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SEPTEMBER 2014

Training Session with students 8th -22nd Sep, 2014

Saaya Association organized sessions of two weeks duration, on disability and Independent living training for the interneers of Fatima Jinnah Women University at Saaya office. These session included awareness programs, peer-counseling session, attendant ship training. The objective of all these sessions and activities was to create understanding about disability and inclusive education for all. Through these sessions students have a chance to know about how persons with disabilities especially women with disabilities manage their routine.



Capacity Building & DET Training 29 Sep 2014: Visited a new launched DPO by the name of Syyad Welfare Foundation in Mardan



Saaya Association organized DET training to Sayyad Welfare Foundation in Mardan. Mr. Asim Zafar gave Lecture on disability and Mechanism of Developing a DPO. The Saaya team including its members with cross disabilities shared their life stories and their journey on wheels that helped the local community to get better understanding of disability as a life style. The whole event was a collection of different activities to keep everyone active throughout the training program.

Wheelchair Distribution 26 Sep 2014

We often take the ability to move in our home and community for granted. Mobility enhances a person's ability to learn, interact with others, earn a living and participate in the community. Saaya Association of Person with Disabilities has distributed wheelchairs among the persons (children, women) with disabilities by the support of community. The honorable Chief Guest Mr. Mustafain Kazmi Member Environment graced the ceremony.



OCTOBER 2014

White Cane Safety Day 15 Oct 2014

White Cane Day is being celebrated on October 15 to acknowledge the abilities of people who are blind and to promote equal opportunities. The basic mission of White Cane Day is to educate the world about blindness. To acknowledge that blind and visually impaired can live and work independently while giving back to their communities. Be acquainted with this day, a small activity was held at Saaya Office in which FJU students participated actively.

Symbolically, covering their eyes, experiencing the feelings of Visually Impaired person that how they manage their life by using white cane.



Training on Independent Living and Awareness Session on Disability & Role of DPOs for Community Mobilizer 17 -18Oct 2014

The two days training session was conducted by Saaya Association at its office held on 17-18 Oct 2014. Mr. Sayyad Khan, President Sayyad welfare foundation from Mardan with his team visited Saaya Office to gain some more knowledge about working & capacity building of DPOs.



The main propose of this session was to highlight the role of DPO's in Society. Ms. Saima Aslam has briefed & shared to the participants regarding the role of DPOs in community and told them about the working of Saaya Association.

Polio Day 24 Oct 2015

Pakistan accounted for 86% of the global wild poliovirus (WPV) case count in 2014. Pakistan is the only country to have reported a dramatic increase in cases during the year 2013. In 2014, polio affected forty-four districts (23 in 2013) from three provinces/areas. Every year World Polio Day is celebrated on 24 Oct .To highlight the issue related to Polio and to aware the parents who refuse to give polio vaccination to their children to avoid the hazard of disability. Saaya Association Team organized a Polio awareness walk with the students of Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad.



International Disability Day 3rd Dec 2014

On the occasion of 3rd December Saaya association in collaboration with other DPO's from the different cities of Pakistan participated in a peace awareness walk under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive Development CBID network at Lahore. The main purpose of this walk was to aware the society, general public and specially towards Government to express their disappointment from the current Government and showed their unity to refuse the consent of committee (Law & Justice).



Persons with disabilities have struggled for the last many year, unfortunately Government has not realized and recognized the need of persons with disabilities and therefore rejected and, confiscated our rights to come forward and work for Inclusive Society. It is the basic right of Persons with disability to be rehabilitated, employed and empowerment according to the ordinance 1981. The government has proven that we are not even in the list of consideration, to be empowered.

Awareness Program 16 Dec 2014 at COMSAT UNIVERSITY

On the occasion of International World disability day, Saaya Association and Comsats University have arranged an awareness program in Islamabad. Students were sensitized on the disability issues and inclusion of persons with disabilities. Mr. Asim Zafar President Saaya Association delivered lecture on disability where he provoked students to think about disability and concept of independent living. He described the history of independent living movement and its contribution in the lives of persons with disabilities.



