

Umeed Jawan Project

Monthly Progress Report

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Cover Photo: Community Meeting in Multan to establish Youth Resource Center

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Summary

During current month main thrust was on establishing Youth Resource Centers (YRC) in four target districts of southern Punjab including Bahawalpur, Lodhran, Multan and Muzaffargarh and speed up membership campaign. Meetings were held with communities and YRCs were established in all target tehsils. Members were registered for trainings for Hand Embroidery, Stitching and Non-formal Education.

Detailed Description of Program Activities

- Community meetings regarding project introduction, identification of locality and acquiring of space in the target districts were conducted by the field team and details of all the project components were shared with the participants. Vocational training courses and sports activities were well admired and welcomed by the community.
- The agenda of these meetings was to introduce Umeed Jawan project to the communities, acquire space for YRCs and initiate the process of registration for upcoming trainings.
- The outcome of these meetings was that a total of 800 youth have been registered for different trainings of the project.
- Community members were sensitized about the need, importance and benefits of the project and they were explained how important is it to engage the youth in healthy activities and to equip them with the life skill and vocational trainings.
- Community members were told about the modalities of the project with regard to establishment of YRCs and were also mobilized for provision of free of cost space for the establishment of YRCs.
- Space for all 11 youth resource centers has been obtained in all four target districts and detail is given below:

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Youth Resource Centers
1	Bahawalpur	3
2	Lodhran	2
3	Multan	4
4	Muzaffargarh	2
Total		11



- Three manuals were developed covering following course:
 - Embroidery,
 - Stitching and
 - Non-formal education
- Trainers for vocational trainings, sports activities and non formal education programme have been identified.
- Work on manual for vocational trainings is under progress.
- Organized 23 community meetings in Danvaran and Zakheera adda, district Lodhran, Yazman, Bahawalpur and Ahmadpur East, district Bahawalpur, Chhajra shreef, Thhal Chowk and Gugrey Wala district Muzaffargarh, Basti Bohar and Rangeelpur Mohallah Haidria, district Multan for the purpose of, youth registration, project introduction, space allocation for YRC establishment.
- Got space for YRC establishment at Mohallah Haidria Tehsil Jalalpur Pirwala, district Multan.
- Identification of two schools for orientation sessions, one at Tehsil Dunyapur district Lodhran and the other at Tehsil Alipur district Muzaffar Garh.
- Initial meetings with trainers for embroidery and stitching courses were held at Tehsil Dunyapur and Yazman
- Template for written agreement between communities and YPP to get the buildings for establishment of YRCs has been circulated.
- Project Manager visited seven YRCs in Lodhran, Bahawalpur and Multan by was conducted.

Methodologies

Main focus after hiring the team was to establish YRCs and speed up the registration of the potential participants. In order to acquire the space for YRCs, the District Coordinators conducted community meetings in various areas of the target districts. The aim was to explain the project to the local people and to secure a place at a suitable location where YRCs could be established. Another factor considered was the accessibility and it was ensured that the participants have easy approach to the established YRC.

Similarly, the methodology used to enhance membership was to increase frequency of visits to the communities and expanding the horizon to achieve the target.

In order to develop manuals for trainings, related literature was reviewed and the institutions involved in this kind of work were consulted and visited. During the month under review all the three manuals were completed in the areas of Hand Embroidery, Stitching and Life skills.



Implementation challenges

People in the target area were cooperative and they showed real enthusiasm in the project after knowing the envisaged activities. Although the female registration for training courses was a challenge but it was overcome by taking into confidence the elders and community members in the area.

Lesson learned

Youth of Pakistan have great potential and the enthusiasm shown towards this project was unprecedented.

Monitor activities and outputs achieved

The activities are monitored by regular visit to the field by Project Manager as his most of the time is spent in target districts. Similarly, the District Coordinators are always there to monitor the field activities. They pay regular visits at each Youth Resource Centre and watch the activities and report back to Project Manager who in turn provides information to YPP headquarters on regular basis.