes in creative and synergic stakeholders' engagement which is peaceful, beneficiary-centered, inclusive, creative and cognitive. Situational analysis, researches and evaluations are conducted to support GDP's actions. This basis of evidence is essential to understand contexts, patterns of issues, their diversity, extent and impact. Tabdili provides information that is critical to design relevant reforms, establish multi-stakeholders mechanisms/structures and conduct catalytic interventions.

Ujagar: GDP has established a unique institutional strengthening and capacity-building department aiming to transfer and improve knowledge and skills to empower partner organizations/institutions and individuals to effectively enforce child rights, promote child protection and justice with children.

Meri Awaz Suno (Listen to My Voice): This program focuses on promoting and protecting the enforcement of Article 12 of the UNCRC: children's right to safe, meaningful and inclusive participation.

Imtizaj (The Network): This program connects state and civil society actors with each other to promote and protect children's rights, strengthen child protection and justice with children via healthy and transparent partnerships and collaborations. This component also aims to share knowledge and experiences that make actions more effective. GDP is a member of Girls Not Brides, Ending Violence Against Women & Girls (EVAWG) alliance, Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia) and COVIDUNDER19.

Our Core Values



Best interest of the child



Dignity of the child



No discrimination



Right to be heard

Memberships



Girls Not Brides



#COVIDUNDER19



Child Rights Coalition Asia
(CRC Asia)
(board member of CRC Asia)

