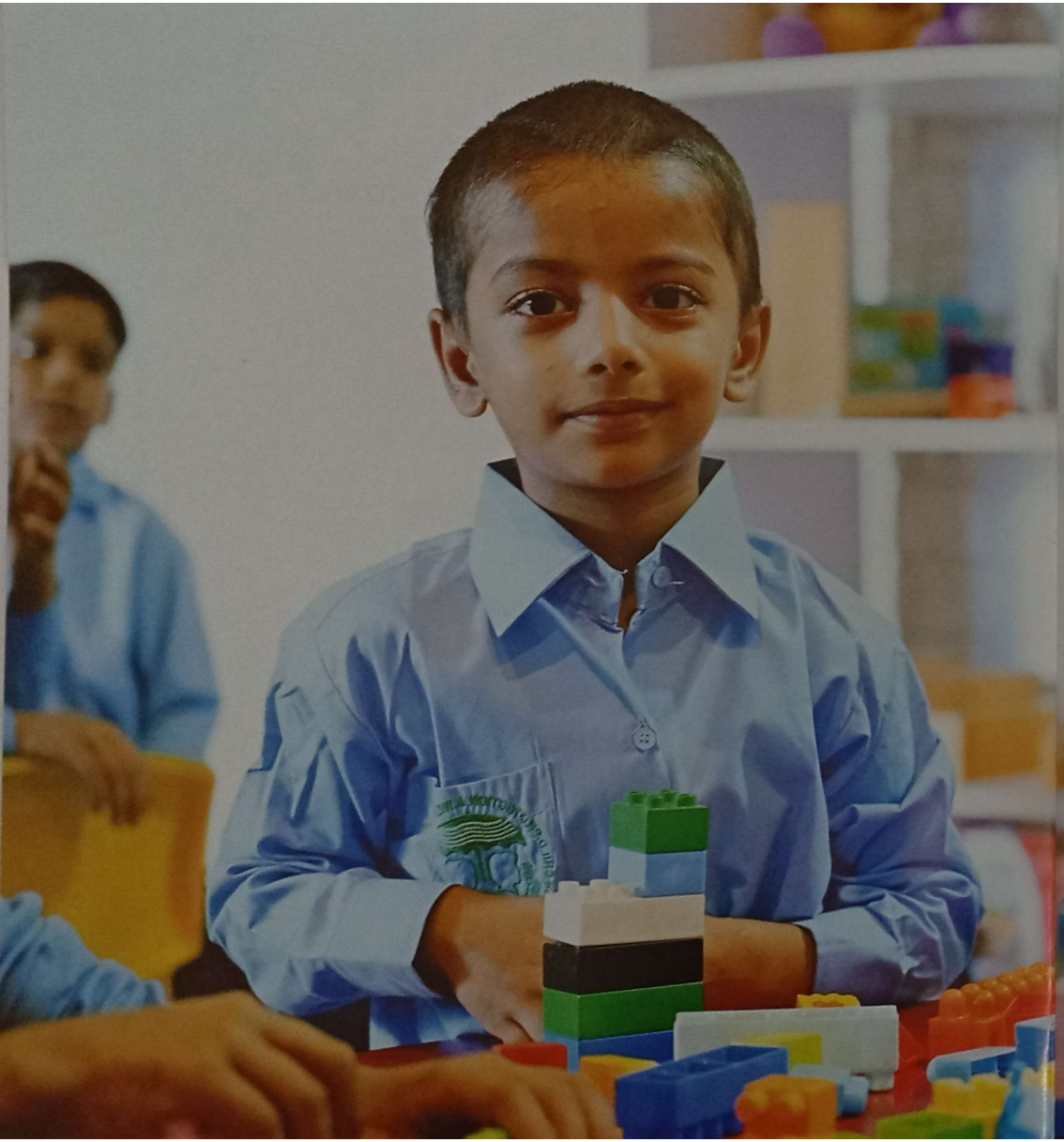
CORE VALUES


End Child Beggary
Empowering Children
End Child Domestic Violence
Rehabilitation of Rescued Children
RESCUE DESTITUTE
&
NEGLECTED CHILDREN



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CHILD PROTECTION & WELFARE BUREAU
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
(2019 - 2024)

1. CHILDREN RESCUED 42,422
2. ABANDONED INFANTS RESCUED 226
3. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS RESCUED 268
4. INFANTS GIVEN IN FOSTER CARE 220
5. AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS 820
6. PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING PROVIDED 45,200

HELPLINE 1121 CALLS RESPONDED 15,100

ABOUT US

The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Government of the Punjab, is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating abandoned, destitute, and neglected children. We provide a secure environment with access to education, healthcare, and psychological support while fostering holistic childhood development.

Established under the Punjab Destitute & Neglected Children Act 2004 (amended in 2017), the Bureau aligns with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We provide essential services-food, shelter, medical care, and education while prioritizing emotional and psychological well-being through counseling and support.

The Bureau emphasizes family reunification and operates a Child Protection Court for custody and reintegration cases. Our child helpline (1121) offers immediate guidance, rescue, and protective custody for children in distress.

Operating across fourteen districts in Punjab-Lahore, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Rawalpindi, Multan, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Hafizabad, Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, Kasur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, and Rahim Yar Khan, the Bureau has rescued over 92,000 children, significantly impacting vulnerable lives.

To ensure the long-term empowerment of children under our care, we have launched vocational training and skill development programs. These initiatives equip them with essential skills, enabling financial independence and successful reintegration into society. By fostering self-sufficiency, we aim to break the cycle of vulnerability and provide opportunities for a dignified future.



MISSION STATEMENT

"To eradicate child beggary, child abuse, and all forms of violence against children from Punjab, while rescuing and rehabilitating destitute and neglected children and to transform them into useful members of society by educating and empowering them".



CPWB'S RECOGNITION AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

i. Representation at the First-Ever Global Ministerial Conference in Colombia

Chairperson of the Child Protection Bureau, Sarah Ahmad, represented Pakistan at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence against Children in Bogotá, Colombia. Pakistan reaffirmed its commitment to child protection as Chairperson Sarah Ahmad joined global leaders at this landmark event, hosted by Colombia in collaboration with Sweden, UNICEF, and WHO.

The conference, inaugurated by Colombian President Gustavo Petro, brought together ministers from 143 countries, along with civil society, youth, and survivors, to share solutions and strengthen commitments for children's safety and dignity.

Chairperson Sarah Ahmad shared Pakistan's efforts to safeguard children's rights, highlighting the Child Protection Bureau's role in rescuing about 10,000 vulnerable children annually and empowering them through welfare programs. She called for global collaboration to address child exploitation and thanked the Governments of Pakistan and Punjab for their support, reiterating her commitment to protecting all vulnerable children.



ii. Global Collaborative Award

The achievement of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, led by Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, celebrated in Rome, Italy, in recognition of her exceptional contributions to preventing child exploita and protecting children's rights. She expressed her gratitude, emphasizing that this honor not acknowledges her efforts but also serves as a tribute to Pakistan. Sarah Ahmad dedicated the awar all the children of Pakistan. This prestigious award was bestowed upon only ten individuals worldwid their remarkable efforts in safeguarding children's rights and preventing child exploitation. Among distinguished recipients were the First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Fatima Maada Bio; UNI Director of Child Protection, Catherine Russell; CEO of Child USA, Marci A. Hamilton; Harvard Unive Professor, Paul Farmer; and renowned American actor, Tyler Perry. Sarah Ahmad extended her grati to various individuals and organizations, including the Government of Punjab, for their unwave support. She reaffirmed her commitment to protecting all vulnerable and neglected children.



iii . Representation at United Nations on Child Sexual Abuse

Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, who recently received the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz, spoke at the United Nations conference on violence against children on September 19, 2023. This conference was organized by the Global Collaborative and the Republic of Sierra Leone to commemorate November 18 as the World Day Against Child Abuse & Violence, as declared by the United Nations. Sarah Ahmad represented Pakistan at this esteemed international forum, where leaders from around the world working for children's rights gathered. She discussed her exceptional work in Pakistan aimed at improving children's welfare and proposed additional measures for the global protection of children. All the participants present acknowledged her contributions. It was a proud moment for Pakistan as global leaders recognized the remarkable efforts being made in the country to safeguard vulnerable children.



CHIEF MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As the Patron-in-Chief of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, it is both an honor and a privilege to present the Annual Report for the year 2023-24. This report reflects not only our commitment to the protection and welfare of children but also the strides we have made in ensuring that every child in Punjab has the opportunity to grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

The well-being of our children has always been at the heart of our governance. In the past year, we have continued to build on our strong foundations, implementing policies that prioritize child protection, ensure access to education, and strengthen our support systems for vulnerable children. We have also worked tirelessly to foster collaboration between government agencies, NGOs, and local communities to create a comprehensive safety net for ou children.

I am proud of the progress we have made, but I also recognize that there is still muc work to be done. Our mission is ongoing, and with the continued support of ou dedicated staff, partners, and citizens, I am confident that we will continue to expan our services and reach even more children who need our care and protectio

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed to the succ ss of thi Bureau's initiatives. Together, we are not only protecting our children today b t buildin a brighter, safer future for the generations to come.

MARYAM NAWAZ SHARIF
Hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab
Patron-in-Chief, Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, Punjab.

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present to you the Annual Report of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau for the year 2023-24. Over the past few years, our resolute commitment to transforming the landscape of child welfare in Pakistan has yielded remarkable progress, establishing our department as a global beacon of change.

Through tireless efforts and collective dedication, we have not only redefined the narrative surrounding child protection but have also brought forth tangible reforms that resonate both nationally and internationally. This milestone has only been made possible through the collective zeal and relentless pursuit of excellence by each member of our esteemed Bureau.

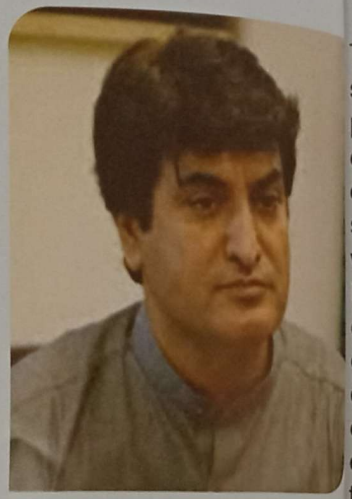
Our unwavering aim to eliminate violence against children remains at the forefront of our mission. By fostering an environment of empathy, support, and empowerment, we have initiated comprehensive courses that serve to equip and empower the children within our care, enabling them to cultivate their potential and contribute positively to society.

As we reflect on the milestones achieved and the challenges ahead, let us renew our pledge to uphold the rights and well-being of every child, ensuring a future where no child in Pakistan is subjected to harm or neglect.

Together, let us continue to strive for a world where every child is nurtured, protected, and given the opportunity to flourish.

SARAH AHMAD
Chairperson,
Board of Governors, Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, Punjab.

HOME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



As the Home Secretary of Punjab, I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Punjab for the year 2023-24.

At the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, we recognize the inherent value and dignity of every child, and are committed to ensuring their safety, well-being, and development.

During 2023-24, we made significant strides in strengthening child protection services, enhancing coordination with stakeholders, and promoting awareness about child rights. This report highlights our key achievements, challenges, and future directions. I am proud of the tireless efforts of our team, partners, and stakeholders who have contributed to our progress.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to addressing the complex issues affecting children in Punjab, and to creating a safer, more nurturing environment for all.

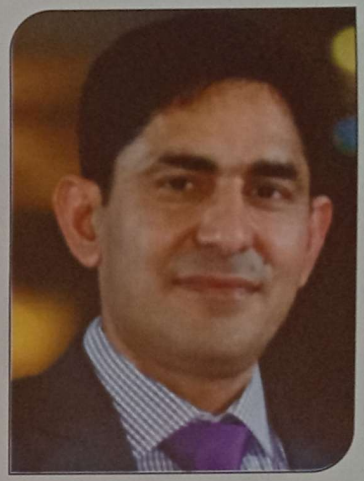
I extend my gratitude to the Government of Punjab, donors, and partners for their continued support.

Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to protecting and empowering the children of Punjab.

Sincerely,

NOOR-UL-AMIN MENGAL
Secretary, Home Department, Punjab.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE



The Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, Punjab, is a socially responsible organization committed to the protection and rehabilitation of vulnerable and neglected children. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the Bureau's activities, highlighting its tireless efforts to safeguard children from abuse, violence, and exploitation, while offering essential care and rehabilitation services.

In alignment with international standards and constitutional frameworks, the Bureau has implemented effective strategies and policies to ensure the efficient delivery of services to at-risk children. These measures encompass the rescue, protection, healthcare, food, education, psychological counseling, reunification, temporary custody, and overall rehabilitation of children in need.

The Bureau also provides important life necessities such as food, shelter, healthcare, and education to these children, ensuring their holistic well-being.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Punjab and to Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, for their unwavering guidance and support in advancing the Bureau's mission to protect children's rights. I also extend my appreciation to the dedicated team of officers and staff, whose relentless efforts and commitment play a vital role in safeguarding the future of vulnerable children.

