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KK inaugurates the ground breaking of its new office



A view of the ground breaking ceremony—KK staff including Chief Executive Maryam Bibi

By the Grace of Allah, KK was able to inaugurate the ground breaking of KK new office at Nasir Bagh road area in Peshawar. The existing office is in a residential area and it made financial and security sense for KK to build their own place. It took a long way any and meaningful efforts from some of our BoD members and Executive Committee to finalize the structural design and contractor. The project is in the inception stage and it is planned to be completed within an year. On 13th of April 2016, the project was

formally inaugurated in the presence of Chief Executive and few other staff members from KK Head office.

Maryam Bibi attends the World Humanitarian Summit -2016 as panel member to represent Civil Society of Pakistan

United Nations Secretary-General is convened the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) from 23 and 24 May 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Summit was held at the highest level with participation of various stakeholders – including Member States, humanitarian organizations, affected populations, civil society, and the private sector.

It is a great honor for us at KK that Maryam Bibi was selected by CARE International as panel member to represent civil society of Pakistan in the World humanitarian sum-

mit. CARE International is currently working with OCHA, UNW, Oxfam and Action Aid to plan a Side Event on Gender and Humanitarian Action at the WHS. The trip of Maryam Bibi was financed by CARE International Pakistan.

Maryam Bibi awarded recognition certificate and medal by tourism corporation, Govt of KP

Maryam Bibi, CE KK was awarded a recognition certificate and medal under the category of "Social Activism" at "Hunar-E-Hawwa" festival organized by Tourism Corporation, Government of KP from 1-3 April, 2016 in PIA Planetarium Hayatabad Peshawar. Deputy Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ms. Mehertaj Roghani presented the certificate and medal to Maryam Bbi.

The three day event was arranged exclusively for women. KK Economic Empowerment section set up a stall in the exhibition displaying the work of its skilled artisans of Mazri, artificial jewelry, leather work and embroidery

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Two staff members of KK awarded scholarships under two different exchange programs to USA

Ms. Huma Gul, Program Manager-PMER at KK was selected as part of a delegation "Women Rights Leaders from Pakistan" to visit USA from April 15-25, 2016. It was an interactive program that involved exposure, experience sharing and learning from each other regarding advocacy skills to effectively respond to Gender Based Violence. Ms. Huma represented KP chapter and publicized the work of KK regarding its work for wom-

en survivors of GBV. The visit was funded by the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Pakistan.

Mr. Aqeel Ahmad, Training Manager at KK was selected by the US State department for International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) on NGO Management in US. The program offered current and future international leaders the opportunity to experience the richness and diversity of

American political ,economic , social and cultural life. The program explored the diversity of non-profit sector in the US and the dynamic relationship between government , NGOs and business community in strengthening leadership, employing volunteers, using technology and social media, fundraising and furthering the organizations' missions. The program spread over three weeks , from 09-30 June, 2016.

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Enrollment walk at Dir-Upper

During provincial level enrollment campaign, KK arranged an education stall at Peshawar which was very much appreciated by education department and other stakeholders and participants.

Moreover the KK efforts for education of poor children were valued by minister education and secretary education and they ensured their support to KK for education interventions. As a result, KK received NOC to work on provincial level and

received free text books. Awareness created among the masses increased enrollment at KK community based schools. The new/increased enrollment reported figure is 1,034 including 765 girls and 269 boys.

Through adopt a child scheme, KK collected **PKR. 48,000 (PKR. 6,000/child/year for 08 children)** from different philanthropists

KK organized extracurricular activities at schools

During the reporting period, annual result announcement ceremonies and other special events celebrated in schools. In these events the students took part actively and the parents also participated and enjoyed these events. The parents also appreciated the efforts of students and schools. Drawing and painting competition were conducted in Zabaig, Misyalor,

Utala primary and middle schools and Shawa Kohai schools. They drew different things according to their own thoughts with the help of their teachers. KK being part of the Dir Spring Peace Festival 2016 organizing committee participated in the event in Dir lower in which 200 students from 08 schools participated. The students presented tabloos, skits, poems, songs,

Hamad and Naat. The efforts of the students were highly appreciated and lauded. The event was highlighted in media. The KK schools, students, teachers were given awards and appreciation certificates. The students enjoyed this event very much. Three sports competitions were also conducted in 03 Government schools of Dir Upper.

