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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Pakistan faced a huge disaster of flood in July 2010. The flood - 2010 affected the whole country badly. As millions have been affected and more than **2000 dead**. Pakistan is also passing out from a very sensitive and crucial phase. The natural disaster in the shape of flood and man made disaster like suicide bomb blasts, extreme terrorism and energy crises created a lot of problems for the Government and as well as for each citizen. In this situation the role of NGOs, thinkers groups, Media and Civil Society have got very importance.

The high inflation rate, unemployment, lack of health, education and skills services, energy crises, infrastructure problems, political parties' pressure has shaped a very uncertain situation in the Country. Besides this the flood also spread its harmful affects and it increased the problems for the Government and for the flood affected people.

This year HOCCS team played also her role very efficiently among the target communities. For women/girls rights, HOCCS organized different programs and provided the computer training course along with English language course for the deserving girls. HOCCS team also provided relief goods in shape of foodstuff and warm clothes to the flood affected people. HOCCS is also in struggle for the rehabilitation of these flood affected people.

The credit goes to our well wishers, donors and benefactors who provided us financial assistance and all sort of services and cooperation during the year 2010. Without their personal interest, it was not possible for us to taking these initiatives. I take the opportunity here and pay special thanks to all our donors and well wishers on behalf of my team and target communities.

At last, HOCCS team is also deserves for great appreciation for doing marvelous job and hard work.

I end my message for this hope that the next year will bring prosperity, peace and joy in the whole country.

**Comfort Naseem**  
Chairman  
HOCCS

## **INTRODUCTION OF HOCCS**

Handicap & Orphan Children's Charity Society (HOCCS) is a Christian, non government, non-political, not for profit registered organization under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and working since 1999 in the district Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh and Jhang of Pakistan. The basic aim of the organization is *"to develop a society with equal rights of all the community members with especial focus to Handicap & Orphan Children, youth and disadvantaged women"*. Besides this the society is also working for the interfaith harmony and for raising voice of the women's rights and gender equality at grassroots level.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION:**

1. To Create Awareness about the rights of handicap and orphan children among the community members.
2. To help the handicap and orphan children in education sector
3. To built the capacity of the handicap and orphan children for their personal development.
4. To create awareness about the women's rights and promotion of gender equality.
5. To work with the unskilled and uneducated women/girls about their skill development and adult literacy.
6. To work for the reduction of child labor.
7. To educate the women workers about their rights, governance and democracy
8. To work with the youth for their capacity building, create awareness about peace, tolerance, harmony and for the promotion of human rights.
9. To work in the emergency and rehabilitation situation.
10. To work for the promotion of human rights, minorities rights, interfaith harmony, democracy and good governance at grassroots level.