Ms. Saima Aslam a woman with disability from Saaya Association related her life history with disability; she described how independent living has changed her life. Learning self-management skills has helped her to be independent in life, without being burden on others. She performs her daily living chores using personal assistant and with her electric wheelchair, she can move freely in society and contribute as productive part. Awareness Cricket match between Saaya wheelchair team & student of COMSAT university was played.

March 2015

Observance of International Women Day 8 March 2015

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Thousands of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day. Many groups around the world choose different themes each year relevant to global and local gender issues. To achieve the objective in year 2015 for the first time, the Day was being commemorated under a general theme 'MAKE IT HAPPEN'.

An event of women day was organized by Saaya Association of person with disabilities and National forum of women with disabilities (NFWWD) under the umbrella of CBID Network on 4th March 2015. Around 25 Women with Disabilities participated from Rawalpindi and Islamabad. Main purpose to organize this outreach activity was to provide an opportunity to Women with Disabilities to socialize, as there are fewer opportunities for them to go to public places.



Ms. Saima Aslam National Coordinator NFWWD & Director Project of Saaya expressed her views and said, Saaya & NFWWD has provided an opportunity for Women with Disabilities to be together and have fun at Cinepax Centaurs. She added, whatever disability you have it never stops you from socializing. Issue only comes when you do not have acceptance of your strengths and weaknesses, whether you are a person with or without disabilities. Our today's activity is a proof that we have ways to move ahead. Especially, when it comes to the development of a country, give due rights to women. Women with Disabilities should equally get the chance to put their part in the progress.

This time we have celebrated the day on a small scale but I wish we could arrange it on a broader level next time. Ms. Abia Akram (CEO NFWWD) also expressed her thoughts with the gathering. . Such activities should be organized after every 2-3 months. Women with Disabilities should get opportunity to meet people so they can coordinate to come into mainstream. All Women with Disabilities also shared their views and showed interest in such activities. They enjoyed the movie time and lunch. At the end, Ms. Saima thanked administration of Centaurus cinemax, Saaya Association of persons with disabilities, NFWWD and CBID Network, who helped and provided support in organizing such event.

April 2015

National Wheelchair Cricket Tournament 23-25 April 2015

Opening Ceremony & welcome dinner 24 Apr, 2015

6th All Pakistan National Wheelchair Cricket tournament was organized by Saaya Association (Islamabad) , Milestone(Lahore) & DWA (Karachi) under the Umbrella of CBID Network in which 10 teams (including 2 teams of Women with disabilities) from different DPO's participated.

15% of the total population of Pakistan is disabled persons and this marginalized community still suffers lack of facilitation and proper knowledge of managing lives with disability. Like other facilitations, this segment of society has kept behind in healthy activities too like sports. They in fact are not considered healthy enough to participate in any outdoor sports but credit goes to the Disabled Persons Organizations who made it happen in the well befitting manner, the Role of DPOs in collaboration with other organization introducing and promoting sports for persons with disabilities can never be denied.

Disabled persons organization incepted this idea of sports for persons with disabilities in Pakistan and executed it in the well manner, practically organizing sports festival across the country they proved that self-done is well done. This event was organized to display that the abilities of people with disabilities are no less than anyone else in the society. Through this meaningful event, community, parents, teachers, students and public were sensitized.

