



# Organization for Peace & Development (OPD)

Working for the Uplift of Human Values

Join us to bring harmony, prosperity, and development among the needy.

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# Introduction:

- Organization for Peace and Development is an independent, non-profit, non-political, non-governmental organization.
- It is registered with the Government of Punjab, Pakistan under the Society Registrations Act 1860 XXI.
- To bring harmony among all sects and creeds for the sake of human values
- To raise voice for the rights of women and children
- To work for the development of marginalized communities
- To eradicate poverty, disease and ignorance
- To develop status of life.
- OPD works in partnership with



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# Vision:

- Organization for Peace and Development is working with the vision to promote a
- culture of peace,
- harmony,
- social justice,
- development for the sake of human values,
- and dignity of mankind.

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# Mission Statement:

- OPD is working with a mission to create awareness, develop, demonstrate and disseminate innovative programs in Pakistan to promote a culture of peace, harmony, social justice and development by providing information and resources to marginalized, vulnerable, and needy people to become self-reliant.

# Objectives:

- To raise awareness about poverty, disease and ignorance among the poorest families.
- To raise awareness regarding peace and interfaith harmony among the people of all walks of life.
- To establish non-formal and formal education centers, vocational centers and information technology institutions among the poorest families, indigenous groups and marginalized communities.
- To provide mother and child health care facility among the poorest families, indigenous groups and marginalized communities.
- To organize woman groups for empowerment and enhancement of women in marginalized and slum areas.
- To provide information and trainings about drug abuse among the students, youth and parents.
- To raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health

# Local and Regional Background:

- The Pakistani culture and society, especially the target groups of the project, have various cultural taboos and social restraints.
- According to an informal study in proposed target districts, the data shows a high ratio of discriminatory cases especially blasphemy, prejudice, and injustice with minorities.
- People who are more emotional with their faiths and social issues are often highlighted as creating trouble among the sects and religions. This scenario has been reflected since the inception of the country.
- This environment creates social and religious frustration among the people of different faiths.

# Local and Regional Background (Continued...)

- It has also been observed that religious leaders and media are opinion makers in the society. Once they are sensitized for their role to bring peace and harmony in the communities, they can become role models and catalysts in this regard.
- It is envisaged to initiate dialogue on peace and socio-religious harmony among religious leaders and communities sensitizing them to live together without any religious bias.
- Organization for Peace and Development will provide an opportunity and facility to the target communities, especially women, potential social leaders and religious leaders of different faiths, to respect differences among all faiths and sects and struggle for the collective development at grass roots level.
- It would also provide an opportunity to religious leaders to seek texts, which promote peace and social harmony from their respective religious books.

# PROGRAMS:

- PEACE
- MINORITY RIGHTS
- WOMEN RIGHT
- HEALTH AWARENESS
- EDUCATION
- SHARE THE JOY
- ENVIRONMENT





# PEACE:

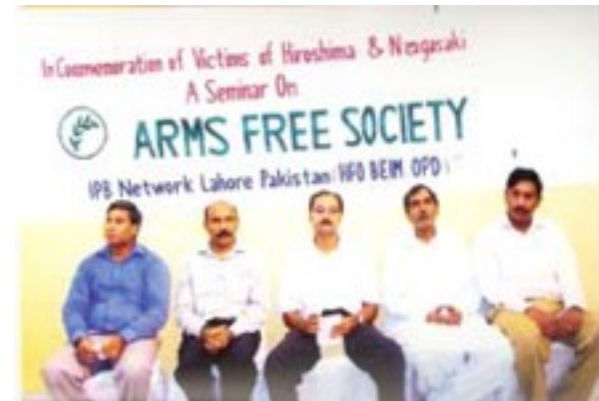
There are two areas through which OPD is promoting peace in the society:

- Peace Education



# Peace Education:

- Keeping in mind its vision of promoting a culture of peace, harmony, social justice and development for the sake of human values and dignity of man, the Organization for Peace and Development is running a Peace Education program with the schools selected from the target areas.
- Organization for Peace and Development is promoting basic human values such as Truth, Love, Peace, Conduct and Non-Violence.
- Organization for Peace and Development also supports the UNO in regard to the promotion of human values



# Peace Education (continued...)

- Organization for Peace and Development is promoting human values through the selected schools:
- Qurban and Surayya School & College (Trust),
- J. D. Public High School,
- Basharat-e-Ibn-Marriam School,
- St. Dominic Girls High School,
- Friends Public School,
- Education Centre Dar-ul-Hikmat,
- Zubair Science Acadmy

# Peace Education.....



# Interfaith Harmony:

- ❑ Organization for Peace and Development is making efforts to bridge the gap among all the faiths and sects living in Pakistan.
- ❑ OPD is promoting interfaith harmony dialogue through organizing Interfaith Harmony seminars, workshops and by participation in the interfaith harmony program organized by other organizations.



