

INAUGURATION OF BIO-FERMENTER

Bio- Fermenter was inaugurated at village Dayo Patel by Mr. Manshad Asghar Diocesan Executive Secretary of Caritas Hyderabad. This natural fertilizer factory will facilitate 15 acres of agriculture land of 12 farmers to produce organic fertilizer. The objective of this construction is to reduce dependency of the farmers on chemical fertilizers and promotion of trend of organic farming techniques. Fertilizer gained from this bio-farmenter will help farmers to regain soil fertility

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

Two entrepreneurship trainings were organized with females in targeted area. The participants were educated how to make and market their products in the market for income generation. After the training session, raw material to start small business was distributed among participants. Parish team of Anarkali Church supported us to organize these trainings.

Sr	Area	Parish	Training on	Date	Participants
01	Chargpark	Anarakali	clothe detergent powder and shampoo	May 6, 2016	25
02	Chargpark	Anarkali	Clutch (Purse)	June 24, 2016	25

FARMER FIELD SCHOOL

Caritas Pakistan established 03 farmer field schools on vegetable crops to promote discovery-based learning, minimize dependency of the farmers on external inputs, improve decision making of the farmers through analysis, reduce cost of production and promote sustainable agriculture practices. A total of 80 farmers (65 male and 15 female) benefitted from these farmer field schools set up in Multan and Rawalpindi dioceses

EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK SUPPORT IN DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS OF THARPARKAR

Caritas Pakistan in partnership with CRS is implementing a 7th month project on "Emergency Livestock Support in Drought-Affected areas of Tharparkar 2016" in Union Council Giriyancho, Tehsil Islamkot, District Tharparkar. The aim of the project is to build the capacities of the communities in drought areas. During the reporting period (March-June) 915 households were supported with 108 kg feed and 162 kg fodder a ration of 3 months for 5-6 goat/sheep provided in 29 villages of selected Union Council. Livestock Management (LMT) session on usage of the feed and fodder were conducted. Livestock Management Training (LMT) sessions on vaccination have been conducted in 29 villages.

In Livestock vaccination campaign 18268 small livestock have been vaccinated against ETV and 108 village vaccinators have been trained. LMT sessions on Fodder Storage, Rangeland Management and session on De-worming of non-productive livestock are planned in upcoming quarter

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) is observed every year on 5th June to raise global awareness, to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. World environment Day was celebrated by Caritas Pakistan (Multan and Karachi) under Livelihood and Food Security Program on 05 June, 2016 with community members of Chak No. 584/TDA, District Muzaffargarh and Soomar Goth, Hawks Bay, Karachi. The objective of the event was to create awareness among children and community members. World is specifically focusing on the species which are killed by human for business purpose.

Every thing in nature is interconnected with each other and extinction of any species is dangerous for other's survival. Poster competition was organized among the school children with an aim to help children understand that God want us to care of his creations. Mr. Samuel Clement (Executive Secretary, CPM) shared that Asian Countries are not participating in those activities which is the reason of increasing global warming.

Mr. Mansha Noor said that usage of plastic in different forms create pollution which poses life threat to human health, kills and harms marine life, damages and alters habitats, and may substantially cause negative impacts on the livelihood of the fisher folk community. As Pope Francis well reminded us, Climate Change is a global problem with grave implications on environment, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principle challenges facing humanity in their lives.