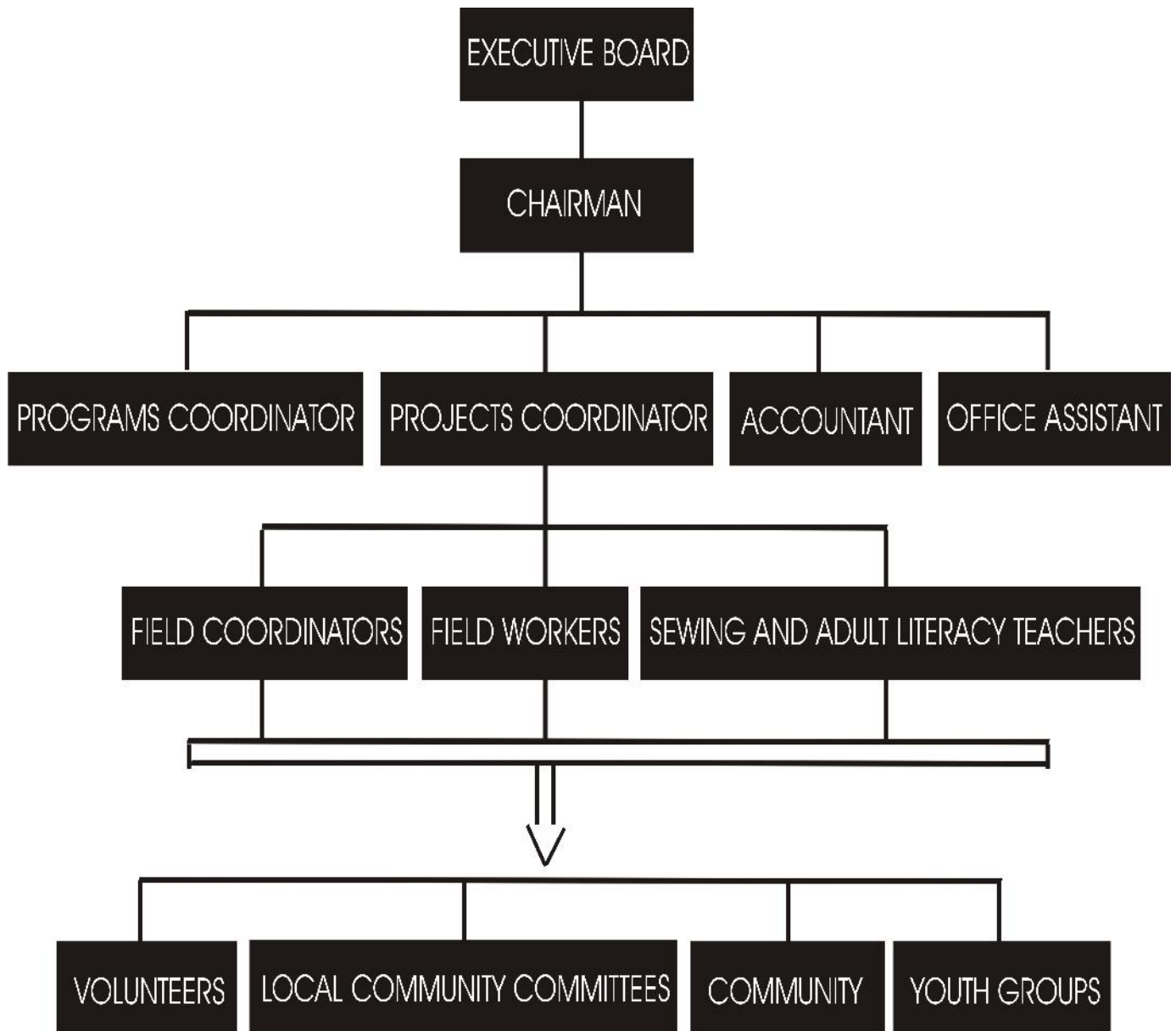
### **WORKING METHODOLOGY:**

HOCCS works with the communities at grassroots level. HOCCS enters in the area through her field worker and made community group through animation process.

### **COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING:**

1. Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA International)
2. Conference of NGOs (CONGO Switzerland)
3. Child Rights Information Network (CRIN UK)
4. WWSF (Women's World Summit Foundation), Geneva Switzerland
5. Solidarity Network Pakistan
6. International Labor Rights Forum, Washington DC, USA
7. Aflatoun, Child Social & Financial Education, The Netherlands
8. Survival International, London UK

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



## PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS - 2010

### Women Empowerment Programme For Women's Rights And Gender Equality

#### OBJECTIVES:

- To enhance the capacity of project staff, volunteers and local committees for the promotion of women's rights and gender equality at grassroots level.
- To create awareness and educate the women about their rights.
- Education and awareness of general public for women's rights and gender equality.
- Empowering uneducated women through adult literacy education program.
- Education of workers women about their rights at workplace.

#### ACTIVITIES DONE:

##### Training Workshops:

- Four, 3-days training workshops were organized with the local communities of all the 4 target areas about the women's rights and gender equality.
- Four, 2-days training workshops were organized with the working women of all the 4 target areas about their rights at workplace.

##### Follow-up of Training Workshops:

- Four, two days follow-up of training workshops was held with the local communities of all the 4 target areas.

##### Awareness Raising Seminars:

Four, one day awareness raising seminars were organized with the communities of all the 4 target areas.

##### Public Forum:

One public forum was organized with the communities of all the 4 target areas about women's rights and gender equality.

##### Publications:

Published posters and leaflets for the education and awareness of women's rights.

**Public Rally:**

Organized one public rally of the communities of all the 4 target areas

**Closing Ceremonies of Adult Literacy Centres:**

The closing ceremonies of adult literacy centres of all the 4 target areas were organized and the certificates were distributed among the course completed girls and women.

**Monthly Groups Meetings:**

Regular monthly groups meetings were organized throughout the year of all the 4 target areas.

**Monitoring:**

The regular monitoring visits were paid.

**OUTCOMES:**

The three years Project completed its last year and after that the following outcomes were observed:

***The 1.000 women and 250 men were direct beneficiaries***

- The capacity of the project staff, volunteers and local committees of 4 target areas enhanced.
- Between 85% - 92% male and female target beneficiaries educated about women's rights and gender equality at grassroots level.
- 98% targeted uneducated girls/women learned non-formal education through adult literacy schools
- Almost 100% low income working women got education and awareness about their rights at work place
- About 60-65% general public got education and awareness about women's right through rallies, public conferences and media coverage.
- The regular monthly meetings created more confidence among the groups and their capacity level and clarity level increased on women's rights issues.