# Interfaith Harmony.....

- ❑ Organization for Peace and Development support all the efforts which are made for the harmonious society.
- ❑ Organization for Peace and Development also condemns all kinds of activities, protests and activities against any religion and creed and supports the common interests of the religions and creeds.
- ❑ Organization for Peace and Development loves to work in collaboration and participation to promote interfaith harmony and to raise awareness about discriminatory attitudes of the people of all faiths and religions, which creates problems and confusion and promotes violation and misunderstanding among the people of all faiths living together.



# Women Rights:

- Gender bias exists in all societies of the world but the situation is particularly disturbing in the South Asian region in general and in Pakistan in particular
- In Pakistan poverty, ignorance and tradition have combined to relegate women to positions of extreme subordination.
- This is primarily an adult male oriented society that has long tolerated customs like purdah, dowry, child marriage, girl infanticide and other practices which blatantly encourage gender discrimination. It starts at the birth of girl child and continue at the end of her life.
- Fewer girls are born and more die; easily losing out on the natural advantage of strong biological resistance. The social environment is being to favour the boy child and the impact being to show in the statistic on the situation of the girl child.



# Women Rights (continued..)

- And as she grows older she internalises this sense of inequality by going through a continuous process of social discrimination. She then passes it on to the next generation by treating her own daughter with the same bias of which she had been a victim. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) found that women are raped every two hours, and that hundreds are victims of “Honour” killings, domestic violence, burnings and murder.

- According to Pakistan Demographic Housing Survey (PDHS) observed that when girls enter adolescence, their increased nutritional needs are not met and there is deterioration in their nutritional status; and as a result the normal spurt of growth around puberty does not occur. It is possible that custom and culture, combined with poverty and ignorance, cause poor nutrition among





# Education Program

- Organization for Peace and Development has great concern and interest towards formal and technical (skill) education to orphan and needy children.
- We believe that education is the basic right of every child and without education we can not bring the change we wish for.
- OPD is giving training, workshops and seminars with teachers to improve quality of education.
- OPD is supporting orphan and needy students by giving them scholarships.



# ENVIRONMENT

- In Pakistan we need to raise awareness on the environmental issues in order to save the nature and health of people. We must encourage young people to come forward and save our environment.
- OPD is promoting a safe and healthy environment in collaboration with other organization through following ways:
- Planting Trees
- Raising Awareness ( through organizing seminars and workshop
- Consultation Meetings with Media
- Discouraging the installation of industries in residential areas
- Awareness session with school teachers and community stakeholders



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# Minority Rights (future plan):

## A dialogue program advocating for basic human rights

- **“Raise your voice to save your life”**
- Since the inception of Pakistan minorities of Pakistan are as faithful as the majority of Pakistan. The legislation of Islamic Republic of Pakistan protects the rights of the all minorities of Pakistan; whereas, the minorities are suffering since the existence of Pakistan.
- Minorities of Pakistan are leading their lives in an oppressing atmosphere, even though the law protects the basic rights of minorities.
- In a recent scenario in Pakistan the Christian community was the main target facing barbarian acts by the religious extremists. In last couple of years Christian minorities have suffered a lot, losing their lives on the basis of faith.

# Minority Rights (future plan):

## A dialogue program advocating for basic human rights (continued)

- We feel that we should promote a dialogue campaign inviting the religious scholars/philosophers, politicians, human rights activists/civil society, educationists, and law experts to share their wisdom to protect the equal rights and opportunities of the minorities of Pakistan, particularly the Christian community of Pakistan.
- This campaign shall be launched in all provinces of Pakistan and the final dialogue shall be conducted in the capital city of Pakistan to get the resolution to the problems of minority concerns in. The slogans of the Dialogue program shall be “Raise your Voice to Save Your Life” and “Minority Rights are Human Rights”.
- In addition to this dialogue seminars program interviews of the individual scholars, educationists, law experts, human rights activists, politicians, anthropologists, psychologists and leaders of the all minorities shall be conducted to produce a comprehensive research publication, to be developed with the recommendation and resolutions in the final dialogue program in Islamabad Pakistan.
- A full proposal shall be developed on demand.
- **Minority Rights are Human Rights**

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