PEACE BUILDING AND SOCIAL HARMONY

4TH ANNUAL CHILDREN PEACE FESTIVAL: ADDITION

Caritas Pakistan has organized 4th Annual Children Peace Festival from May 11 – 14, 2016 at Arooj-e-Mariam Centre, Chak 7 / R.B, Faisalabad. Every year Caritas Pakistan organizes this festival in order to create an understanding among school children that all the people should be equally respected, fully protected and universally realized. The event started with the holy mass conducted by Rt. Rev. Doctor Bishop Joseph Arshad (Bishop of Faisalabad Diocese). 150 students and teachers (70 males & 80 females) from all the three diocesan units (CPL, CPM & CPF) implementing Peace Building & Social Harmony Program Participated in that 4th Annual Children Peace Festival, 2016. The fourth festival was inaugurated by Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Arshad along with Mr. Amjad Gulzar (ED, Caritas Pakistan), Mr. Samuel Clement (DES, CPM), Mr. Farhan Lawrence (DES, CPF) and Mr. Amer Anwer (Program Coordinator – Peace building & Social Harmony Program) on May 12, 2016 after holy mass. The festivals brings all the participants from different religions, class, gender together and work for the similar cause which is peace building. The teachers accompanied peace club members made speeches, peace posters, play cards, and also participated in re-creational activities for the promotion of peace and harmony in Pakistan. It also provide a platform for students and teachers from different districts of Pakistan to come together and exchange views, share experiences on the issues like environment, peace education, peace building, peace keeping, peacemaking and enhance their communication and coordination for upcoming endeavors for the peace promotion in Pakistan. Students and Teachers shared their best practices for the promotion of peace and harmony in their areas, schools and communities. The first festival was held in Multan & Hyderabad in 2013, whereas it was organized in Lahore in 2014 and Narowal in 2015. This year Caritas Pakistan provides this opportunity to Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad diocese to host the event and looks after all the logistics during this four days event. Caritas Pakistan is very grateful to Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad diocese for their effective coordination and logistic arrangements said Mr. Amer Anwer. This is the time; we need to stand together – students and teachers – to loudly declare that Peace is the dire need of our country. Let us be united and joining hands for the promotion of peace and harmony in Pakistan because Caritas Pakistan believes in "Together we proceed – Said Mr. Amjad Gulzar.

2ND ANNUAL YOUTH PEACE CAMP, MURREE: ADDITION

Caritas Pakistan has organized 2nd Annual Youth Peace Camp from June 21 – 24, 2016 at O' Spring Estate, Murree. Youth comprises of 40 participants from three catholic diocese of Pakistan including CPM, CPF and CPL participated in that four days youth camp. The overall aim of the Youth Peace Camp is to engage young people in interactive workshops and recreational activities that promote peace, intercultural dialogue and respect in diversity. This youth peace camp includes motivational sessions, catholic social teaching, youth development, leadership skills, peace building, social harmony and exposure visit. It will also provide an opportunity for youth to enhance their coordination and communication in order to finding out new possibilities for the promotion of peace building and social harmony in the society. Mr. Amer Anwer (Program Coordinator, Peace Building & Social Harmony) conducted sessions on Peace Building, Concepts, Approaches and Tools of Peace Builders during Conflict Management. Mr. Rafiq Inayat (Project Officer, CPL) delivered his session on "Role of Youth in Peace Building" whereas Rev. Fr. Bernard Emmanuel (Parish Priest, Narowal) conducted a session on catholic social teaching and Mr. Samuel Clement delivered his session on Leadership and Youth Development. This youth peace camp also allows Caritas Pakistan's youth peace committees from different districts to engage in dialogue and conflict transformation activities based on peace education and intercultural learning. Through Youth Peace Camp these young people gain a positive experience in living and learning together. The closing ceremony was attended by all the three executive secretaries including Mr. Farhan Lawrence (CPF), Mr. Samuel Clement (CPM) and Rev. Fr. Joseph Shahzad (CPL) and Executive Director, Mr. Amjad Gulzar. The main objective of involving youth in our peace building program is to prepare young individuals to play a leadership role in future and to keep them abreast of the global peace and security situations. From this type of platforms for youth, the members not only interact with youth at national level but at the same time they share information with the youth of their communities and cultures – Said Mr. Amjad Gulzar

TRAINING OF YOUTH PEACE CLUBS AT ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL GUJRANWALA

Peace Building and Social Harmony Program organized "Training of Youth Peace Clubs" on June 11, 2016 at St. Joseph English High School Gujranwala. Mr. Rafiq Inayat (Project Officer) highlighted on the history of peace, current situation of the country, why need of peace to our society and the role of young leaders to the promotion of peace in the society. This training was a set of activities including discussions, experience sharing and group works etc. After discussions, groups presented their presentation on given questions.



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The second newsletter of this year is presented to all its audiences. Since the arrival of 2016 Caritas Pakistan achieved two historic milestones; first, the celebration of its 150th newsletter and the launching of its very first National Community Development Course, 2016 which shall train the aspiring development workers in the concepts and practices of community development and disaster response.

In last few years, CP focused to build up the capacities at community and organizational level to cope with larger disasters and reducing the risks in future in our target areas. We are happy to share that we have successful in having a diverse range of expertise in the field of disaster cycle management. As you know, Pakistan's Meteorological Department (PMD) has predicted the alarming situation for twenty percent high frequency of monsoon this year. Therefore our emergency response teams has prepared its contingency plans to meet any kind of emergency situation in the country. Our volunteers and DMCs are also well equipped and well prepared to cope with any disaster.