Following prominent figures were part of the event along with players and public. Mr. MushahidUllah Khan (Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator), Dr. Shahnawaz Munami (National Coordinator CBID Network) , Dr. Imam Yar Baig (Country head, CBM), Dr. Akhtar Nawaz Gangera (Director General, Pakistan Sports Board) , Mr. Ghulam (Coordinator National Bank),

MuneeraAbbasi (Joint secretary Law & Justice commission of Pakistan), MustafainKazmi (Member Environment, CDA), Sohail Khan (CEO, CHEF international), Raheel Kamran Sheikh (Barrister),Fazal ur Rehman(Past district governor Rotary club), Imran Nazir (Executive director, LCDDP), Farhat Abbas (Chief editor, Pakistan Special) , Ajmal Khan (Director, CBM), Munazza Gillani (Country director, Sight savers), Christopher (Manager CSR, National Bank Pakistan), Jamil Hashmi (SP Islamabad), Rizwan Umer Gonda (SP City Islamabad).

Welcome dinner along with music festivity was organized by the organizing committee where representatives from the national assembly, INGOs, NGOs and civil servants participated. All the teams and their official members were present and enjoyed the dinner with musical performances from different local well-tuned musical figures. Mian Aim Zafar introduced the participants to the dignities from respectable parliament and other entities and made them understand the history of wheelchair cricket in Pakistan and need of its promotion at government level for the healthy generation with equal opportunities of life.



Women with Disabilities Cricket Match

It is true to relate here that this event bear fruits as it Helped Developing different DPO's (Disable Persons Organizations) in the Country & in empowered person with disabilities as well that proved as strength for Disability movement in Pakistan. Saaya Association Islamabad, Disabled Welfare Association Karachi & Milestone Lahore organized the 6th all National Wheelchair Users Cricket tournament at Jinnah Stadium Islamabad under the Umbrella of CBID Network.

For the first time in the history of Pakistan CBID Network has given the opportunity to the National Forum Of Women with Disability Network to organized a women wheelchair cricket match . Ms.Saima Aslam (National Co-Coordinator National forum of Women with Disabilities) gathered women with disabilities from different cities of Pakistan in Islamabad & make two Teams from them. People showed their Great intention towards that Match & appreciate this effort made by National Forum of women with disabilities. Lots of Women with disabilities, Families & University students watched & appreciated that Effort from National forum of women with Disabilities. Media were also there to cover this beautiful and mega event.



Closing Ceremony 25 Apr, 2015



Closing ceremony came out to be a very colourful ending of this three day entertaining event. Delegates from public/private and government sectors were invited to hand over the shields and winning trophy along with cash prize to the winners and participants of the tournament. A delegation from Turkish embassy came to the ceremony and appreciated the way all the proceedings were done during the whole time. Later on the worthy delegates along with chief guests took photographs individually with all the participating teams and then with the winning team along with the beautifully designed winning trophy. Winning team was presented with the cash prize as well. The whole ceremony was covered by all the electronic and print media and clippings were shown in the prime time news and in the newspapers.

Session of Disability Awareness (DAT) & Evacuation Training at Telenor Islamabad 13 May 2015

Employees under the umbrella of CBID Network on the topic disability awareness & evacuation training. Climax of the story was to aware the Telenor staff about the equal rights in community and equality based institutional developments at all levels. The crowd really got enthusiastic after a very interactive session lead by Mr. Asim Zafar CEO Saaya, and then Mr. Hamid Mehmood made it more informative regarding Disability & Accessibility point of view. An explanation on how to evacuate a disable person in any kind of emergency/disaster. In the end, Telenor whole team gave their best remarks about Saaya's efforts in disability and independent living movement, hence ensuring their support and appreciations in future as well.



Wheelchairs Distribution Ceremony and Disability Awareness Seminar at Multan Khurd Tehsil Talagung District Chakwal 18 June 2015

Saaya Association Islamabad has organized wheelchairs distribution ceremony supported by Dar-ul-Sakoon Karachi and disability awareness seminar in collaboration with Musahib Kahil Youth wing at Multan Khurd Tehsil Talagung District Chakwal, under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive



Development (CBID) Network Pakistan. The ceremony and session was attended by persons with disabilities, parents, teachers and local community. There was also a disability awareness session by Mr. Asim Zafar CEO Saaya association. Apart from that, 16 wheelchairs were distributed among persons with disabilities.

