

ONE MILLION MORE TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN

Tree plantation with farmers of Gadap Town

Caritas Pakistan Karachi planted and distributed trees among small farmers of Gadap Town under "One Million More Tree Plantation Campaign" to fight against climate change. Mr. Amjad Gulzar, National Executive Director of Caritas Pakistan was the chief guest of Nov. 22 tree plantation program. According to Mr. Amjad Gulzar, climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable. Coronavirus may force us to keep our distance but it will not force us to keep our voices down. We launched the tree campaign to combat climate change and support sustainable development goal, he said. "Caritas Pakistan will plant 1,000,000 during 2020 to 2023. We encourage all to join us to plant more trees to reduce the impact of climate change and save mother earth for future generation." He joined Mr. Mansha Noor, Mr. Amir Robin small farmers and CPK Staff members in planting Neem trees and putting "Laudato Si" into action.



Tree Plantations in Quetta and Lahore dioceses

Caritas Pakistan Quetta continued One Million More Plantation Campaign by planting 100 trees in St. Eugene parish Sibi on November 9. Caritas Pakistan Lahore also held an awareness session on the important of tree plantation in two schools on November 4, 2020. 100 Tree saplings were also planted in the compound of Govt. Primary School (Boys & Girls), Fatehpuri, Shahdara Parish, Muridke, District Sheikhupura in collaboration with Punjab Forest Department. Mr. Naeem Naz (Diocesan Program Coordinator Caritas Pakistan Lahore) elaborated the importance and need of trees as well as their benefits for all human beings. He urged all to take care of the planted trees and try not to damage trees for caring our common home. Mr. Khurram Shahzad (Project Officer) shared about Tree Plantation Campaign and requested to plant trees at home & fields to save our mother earth. Ms. Ayesha and Ms. Zunaira (principals of schools) thanked Caritas team for this wonderful initiative for healthy environment and promised to care the planted trees. Catechist George Inayat coordinated this activity.



Tree plantation in Sanghar District

Caritas Pakistan Hyderabad distributed and planted 1000 sapling fruit and fodder trees among the different communities of Kunri-district Umerkot and Tando Adam-district Sanghar on 9th and 12th November, 2020. Before distribution CPH team talked about the importance of tree plantation and its positive impact on the environment in detail. CPH team also urged people to take good care of the plants so that we can save Earth for the future generations.



7th Women Conference

Gender Equality must become a Reality.

The Seventh Women Conference organized by Caritas Pakistan was held on December 10th, 2020 at St. John's Parish Youhanabad, Lahore under the theme Gender equality must become a reality. The primary objective of conducting this conference was to provide them an opportunity to learn, share their best practices and acknowledge their services. Women from different fields including sports, advocates, teachers, housewives and volunteers from participated in the conference. The presence of 100 women participants, affirms the dedication of Caritas Pakistan towards women development in Pakistan. The official welcoming of all the dignitaries, guests and participants was led by Mr. Naeem Naz (Program Coordinator and operational head CPL) and said, "It's time to celebrate the achievements of women and dedicate this day to all the women and to further encourage them to come up with great work. It is important to empower them as a step towards nation building". Mr. Amir Irfan (National Coordinator - Livelihood and Food Security Program Caritas Pakistan) discussed the main objectives of the women conference and presented the contribution of Caritas Pakistan towards community development. "The purpose of organizing women conference is to provide a platform to females to build confidence and to find appropriate solutions of the issues regarding their rights, professional or personal growth and equality," he said while emphasizing the importance of 7th Women Conference. Ms. Sana Komal (Project Officer Education) presented Caritas Pakistan contribution towards women empowerment through its different programs. Ms. Rabia Tariq (DRR Project Officer) briefed the women role in emergencies. Ms. Sana Aslam (Advocate) discussed about the women rights in the light of today's world in which women needs to get empowered and speak for their fundamental rights in the political, economic, civil, social and cultural spheres and health, education, employment, marriage, family relations and equality before the law. Pakistan power lifting sisters (Twinkle Sohail, Maryam Sohail, Sybil Sohail and Veronica Sohail) were proud to represent nation and inspires women and youth. They urged female participants to struggle in their fields of working and reach to a level where they can inspire others from their personality. Rev. Fr. Ayub Rehmat urged all to spend more time with their families. According to Mr. Amjad Gulzar Executive director "Caritas Pakistan has always given much importance to women participation at different levels. We believe in women empowerment and thus encourage women to actively participate in different events and activities. I hope you will find this event a good forum for experience sharing, knowing each other and take home good knowledge on emerging issues of women."