I would like to mention other important events on peace building as well. Under Peace Building & Social Harmony Program, Caritas Pakistan organized its two major events including "4th Annual Children Peace Festival, Faisalabad" and "2nd Annual Youth Peace Camp, Murree". We are confident that soon we shall have thousands of young peace agents spreading the message of peace, tolerance, brotherhood and harmonious living in the society.

Caritas Pakistan condemns the terrorist attack on the park on the day of Easter. CP remained vigilant to support the families through trauma counseling and financial support for the livelihood restoration of the affected families. Such atrocities and brutalities cannot discourage us to live in brotherhood. We shall continue living in brotherhood irrespective of religion, race and ethnicity.

In the end I have a prayer that 'May Peace Prevail on Earth'.



NCDC 2016 "NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COURSE 2016"



Caritas Pakistan initiated One Month NCDC 2016 "National Community Development Course in National Secretariat Lahore. This course aims at motivating and supporting youth to set a vision and direction for their lives. Consciousness of the fact that there is a lack of skilled and committed professionals in the society, the National Community Development Course has been designed to contribute in developing pools of professionals, who would add value to any organization and society, as a whole. This course has been designed for professionals, students and practitioners to be in partnership for community development initiatives at grassroots level for the empowerment of neglected and under privileged communities in Pakistan. Fr. Joseph Shahzad, Diocesan Executive Secretary led (Main Celebrant) the Holy Mass along with Fr. Qaiser Feroz. Fr. Joseph Shahzad emphasized the need of Community Development Course in Pakistan during his homily. NCDC 2016 was officially inaugurated by Mr. Amjad Gulzar Gulzar Executive Director, Caritas Pakistan joined by Fr. Joseph Shahzad, Diocesan Executive Secretary Caritas Lahore, Mr. Mansha Noor, Diocesan Executive Caritas Karachi, Fr. Qaiser Feroz, Director WAVES Studios and Mr. Estephen David, Training Coordinator. Mr. Amjad Gulzar Executive director warmly welcomed all the participants as being the pioneers of the course. Course duration is one month "June 20-July 20, 2016". Course Modules are; 1) Social Mobilization and Development 2) Leadership and Conflict Management 3) Project Designing, Management and Report Writing 4) Community Based Disaster Management and Climate Change 5) Learning Through Community Model Project Exposure Visits 6) Community Based Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning.



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CBDRM AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Caritas Pakistan organized training on “Disaster preparedness and contingency planning” 18th -20th June 2016 in Lahore. Executive Secretaries and Project Coordinators from seven diocesan units of Pakistan gathered at Caritas Pakistan National Secretariat. Mr. Nadeem Yousaf (National Coordinator for DRR and Response) discussed Caritas Pakistan's CBDRM history. Later on all the coordinators explained flood history and their intensities in their respective regions. Detailed discussion on CBDRM started with the striking question why we do CBDRM. Its causes and process work plan was prepared by all diocesan units. On 19th Mr. Estephen David (Climate change officer) discussed in detail “Climate change and monsoon in Pakistan”. Referring to the Holy Father encyclical “Laudato Si” he explained climate change is affecting fluctuation in weather and irregular pattern of rain. It is a global issue and the entire world is focusing in reducing all the contributing factors toward different disasters. Through a group work all participants prepared climate change problem tree. Later on the same day Mr. Nadeem yousaf in scenario building exercise discussed with the diocesan units situation of flood they faced every year and response plan was prepared keeping in view the encountered area situation. Different risk and vulnerabilities pattern and their impacts at community level was identified to mitigate encountered risks early warning system (EWS model was developed by all coordination for community and organization level. On 20th June 2016 detailed communication plan was prepared by participants for their respective flood zones.

MANGROVES PLANTATION TO PROTECT THE LIVELIHOOD OF FISHER FOLK COMMUNITY

Caritas Pakistan Karachi, organized the Mangroves Tree Plantation under its ongoing campaign of “Tree for the Earth” to fight against Climate Change”. As part of reforestation plan on 15th June, 2016 to rejuvenate ailing mangrove forest, endangered species of fishes and contributed to the disappearance of large swathes of the country's delta areas. The campaign focuses on the forests of the Indus delta, the sixth largest in the world, which faces ongoing threats from increased development and growing population. The objective of this campaign is to raise awareness among the fisher folk community members regarding the rising levels of sea and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and its adverse effects on the livelihood of the targeted Community. Rev. Fr. Saleh Diego, Vicar General of Archdiocese of Karachi and Mr. Amjad Gulzar, Executive Director; Caritas Pakistan were the Chief Guest for the Mangroves Tree Plantation. Caritas Pakistan staff and fisher folk community members planted 200 mangrove saplings at China Creek, an inlet near Karachi harbor. "Mangroves are the backbone of the coastal communities. The economy and livelihood of these communities can be improved by imitating more schemes of rehabilitations of ecological system along the coastline through plantations of mangroves" said Mr. Amjad Gulzar, Executive Director of Caritas Pakistan.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SESSION