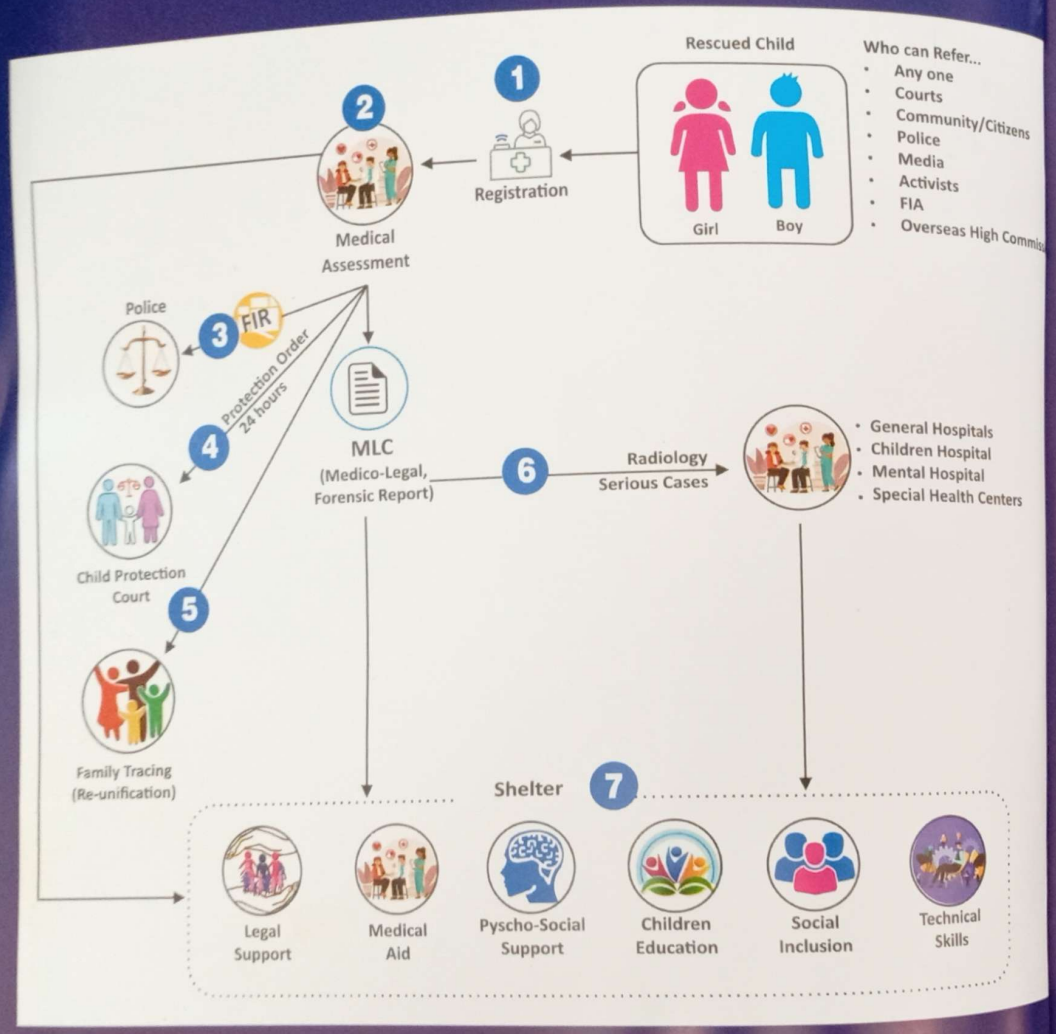
AFTAB AHMAD KHAN
Director General, Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, Punjab.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE

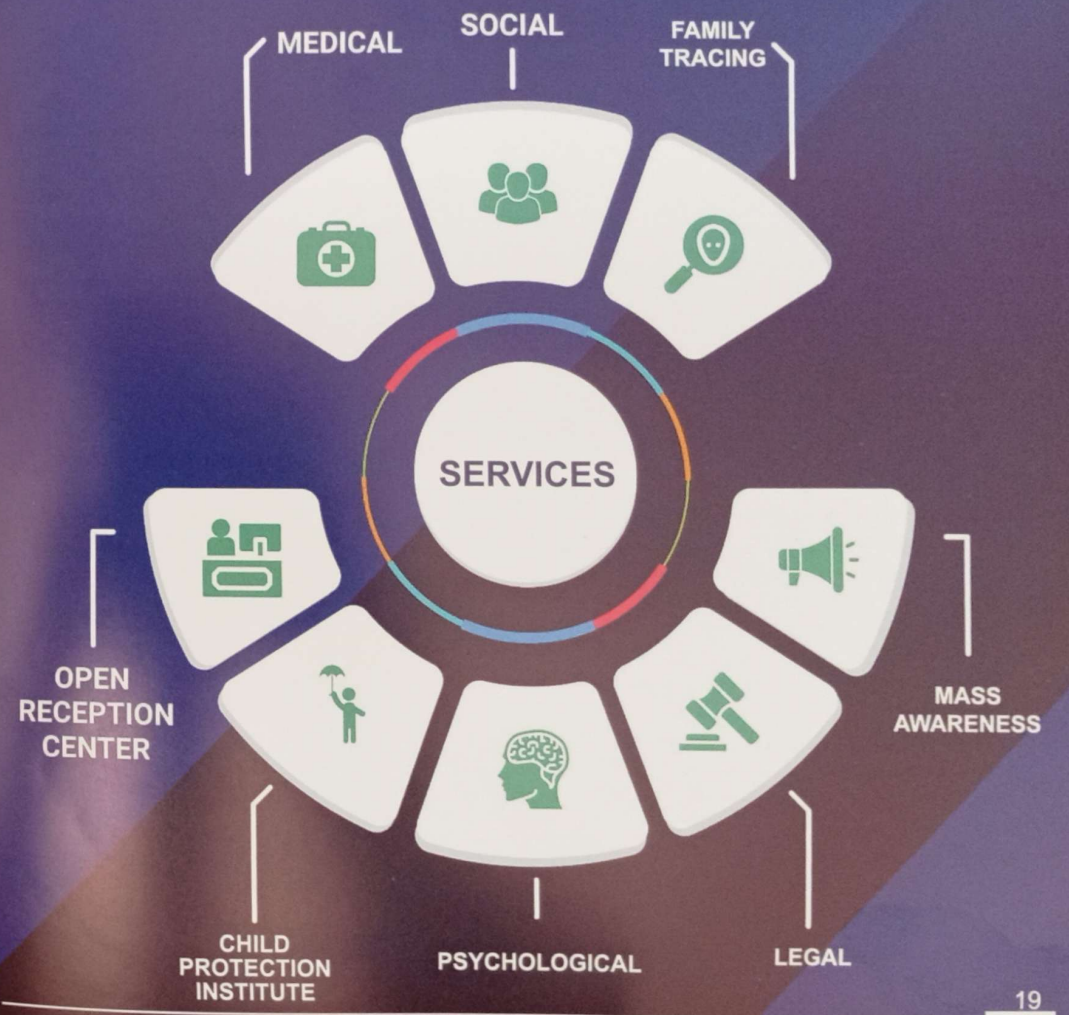
1. Punjab Child Protection Policy
2. Expansion of CPWB across Punjab
3. Promotional Structure for the employees of CPWB
4. Implementation of Case Management and Referral System in Punjab
5. Digitization of record at CPWB
6. Expanding Legal Mandate of CPWB to address children's rights issues



HOW WE WORK



SERVICES OFFERED BY CPWB PUNJAB



SOCIAL SECTION

The Social Section of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau plays a pivotal role in the execution of rescue operations, a core component of the Bureau's mandate. These operations are essential for rescuing at-risk children, who are then placed under protective custody through the efforts of dedicated Child Protection Officers. These rescue operations are carried out across all operational districts of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau in Punjab.

In collaboration with local police squads, the Bureau's rescue teams conduct field operations in various areas, focusing on children in vulnerable situations, including those engaged in begging, run-aways, lost children, those suffering from abuse, and other forms of neglect and hardship.

Once rescued, the children are placed in protective custody and registered within the social services system, where Child Protection Officers compile detailed social investigation reports for each child. The primary goal of these rescue efforts is to remove children from harmful environments and provide them with a safer, healthier, and more supportive setting.

Additionally, the Bureau has implemented a strategic approach to combat beggary, particularly in major urban centers. Alongside regular rescue operations, specialized teams are deployed to address and mitigate the issue of child begging. These focused operations are conducted to remove children from exploitative situations, with significant number of beggars being rescued during these comprehensive missions across all Bureau district offices.

Total Rescued Children	6,528
Total Number of Rescue Operations	2,147
Total Number of FIRs	255

CHILD HELPLINE 1121

The Child Helpline 1121, established under the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, provides immediate assistance to marginalized and vulnerable children. Operating 24/7 across the Punjab region, this centrally managed, four-digit helpline offers rapid support to children facing violence, exploitation, abuse, or neglect. Additionally, it serves as a vital platform for disseminating information and guidance on childrens rights, ensuring timely intervention and advocacy for the well-being of children in need.

WhatsApp Number: 0321-8472898



Total Information Calls	2,670
Total Service Calls	817
Total Helpline Operations	582
Total Number. of Children Taken into Protective Custody	769

LEGAL SECTION

Pakistan, as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), upholds its commitment to protecting children's rights through legislative measures. In alignment with the UNCRC, the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act of 2004 was enacted to provide comprehensive legal safeguards for vulnerable children in the province of Punjab.

The Bureau's legal section is staffed by Child Protection Officers (Legal), who play a critical role in supporting the Child Protection Court. Their responsibilities include securing custody for vulnerable children and facilitating their reunification with families. These officers also represent the Bureau in various legal proceedings, encompassing civil cases, guardianship disputes, High Court matters, and other designated forums. Their work ensures robust legal advocacy and protection for the welfare of children in need.

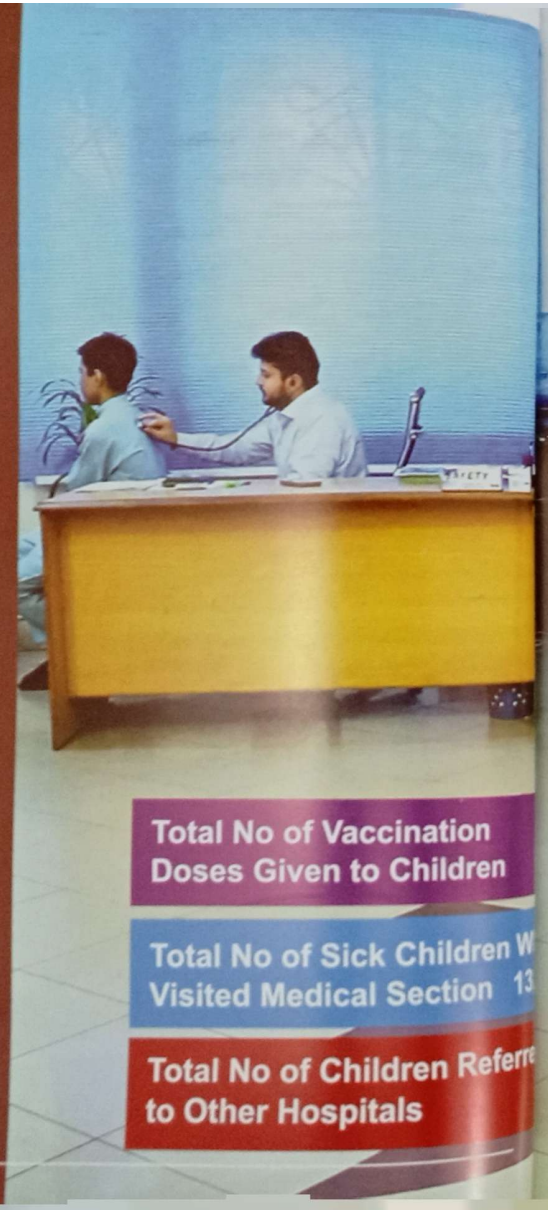


Total Children Taken into Legal Custody	6,529
Total Number of Children Reunified	6,185
Total Number of FIRs	255

MEDICAL SECTION

The Medical Section of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau is committed to delivering essential healthcare services to these vulnerable children.

Upon registration, each child undergoes a thorough health assessment conducted by a pediatrician. Once registered, the Bureau assumes full responsibility for the child's medical care, including administering vaccinations tailored to their individual needs. Children residing under the Bureau's care receive regular medical check-ups from qualified doctors. In emergencies, they are promptly referred to reputable hospitals, where their treatment is prioritized to ensure their swift recovery and well-being.