Our Partners



Ministry of Law and Justice



Ministry of Human Rights



French Embassy Islamabad



Australian High Commission
Islamabad

Australian High Commission



British
High Commission
Islamabad

British High Commission
BHC



American Bar Association



Solidar Switzerland



Acid Survivors Foundation



KP Child Protection & Welfare Commission



KP Judicial Academy



Peshawar High Court



Lahore High Court



Federal Investigation Agency



ICT Police



Punjab Police



Sindh Police



Balochistan Police



ICT Gender Protection Unit



Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy

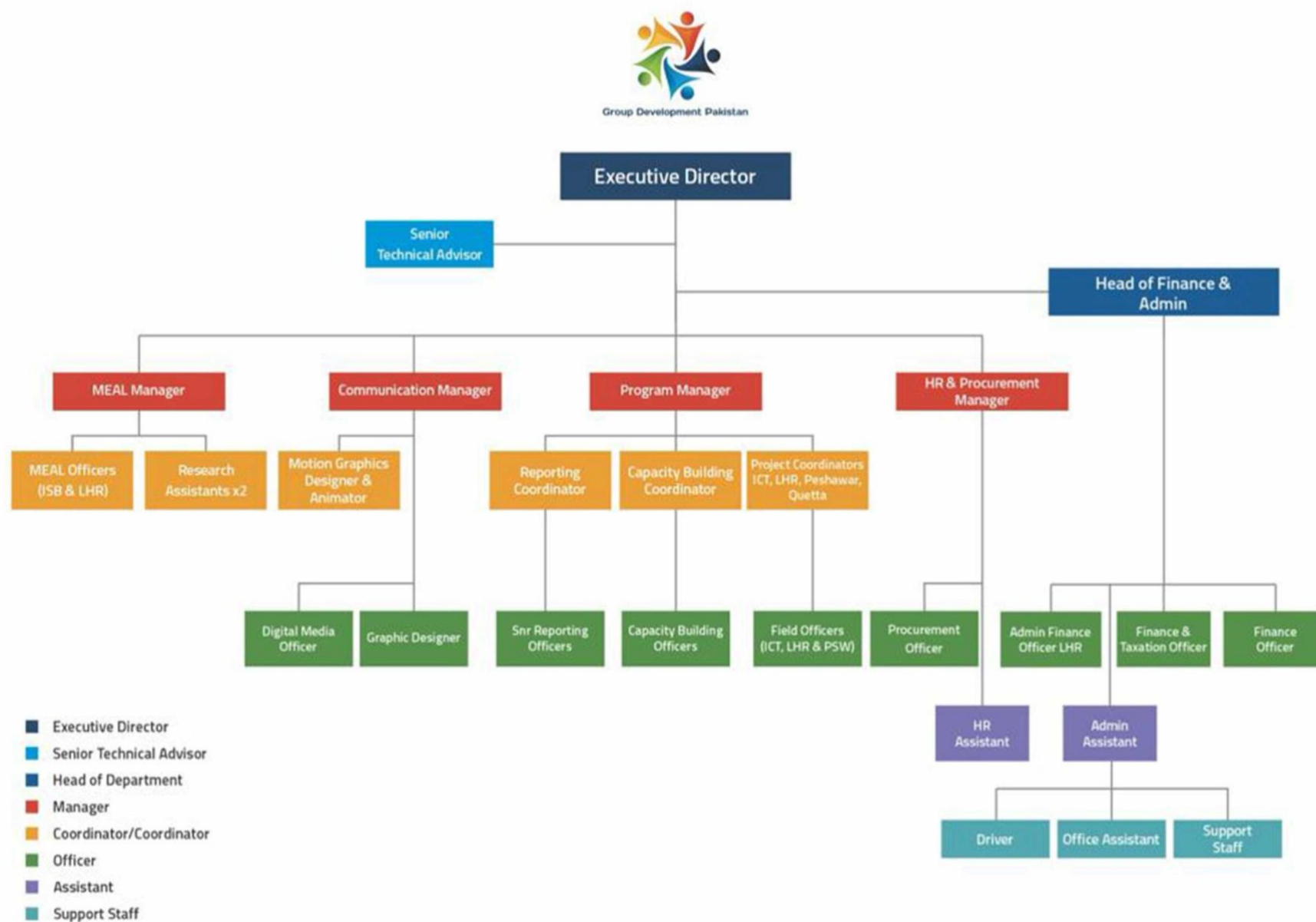


Legal Rights Forum



HSU Advocates

Organogram



Overall Achievements

- Sensitized 3,178 community members (3,032 women and 146 men).
- Sensitized 1,400 children (784 girls and 616 boys).
- Distributed 2,932 educational materials.
- Capacitated 1,584 diverse stakeholders.
- Collaborated with RPO Sahiwal & KPCPWC.
- Renovated/transformed women police station G7 Islamabad
- Established 4 GPUs.
- Established 1 CPI
- Aired 1,450 minutes (radio campaign).
- Developed 1 training curriculum for justice sector actors.
- Launched “Be-gunnah”, a web series
- Developed first-ever VSSD
- Contributed to policy development.
- Developed 2 animated videos on child labor.
- Online Survey on mental health of children in COVID19
- Distributed essential relief to 1000 households

Our Projects

1. American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)

Protecting and Promoting Children's Rights in Pakistan.

Peshawar, Swabi, Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Rawalpindi, Lahore, Kasur, Sahiwal of Punjab; and Karachi.

PKR 86,000,000

April 01, 2022, to September 30, 2023

2. Too Young to Wed.

Emergency Food Relief and Children Dignity Kit Distribution to Flood Affected Families in the districts of DI Khan and Rajanpur by Group Development Pakistan, DI Khan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Rajanpur of Punjab.

PKR 4,000,000

2 weeks starting from September 10, 2022.

3. International Labor Organization

Capacity-building of Media for Improved Research and Reporting on Child Labor in Pakistan Islamabad, Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar, Lahore

PKR 6,100,100

November 2021 to December 2022 (including No-Cost Extension)

4. French Embassy

Improving Women & Girls Police Station in G-7 Islamabad Islamabad

PKR 1,830,000

April 2021 to March 2022

5. British High Commission

Protecting and Promoting the Welfare of Women and the Girls (PPWWG)

Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, and Karachi

PKR 231,330,000

March 2021 to May 2022

6. Solidar Switzerland-Pakistan

Foster child welfare framework at federal level in Islamabad Capital Territory through improved child protection, health and education for marginalized boys and girls

Islamabad

PKR 23,237,000

January 2019 to December 2021

Project Brand Name: Urdh Ja! (Fly high!)

The project aimed to achieve the following objectives: O1: Progress towards improved regulatory framework to counter VAC & GBV in Pakistan, such as but not limited to child marriage and forced conversion; O2: Improved capacities of justice actors, media, caregivers, children/youth and community to prevent and respond to VAC & GBV in Pakistan, such as but not limited to child marriage and forced conversion; O.3: Improved awareness of community members, CSOs, children and youth on how to prevent and respond to VAC and GBV in Pakistan, such as but not limited to child marriage and forced conversion.; O.4: Increased local and international basis of evidence for a youth-led & participatory transformative process to counter GBV, including but not limited to Child marriage and forced conversion.