Caritas Pakistan Lahore conducted disaster preparedness session in village Nai Dulam on June 04, 2016 and in village Saidpur Hanjli on May 20, 2016 under the project of Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (CBDRM). This session was organized to build the capacity of villagers to be flood resilient community and support each other during any emergency especially floods.

CHEQUES DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY TO LAHORE BOMB BLAST VICTIMS

Caritas Pakistan Lahore distributed cheques for medical assistance to 19 injured persons of Gulshan Iqbal Park, Lahore Bomb Blast on May 18, 2016. This ceremony was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral Church. In first phase His Grace Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw (Archbishop of Roman Catholic Church Lahore) distributed cheques to 19 families. Mr. Amjad Gulzar (National Executive Director – Caritas Pakistan), Fr. Joseph Shahzad (Diocesan Executive Secretary – Caritas Pakistan Lahore), Dr. Shahid Farooq (PSO to MS Jinnah Hospital), Mr. Malik Kashif (PSO to TMA Gulberg) were also present during this cheque distribution ceremony.

LAHORE BOMB BLAST VICTIM SUPPORT PROGRAM Trauma Counseling / Psychosocial Support Sessions were conducted with the survivors of Lahore blast in Kot Lakhpur Parish, Bahar Colony, Lahore May 4 and Mian Meer Colony on May 6. In addition to the counseling session of psychotherapist, our project team performed a puppet show for the blast victims which theme was "They tried to bury us but they didn't know we were seeds". The basic purpose of this activity was to boost up the moral of blast victims and bring back them towards normal life.

TRAINING ON SEARCH, RESCUE AND FIRST AID

Caritas Pakistan Lahore conducted training of Search & Rescue, Emergency Response Management and First Aid with the Disaster Management Committee and volunteers at village Talwandi Dial Pur, Tehsil Pasrur, District Sialkot. The key activities included basic concepts of community based disaster risk management, coping practices of Search, Rescue and First Aid.



EARTH QUAKE RELIEF PROGRAM 2015 UPDATE APRIL-JUNE 2016

The situation in the affected areas had become better to some extent in case of shelter, health and livelihood sectors. The overall number of affected, injured or dead, and displaced people is same as there is no significant change in the overall post disaster scenario. On ground, CPIR is very much active and has developed linkages with stakeholders at community and government levels. There is no displacement and people are forced to live in the damaged houses. After the grant of funds provided the response of CPIR has become positive and with that the linkages with community has become strong. The district government and local people fully support CPIR and also shared the needs of the community.



CELEBRATING OF 150th CARITAS PAKISTAN NEWSLETTER (CARITAS CALLING)

Caritas Pakistan history is marked with another marvelous mile stone. Launching ceremony of Caritas Pakistan's 150th Newsletter (Caritas Calling) was held on 26-04-2016. Staff from different diocesan units of Caritas Pakistan were part of this historic event. Caritas Pakistan launched its first newsletter "Mah- Nama" in 1998, while the new trend of colored Caritas Calling was started in 2002. This quarterly published newsletter is circulated around the globe and serve as the best tool of promotion and link up with the world. Mr. Ambrose Gill (Multan Dioceses) congratulated Caritas Pakistan for 150th newsletter and said “our newsletter is a healthy picture of our progress. Mr Rafiq Inayat (Lahore Dioceses) said “we performed our actives in different areas of Pakistan. This newsletter projects our work and activities among other network organization. Mr. Khushi Peter expressed his joy and said we salute all those who had initiated this document. On this event special recognition was given to Majid Siddiq (Designer of Caritas calling) and Rahat Francis (Circulation Incharge). Mr. Samuel Clement (Executive Secretary Multan) congratulated the Editorial Committee for their continuous struggle. Executive Director Caritas Pakistan said “this newsletter progressing day by day and be will maintain this trend.