LIVELIHOOD & FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

World Food Day celebrated in Karachi

Caritas Karachi under their National Advocacy Plan on SDG 02 (Zero Hunger) Campaign observed the World Food Day under the theme of "Grow, Nourish, sustain, Together." The planning session on zero hunger was organized at Nafeesa Wilson Researcher & Training Hall, Karachi on 16th of October, 2020. The objective of the Program was to raise public awareness of extent of hunger in Pakistan, its impact on lives of people, review the government policies and plans on SDG 02 and to disseminate to all stakeholders for better planning. Mr. Naveed Bhatti, Secretary of Record & Event Karachi of Pakistan People Party was the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests were Mr. Sameer Bag from Robin Hood Army, Captain Joseph Zeeshan from Salvation Army, Mr. Kashif Anthony and Noman Peter from NCJP, Mr. Bryan from JDC, Ms. Angeline from Ambassador of Christ, Mr. Rasheed Gill from Light & Faith organization and Community Leaders. Mr. Mansha Noor, Executive Secretary CPK in his opening remarks said that it is time to rethink how we grow, share and consume our food. If done right, agriculture, forestry and fisheries can provide nutritious food for all and generate decent incomes, while supporting people-centered rural development and protecting the environment. Caritas Pakistan Karachi addressed hunger by facilitating farmers / communities from drought-affected areas to benefit from scheme announced by Sindh government. Parliamentarians / media officials / schools, teachers and other stakeholder were engaged to raise unified voice for addressing food insecurity and hunger issues. Dr. Daniel Bashir, Auditor on Youth Synod, facilitated the session on SDG 02 zero hunger and how we waste food on daily basis. Mr. Naveed Bhatti ensured support of Sindh Government for Caritas during their Zero Hunger Campaign.



Kitchen Gardening Training and Seed Distribution in Gujranwala

Kitchen Gardening Training under Smallholder Adaptive Farming Project was organized on October 26, 2020 at Mariam Sadiqa Town, Chan da Qilla, St. Mark Parish Gujranwala. Mr. Rafiq Inayat - Project Officer Caritas Pakistan Lahore highlighted the need and importance of the vegetables in human life. He also highlighted the need of kitchen gardening to solve food security issue. "It can help in meeting nutritional requirements of a family. With limited efforts and cost in the courtyard or backyard not only fresh and chemical free vegetables can be produced but this activity also reduces kitchen expense," he said sharing illustrations about soil preparation and irrigation for kitchen gardening, seasonal calendar of vegetables, method of chemical free spray and holing and removal of weeds. Fr. Rafhan Fayyaz urged all to grow cheap and healthy vegetables. Fr. Bernard Emmanuel Parish Priest highlighted their nutritive value and palatability. He thanked Caritas Pakistan Lahore for this training and providing vegetables seed to the women group. Fr. Bernard Emmanuel Parish Priest St. Mark's Parish along with Fr. Rafhan Fayyaz Parish Priest St. Joseph Parish, Rafiq Inayat - Project Officer, Babu Ishaq, Ms Surriya Chunan - NCJP and Obaid David distributed vegetable seeds among the women group.