During the reporting period, the first ever batch of 13 girls mainstreamed from KK schools into Government schools graduated from Grade 10

Innovation is the key to SUCCESS



Room Cooler that was made by grade five students at KK community based school in Dir lower

Students of grade five and science teacher of KK Community based school Khushmuqam– Dir lower have conducted an experiment. Objective of the experiment was to make a sample of room cooler. In that experiment they used simple local materials like box of hard paper Wire, dry cell of size D, a small plastic fan of decoration piece, gift papers, wood sticks, scotch tape and gum. In the first step they prepared a square shaped box. After that they took 8 wooden sticks of same size and decorated them with shining papers and paste these sticks with the help of gum and

scotch tape in front of the box. In the next step teacher took a wire and a dry cell, after that she peel off the both sides of wire and connected them with cell. At the same time student Allena took small plastic fan and fixed it with a small motor and fixed it in box. When another student touched both the wire with each other, the fan started moving. Teacher and students were happy and surprised to see that their experiment turned successful.

KK participates in crafts exhibitions Khwendo Kor participated in Innovative Denmark exhibition at Danish Embassy, Islamabad highlighting women artisans' handmade products. KK arranged a fashion show of traditional dresses of KP and FA-TA made by its skilled artisans at an exhibition of products organized by TUSDEC for EU ambassador in Peshawar. Women artisans also participated in Hunar Hawa exhibition in Culture and tourism department at Nishtar Hall in May 2016.

KK arranged two days training on Report writing skills for its staff at Deen Dunya Mathra, Peshawar

KK regularly enhance the skills of its staff through various trainings and exposure visits. In the current quarter, A two days training for Regional Managers, Program Managers and field staff was organized at DD Mathra. 13 staff members attended the two days training. KK utilized the services of its staff as facilitators for

the training. The purpose of the training was to enhance the skills of the staff in report writing, data compilation and analysis. During the two days. RMs & PMs developed planning and reporting documents for the coming quarter

One of the objectives of the training was to develop an

action plan for conducting the same training at regions by the RMs.. Subsequently, participants developed their action plans. Overall, the training was very effective and well appreciated by the group.



A view of the inauguration ceremony of Nida Community Development Center in Charsadda, KP

KK recognizes the services of its staff member

KK established a community based school for girls on the demand of the community in a rural village Agra Payan, district Charsadda in October 2015. In May 2016, the school was formally inaugurated. In inaugural ceremony, it was given the name of "Nida Com-

munity Development Center (NCDC). Late Nida Khan was the former employee of KK. (Nida Khan, the psychologist at KK breathed her last in January 2016 due to lungs infection. She served in KK on various positions for the last four years)

Nida Community Development Center formally inaugurated by the mother-in-law of Nida Khan. After that the school was visited by all the guests including Ms. Maryam Bibi, KK staff members, local activists, media representatives, educationists and some community members.

KK receives free text books for 4,000 children from Education department Peshawar and Dir Upper

KK education team made meaningful efforts for securing free textbooks for its approx 3,500 children studying at 30 community based schools in different rural areas of KP while free textbooks for 4,000 more students is approved by Secretary Education and in printing process by textbook board Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The books were received and distributed among children, approx 75% girls. KK has learnt from its previous experience that timely provision of books

and other supplementary material not only improves quality of teaching and learning at the school level but also attracts out of school children from the community. KK saved an amount of Rs. 2 million allocated for text books for 2016 while same amount quantity of text books stored for next year 2017.

KK marked Global Action Week with the theme of "Fund the future- Education Rights now"

The event was arranged by KK at its Community Centre Agra Payan District Charsadda involving relevant stakeholders including District Education officers Charsadda, Civil Society Organizations, District Nazim, change maker, local social activists, media, Councilors, teachers, parents, local political representative/member of provincial assembly and students. Chief Executive of Khwendo Kor Ms. Maryam Bibi along with KK staff was also participated in the event.

KK Formed a District Development Forum at Dir-upper For promotion of Girls Education in Dir-upper a District Development Forum/ Working Group for Girls Education Initiative at Dir-upper was formed on May 05, 2016 and strengthened. More than 25 members joined the platform. Different stakeholders regularly participated in the meetings and ensured their full support to promote education in the area as well as appreciated the KK efforts for education.