WASH

FLOOD RESILIENT WATER PUMP AND WASH ROOM

Caritas Pakistan Lahore has installed flood resilient water pump and wash room at Hanjli Mehtab Pur village, Tehsil Pasrur, District Sialkot. These activities were carried out under WASH Project to promote safe drinking water and sanitation in flood prone villages of Tehsil Pusur. Mr. Rojar Noor Alam (Dioscean Program Coordinator) inaugurated water pump and wash room in the month of May 2016. Awareness sessions on safe drinking water as well as health & hygiene for better living standards of vulnerable communities were also conducted in the respective village



WASH survey

WASH teams of Caritas Pakistan (Faisalabad, Karachi and Multan) dioceses conducted WASH survey in Village Youhana Colony (Tibba) district Faisalabad, Soomar Goth district West and Chak No. 586 TDA district Muzaffargarh by using tool FGD (focus group discussions), Individual interviews, transit walk and observations. Main objective of this survey was to analyze the condition of the community regarding their water and sanitation hygiene condition. It is evident during survey that surveyed communities lack access of clean, safe drinking water, It is estimated that less than 40 % of the population of the targeted districts have access to basic facilities. While only 5% have proper washroom facilities. Due to these problems many linked health issues and women and children sexual abuse and harassment cases arise.



CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS SESSION THROUGH POSTER COMPETITION

Caritas Pakistan Lahore organized a poster competition for climate change awareness with the Sunday School Children of Basti Sandan Shah, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, Lahore on June 25, 2016. The children were sensitized about climate change in the light of Pope Francis encyclical “Laudato Si”. Children made posters with their great interest. Rev. Fr. Joseph Shahzad (Diocesan Executive Secretary – Caritas Pakistan Lahore) encouraged children to contribute their role in better environment by planting trees, saving water and keeping our surroundings clean. Trophies were distributed among winners of this competition.



LIVELIHOOD AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

FUEL EFFICIENT STOVE

03 trainings of fuel efficient stoves were conducted by Hyderabad dioceses and 01 by Caritas Rawalpindi/ Islamabad diocese. Aim of the training was to mobilize community toward fuel efficient technology. This stove had capacity to reduce use of fire wood, save health and reduce the cooking time up to half. Stove construction was practically demonstrated with the women along with session on importance of fuel efficient stove.



LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

03 Livestock management trainings were organized at Kotnaja, Luxian, Khushab to trained framers regarding techniques to gain good milk production through proper feed and improvement of health status of livestock. 04 Livestock vaccination camp were organized on Hemorrhagic Septicemia, Foot and Mouth disease at Sargodha and Khushab. While 02 camps were organized in district Tandoallahyar and Haradas Patel. 01 Training of Trainers was organized on livestock management by Caritas Hyderabad and 26 farmers from different areas participated in this TOT. Trainers from renowned livestock department briefed framers about basic principles of animal health, seasonal diseases and vaccination practical process along with de-worming of livestock.



AGRICULTURE HAND TOOLS DISTRIBUTION

34 Farmers were selected from the marginalized community of Luxian Sargodha on 19th June 2016 after survey. These tools will help the farmers to increase their helping hand and speed up their working time up to double by adding more people

REGIONAL FARMER'S CONFERENCE INDONESIA

Caritas Asia Regional Farmers' Conference organized by Caritas Asia and hosted by KARINA (Caritas Indonesia) was held from April 19-22, 2016 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The Conference was attended by 48 participants from 11 countries of South Asia and South East Asia. This is one of the major events of Caritas Asia under CREAM Program. CREAM stands for Climate Resilient Eco Agriculture Main Streaming in Asia. The participating countries included Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar. One Observer from Secours Catholique France also joined the conference. Caritas Pakistan was represented by Mr. Amir Irfan, Mr. Amir Robin and two farmers (Irshad Albert and Mr. Javed Iqbal). Each country was allocated space for setting up exhibition and time limit of 10-15 minutes for delivering country presentation. Caritas Pakistan team also set up its exhibition which included local variety seeds, case studies of farmer beneficiaries, farmer kit for data collection, publications, samples of organic crops, eco bags, and photos etc. The Country presentation covered two aspects i.e. farmer field schools and Caritas Pakistan's response to climate change. As usual this conference was a good opportunity for farmers to share their experiences and learn from one another. The farmers from 11 countries revealed their experiences in promoting organic farming and fighting climate change. Farmers from different countries were given maximum opportunity to speak and exchange their learning.