Key Achievements:

- Capacitated 1,344 stakeholders (418 women, 798 men, 71 girls, and 57 boys), including judges, probation officers, police, lawyers, teachers, media persons, and caregivers, on Child Rights, Child Protection, and Justice with Children in six major districts of Pakistan: Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore, Karachi, and Quetta.
- Sensitized 4,756 community members (2046 women, men 1243, 711 girls, and 689 boys) in three districts of Pakistan: Islamabad, Peshawar, and Lahore.
- Signed Letters of Collaboration with state institutions to promote the curb CSAE, VAWG, and SGBV: Regional Police Office (RPO) Sahiwal (Unconditional future collaboration) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Commission (KPCPWC).
- Developed one Gender Protection Unit (GPU) in ICT, Sahiwal, Karachi, and Quetta for improved prevention and protection from VAC, VAWG, and GBV.
- Established a library at Sahiwal Regional Police Office and a training hall in the premises of Karachi Bar Association.
- Conducted three joint awareness campaigns with: i) KPCPWC to counter CSAE and Child Marriage, ii) FIA Cyber Crime Unit to promote digital safety and counter SGBV, and iii) Presidency on Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act 2020.
- Organized and conducted a 16 days of activism campaign against VAWG.
- Launched two initiatives with the Presidency of Pakistan: 'Insaaf Watch' digital platform to raise awareness on women's rights and Women's Property Rights Act 2020.
- Launched first-ever Child Protection Institute (CPI) for boys.
- Collaborated with ICT police to facilitate a children Summer Camp and conduct awareness sessions with children and their parents thereof.
- Launched Mental Health Initiative for women and children in collaboration with the Planning Commission and UNICEF.
- Set up a plan of action to counter trafficking in KP after consultation with KP parliamentary caucus on women rights.
- Collaboration with NCRC for Launch of Radio Campaign on Child protection; Collaboration with KPCPWC for production of radio messages on Child protection,
- Consultation Session with stakeholders to develop a strategic plan for NCSW,
- joint video against child marriage in collaboration with CPWB & NCRC,
- Signature of a letter of collaboration with NCHD and GDP,

- Senior Technical Advisor of GDP included as a member of the coordination group to end VAWG under the NCSW,
- Provided technical support to MOLJ for passing child Marriage Restrain Bill 2020 KP and Burn prevention & Rehabilitation Bill 2020 and development of Anti-Rape Law enforcement plan and capacity building plan.
- Two lawyers, trained & mentored by GDP elevated to the Bench of Peshawar High Court and a female judicial officer appointed as the Director General KPCPWC.
- Launched “Dastak” a web movie on Child Marriage in collaboration with Sindh Commission on the Status of women (SCSW) and Slugline Films to increase the social disapproval of early and forced marriage in Pakistan.

The project aimed to achieve the following objectives: O1: Increased awareness of child sexual abuse and state obligations to protect child rights; O2: Improved Capacity Building of justice actors to investigate, prosecute, and prevent Child Sexual Abuse; and O3: Expand access to support services for victims and their families and improve quality of legal services available to victims.

Key Achievements:

1. Developed 1 training curriculum for justice sectors actors of international standards.
2. Capacitated 174 judges and prosecutors (27 women, 147 men) on Child Protection laws.
3. Capacitated 60 police officials (2 women, 58 men) on child protection laws.
4. Capacitated 165 legal aid lawyers (64 women, 101 men) to take on CSA cases in court.
5. Sensitized 736 community members (354 women, 265 men, 73 girls, and 44 boys) through 38 community members on Child Protection.
6. Aired 2900 spots (1,450 minutes) through a radio campaign to disseminate public service messages on child protection.
7. Outreached 1,667,167 users (316,762 women, 1,317,062 men) through social media campaign.
8. Printed and disseminated first-ever Victim Support Service Directory (VSSD) to 1000 stakeholders.
9. Outreach of VVSD online version increased to 29,073 users around the world, with significant percentage of users from Pakistan.
10. 9200 downloads of app version of the VSSD.
11. 426 distress calls, including seeking advice only, received and catered to during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The assignment aims to achieve the following objective: to eradicate the worst forms of child labor and exploitation and strengthen child protection. By equipping local media with the tools to create content that is not only informative but also aligned with ethical standards, the assignment seeks to catalyze a positive shift to denounce child labor in its all forms. Moreover, the enhanced understanding of international commitments and national regulations pertaining to child labor will enable the media to scrutinize and hold accountable those responsible for its perpetuation effectively. In turn, this will contribute to a more informed and vigilant society that actively participates in eradicating child labor.

Achievements:

- Developed a training manual for training media officials on child labor, relevant international commitments, national legal/policy framework, and major developments.
- Capacitated and mentored 78 media officials (31 women, 47 men) on ethical and quality reporting on child labor in Pakistan.
- Developed two short and explanatory animated videos on 'ILO Worst Forms of Child Labor Convention (No. 182)' and 'ILO Minimum Age Convention (No. 138).
- Developed a glossary of child-sensitive words that could be used for ethical and quality reporting on child labor.