Awareness Session on Organic Farming in Gujranwala

Caritas Pakistan Lahore held an awareness session on organic farming with farmers at village Bhambowali, District Gujranwala on October 3. The event was organized in collaboration with Indus Farmer Association association, the social wing of Taj Food Company. Mr. Moharram Ali (Field Manager- IFA) highlighted the importance of organic farming and its benefits for public and environment. He emphasized to use natural fertilizer like composting and animal dung instead of chemical fertilizers. Natural fertilizer prepared by Indus Farm Association were distributed among farmers as sample and also illustrated how to prepare natural fertilizer by using items available in local market. The brochures of organic rice crop cultivation prepared by Taj Food Company were also handed over to the farmers. Mr. Naeem Naz (Diocesan Program Coordinator) urged the participants to disseminate learnt information to other farmers and play their contribution to save humanity and environment. He also thanked the team of Indus Farm Association for their time and distributing sample natural fertilizer free of cost. Mr. Rafiq Inayat (Project Officer), Mr. Khurram Shahzad (Project Officer) and Mr. Obaid Estephen (Social Mobilizer) helped in organizing the program.



Seeds for COVID-19 affected farmers

Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad distributed crops seed to most deserving and deprived farmers who had suffered from COVID-19 lockdown and flood destruction. The distribution ceremony was held on 8th October 2020 at Hawli Shiekh Raju, Union council 33 Tehsil and District Jhang. Mr. Aneel Mushtaq (Executive Secretary CPF) and Muhammad Nisar UI Haq (Chairman of UC) distributed crops seed among 15 deprived farmers. The farmers appreciated Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad for supporting them in recovering from the loss resulting from recent flood and COVID-19 pandemic.





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Dear Readers,

2020 was a very challenging year dominated by the pandemic. This tragedy resulted in the loss of lives and united us. It enabled us to show love and solidarity with COVID affected and front line defenders.

Our response to the pandemic was divided in food distributions, WASH, awareness raising, health and psycho visual support. 6000 food packages were provided to deserving families in 7 dioceses. Hygiene kits were distributed among 1000 households. 25,000 people were given awareness. IEC Material was disseminated thorough social media. Personal Protective Equipment was provided to 40 health workers.

During floods, shelter kits were provided to 267 households. 750 households received food packages. Under DRR program, early warning systems were established in 20 villages. SAFBIN program in 20 villages of District Sarodha and Khushab supported small farm households. The program benefitted 3535 individuals. Smallholder Adaptive Farming benefitted 2450 people in Lahore, Faisalabad and Multan. Five WASH committees were formed with 125 members in each committee. This program helped in raising awareness and adapting SOPs during COVID. 416 Children were enrolled in 15 Caritas Community Schools. One Million More Tree Plantation Campaign was launched to plant 1000000 during 2020 to 2023. 50,000 trees were planted in the country.

I express my solidarity with all the Caritas staff and volunteers. I wish you all a Merry Christmas. May the bells of the Christmas glory add up more shine and spread smiles across the miles, today and in the New Year.

THE PANDEMIC The first three cases of UK's new coronavirus variant were reported in Karachi at the end of the fourth quarter of 2020. As of Dec. 31, the number of confirmed cases reached 482, 178 in Pakistan, with 10, 176 deaths and 437,229 recoveries. Besides consultation on "Post COVID-19 and Strategies of Thematic Areas (2020-2023) of Caritas Pakistan," food packages and hygiene kits were distributed among widows and poor people.

COVID - 19 RESPONSE

Christmas food support for the poor

Caritas Pakistan Islamabad Rawalpindi on 23 December 2020 under its micro project provided food packages among most deserving and poor families on the occasion of Christmas in West ridge parish Rawalpindi. Rev Fr. Richard parish priest along with Executive Secretary CPRI Kamran Sattar and emergency program manager Sanam Samuel distributed the relief items.