Total No of Vaccination Doses Given to Children

Total No of Sick Children W Visited Medical Section 13

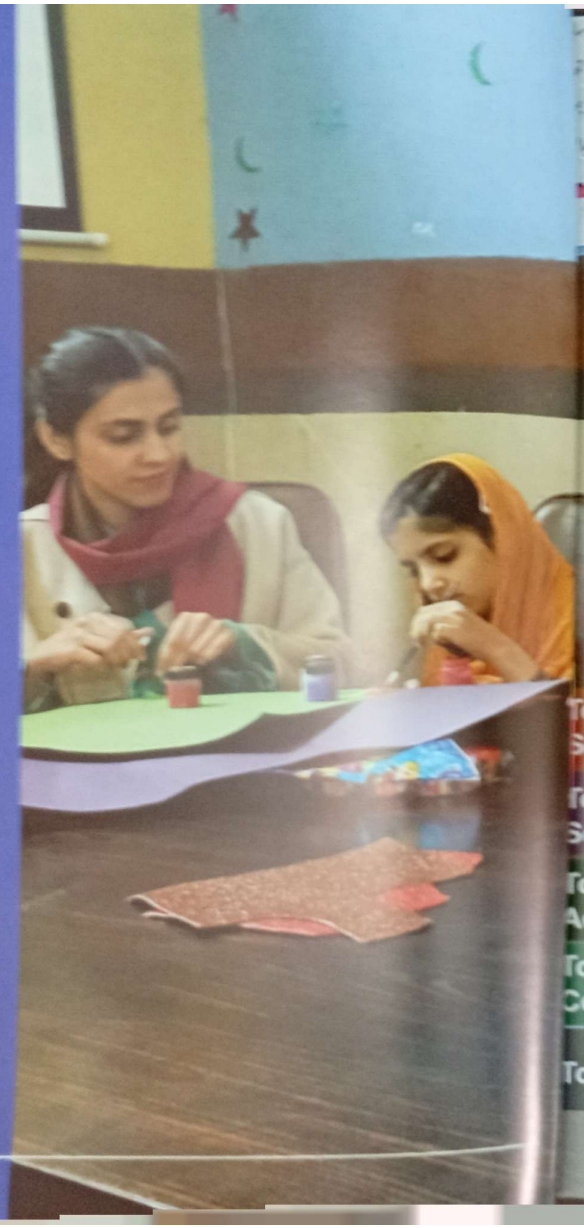
Total No of Children Referr to Other Hospitals



PSYCHOLOGICAL SECTION

The Child Protection & Welfare Bureau is committed to rescuing and rehabilitating marginalized children in its care. Many of these children come from highly illiterate, underprivileged, and slum areas, often bearing the scars of traumatic experiences from their time on the streets. Psychological counseling plays a vital role in the holistic support provided to both children and their parents. This counseling is offered in both individual and group settings, addressing a range of psychological challenges influenced by factors such as family dynamics, parental relationships, parenting practices, cultural contexts, experiences of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, and verbal), and the impacts of broken families.

Within the Psychological Section, child psychologists work to address the emotional, social, educational, developmental, vocational, and health related needs of the children. Their efforts focus on helping the children process their experiences, heal from trauma, and adapt to a structured and nurturing environment that supports their overall growth and well-being.





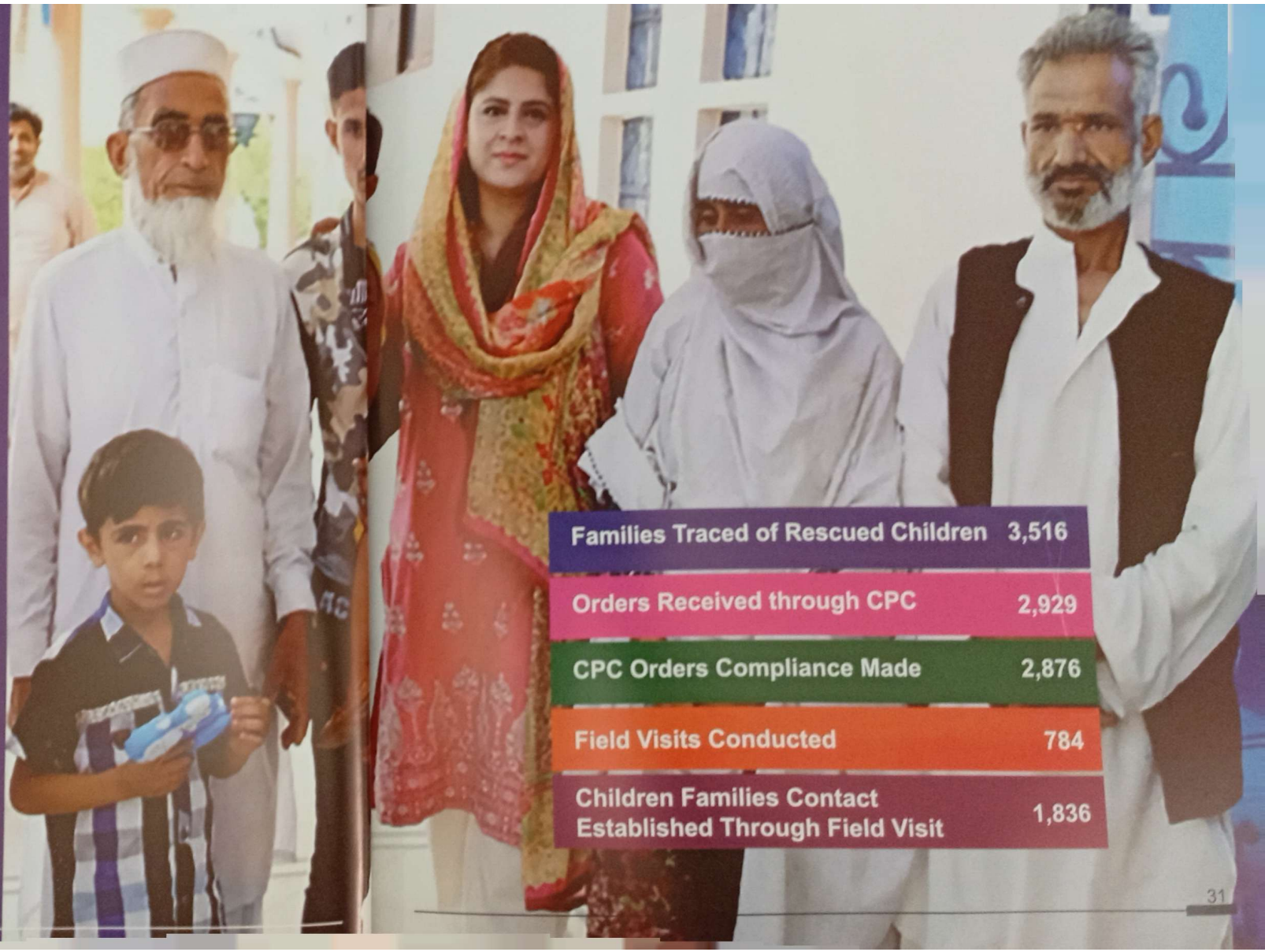
Total Initial Assessment Sessions	5,715
Total Individual Sessions	3,096
Total Group Sessions / Activities	1,164
Total Family Counselling	1,442
Total Case Meetings	3,630

FAMILY TRACING SECTION

The Family Tracing Section is a crucial part of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, dedicated to reuniting lost and runaway children with their families. As children are rescued through various channels, the Family Tracing Section takes on the critical task of locating their families, adhering to court directives and leveraging multiple resources to achieve this objective.

In many cases, children cannot provide sufficient information to facilitate family tracing. To address this, the Family Tracing Team conducts extensive fieldwork, often navigating significant challenges due to limited or incomplete data.

Family connections are established based on the information provided by the child, supplemented by outreach through print, digital, and broadcast media. The Family Tracing Section's services are not confined to Punjab; the team actively facilitates the reunification of children from other provinces as well, ensuring no child is left without the possibility of returning to their family.

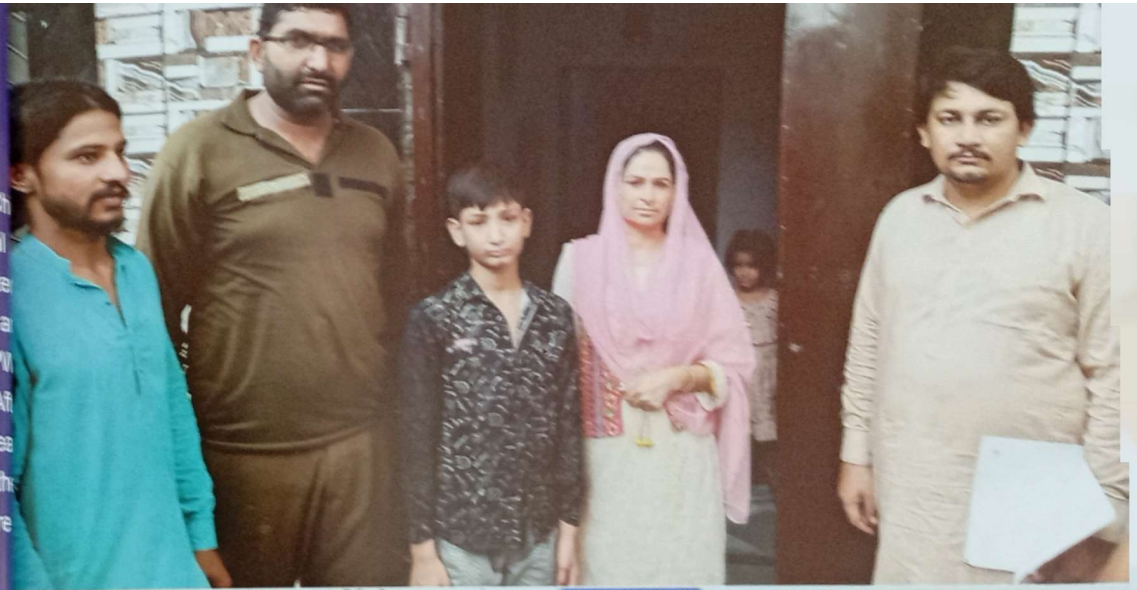


FAMILY TRACING ACHIEVEMENTS

i - Family Tracing Team under the directions of Ms. Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson Ch Protection and Welfare Bureau, is making tireless efforts to achieve this goal re-uniting lost children with their families all over Pakistan. In 2023, two siste Maryam and Amina, and their brother Shahzeb went missing in Thatha, Sindh, a were taken into protective custody by the CPWB. The Family Tracing Team of CPW worked tirelessly for two years to trace the parents of these missing children. Af continuous efforts, the parents were located in Thatha, Sindh. The CPWB tea successfully reunited the lost children with their parents. The parents expressed th heartfelt gratitude to Chairperson Sarah Ahmad and the staff for their dedicated care reuniting the children with their family.

ii - In 2019, 12-year-old Ibrahim went missing in Karachi and was taken into t protective custody of the CPWB. After five years of continuous efforts, the Fam Tracing Team of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau traced his parents in Karac The CPWB team successfully reunited the lost boy with his parents. The parents of t missing child expressed their gratitude to Chairperson Sarah Ahmad and the staff f taking great care of Ibrahim and reuniting him with his family.

"Re-uniting lost children to their parents is our top priority"





MASS AWARENESS SECTION

The Mass Awareness section of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau operates with a multifaceted approach to engage with and inform diverse communities. On one hand, it disseminates press releases covering various Bureau activities, while on the other hand, it connects with the public and stakeholders through community meetings, seminars, door-to-door announcement campaigns, as well as banners and billboards, among other strategies. These efforts are instrumental in embedding the CPWB deeply within the community, effectively managing media interactions, and raising public awareness.

Child Protection & Welfare Bureau recognizes the vital role played by the mass media and actively encourages it to share information about children's rights issues. The media has consistently supported the CPWB in highlighting its dedicated efforts and the services provided to vulnerable children.





CHILD PROTECTION SCHOOL

Education is the cornerstone of national progress, serving as the foundation for societal development and prosperity. Recognizing its transformative power, the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau prioritizes the education of children in its care, viewing it as a key driver of their future success and well-being.



Total Number of Students Registered 1,559

As part of this commitment, the Bureau has established the Child Protection School, a dedicated institution that provides rescued children with holistic educational support. At this school, children receive education up to the middle school level, equipping them with essential knowledge and skills. For those aspiring to pursue further education, the Bureau facilitates their enrollment in mainstream schools and colleges, ensuring continued learning and personal growth. By focusing on the education of vulnerable children, the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau not only empowers individuals but also contributes to the advancement of society as a whole, fostering a brighter and more equitable future for all.



CHILD PROTECTION COURT

The Child Protection Court, established under Section 22 of the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act of 2004, serves as a cornerstone of the legal framework for protecting children's rights. Following the rescue of a child, Child Protection Officers (Legal) and Child Protection Officers (Social) are mandated to present the child before the Child Protection Court within 24 hours of taking the child into protective custody. This prompt appearance ensures that legal custody of the rescued child can be secured.



The court evaluates whether the child qualifies as destitute and neglected under the Act and, if deemed eligible, grants legal custody to the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau. These children are then placed under the Bureau's care at the Child Protection Institution (CPI).

Beyond custody matters, the Child Protection Court is tasked with adjudicating cases involving special offenses against children, as outlined in the Act. This comprehensive legal process not only ensures that rescued children receive the care and protection they deserve but also holds offenders accountable, reinforcing the Bureau's commitment to justice and child welfare.



FOSTER CARE SERVICE BY CPWB

Process of Award of Temporary Custody

- Submission of application before the Presiding Officer, Child Protection Court, Lahore with all necessary documents.
- Preparation of Socio Economic Report of the applicant family by any Child Protection Officer.
- Scrutinizing of applications by the scrutinizing committee of the Bureau by interviewing the families.
- Submission of suitability report before Child Protection Court in order to facilitate the court.
- Entrustment of custody by the order of Child Protection Court.





CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTE

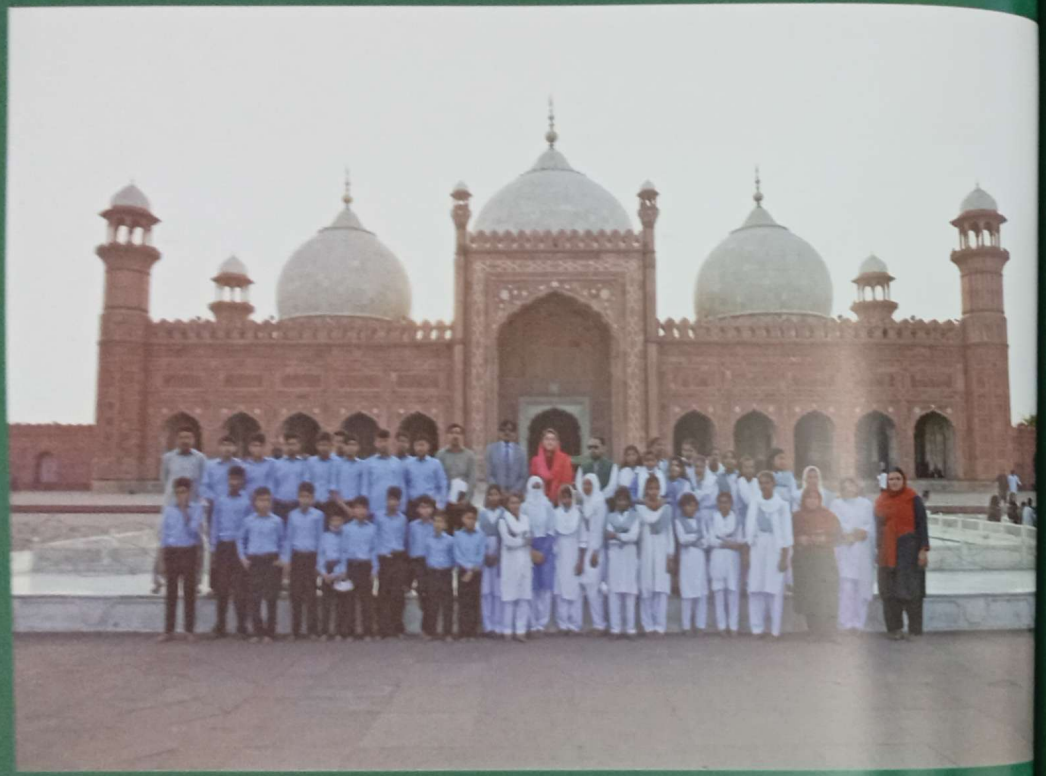
The Child Protection Institute, established by the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau under the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children (PDNC) Act of 2004, serves as a sanctuary for marginalized children placed under protective custody. The Institute is dedicated to meeting the essential needs of these children by providing comprehensive care, including shelter, food, clothing, education, and basic healthcare services.

A clean, hygienic, and well-maintained environment is ensured to promote the children's overall well-being and comfort. To support their proper nourishment, the Institute implements a balanced dietary menu and nutrition plan, developed in line with established nutritional standards for children and approved by a qualified pediatrician. Through these measures, the Child Protection Institute fosters a supportive and nurturing environment, enabling the children to heal, grow, and thrive.



Total No. of Children Reunited/ Released	6,529
Total No. of Children Received in Child Protection Institutes	6,185

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, LAHORE



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2005	400	51	218

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, GUJRANWALA





ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2006	100	4	58

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, SIALKOT



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2011	50	2.75	39

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, FAISALABAD





ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2006	200	39	52

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, RAWALPINDI



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2008	80	2.5	46

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, SAHIWAL





ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2020	100	20	24

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, MULTAN





ESTABLISHED
2006

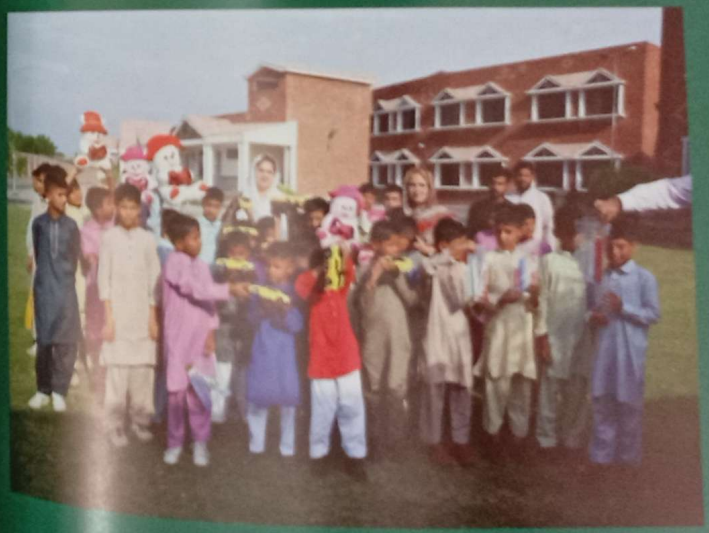
CAPACITY
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AREA (KANAL)
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HUMAN RESOURCE
44

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, RAHIM YAR KHAN





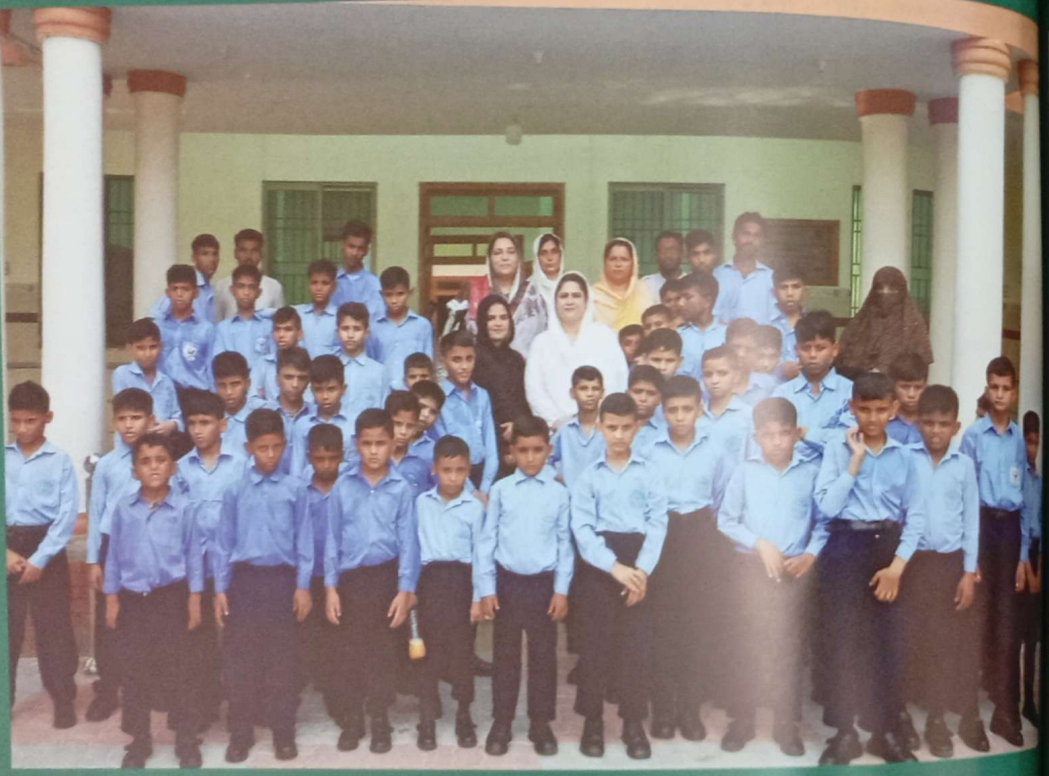
ESTABLISHED
2017

CAPACITY
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AREA (KANAL)
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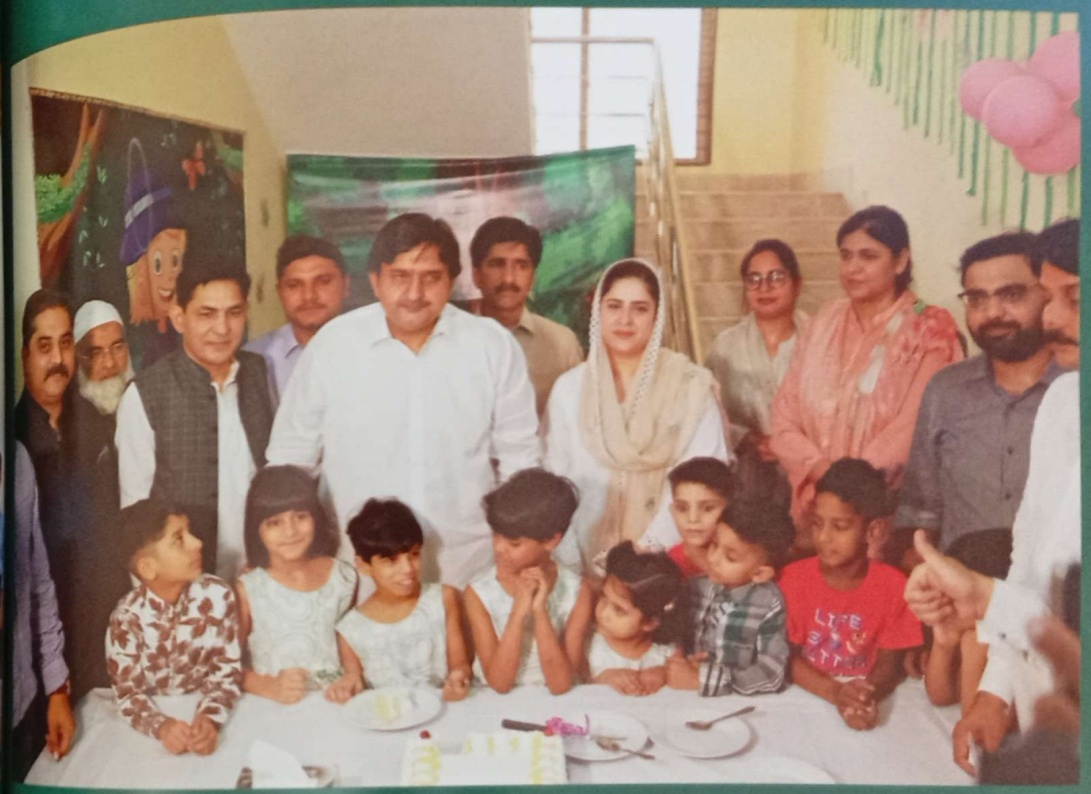
HUMAN RESOURCE
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CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTION, BAHAWALPUR



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2015	100	48	29

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT , KASUR



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2023	20	2	07

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, RAJANPUR



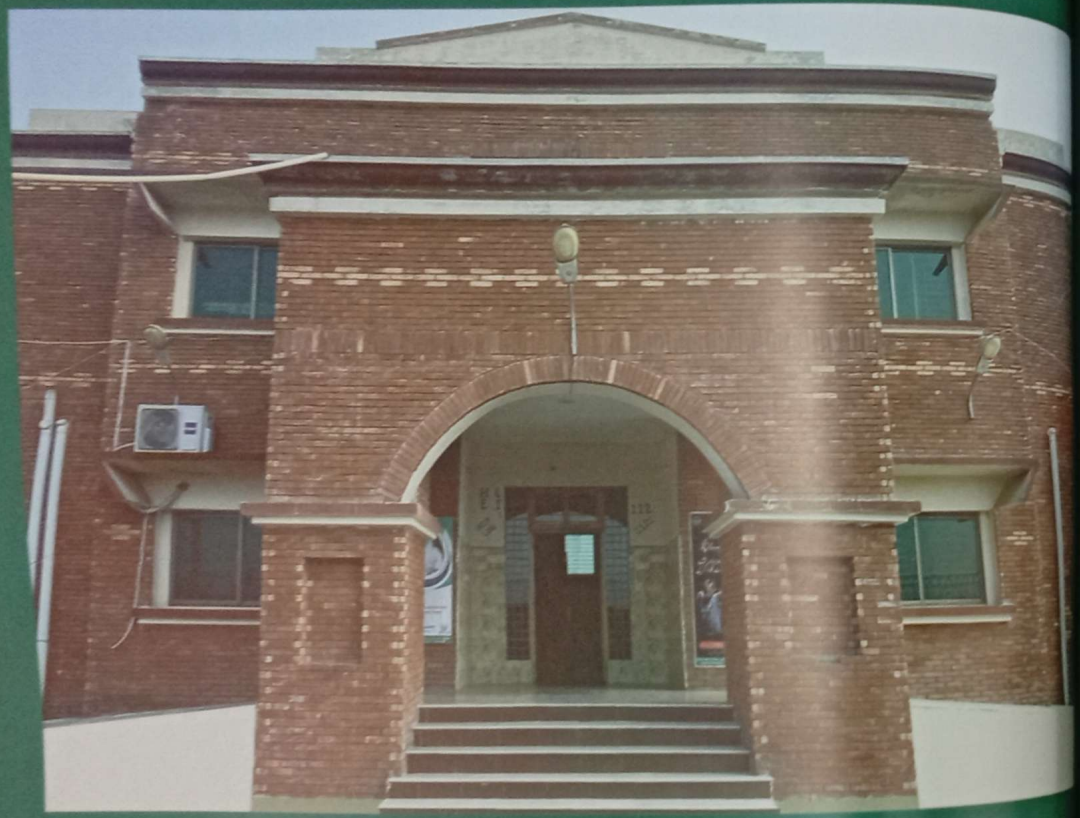
ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2023	20	2	10

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, DERA GHAZI KHAN



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2024	20	16	10

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, HAFIZABAD



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2024	20	2	10

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, SARGODHA



ESTABLISHED	CAPACITY	AREA (KANAL)	HUMAN RESOURCE
2024	20	52	10

INITIATIVES TAKEN IN LAST 05 YEARS

- Formulation of "Child Protection Policy for Punjab"
- Expanding the Reach of Child Protection Institutions (CPIs) in Kasur, Faisalabad, Dera Ghazi Khan, Sargodha, Hafizabad, Rajanpur, and Sahiwal"
- Hosting the 1st Coordination Meeting and Establishment of a Platform with all Stakeholders on Child Protection Issues Across Pakistan by CPWB, Punjab
- Empowering Through Technology: Establishment of IT Labs Across CPWB Centers in Punjab
- Empowering Children: Skills for a Brighter Future
- Promoting Well-being through Sports: Fostering Active Lifestyles for Our Children

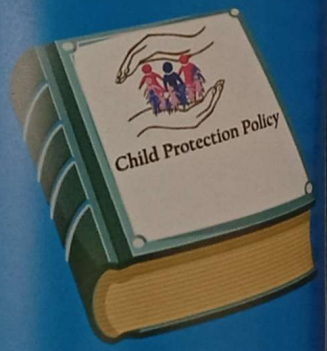
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INITIATIVES

Formulation of "Child Protection Policy for Punjab"

Under the leadership of Ms. Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau (CPWB), Punjab has taken a pioneering step in formulating the first-ever Child Protection Policy in Pakistan. Recognizing the urgent need for a structured framework to safeguard children's rights, CPWB initiated the development of this policy, ensuring alignment with UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) guidelines.

