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Child Protection & Welfare Bureau

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CHILD PROTECTION & WELFARE BUREAU

Children are the future of any nation and safeguarding of the rights of children is very important for any nation. Government of the Punjab has established Child Protection & Welfare Bureau under Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act 2004 in order to provide protection, care, rehabilitation and welfare to the destitute and neglected children. These children are provided with food and shelter as well as education and vocational training to turn them into useful citizens. Child Protection & Welfare Bureau is currently working in eight districts of Punjab including Lahore, Gujranwala, Multan, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan. Child Protection & Welfare aims to help the vulnerable children and to turn them into useful and productive members of the society.

SOCIAL SECTION

During the month of July 2017,Social Section rescued 97 male and 30 female children from the streets. Child Protection Bureau is committed to eradicate the menace of beggary and safe guard of children from professionally operating gangs of children. On street children's category work and live on the streets and off street children's category work, earn and go back to their families. During the month of July, rescue teams of CP&WB rescued 84 on street children and 43 off street children. Most of these children belong to urban areas. During the month of July 2017, 16 beggars, 35 runaway children, 33 lost children, and 43 children of different categories were presented before the court for protective custody.

HELP LINE 1121

Child helpline provide instant health to vulnerable children. Child Helpline is functioning round the clock 24/7. Helpline has been established to rescue the child on immediate basis. In the month of July, Helpline received information and service calls related to lost, runaway, destitute, neglected, begger and adoption procedure. During the month of JULY Helpline received 45 information calls, 68 service calls. 53 Helpline operations were conducted and total 51 destitute and neglected children were taken into protective custody and presented to Child Protection Court for legal custody.

FAMILY TRACING

Family Tracing team of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau has reunited 439 children to their families throughout Punjab on the orders of Child Protection Court. In the month of July, 2017 family tracing team made compliance to 204 court orders , carried out 81 other than court orders, telephonically contacted 228 families, posted 13 letters to trace out families of lost children, made correspondence with 6 other sources, conducted 12 direct field visits and took 33 children directly to field to trace out their families.

MEDICAL SECTION

Medical Section of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau provides preventive and curative health care services to the resident children. The overall performance of the medical section during the month of July 2017 is outlined as follows.

- Number of children who benefited from services of section.....1541
  - Initial Health assessment 341
  - Sick children seen.....1136
  - Referred to hospitals.....111
  - Vaccination 64

- Communicable diseases

- Scabies.....91
- Mumps.....03

PSYCHOLOGICAL SECTION

Psychological Section of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau has provided counseling to 128 girls and 7 boys. 16 families have been given awareness about child rights, sessions of anger management and common issues have been conducted on 18 groups of children. Psychological counseling has also been provided to 37 cases of children referred from different sections. Individual session 82, and 3 group sessions were conducted by the psychologist for boys. 6 Play & art therapy sessions were also conduted.

OPEN RECEPTION CENTER

Open Reception Centers are established in 6 districts including Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Gujranwala, and Rawalpindi at different locations such as Shrines, Larri Adda & Railway Stations.
In July 2017, total children facilitated at ORC Lahore are 276, Sialkot, 60 Gujranwala, 67 Rawalpindi 61 and in Faisalabad 58. The children who are on street and who are lost and runaway they have been referred to Social Section. In Lahore 29 children referred to Social Section, in Sialkot 10 children referred to Social Section in Gujranwala 4 referred to Social Section in Multan 3 children referred to Social Section, in Rawalpindi 05 and in Faisalabad 12 children referred to Social Section. The main purpose of Open Reception Centres is to facilitate those children who are lost runaway. Wandering and who belong to separated families.

LEGAL SECTION

The main function of Legal Section is to present destitute and neglected children before the Child Protection Court and take legal custody of children. The Legal team of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau comprising of Legal officers and Legal Assistants assists the Bureau in all legal matters / issues. The legal team also appears before other courts and legal forums representing Child Protection & Welfare Bureau. In the month of July 2017. Total 112 destitute and neglected children were presented before the court by legal section for legal custody and 89 children were reunited. Two child abusers were punished by the Child Protection Court. They were penalized a sum of fine Rs. 10,000/- by the court. The legal team assisted the Child Protection Court in 453 routine cases and appeared before High Court in a writ petition which was disposed off.

CHILD PROTECTION SCHOOL

Child Proteciton School is established at Child Proteciton & Welfare Bureau to provide quality educaiton to the vulnerable children. It is middle level school and children are also referred to other schools and colleges after middle level. Apart from formal education, these children are also provided with techinical training at Bureau through PVTC where they are offered different courses such as electrical, mechanical, tailoring, cooking, beautician etc. These courses are mandatory for the residing children who is above 13 years of age 126 school children also participated in different activities such as assertiveness and self image workshop and, young atheletic special olympic games etc.

MASS AWARENESS

Mass Awareness section of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau highlights the services of Bureau through Electronic and Print media in order to create awareness to the general public. During the month of July, different events and activities are highlighted in media such Faisal Edhi visit to Bureau, visit of Chairperson to the tortured child home, press conference at Child Protection Bureau, press conference of Chairperson at Kasur on child abuse cases including all major channels such as Geo, ARY, Express, Sama, Dawn News, City42, Waqt TV, etc and all major newspapers.

CHILD PROTECTION INSTITUTE

Child Protection & Welfare Bureau is a shelter home for at risk and vulnerable children in Punjab where these children are provided with necessities of life such as living, food, education and medical facilities. In the month of July 2017, total 130 new children(boys and girls) were admitted and 96 children (boys and girls) were reunited with their families on the order of Honorable Court. Two boys passed their matriculation exams and three residing girls completed their Holy Quran as well. Special summer course on religion for the residing girls of CPI was arranged.

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICTS OFFICES

RAWALPINDI

Visit of Director Admin in CP&WB

Awareness Camp at Ayub Park Rawalpindi

Card Making / Painting Competition

FAISALABAD

Eid Milan Party

Visit of Addl. Session Judge/ Presiding Officer Child Protection Court

Medical Camp

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICTS OFFICES

GUJRANWALA

Painting competition

Medical / Dental Camp

Magic Show

MULTAN

Visit of ADCG Multan

Painting Competition

Price Distribution

SIALKOT

Bazme Adab at CPI Sialkot

Behaviour Modification of residing Children

Training on religious thoughts

DONATION ACCOUNT

You can help children by depositing your funds at any branch of Bank of Punjab at

Account # PLS - 00020022620003.

BAHWALPUR

Visit of Director General in CP&WB

Card Making

Making Sand Castle

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AT HEAD OFFICE

Visit of Faisal Edhi

Meeting with NGO's

Meeting Regarding Provision of Medicine

Director General Sarah Aslam visit to CPI Bahawalpur

Workshop for children in Collaboration with CEAP

Faisal Edhi's Visit to CP&WB

Chairperson's visit to Okara for Condolence of murdered child

Chairperson's Press Conference along with SSP Investigation

Chairperson's Press Conference at Kasur along with DPO

Director General's Visit of CPI Rahim Yar Khan

Director General's Site Visit of DG Khan

Director General Appreciating girls on completion of Holy Quran

Progress Review Meeting

Meeting Regarding Digitization

Helpline - 1121

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