Food and hygiene pack for the flood affected

On 22 December under flood response 2020 project Caritas Pakistan Multan distributed food, and hygiene pack among 42 families. His Excellency Most Rev Bishop Benny Mario Travas Bishop of Multan and Chairman Caritas Pakistan distributed packages among beneficiaries.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)



Conference for Parliamentarians and Politicians on climate change

Caritas Pakistan Multan organized Conference for Parliamentarians and Political Leaders on "Effects of Climate Change on Pakistan: issues and solutions" on December 28 at Flaties Lahore. Mr. Mohsan Laghari Provincial Minister for Irrigation was Chief Guests. Punjab's provincial parliamentary secretary for human rights, Mahindar Pali Singh and 10 other provincial assembly members participated. Mr. Amjad Gulzar Executive Director Caritas Pakistan chaired the conference while Mrs. Yasmine Joseph Executive Director Society for relief Development, World Wildlife Fund WWF staff, lawyers, Provincial Disaster Management Authority PDMA officials, government officials and civil society members participated. The event started with a documentary on climate change and a briefing on our One Million More Tree Plantation Campaign. The speakers highlight old design of cities, choked sewerage system as reasons of locust attack, COVID pandemic, smog, global warming, changing season pattern, crippling etc. They suggested adaptation, water conservation, recycling, tree plantations and sensitizing public. "Caritas Pakistan is one of the pioneers of plantation. The retention of plants is equally important. We have to treat them like pets. Sadly, the issue of climate change is often ignored," said Mr. Amjad. Mr. Samuel Clement Executive Secretary CPM thanked the parliamentarians for joining the cause.

Training of Persons with Disabilities to cope with disaster

Caritas Pakistan Karachi with collaboration of Disabled Welfare Association (DWA) organized the session on Self Safety of Persons with Disability (PWD) during Emergency on 1st of October, 2020 at Karachi Independent Living Center under our community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRM) Project. The objective of the session was to create awareness and train Persons with disability (PWD) about precautionary action to lessen the impact of disaster and save their lives in case of any emergency situation. "PWDs should have access to information, training, communication and other facilities and services with dignity and on equal basis. They have the right to participate in the assessment, design, and implementation and monitoring of emergency programs before, during and after the disaster," said Mr. Mansha Noor, Executive Secretary CPK. "We must ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy or exercise their human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with others." Mr. Sarfraz Anwar, Project Officer in his session talked about preparedness and percussion measures for PWDs in PRE, POST and AFTER a disaster to save their lives and save important documents. Mr. Javid Raees head of Disabled Welfare Association (DWA) thanked and appreciated Caritas team for accepting their invitation and conducting the Disaster Preparedness session with PWDs. He also thanked and appreciated to Mr. Augustine Gill for their cooperation and coordination role between Caritas Karachi and Disabled Welfare association (DWA) for organizing the session.



Seminar for Journalists on Effects of Climate Change

Caritas Pakistan Multan organized Media Seminar for Journalists on Effects of Climate Change on Pakistan on Dec. 26, 2020. Reporters from print and electronic media participated in the program. Rev Fr Yousaf Sohan Vicar General of Multan Diocese, Mr. Shoukat Ashfaq Editor in Chief Daily Pakistan and Mr. Ejaz Hussain Janjua Chairman Parks and Horticulture Authority PHA were Guest of honors. The speakers urged journalists to highlight the effects of cutting trees on natural disaster.



EMERGENCY

Post COVID-19 strategies of Caritas Pakistan

Caritas Pakistan executive secretaries and program officers from north region diocesan units gathered at Caritas Pakistan National Secretariat for "Post COVID-19 and Strategies of Thematic Areas (2020-2023) of Caritas Pakistan" consultation on 15 to 16th October, 2020. The south region staff joined online. According to Mr. Amjad Gulzar Executive Director Caritas Pakistan, the basic purpose of this consultation was to review the road map of Caritas Pakistan formed in consultation with Board of Governance in strategic planning 2019. "It was paused for five months because of the pandemic COVID-19 which disrupted the implementation of strategies of thematic areas, social mobilization, policies and scope of the project activities.