# PICTORIAL GALAXY OF THE ACTIVITIES



## **Women Empowerment Program By Providing English Language And Computer Course**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To Open the English Language and Computer Training Centre for 280 girls including disabled.
- To build the capacity and empowerment of 280 girls.
- To promote women's dignity, rights and social values in the society.
- To strengthen the women by providing them skills and enabled them for their economic development.
- To open internet club for the future sustainability of the centre.

### **ACTIVITIES DONE:**

1. Orientation meeting with the project staff, women groups and key persons of the 7 target areas
2. Identified and selected beneficiaries through women groups, key persons and by field staff of HOCCS.
3. Building was taken on rent for the training centre.
4. Appointed the project staff like computer teachers and English language teachers
5. Purchased stationery, computers, printers, furniture and Air Conditioners
6. Installed computers, UPS, Air Conditioners, and internet connections
7. Admitted 140 girls including disabled for computer course and as well as for the English Language Course.
8. Started classes of Computer and English Language Course.
9. Internet club started for the sustainability of the project

## PICTORIAL GALANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES



## HOCCS Emergency Response To The Flood Victims - 2010

### Background:

Heavy rains in Pakistan have once again played havoc in the country. The torrential spell which started late July resulted in swelling of rivers and resultant floods. Pakistan is a disaster prone country with floods as a regular feature every monsoon; but this year the country witnessed the worst flooding since **1929**. United Nation says the current disaster is bigger than the 2007 Tsunami, the 2005 Earthquake and the recent Haiti Earthquake. As millions have been affected and more than **2000 dead**, those displaced from their homes **85%** are women and children, are fleeing to temporary relief sites for aid and services. **About 8-9 million** people are in need of humanitarian aid (OCHA) and 11000 villages have been affected (Government figures)

### HOCCS response to the flood victims:

The HOCCS team visited soon after the flood in the District Jhang, Punjab Province and District Muzaffargarh, Southern Punjab, Pakistan. In the Jhang District, HOCCS is also working with the communities. The most affected villages of Jhang and Muzaffargarh were visited by the HOCCS Team and assessment was made.

The Urgent need of the people was food and shelter. After receiving the emergency grant from Individual Donors in Switzerland, and local collection from the individuals and groups. The HOCCS performed the following activities.

- Formed emergency response team consisting on HOCCS team and volunteers
- Contacted with the key persons of the District Jhang and District Muzaffargarh
- Purchased foodstuff for the 270 flood affected families and Warm Clothes for 200 flood affected families
- Packed the foodstuff and warm clothes and sent to the flood affected families of Jhang and Muzaffargarh
- Provided foodstuff and warm clothes to the 200 most affected families of District Muzaffargarh for their one month need
- Provided foodstuff to the 70 most affected families of District Jhang for their one month need

## PICTORIAL GALANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES



## **GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Promotion of Peace and Harmony:**

HOCCS provided her services to promote the peace and harmony among the local communities and target groups during the year 2010. These activities were done with the financial assistance of local benefactors and friends of HOCCS at local and abroad.

The situation of the Country was very uncertain in the year 2010 in respect of terrorism and it affected a lot the whole society of the Pakistan. To promote peace and harmony among the community, HOCCS organized different seminars, consultations and rallies. HOCCS also provided awareness to the youth about their role for the promotion of peace, tolerance, love, respect and harmony in the society. The groups participated very actively in all the activities.

### **Celebration of Earth Day:**

To provide the education and awareness to save the earth, HOCCS organized a program for the youth on April 22, 2010. The purpose of this program was to provide information about the harmful affects of global warming. The resource person focused on the harmful and dangerous affects of global warming and emphasized on the importance of trees.

The program was very informative along with light entertainment. The students prepared different songs and skits on the importance of trees and bad affects of pollution. The interactive theatre at this moment was presented by the local theatre group and the message was delivered in very simple and dramatic way.

### **Celebration of World Environment Day:**

On June 05, 2010, HOCCS observed "World Environment Day" with its two target communities namely Marium Abad and Yousaf Abad. The slogan of the event was "SAVE EARTH, SAVE FUTURE". The speakers described the importance of clean environment and disadvantaged of polluted areas.

There was a very good talk on the importance of trees and their role in the environment. The participants took active part in the talk and shared different experiences. About 45 non-fruit trees were distributed among the participants.

### **Street Children Day:**

On April 12, 2010, HOCCS observed "International Day Street Children" with its two target communities namely Mariumabad and Pakki Mari.

The purpose of the program was to highlight the issues and problems of the street children and to aware about their rights. In the program, different entertaining programs were presented for the street children. The children enjoyed a lot and learned many informative things.

## PICTORIAL GALAXY OF THE ACTIVITIES



# STAFF OF HOCCS