To ensure a comprehensive and strategic approach, Ms. Sarah Ahmad sought technical assistance from UNICEF Pakistan, making this initiative a collaborative effort between CPWB and UNICEF. With UNICEF's expertise, CPWB drafted the policy, which was later submitted to the Punjab Government for formal approval.



This policy introduces a reformed Case Management and Referral Mechanism System, enabling a coordinated and effective child protection approach across Punjab. By streamlining services and ensuring inter-agency collaboration, the policy strengthens preventive, promotional, and response-based interventions for child protection.

Following Punjab's groundbreaking initiative, other provinces have also started working on similar policies, recognizing the urgent need for a structured child protection framework across Pakistan. This milestone sets a precedent for nationwide child protection reforms, ensuring a safer and more secure environment for vulnerable children.

Expanding the Reach of Child Protection Institutions (CPIs) in Kasur, Faisalabad, Rajanpur, DG Khan, Hafizabad, Sargodha and Sahiwal

For years, the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau operated in only eight districts of Punjab. Recently, under the leadership of the Chairperson and with the support of the Punjab Government, CPWB has expanded its reach by establishing new centers across the province.

On June 15, 2024, a state-of-the-art facility was inaugurated in Kasur, accommodating 20 children and offering rehabilitation and referral services. The event was attended by Malik Ahmad Khan, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly, and Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson CPWB.

The Child Protection Bureau in Sahiwal became fully operational on January 17, 2022, on a 20-kanal campus, serving 100 children. The inauguration was attended by the Chairperson, Director General, Deputy Commissioner, and local administration.

In Faisalabad, CPWB initially operated in a rented facility for 80 children. In 2016, the Punjab Government launched a 39-kanal project with a capacity of 200 children featuring schools, hostels, medical services, psychological support, and IT labs. The Chief Minister inaugurated the new building on November 18, 2020.

CPWB has further expanded through partnerships with UNICEF Pakistan. The Child Protection Unit in Rajanpur was launched on August 25, 2023, followed by CPU Dera Ghazi Khan Unit on September 7, 2024, both serving 20 children each.

In 2024, new Child Protection Units were established in Sargodha and Hafizabad, marking a significant step in strengthening child protection in underserved areas. These initiatives provide education, healthcare, and psychosocial support, ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable children.



Hosting the First Coordination Meeting and Establishment of a Platform with All Stakeholders on Child Protection Issues Across Pakistan by CPWB, Punjab

In a significant collaborative effort, on 29 November,2022, Child Protection Bureau Punjab convened an Inter-Provincial Round Table Conference on Child Protection in Lahore. Distinguished attendees included the Secretary of the Social Welfare Department from Gilgit-Baltistan, the Director General of Child Protection Bureau Punjab, the Chief Child Protection Officer from the Child Protection and Welfare Commission KPK, the Director of the Child Protection Unit, Baluchistan, the Director General of Child Protection Institute Islamabad and a representative from Punjab NCRC.

During the conference, Chairperson Sarah Ahmad emphasized the historic nature of the gathering, marking the inaugural step towards fostering robust inter-provincial coordination in child protection. The aim was to facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices among provinces, all with the shared goal of upholding the rights of children.

Chairperson Sarah Ahmad addressed that regardless of provincial boundaries, every child's well-being is of paramount concern, underscoring the imperative for an effective referral system. The insights shared by each province promised to be invaluable in refining and enhancing services dedicated to safeguarding children.

Subsequently, a meeting was presided over by officers representing various provincial departments focused on children's affairs. Each officer provided detailed briefings regarding their respective departments. Following this, officers had the opportunity to tour the diverse sections of the Child Protection Bureau Lahore, interacting with the children residing therein and gaining firsthand insights into their experiences and needs.



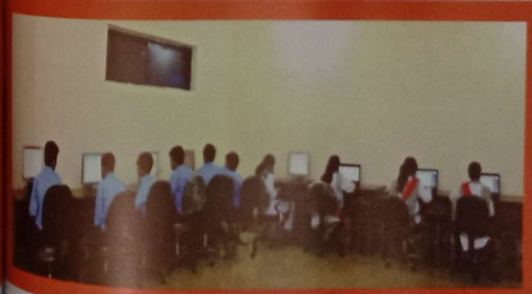
Empowering Through Technology: Establishment of IT Labs Across CPWB Centers in Punjab

In response to the rapid evolution of modern information technology, the Child Protection Bureau took a significant stride forward by establishing fully functional IT labs in all CPWB centers across Punjab. This initiative marked a pivotal turning point as, prior to this effort, Child Protection Schools had limited access to computers. Now, with dedicated instructors, these labs serve as dynamic hubs for digital learning and skill development.

The implementation of this project showcases the power of collaborative efforts, with many of the IT labs being developed through robust public-private partnerships and generous contributions from donors. This not only demonstrates a shared commitment to empowering children through technology but also fosters a sense of community involvement and support.

These state-of-the-art IT labs provide children with invaluable access to modern computing resources, opening doors to a world of digital literacy, educational opportunities, and skill acquisition. Additionally, they serve as a testament to the Bureau's dedication to providing a well-rounded education that equips children with the tools they need to thrive in an increasingly technology-driven society.

Instructors stationed at each center play a pivotal role in guiding and mentoring children, ensuring they make the most of these valuable resources. Through structured curriculum and engaging activities, children are not only learning essential computer skills but are also gaining confidence in navigating the digital landscape. This initiative stands as a testament to the Bureau's unwavering commitment to the holistic development and empowerment of every child under its care. It embodies the belief that access to technology is a cornerstone of a well-rounded education, one that prepares children for the challenges and opportunities of the future.





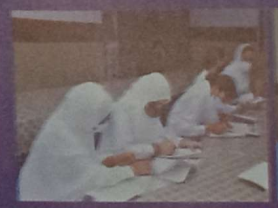
Empowering Children: Skills For a Brighter Future

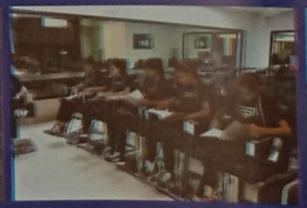
The Child Protection Bureau of Punjab is dedicated to empowering children under its care with practical s for a brighter future. Collaborating with multinational organizations, the Bureau offers specialized course stitching, nursing, beautician services, hairdressing, and baking.

Considering the transition of children into adulthood and the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Ac 2004, which mandates the release of children above 18, the Bureau designed tailored courses to equip you adults with self-sufficient skills. These initiatives not only provide expertise but also instill purpose a independence.

To further support these individuals, the Bureau actively secures job placements by engaging multinatio companies, ensuring sustainable livelihoods and fostering self-reliance. This program benefits not just participants but also contributes to a skilled and empowered workforce, positively impacting the regi economy.

By equipping children with essential skills and resources, the Bureau reaffirms its commitment to holistic ca preparing them to face challenges and contribute meaningfully to society.






Promoting Well-being Through Sports: Fostering Active Lifestyles For Our Children

Recognizing the vital role of sports in fostering motivation and physical activity, the Child Protection Bureau of Punjab took a proactive step in introducing sports classes for our residing children. This initiative was a significant addition to the array of services provided by the Bureau, addressing a previously unmet need.

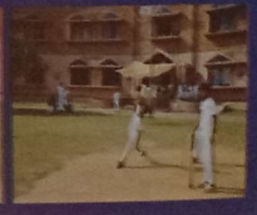
Understanding the importance of structured sports activities in a child's development, the Bureau collaborated with various government liaison departments. These collaborations resulted in the appointment of experienced instructors and the facilitation of sports activities on a weekly basis across all nine districts under the jurisdiction of CPWB Punjab.

Through these engaging sports classes, children not only enjoy the physical benefits of exercise but also cultivate teamwork, discipline, and a sense of camaraderie. Moreover, these activities provide an outlet for self-expression, helping children develop confidence and a positive self-image.

Beyond the immediate benefits, participating in sports fosters a sense of belonging and inclusivity, promoting a holistic approach to child welfare. It encourages a healthy lifestyle and instills values that will serve them well into adulthood.

This initiative stands as a testament to the Bureau's dedication to the comprehensive well-being of the children under its care. By providing opportunities for physical activity and sportsmanship, the Bureau aims to nurture not only the bodies but also the minds and spirits of the children, ensuring they grow into confident and well-rounded individuals.



Enhancing Legal Understanding: Special Training Programs with Local Police on " Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004"

As part of CPWB commitment to ensuring the effective implementation of child protection legislation, the Child Protection Bureau of Punjab took proactive steps to enhance the understanding of local police officers regarding the "Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004". This endeavor involved the organization of specialized seminars, workshops, and lectures held in key locations including Lahore, Islamabad, Kasur, and more. These training programs served as crucial platforms for police officers, including SHOs and Moharars, stationed across the Punjab territory. Through comprehensive briefings, officers were equipped with a deeper understanding of various sections of the PDNC Act, 2004. Emphasis was placed on prevention strategies and sensitization measures related to child abuse and neglect.

By fostering a collaborative learning environment, the Bureau aimed to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and child protection agencies. These initiatives not only provided a forum for knowledge exchange but also served to bridge the gap between legal frameworks and on-ground implementation.

In addition to theoretical sessions, practical case studies and interactive exercises were integrated into the training modules. This hands-on approach allowed officers to apply their newfound knowledge to real-life scenarios, further enhancing their proficiency in safeguarding the rights and well-being of children.

The positive feedback received from participating police officials underscores the impact and relevance of these training programs. The Child Protection Bureau remains committed to continuing such initiatives, ensuring that our law enforcement partners are well-equipped to address child protection concerns effectively.





Efforts in Tracing and Dismantling of Gangs

i - Involved in Sale of Newborn Babies

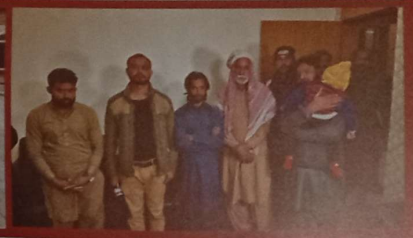
The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, in tandem with local law enforcement, executed a targeted operation in Thokar Niaz Beg and Gulberg, Lahore, resulting in the apprehension of a four-member gang orchestrating sale of newborn babies. The similar gang involved in sale of newborn babies including 7 women and 5 men was arrested. These operations, in compliance with the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, led to the filing of FIR's. This strategic move aligns with the Bureau's directive under Chairperson Sarah Ahmad's guidance to combat child trafficking. This initiative forms part of a broader campaign, spanning multiple districts, including Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur, and Rahim Yar Khan. Investigations revealed that child trafficking is not a solitary act, but an organized criminal endeavor, perpetuating the exploitation of children. The Bureau's immediate and sustained actions are aimed at dismantling these exploitative networks and providing a sanctuary for the province's children. This anti-gang operation is just one facet of an ongoing initiative. The Bureau is committed to collaborating with stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies and media, to eradicate this scourge from our communities.

ii - Involved in Child Beggary in Punjab

The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, in collaboration with local law enforcement, carried out a focused operation at Shera Kot and Babu Sabu Interchange in Lahore, leading to the arrest of a four-member gang involved in orchestrating child beggary. This operation, conducted in accordance with the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, resulted in the filing of an FIR. Under the guidance of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, this action aligns with the Bureau's ongoing efforts to combat child beggary. This initiative is part of a larger campaign covering multiple districts, including Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur, and Rahim Yar Khan.

Investigations revealed that begging is not an isolated act but an organized criminal operation that exploits children. The Bureau's immediate and ongoing efforts are focused on dismantling these networks and providing a safe haven for the province's children. This anti-gang operation is just one aspect of the Bureau's broader initiative. The Bureau remains committed to working alongside stakeholders, including law enforcement, to eliminate this exploitation from our communities.