COVID-19 component is integrated in all programs including flood and emergencies. The Post COVID-19 strategies were planned in light of suggestions and knowledge of the practically engaged diocesan staff in responding COVID-19", he said. Mr. Amer Anwer (National coordinator – Capacity building and documentation) later facilitated the session with diocesan units who presented their experiences in COVID-19; changes in implementation approaches, challenges and lessons learned in carry out the activities by ensuring SOPs (office and Communities level), managing office working hours, Procurement procedures and targeting and reaching the beneficiaries efficiently. Mr. Amir Irfan (National Coordinator –Livelihood & food security) presented the overview of the Strategic planning (2020-2023) that was held in November, 2019. It focused all the thematic areas and cross cutting themes as well as their linkage to the Sustainable development goals (SDGs). The diocesan units presented their experiences in COVID-19; Changes in implementation approaches, challenges and lessons learned. It detailed the challenges including communication barrier, difficulties in access to beneficiaries and restriction of Mobility, how they managed to carry all the activities and events at diocesan level by ensuring SOPs (office and Communities level), managing office working hours, Procurement procedures and targeting and reaching the beneficiaries efficiently. Mr. Nadeem Yousaf (National Coordinator Emergencies) facilitated the session and chalked out the Post COVID-19 possible thematic strategies. He finalized the recommendations and implementation strategies, resource mobilization and monitoring procedures with mutual discussion of all diocesan staff members focusing Post COVID-19 scenario. Mr. Mobeen Herbert and Mr. Imran Younas (National Finance managers) briefed diocesan staff regarding taxes, EOBI, PF & Insurance, areas of improvement in financial statement and financial reporting.

Distribution of Kitchen sets and Hygiene Kits in Khushab District

Caritas Pakistan Islamabad Rawalpindi CPIR under its flood response project distributed 50 kitchen sets And 50 hygiene kits among the affected families of different villages of District Khushab on 12 November. Rev Fr. Kashif Jamil Parish Priest, Kamran Sattar Executive secretary and CPIR staff members distributed the relief items. Flood response awareness seminar on hygiene was also organized. Resource person during the seminar sensitized people on response during emergency and hygiene practices and measures during and after flood. Awareness on Covid 19 prevention was also given.



Orientation meeting with affectess of Gujjar Nala

Caritas Pakistan Karachi under their Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRM) Project organized orientation meeting with people who will be affected by widening of Gujjar Nala. The objective of the orientation meeting held on 3rd of October, 2020 at Nafeesa Wilson Researcher & Training Hall was to aware peoples about the effect and impact of the widening the Gujjar Nala on people and identify houses that have to be removed. Mr. Zahid Farooq, Joint Director of Urban Resource Center (URC) was the resources person to describe the widening of Gujjar Nala and its effects and impacts on communities living in both side of Gujjar Nala. Honorable Mr. Anthony Naveed (PMA Sindh) was the Chief Guest of the orientation meeting to share the Government of Sindh Plan for alternative place and compensation for the affectees of Gujjar Nala. His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Coutts, Chairman of Caritas Pakistan Karachi shared great concern and personal interest for the rehabilitation of the effectees families of Gujjar Nala. His Eminence shared his concerns during the meeting with Mr. Bashir Saddiqui KMC Senior director of anti-encroachment operation. He also directed CPK team and Parish priests to prepare the list of the affectess families for alternative plots and compensation from government of Sindh.