The project aimed to create a specialized and welcoming environment within the G-7 Islamabad police station. By renovating and transforming this facility into a women's police station, the project ensured a safe, supportive, and empowering space for women and children.

The primary objective of this initiative was to address the unique needs and challenges faced by women and girls when seeking assistance from law enforcement agencies. The project envisioned a comprehensive renovation that includes structural modifications, security enhancements, and the incorporation of design elements that prioritize comfort, privacy, and accessibility in a conducive manner.

Achievements:

- Renovation/transformation of Women Police Station G7 Islamabad.
- Setting up a kids' play area.
- Distribution of 10 beds, mattress, bed sheets, and pillows.
- Distribution of 24 story books
- Distribution of 03 plastic chairs
- Distribution of 01 amazon blanket.
- Distribution of 01 diamond city diamond.
- Distribution of 04 floor cushion.
- Distribution of 01 pillow small.
- Distribution of 02 floor sheet (cushion cover)
- Distribution of 01 mattress cover.
- Distribution of 03 teddy bears (small and medium)

Project: Emergency Food Relief and Children Dignity Kit Distribution to Flood Affected Families.

The project was to provide relief and support to families affected by flooding in the Rajanpur District, Punjab, and Dera Ismail Khan District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This initiative seeks to alleviate the immediate challenges faced by flood-stricken families, with a special focus on maintaining the dignity of children, particularly young girls. The primary objective of this project is to provide essential relief to flood-affected families, ensuring their access to food and basic hygiene items. Additionally, the project aims to uphold the dignity of children by distributing kits containing educational and recreational materials, promoting normalcy and mental well-being during these challenging times.

Achievements:

- 500 packages of Ration Pack and Children Kits to 500 households in Rajanpur District, Punjab Province.
- 550 packages of Ration Pack and Children Dignity Kit to 500 households in Dera Ismail Khan District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

The project was based on a partnership between Solidar Swiss and Group Development Pakistan (GDP) and aimed to foster child welfare at the federal level in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) through improved child protection, health, and education for marginalized boys and girls. To this end, the project envisaged the following outcomes: Outcome 1: The quality of the state child welfare mechanism in Islamabad is strengthened through improved policies, systems, and procedures aligned with international standards; Outcome 2: Improved welfare for targeted vulnerable boys and girls aged 5 to 14 in E-11 slum and in two child welfare institutions of Islamabad; Outcome 3: Police, community members, children and youth engagement on child welfare strengthened to advocate for improved prevention and protection of children against violence (especially child sexual abuse) and health hazards.

Achievements:

- Capacitated 28 representatives of CSOs and 5 CPI staff members (10 women, 22 men) on ICT Child Protection Act 2018.
- The CPI Committee approved the Operational Framework for CPI developed by GDP on the request of MOHR.
- Developed and delivered a Child Protection Policy (CPP), including case management and a referral mechanism, and a set of minimum standards for alternative care and SOPs.
- Capacitated 19 police officials (6 women, 13 men) on ICT Child Protection Act 2018.
- Capacitated 32 CSOs' representatives (10 women, 22 men), including 5 CPI staff members on ICT Child Protection Act 2018.
- Capacitated 48 staff members (26 women 22 men) of ICT CPI, ICT Women Crisis Center, and ICT Model Village on ICT Child Protection Act, 2018.
- Sensitized 538 children (244 girls, 294 boys) on child rights.
- Sensitized 980 children (444 girls, 536 boys) on self-protection from CSAE.
- Sensitized 966 children (431 girls, 535 boys) on online safety.
- Sensitized 218 children (76 girls, 142 boys) on WASH/COVID19 prevention.
- Sensitized 243 children (112 girls, 131 boys) on burn prevention and first aid response.
- Conducted 3 LSBE sessions with 171 pupils (48 girls, 123 boys) of three seminaries in ICT.
- Developed and distributed 2932 IEC materials and booklets, including UNCRC, Digital Safety, Mai aur Meri Mehfooz Dunya, Achi Adatain, Leaflet on Emergency Numbers, Leaflet on COVID19 Prevention, and Faiz aur Faiza.
- Sensitized 206 community members (10 women, 181 men, 13 girls, 02 boys) on child welfare and importance of education for all.
- Sensitized 47 community members (2 girls, 45 women) on personal, domestic and environmental hygiene/COVID19 preventions.
- Redressed and/or referred 13 distress calls seeking assistance or guidance through community-based Grievance/Complaint, Redressal, Feedback & Referral Mechanism.