Comprehensive Awareness Campaign:
Combating Child Abuse and Torture Across Pakistan

The Child Protection Bureau of Punjab spearheaded an extensive campaign to combat child abuse and torture. This initiative saw impactful interventions in various strategic locations across Pakistan, including Islamabad, Lahore, DG Khan, Faisalabad, Kasur, Sahiwal, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Multan, Rahim Yar Khan, and Bahawalpur. The campaign encompassed a multi-faceted approach with the following key components:

Targeted Workshops and Seminars: The Bureau organized workshops and seminars tailored to diverse audiences, including parents, teachers, community leaders, and law enforcement agencies. These sessions equipped participants with practical tools and knowledge to recognize, prevent, and report instances of child abuse.

Interactive School Programs: Specialized programs were conducted within educational institutions to educate students about their rights, personal safety, and avenues for seeking help. Through engaging activities and discussions, children were empowered to protect themselves and their peers.

Engagement with Local Authorities: The Bureau collaborated closely with local authorities, including police departments and district administrations, to strengthen mechanisms for identifying and addressing cases of child abuse promptly. This collaboration involved the establishment of dedicated reporting channels and responsive protocols.

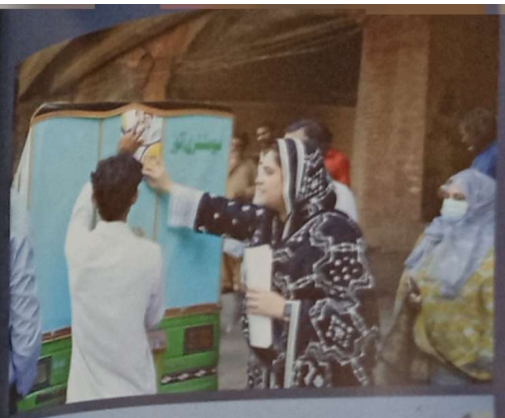
Community Mobilization: Extensive community outreach efforts were undertaken to raise awareness about child protection issues. This included door-to-door campaigns, public awareness drives, and community meetings to foster a collective commitment to safeguarding children.

Media and Public Relations Campaigns: Leveraging various media platforms, the Bureau disseminated targeted messages to reach a wider audience. This encompassed social media campaigns, radio broadcasts, electronic media messages, Auto Rickshaws Campaigns and newspaper features, amplifying the message of child protection.

Advocacy for Policy Reform: The Bureau actively engaged in advocacy efforts to influence policy changes and legal frameworks that enhance child protection measures. This involved liaising with lawmakers, advocacy groups, and relevant government agencies.

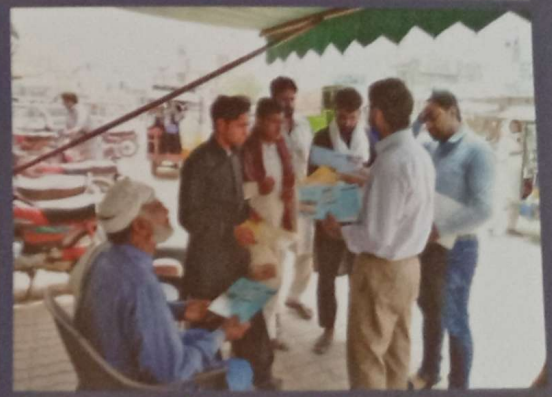
Empowering Caregivers: Training programs were conducted for caregivers, including foster parents and guardians, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to create safe and nurturing environments for the children in their care.

By executing this multifaceted awareness campaign, the Child Protection Bureau aimed not only to educate but also to inspire action and mobilize communities in the shared mission of protecting the rights and well-bieng of children across Pakistan.

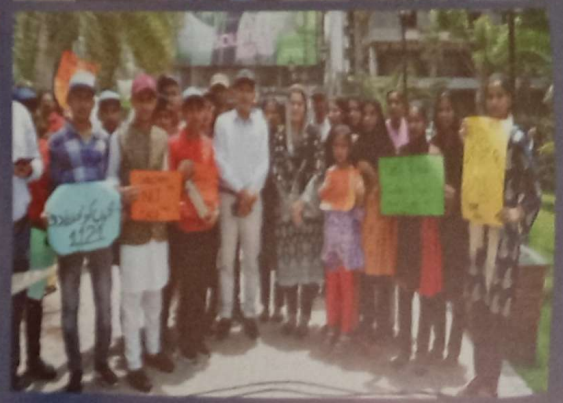












Flood Relief Campaign in South Punjab in 2022

In response to the devastating floods in south Punjab areas named Basti Lashari, DG Khan, Multan, the Child Protection Bureau swiftly set up a dedicated relief camp. Under the guidance of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, essential supplies including ration, clothing, shoes, and water were distributed to affected children. These provisions, sourced through personal efforts and philanthropic contributions, were a lifeline for those impacted.

Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, accompanied by Bureau officials, personally interacted with the affected children at the camp. The visit was in direct response to the Chief Minister Punjab's directive to assess the situation in flood-affected regions of South Punjab. The area had been severely cut off, with families losing homes and crops.

Emphasizing the importance of the relief camp, Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, highlighted its critical role in reuniting separated children with their families. The Child Protection Bureau's dedicated team remained on standby to offer immediate assistance, including food, shelter, and education. To facilitate this effort, the public was encouraged to report any missing or unaccompanied minors to the CPWB Helpline at 1121.

Child Protection Bureau is fully equipped to provide residential facilities to children affected by the floods. The successful execution of this humanitarian endeavor was made possible through the trust and support of generous philanthropists, for which the CPWB extended its heartfelt gratitude. Through these concerted efforts, the Child Protection Bureau demonstrated its unwavering commitment to the well-being and protection of children in the face of natural disasters.



Approval of Punjab Destitute & Neglected Children (Registration of Organizations Managing Accommodation Rules) by Cabinet of Punjab

The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau emerges as a pivotal regulatory entity following the Punjab cabinet's endorsement of the Protection of Orphans and Helpless Children Act rules. This landmark decision grants CPWB the authority to exercise rigorous supervision over orphanages and similar facilities catering to vulnerable children province-wide. Government of the Punjab approved these rules in 2019, emphasizing that CPWB is now entrusted with the role of overseeing institutional care for destitute and neglected children across the province.

Going forward, all Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) engaged in child protection, care, and upbringing within Punjab are mandated to register with CPWB. The regulatory agency will closely monitor their performance, ensuring adherence to prescribed standards. In accordance with the updated rules, organizations and NGOs will be required to share pertinent information concerning the children under their care with CPWB. Additionally, adoption procedures will be subject to the bureau's oversight.

Given the diverse landscape of child welfare organizations and NGOs operating within the province, there is a pressing need for comprehensive documentation of the exact number of children under their care. These new rules are poised to rectify this gap, ensuring accurate accounting and safeguarding against potential malpractice, including child trafficking. The introduction of standardized adoption protocols is another crucial step towards ensuring a uniform and secure future for the children under the care of these organizations. With these rules in place, no organization or NGO will have unilateral authority over the adoption process without due authorization from the court.

Establishment of Bake Shop by Our Residing Girls of CPWB

The Child Protection Bureau took a significant step towards empowerment by establishing a bake shop run by the girls under our care. This initiative not only provides valuable vocational training but also instills a sense of pride and independence in the residing girls. Through hands-on experience, they gain skills that can lead to future opportunities and self-sufficiency. The bake shop stands as a testament to our commitment to nurturing their talents and preparing them for a brighter future.

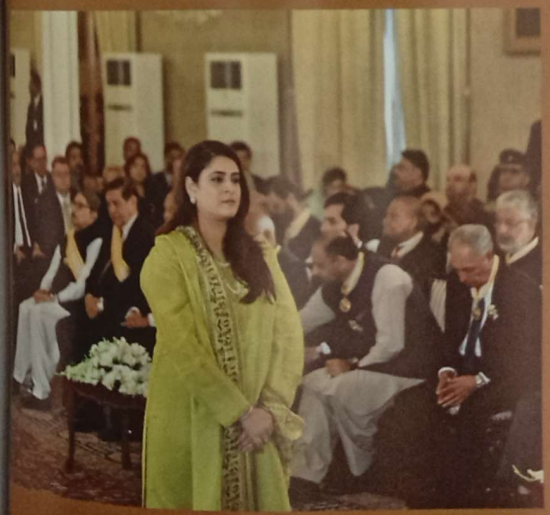




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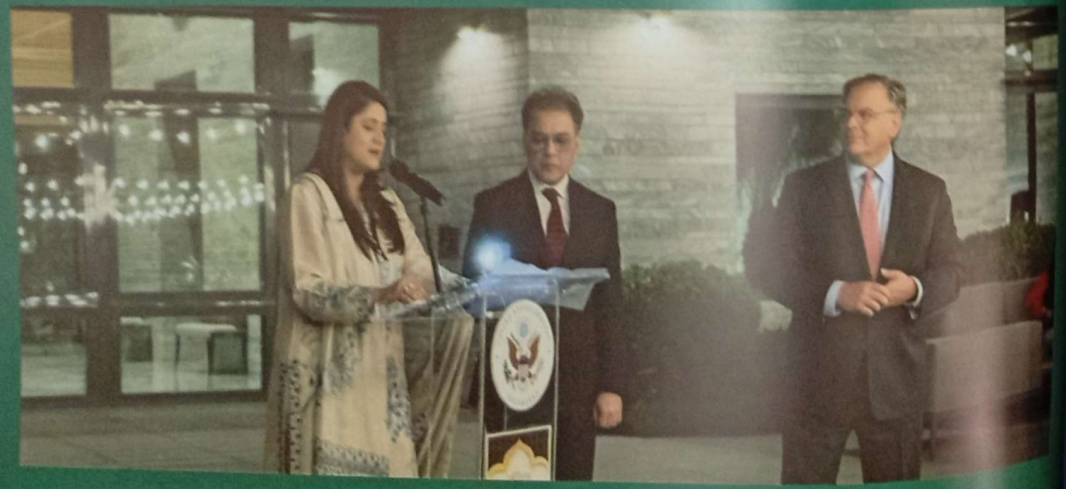
Chairperson of the Child Protection Bureau, Sarah Ahmad, received the prestigious Tamgha-e-Imtiaz on March 23, 2024, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to child welfare and protection. Known for her tireless efforts, she has played a pivotal role in rescuing vulnerable children from abusive situations, providing them with safety, and advocating for their rights. Under her leadership, the Bureau has initiated numerous programs and reforms aimed at creating a supportive and nurturing environment for children in need. Her dedication to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to live with dignity and security has set a benchmark for social work in Pakistan. This well-deserved honor not only highlights her remarkable achievements but also underscores the importance of safeguarding the rights of children as a national priority. This historic acknowledgement not only honors individual accomplishments of Sarah Ahmad but it also signifies a commitment to safeguarding and protecting the rights of children.





ii - Pakistan's International Woman of Courage Award

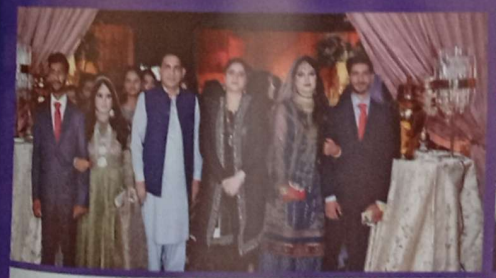
Pakistan celebrates a momentous achievement as Sarah Ahmad, Chairperson of the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau and MPA, becomes the first woman from Pakistan to be honored with prestigious "Pakistan's International Woman of Courage Award" presented by US Ambassador Donald A. Blome in Islamabad. This achievement recognizes Sarah Ahmad's unwavering bravery, dedication, and leadership in safeguarding the children of Pakistan. Sarah Ahmad's remarkable journey spans over the last five years of fearless advocacy, from confronting criminal networks exploiting child beggary and child trafficking to leading legal actions against perpetrators of child abuse. Under Sarah Ahmad's guidance, the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau Punjab has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of abuse victims and child beggars, facilitated the adoption of over 100 abandoned infants into different families, and successfully reunited numerous lost children with their families in last five years. This historic recognition not only honors Sarah Ahmad's individual accomplishments but also signifies a collective commitment to safeguarding the future of Pakistan's children.



KEY INITIATIVES

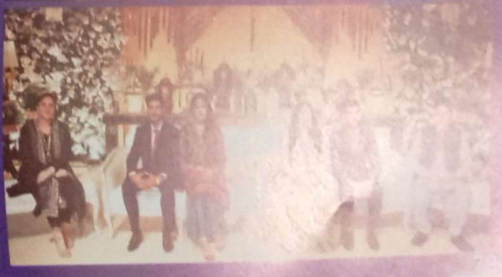
i - Chairperson Sarah Ahmad's Remarkable Initiative: Wedding Ceremony Held for Two Couples Raised in Child Protection Bureau

Under the guidance of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, the Child Protection Bureau has organized its first-ever wedding ceremony for individuals raised under its care. Chairperson Sarah Ahmad led this historic initiative, which resulted in the marriage of two couples who were brought up in the Bureau. This is for the first time, the Bureau facilitated the marriage of two boys and two girls who were raised there. This is a significant achievement for the Bureau, as it not only provides protection to children but also creates opportunities for them to move forward in life. The couples who tied the knot include Aamir and Farah, as well as Zubair and Nazia. Notably, one of the couples is hearing and speech impaired. With the Bureau's support, these couples are now capable of leading a dignified life. These children had no information regarding their parents or guardians and spent over ten years in the Bureau. Today, they are over 20 years of age. Chairperson Sarah Ahmad highlighted that the Bureau provided them not only with education but also taught them various skills, enabling them to begin this new chapter in their lives. Additionally, the Bureau has secured employment opportunities for both couples. Under her leadership and guidance, these children are now able to live dignified lives. The Bureau continues to provide not only care and upbringing but also prepares children for a better future.