KK signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with district Nazim Peshawar to ensure maximum support from Government during projects execution



Students watching cartoon at Child Friendly Space in Bannu, KP

KK improves coordination with public health institutions



Round table with women in Dir-Upper

During the quarter, coordination was improved with Central Jail Peshawar (CJP) to conduct Voluntary Counseling and Tests (VCTs) with Injectable Drug Users (IDUs) and other risk groups. As a result of coordination, 21 VCTs conducted in CJP and 5 IDUs and 1 sex worker was identified as positive HIV. Site Manager of Community Based

Health Care (CBHC) visited Hayatabad Medical Complex (HMC) Peshawar on weekly basis to identify and refer to KK-PLHIVs services. As a result of these visits to HMC, 22 new PLHIVs have been registered and 10 more cases were identified. Coordination has also been improved with Health Directorate, Khyber Pakh-

tunkhwa, as a result of which assistant to Director General and Deputy Director, Health Directorate visited KK Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) in Peshawar. They appreciated KK's work on mental health and shared that the government of KP has also initiated some basic work on Psychosocial support at community level.

KK organizes a round table meeting for 425 women in Dir Upper

Community has started discussion and sharing about the mental health problems which leads to minimize stigma and label regarding Mental Health problems

Activity was organized in Khyber Public High School Barawal Bandai, Dir Upper which was attended by 425 individuals including teachers and students. Medical Specialist delivered a session on Meningitis in detail which was followed by a student's speech on health. Principal of the school was thankful to KK for organizing such informative events. Tehsil Nazim was chief guest of the event. As the

occasion of round table, community women shared their health issues, there issues were recorded to be discussed in district development forum (DDF- A forum established by KK at district level in Dir Upper comprising of govt departments officials, local government representatives, teachers, community activists and members of KK's established community based men and women

organizations. DDF has membership of 25 individuals. DDF meets quarterly to discuss development issues at district level and explore optimal solutions for their redressal). This was the first opportunity of its kind provided to women by KK, the round table was attended by women including LHVs, CMWs, Female doctors, lady councilors, teachers and community activists.

One of the big achievements of organizing DDF meeting in Dir Upper was that for the first time women medical staff participated and discussed women health issues.

65 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) trained on Health seeking behavior, nutrition and WASH Two trainings of 08 days each for Community Resource Persons (CRPs) including women and men were organized. 65 CRPs including 45 women and 20 men were trained on disease prevention, Health seeking behavior, Maternal and Newborn Care and Health (MNCH), Nutrition and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). By the end of the training, they developed action plans to deliver the same knowledge to 8,000 more women and men in their respective communities.

Medicines without adherence brings no change to human life

Ms Janam Bibi is registered PLHIV with CHBC Peshawar. As follow up, during telephonic conversation with Ms Janam Bibi regarding her health and HIV related medication, she mentioned that she is not using/taking ARV's since long because of multiple reasons. We convinced her and also shared the importance of ARV's but she refused. We offered her CHBC visit which she accepted as she didn't allow us for home visit. She visited CHBC and discussed her problems in details with counselor especially regarding ARVs. She shared that she had to appear for her nursing exams soon therefore she is not using ARVs which made her lazy and drowsy and she couldn't perform well at her job as well. After brief discussion with her regarding ARVs and other health issue she agreed to visit Dr Yaseen for medical checkup. She directly went to Lady Reading Hospital from CHBC and met Dr Yaseen for medical checkup. Dr Yaseen advised her CD4 test and then she will be recommended either she would take ARVs or not. CHBC team will further do follow up in coming days.

KK organizes provincial level convention for 60 CHANGE MAKERS in Peshawar

The capacity of 60 individuals; men, women and transgender from all over KP and FATA was built through a fellowship program to come forward, understand the concept of gender and muscularity to eradicate gender based violence. that would extend opportunity and enable them to become a 'Change Maker' and contribute in developing a tolerant, just and peaceful society. 32 out of 60 change makers designed and imple-

mented activities in their respective communities to replicate the learnt knowledge from the fellowship. A project learning document in the form of 24 pages book titling "Accelerating change through change makers" was developed and shared with multiple stakeholders for wider discrimination of the knowledge learnt. A provincial conference in Peshawar was arranged to provide the opportunity to the 60 Change makers to share their learn-

ing and best practices from the fellowship program and challenges that were encountered while executing the learnt knowledge in the field. A short video documentary was also developed though a hired consultant to showcase the good work in the form of their projects of some of the change makers. Based on the successful execution of the project, KK seeks to explore further funding for the similar intervention.



Group photo of the Convention of Change Makers

Five days orientation workshop arranged for 12 TQK members in Peshawar

TQK makes efforts to expedite the developmental and political decision making processes in FATA to reduce its deprivation and to bring it at par with other areas in Pakistan. To accomplish this goal, a 5-Days Orientation Workshop for TQK Fellowship was held in

Peshawar in which 12 Focal Persons from all the FATA agencies and FRs participated. TQK fellowship aims at formation of a Think Tank among tribal women who could raise voice for women rights not only on local or provincial level but also on national and global level.