Distributions in Karachi, Rahim Yar Khan and Quetta

Caritas Karachi under their Monsoon Rain Emergency Response Project distributed Food Packages to most affected families of KMC Compound and Railway colony areas of Sacred Heart Church of Keamari on 22nd of October, 2020 at Sacred Heart Parish of the Archdiocese of Karachi. On October 28, 2020 Caritas Pakistan Multan under Flood Response and COVID response distributed food package among 50 families in Liaquat Pur district Rahim Yar Khan. Rev Fr. Riaz Gosal and Mr. Amir Yaqoob distributed packages. Mr. Prince Alvin also accompanied on 29 October, 2020, Caritas Pakistan Quetta distributed 26 food packages among widows and poor people of Pishin.



Rain affected Families helped on World Poor Day

To Celebrate the World Poor Day, Caritas Karachi distributed 50 Food & Nutrition Packages and Health & Hygiene Kits among the poor small farmers living in hilly areas of Gadap Town Karachi on Nov. 22 at Ahsan Raza Goth, UC -01 of Gadap Town, District Malir, and Karachi under our Monsoon Rain Response EA-20/2020 project. Mr. Amjad Gulzar, National Executive Director and chief guest of the distribution ceremony said that Caritas will continue sharing Love and solidarity with most vulnerable and marginalized suffering from natural Disasters. "Caritas Pakistan will not leave you alone in this miserable circumstance and will continue its support in shape of goods as well as morally in this hard time," he said. Mr. Amir Robin Regional Coordinator South explained the uses of the misquote nets and food items to the beneficiaries. He encouraged the affectees to help each other in this awful situation and share their resources. Mr. Mansha Noor, Executive Secretary Caritas Pakistan Karachi thanked Mr. Amjad Gulzar, National Executive Director of Caritas Pakistan for support and guidance to help the heavy rain affected people of Gadap Town. We thank God for these food packages, the happiness and joy will continue with us, he said. The distribution commenced following interviews of beneficiaries and filling of monitoring forms.



CARITAS INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION PROMOTION CIEP

Education material distributed in Islamabad

Under Street Children Project, Caritas Pakistan Islamabad-Rawalpindi on 26 October 2020 distributed education material and uniform to 100 children of its Street Children project in H9 Rimsha Colony. His Grace Archbishop Dr. Joseph Arshad was the chief guest, while Rev. Fr. Sylvester Joseph and Rev. Fr. Kamran Daniel were also present. Kamran Sattar Executive Secretary CPIR told about the project and CPIR working. Fr. Sylvester encouraged the parents to send their children to school so that their children can grow and become educated. Speaking on the occasion Archbishop stressed the children to work hard and complete their education to become good human beings.



Distribution of educational material in Bahawalpur

Caritas Pakistan Multan distributed stationary among 420 students of 14 Non Formal Education Centres in Multan, Khanewal and Bahawalpur Districts. Bags, books, copies and stationary was distributed among 60 NFE centre children of Chishtian and Hasilpur district Bahawalpur on October 10, 2020. "Our Aim: To end Child labor and equip them with education," stated the caption on each bag. The parish priest of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, Hasilpur, Bahawalpur blessed the educational material. He joined Catherine Nixon Coordinator Non Formal Education for working and disadvantaged children project of Caritas Pakistan Multan in distributing the bags and accessories among students.



SOCIAL HARMONY

Session on non-violent communication in Hyderabad

Caritas Pakistan Hyderabad (CPH) organized session on "The Role of Non-Violent Communication in Family Life" for Volunteers on November 1, 2020 at Danishkada hall, CPH. The prime purpose of this session was to developing a culture of peace in our society. Session was facilitated by Ms. Nasim Sadiq (Coordinator of NVC). The training was conducted keeping social distancing in consideration. Only 17 participants including CPH staff participated in this session. Ms. Naseem Sadiq (Coordinator of NVC) led session and detailed discussion held in interactive way on definition and types of violence (physical, mental and emotional), the language of life, the language of love, how to control emotions and components of non-violence. (observation, feelings, needs & request). In the end, NVC Book has given by Ms. Nasim Sadiq as souvenir to Rev. Fr. Yousaf Bagh (Parish Priest St. Elizabeth Hyderabad). Mr. Mukhtar Gill (Program Coordinator) shared importance of the session for enhancing knowledge with interactive discussion and expecting to practice it in daily life to create a culture of peace.