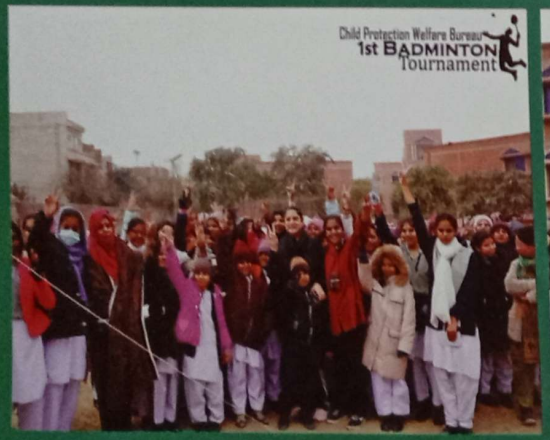


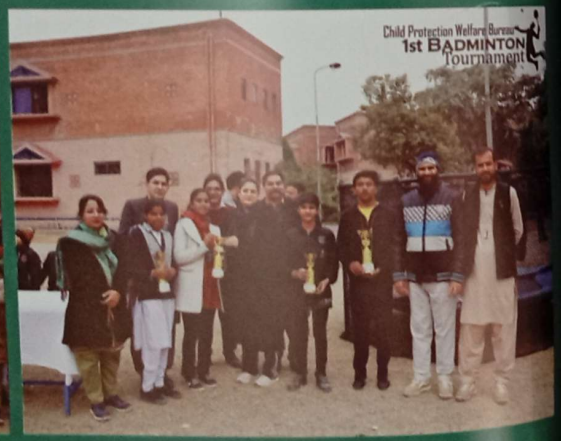




ii - Badminton Tournament

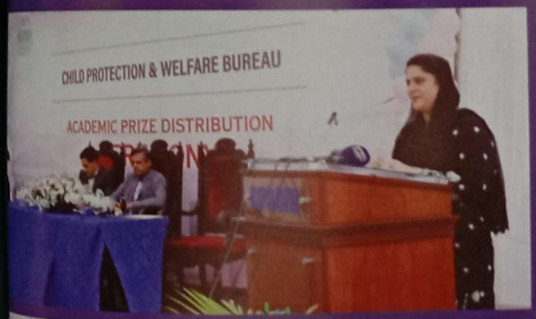
For the first time, a badminton tournament for both boys and girls was organized under the visionary leadership of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad. Known for her dedication to youth empowerment and equal opportunities, Sarah Ahmad took the initiative to promote sports as a means of fostering healthy competition, teamwork, and personal growth among children. This groundbreaking event provided a platform for young athletes, regardless of gender, to showcase their talents and build confidence. By organizing such an inclusive tournament, she emphasized the importance of breaking traditional barriers and creating a space where boys and girls could equally thrive in sports. Her efforts reflect a deep commitment to nurturing not only the physical well-being of children but also their social and emotional development. Sarah Ahmad's direction and support for this event are a testament to her belief in the power of sports to unite, inspire, and empower the younger generation, setting a remarkable example for future initiatives in the country.





iii - Annual Prize Distribution

Under the initiative of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, an inspiring Annual Prize Distribution event was held to recognize and reward children who excelled in their academic examinations. This event, aimed at encouraging young minds, celebrated the hard work, dedication, and achievements of students, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and motivation. Sarah Ahmad, known for her unwavering commitment to child welfare and development, ensured that the event not only honored academic excellence but also served as a platform to inspire others to strive for success. The distribution of prizes highlighted the importance of education as a cornerstone for a brighter future and emphasized the value of acknowledging children's efforts. Through this initiative, Sarah Ahmad reinforced the significance of creating a nurturing and protective space that encourage children to unlock their potential and pursue their dreams. Her leadership in organizing such meaningful events reflects her dedication to empowering the younger generation and building a society where every child feels valued and motivated to succeed.









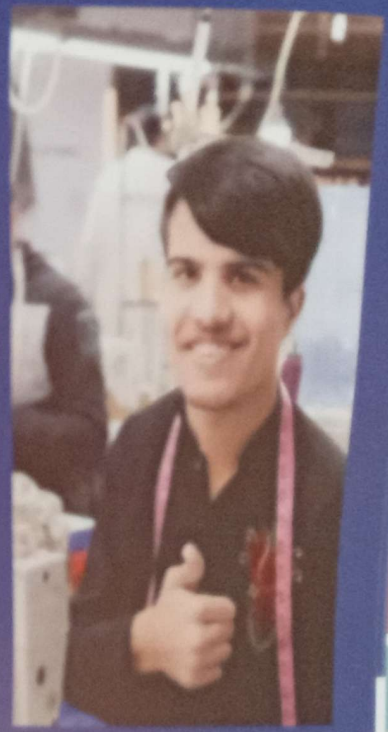
SUCCESS STORIES



1. Three dedicated girls from the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau have recently accomplished a significant milestone by completing a one-year diploma in midwifery. This achievement demonstrates their commitment to enhancing their skills in the field of healthcare. Their journey represents a beacon of hope, as they now contribute their expertise to the Shalamar Hospital in Lahore as assistant nurses.

Child Protection and Welfare Bureau plays a vital role in ensuring the welfare of children and these three girls' pursuit of higher education showcases their dedication to making a difference in their lives. By joining the team at Shalamar Hospital, these girls are not only advancing their careers but also contributing to the broader healthcare system. Their story is a testament to the transformative power of education and the positive impact it can have on individuals and their communities. We commend their commitment to improving healthcare services and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

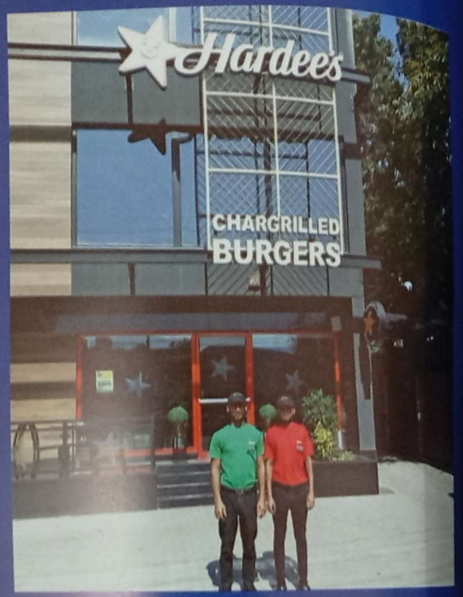




. Four boys from the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau have recently completed internship at Maria B. in sketch designing, bridal dress stitching and casual stitching. This internship experience provided them with an opportunity to gain exposure to the fashion industry and develop valuable skills. As they completed their internship, it was clear that their dedication and hard work had left a positive impression on the team at Maria B.

One of these talented interns has been selected for a job position at Maria B. This is not only a personal achievement but also a success of the internship program and the potential it holds for empowering young individuals. The fact that one of the interns has secured a job is a sign of their commitment and the quality of training provided during their internship. This success story serves as an inspiring example of how internships can act as a stepping stone for young children to plan their careers in their chosen fields.

3. The success story of two young boys of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau is a testament to the transformative power of education and opportunity. These determined boys embarked on a journey that saw them transition from interns to full-time employees at Hardee's, a prominent fast-food chain. Their journey began with an internship at Hardee's. This invaluable experience allowed them to gain practical skills in a real-world work environment, teaching them the ins and outs of the fast-food industry under the guidance of experienced mentors. They honed their skills, learned about food preparation and became integral members of the Hardee's team.



Their dedication and hard work during their internships paid off, leading to employment at Hardee's. They now serve as valued employees, contributing to the daily operations of the restaurant. This not only provides them with financial stability but also a sense of purpose and belonging. This inspiring narrative illustrates the potential for individuals, regardless of their past circumstances, to achieve their dreams through determination and opportunity. The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau's support and Hardee's commitment to offering such opportunities have created a life-changing experience for these young men. It serves as a shining example of how collaboration between organizations and the dedication of individuals can lead to remarkable success stories, underscoring the importance of fostering personal growth.



4. The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau has partnered with renowned hair salon Toni & Guy by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to empower young individuals with marketable skills. This initiative, led by CPWB Chairperson Sarah Ahmad and Toni & Guy CEO Mr. Shimmal, provides children over the age of 15 in CPWB care with free hairstyling internships at the Toni & Guy Hair Salon Academy.

Under this program, three boys and four girls have successfully completed professional training and are now employed at Toni & Guy. This achievement reflects Sarah Ahmad's dedication to equipping underprivileged children with skills that foster independence and self-sufficiency.

By offering quality training and guidance, the program transforms lives, instilling confidence and a sense of purpose in these young individuals. Their success highlights the Bureau's commitment to nurturing talent and creating brighter futures, while inspiring others to believe in the power of education, skill development, and hard work. This initiative aligns with Sarah Ahmad's vision of a society where every child has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their dreams.

5. Four girls from the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau have embarked on a transformative journey, demonstrating remarkable resilience and ambition. They recently participated in a baking workshop at Sweet Affairs restaurant, an experience that has since ignited a significant change in their lives. The knowledge and skills they acquired during this workshop have empowered them to establish a bake shop within the CPWB premises.

These girls are now able to use their baking talents to create delectable treats. By operating this bake shop, they have taken a crucial step toward self-sufficiency, both financially and personally. The income generated through the bake shop contributes to their financial independence and helps in covering their living expenses, offering them a sense of autonomy they may not have previously experienced.

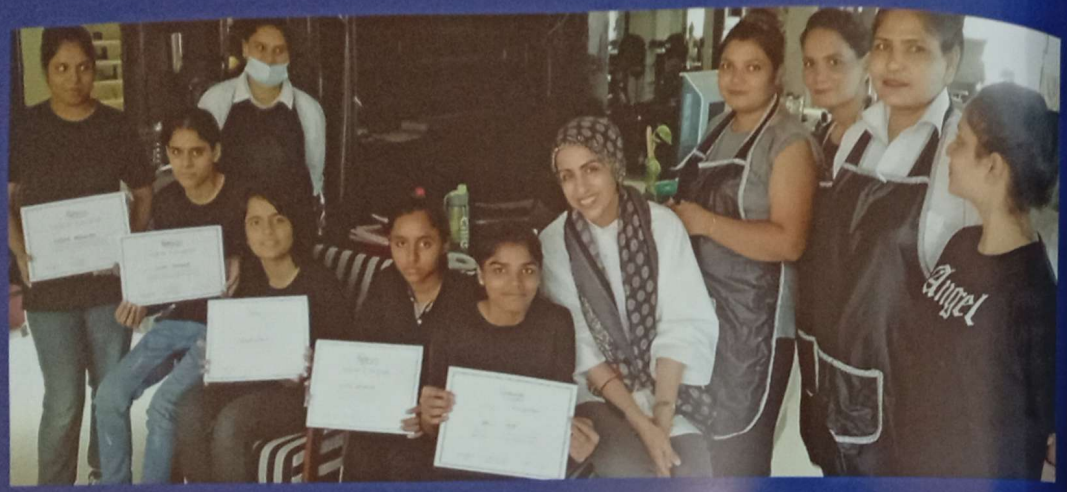


Furthermore, the girls have embraced the digital age by setting up an online baking business. This initiative not only broadens their customer bas but also provides them with a broader platform to showcase their delectable creations. The onlir presence of their baking business makes them more visible, increasing their potential for succes and growth. The CPWB girls have demonstrated unwavering determination, resourcefulness, ar the ability to leverage their talents for personal and financial advancement, inspiring others wi their remarkable journey toward independence and self-sufficiency.



6. Eight children who were rescued by the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau team underwent a remarkable transformation that has not only changed their lives but also contributed to the welfare of other vulnerable children. These youngsters were once victims of neglect and abuse, their futures marred by uncertainty. However, the dedicated efforts of the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau provided them with a second chance at life.These children went through a comprehensive rehabilitation program. This program focused on physical and psychological healing, education, and skill development. It aimed to reintegrate them into society as confident, self-reliant individuals.

These remarkable young children are now giving back to the organization that had rescued them. They expressed a deep gratitude for the opportunities they had been given and a strong desire to prevent other children from experiencing the same hardships they endured.Today, these resilient individuals are employed within the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau as Child Attendant, Attendant ORC, Assistant Cook, Assistant Caretaker and Store Keeper. Their goal is to safeguard the well-being of children at risk. Their personal experiences have equipped them with a unique perspective and empathy, making them invaluable assets to the Bureau's mission. These children have transformed from victims to survivors and, finally, to dedicated protectors of their peers, creating a cycle of compassion and empowerment that is heartwarming and inspirational.