Therefore, a six months Fellowship program has been designed with the aim to train the focal tribal women, who can then work within their areas along other women from all aspects of life with different, individual and specific activities and responsibilities.

KK publishes some of the best practices of its Effective Citizen Groups

KK under one of its interventions in Nowshera and Peshawar has developed Effective Citizens Groups comprising of 25 members each. The capacities of these groups were built on social audit, improving local governance and accessing Government social services departments, arranging peace and cultural

events at local level involving youth, men and women to promote peace and harmony in their communities and conflict/dispute resolution. some of the ECG members participated in LG elections and won their respective seats. The ECG members are leaders at their community level. The ECGs at the com-

munity level resolved many governance and conflict issues through effective mobilization techniques. A booklet highlighting 20 SUCCESS STORIES out of many was compiled, printed and disseminated for wider impact and publicity.

Takrah Qabailee Khwenday (TQK) is an initiative to provide forum to all those interested in changing the situation of tribal women. TQK creates spaces for them to come together, discuss issues, evolve strategies, raise voices, and influence government policies, laws and resources to become more equal and just. KK is hosting TQK secretariat since 2013 right from the formation of this network.



Artificial jewelry made by KK skilled artisans

KK introduces new innovative skills to Women.

In the reporting period, KK introduced new skills to its women skilled workers. The new skills include training on solar panel, artificial jewelry making, leather work and wax painting. ToTs were organized to develop a pool of skilled artisans to further replicate the learnt knowledge in their respective communities

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KK launches Effective Artisans Network at Provincial level

Khwendo Kor has formed effective artisan network at Provincial level. General body and Executive body is formed by women artisans representing KP and FATA. It is the first ever kind of a network connecting skilled artisans from different areas of KP and FATA. The network will strive to advocate for the policy reforms regarding rights of the artisans on provincial level and will link up the skilled artisans with market opportunities

while KK will contribute to refine and modernize the products through providing them trainings on color combination, product finishing and innovation as per current needs of the market. KK further formed effective artisan network in Swat, FR Bannu, Bannu, Karak, Peshawar and Charsadda at district level. Effective artisans associated with effective artisans network were provided opportunities at various exhibitions on provincial and national level to exhibit their products and connect with wider customers.

Khwendo Kor (KK) (is a Pashtu word which means "Sisters Home") is a non profit, non partisan, nongovernmental organization, established in 1993, registered under the Pakistan Societies Act 1860 and works in KP and FATA. KK since its inception has been working to empower women and children in the rural areas through its programs of Education, Health, Civil Rights and Economic Empowerment. KK has also been actively responding to emergency needs of people struck by natural and manmade disasters across KP and FATA.

How KK's interventions are saving lives of young destitute girls

At 18th of April 2016, the main head line of Shamal Newspaper was the decision of Jirga (local dispute resolution body consisting of community elders) regarding Wannu of 8 year girl. At that news headline DCO Mansehra took the notice and involved social welfare department. Social welfare department referred that case to KK's regional office.

Finally they decided that the execution of Jirga will be held on Maryam Bibi D/O Ghulam Hussain resident of BagharKotgali got married to Ishfaq S/O Sherzaman R/O Banda Gucha through courts without the consensus of their family. The mar-

riage was held in Karachi. When their families came to know about that marriage they arranged a Jirga on 16th of April. The Jirga members were District council member Ghulam Nabi, Muqadam Mehboob of Kalavan, Muqadam Ayub of Gali, Sardar-Qaloo and Ghulam Hussain. In that Jirga Ishfaq's father Sherzaman was charged as criminal and Maryam's father nominated as victim.

Jirga decided that Sherzaman will wani his niece Iqra bibi D/O Bashir whose age is 8 years. Also Ishfaq's father was bound to Pay Rs 500,000 to Maryam's Father. 20th of April.

KK regional office involved

media groups and civil society as a pressure building tool. At 18th it was the main headlines of newspaper worked as a catalyst in this case. Due to civil society's pressure district administration took the action. DPO launched the FIR on Jirga Participants within a day as a result Jirga participants approached DPO office and recorded written statements that this decision will not be executed by them. Both the parties were contacted by KK staff and they also gave statements that they will not involve in future execution of Jirga decision.



News clipping highlighting decision of jirga regarding Wannu of 08 years girl in Mansehra, KP