Sixth Annual Youth Camp at Dalwal

Caritas Pakistan organized three days event of 6th annual youth camp from 16th to 18th November, 2020 at Mission high school, Dalwal. Twenty Five youth members from Caritas Pakistan Lahore, Faisalabad and Islamabad/Rawalpindi were gathered to recognizing their potential and build volunteerism for nation and community development. "We assure participation of youth in all our programs. We have energetic youngsters from various diocesan units who can build their competencies from the 6th annual youth camp and could further play their effective role in community development. We look forward that the youngsters will have a meaningful participation in this event" said Mr. Amjad Gulzar (Executive Director Caritas Pakistan) in his opening remarks. Ms. Rabia Tariq (Program Officer DRR) facilitated the session "Youth leadership and career development" by explaining the qualities of the leaders and how the youth could adopt those qualities by recognizing their passion for building their career and further being a leader to work for the development of the community. The next session on "Conflict Management" was facilitated by Ms. Sana Komal (Program Officer Social Harmony) who briefed about the causes of conflict generation in our personal and professional lives and what strategies and styles preferably to be followed for resolving and managing the situation as being a youth leader to promote social harmony in the society. Session on "Role of youth in Social Harmony" was facilitated by Mr. Rafiq Inayat (Diocesan Project officer) who motivated the youth to adopt certain characteristics of being agent of social harmony to ensure harmonious environment at individual and community level. The youngsters later enjoyed the cultural night by presenting wonderful performances dioceses wise. On the final day of the camp, Mr. Amer Anwer (National Program Coordinator) took session on Social Mobilization and SWOT analysis and also conducted different activities to build leadership and spirit of team work among the youngsters to play their effective role in community development. He concluded the session by suggesting the participants to develop and submit action plans of six months to the program coordinators (Social harmony) of all diocesan units. The camp concluded with distribution of certificates.



8th Annual children festival in Faisalabad

Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad hosted 8th Annual children festival under Social Harmony Program at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral on Dec 14, 2020. There were 100 students (65 males & 35 females) from different school's and Peace Club of Faisalabad Diocese. This 8th annual children festival began with Holy Mass by Fr. Abid Tanveer (Vicar General of Faisalabad). A Walk for Peace was arranged in the Cathedral compound. The students participated in peace debates, singing competition, sports and painting competition. Mr. Aneel Mushtaq (Executive Secretary Caritas Pakistan Faisalabad), Vicar General Fr. Abid Tanveer and Fr. Bonnie Mendes shared their valuable views regarding social harmony & peace with children to promote peace & Social Harmony in our community. Mr. Amjad Gulzar (Executive Director) Caritas Pakistan also joined the festival online and delivered a message of social harmony and appreciated the efforts of CPF team for their commitment. He also advised participant to do acts of kindness to promote peace and social harmony in their surroundings. Children kits were distributed among children as token of love for performing actively. Medals were also distributed among children and teachers who won sports competition.



Diocesan Celebrations on Caritas Day

Caritas Pakistan commemorated 55th Caritas Day to honor and acknowledge services of Caritas Pakistan to the community. Week long celebrations were observed from December 8 to 15 by diocesan units. Caritas Pakistan Hyderabad staff celebrated Caritas Day on 11 December with cake cutting and prayers for future endeavors to serve human development. Caritas Pakistan Islamabad Rawalpindi on 08 December observed a recollection day with the staff of CPIR in Rawalpindi. Executive secretary CPIR Kamran Sattar urged all to renew the commitment towards organization and do their best for the growth of Caritas Pakistan. Caritas Pakistan Multan team also celebrated Caritas Day last week in the diocese of Multan.