7. Chairperson Sarah Ahmad's initiative has brought about a commendable change in the lives of six young girls from the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau. These girls have successfully completed an internship program at Depilex in collaboration with The Giving Nest. The culmination of their internship was marked with a significant achievement as they were awarded certificates that acknowledge their dedication and hard work.

The internship at Depilex provided these girls with a unique opportunity to gain experience in the beauty and grooming industry. This practical training is invaluable as it equips them with the skills and knowledge necessary to forge a successful path in their professional lives. The experience they have acquired at Depilex will serve as a stepping stone, opening doors to a range of opportunities in the future.

This initiative is a testament to Chairperson, Sarah Ahmad's commitment to empowering the children. By nurturing the talents of these girls and instilling in them a sense of purpose, this endeavor not only ensures their financial independence but also contributes to their personal development.

In a world where access to education and opportunities are extremely challenging, this initiative stands as a beacon of hope, illustrating the transformative power of collaboration and dedication in shaping a brighter future for these aspiring young children.

8. Two boys from the Child Protection Bureau have made significant strides in the hospitality industry. One has completed his chef internship and now works at the prestigious Flattis Hotel in Lahore, while the other has recently begun his internship there. This success reflects Chairperson Sarah Ahmad's dedication to providing training, mentorship, and career opportunities for vulnerable children, transforming their lives and inspiring others to realize their potential.

9. Two girls from the Child Protection Bureau have secured employment at FunCo, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward independence. Under Chairperson Sarah Ahmad's leadership, the bureau focuses on skill development and job opportunities to empower vulnerable children, especially girls. By facilitating their placements, she has enabled these young women to achieve financial independence and confidence, reinforcing her vision of equal opportunities and a brighter future for all children.



Rizwana's Journey From Abuse to Recovery and Hope

Rizwana, a young domestic worker, became a victim of severe abuse and torture at her employer's house. The ordeal left her gravely injured, necessitating immediate medical attention. She was rushed to the hospital, where her critical condition was addressed with care.

The Child Protection Bureau, under the leadership of Chairperson Sarah Ahmad, intervened promptly upon learning about Rizwana's plight. Chairperson Sarah Ahmad personally visited Rizwana at the hospital, ensuring that all necessary measures were taken for her treatment and recovery. With this dedicated support, Rizwana gradually regained her health.

Once she recovered, Rizwana was transferred to the Child Protection Bureau. There, she found a safe and nurturing environment, free from harm. The Bureau not only provided her with care and support but also gave her a chance at a brighter future by enrolling her in school.

Today, Rizwana lives happily at the Child Protection Bureau. She is thriving in her studies and is surrounded by people who prioritize her well-being. Her journey is a powerful reminder of the importance of protecting vulnerable children and giving them a second chance at life.



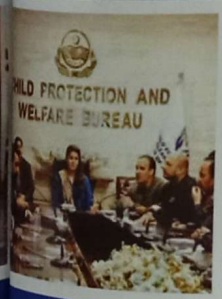



Historic First: NDU's Inaugural Visit to a Punjab Government Department in National Security Workshop History

The 26th National Security Workshop, organized by the National Defence University, visited the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau, Punjab. This marks the first-ever visit by NDU to any Punjab Government Department in the history of the National Security Workshop.

Chairperson Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Sarah Ahmad, participating in the 26th National Security Workshop, organized by National Defence University (NDU).
This dynamic workshop brought together individuals from various sectors to explore the vital link between national security and child welfare. Following the workshop, the delegation visited the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, where Chairperson Sarah Ahmad had the pleasure of sharing insights into different initiatives and strategies to safeguard vulnerable children and to promote their well-being as the Chairperson. The participants were impressed by the efforts and appreciated the measures taken by Chairperson Sarah Ahmad for these children. They recognized the crucial connection between national security and child welfare.

At the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, we're committed to creating a safer, more nurturing environment for all children. We're grateful for this meaningful engagement and look forward to continued collaborations that will ultimately benefit the children of our nation.









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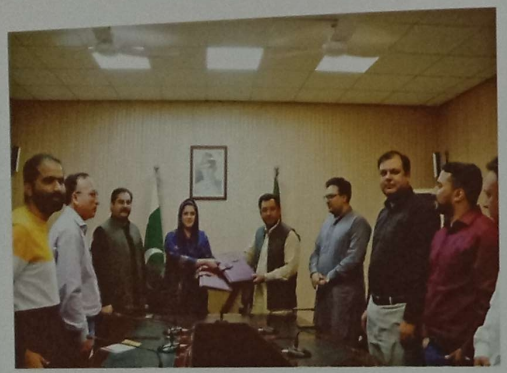


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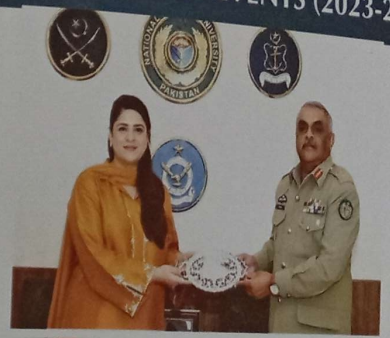
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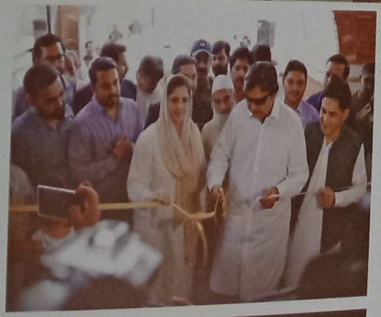
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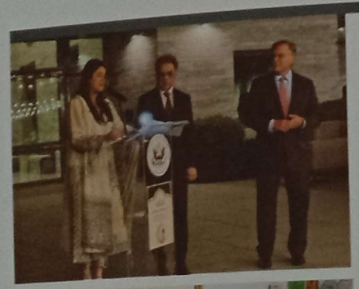




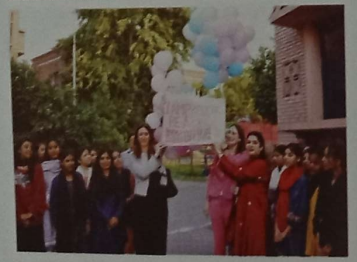






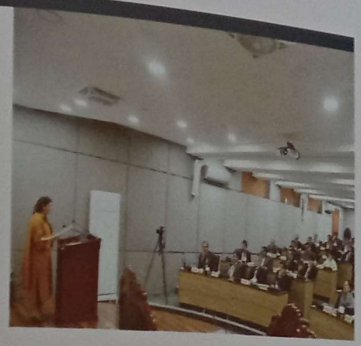


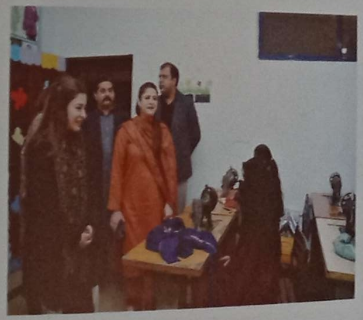




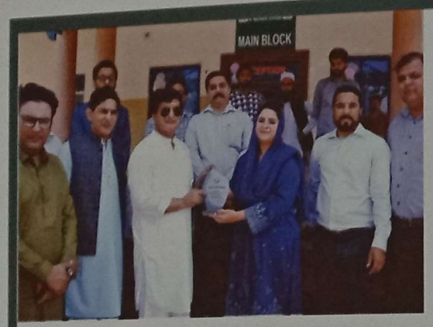


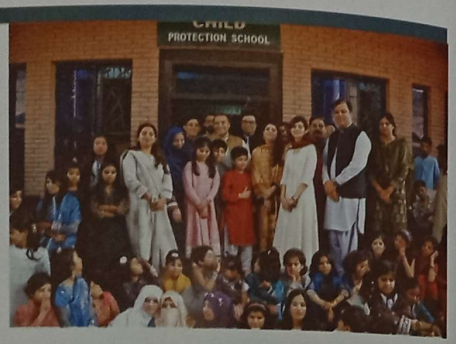


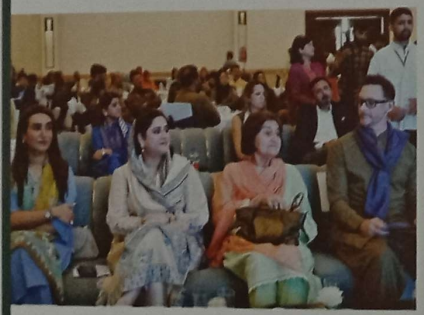




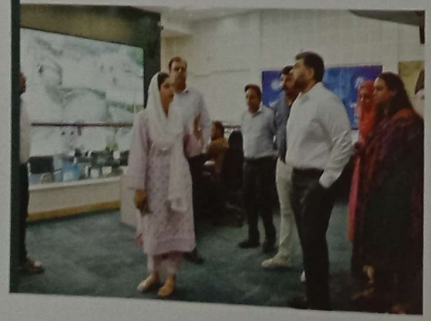
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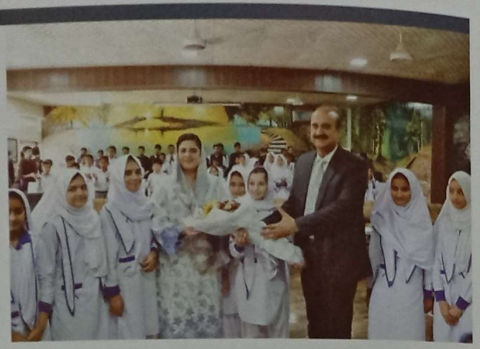



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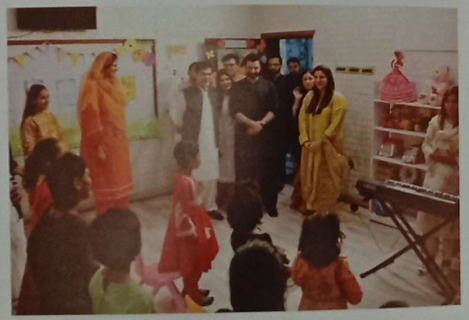

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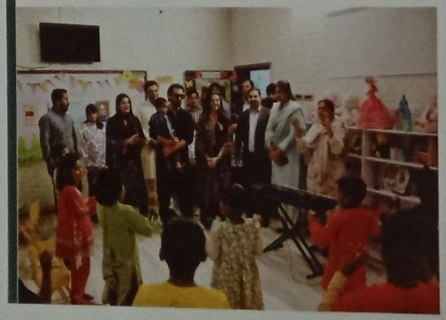



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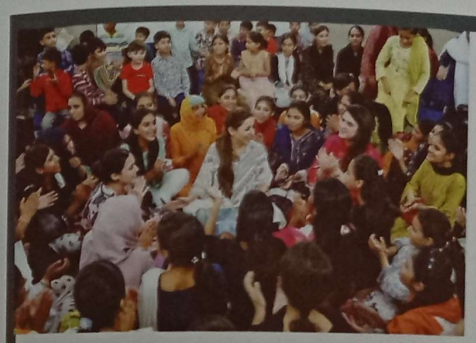


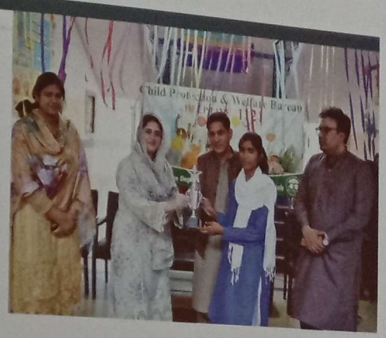

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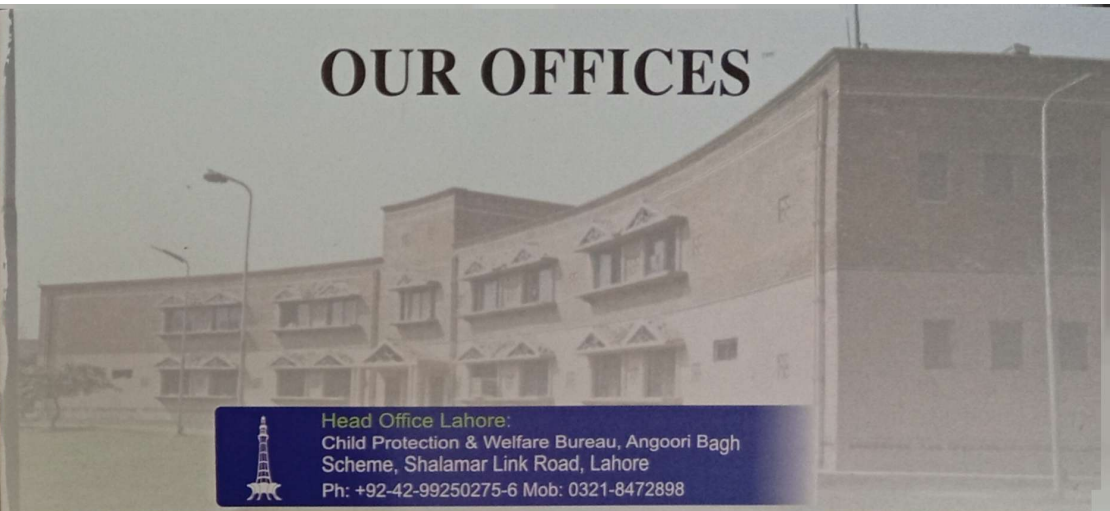
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