Wheelchair Assessment & Counseling Session at Saaya Office 19-20 June 2015

Two days wheelchair assessment & counseling session of children with disabilities & their parents was organized at Saaya office Islamabad. Ms. Saima Aslam & the staff of Saaya share the experiences of disability & told them about the importance of wheelchair, how to manage their life with disability.

The Assessment of wheelchair provide the information to the parents of children with disability that what kind of wheelchair should their children use so that they can move independently in the community.



Attendant ship Training of the staff members of Saaya 25 June 2015

One-day attendant ship training session to the staff of saaya was given by Mr.Hamid Mehmood at Saaya Office. He briefly described the history of attendant ship & the importance of personal care assistant service in the life of a person with severe disabilities. He also gave a presentation on different types of disabilities & how we can understand & manage our disability.

Later on a practical session was conducted where different approaches of attendant ship were performed in front of the whole staff that included both minor and severely disabled users for the better understanding of the art of being a qualified personal care assistant (attendant).



Visit of CEO CHEF International Mr. Sohail Ayaz Khan 03 July 2015

CEO of the organization Chef International Mr. Sohail Khan made his first visit to the Saaya office on 3rd July 2015. It was a very interactive staff meeting with the respected delegate as he shared a very inspirational story of his own professional career narrating how he actually succeeded in his professional life despite all the hardships and educational journey, he had to face.

Respected delegate later on visited the mobility workshop of Saaya that is providing assistive devices such as Electric & manual wheelchairs, white canes and other technical assistance to the persons with disabilities in the region. He got very impressed of all the work team Saaya has been doing and still keeping on and appreciated all the efforts been made in the related field. Wheelchairs were donated to a deserving persons with disability by respected delegate in

Saaya association. Later on he promised to support the cause and personally looking after all the related efforts.



Wheelchair Distribution Ceremony 10 July 2015

Saaya Association Islamabad has organized wheelchairs distribution ceremony supported by Dar-ul-Sakoon in Islamabad, under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan. The ceremony coupled with awareness seminar was attended by persons with disabilities, parents, teachers and local community.

Since the foundation of Saaya Association Islamabad in 2009, a tradition of help has been followed by distribution of wheelchairs in Holy month of Ramadan. We are thankful to Allah Almighty for providing us the opportunity to help of those in needs, as much as we can do within our capacity. The Saaya association Islamabad has been able to distribute hundred wheelchairs and Eid suits to people from different part of the Pakistan.

The session was started with the forewords from the CEO of the Saaya Association Mr. Asim Zafar. He gave an introduction about the network; acknowledge the efforts of his team, volunteers and honorable guests. He told that Saaya Association wants to contribute in improving the social-economic, cultural condition of people with disabilities; such initiatives are only small step towards achieving the goal of equality and right based society.

Mr. Zafar Imtiaz Brig. (R) were one of the respectable guests, he has appreciated the work of the Saaya Association team. He mentioned that he feels very humble to be part of this organization since the foundation and playing his part

in doing any good he can. Tariq Samuel, Manager M&E Dar ul Sakoon has also praised the efforts of the Saaya Associations as they are the supporters of the event too. Azra Tariq, Social worker from Karachi has also appreciated the whole effort of this distribution ceremony and cause in general.

Mr. Asim Zafar has paid a special thanks to Mr. Zafar Imtiaz, Mr. Faisal Nadeem, Mr. Kamran Ahmed, Mr. Nauman Rafiq (Team members Saaya Association), who has gone beyond his capacity to make this event a successful one by collecting wheelchairs and Eid suits. The society needs to help people around specially disabled people who are the marginalized community of the society and living a life of misery.

The event was ended with the shield distribution ceremony to the honorable guests and the organizers. Iftar was served to all the people who have attended this event.



Dr. Izhar Hashmi visit to Saaya association 24 Nov 2015

Respected Dr. Izhar Hashmi Director Punjab welfare trust visited Saaya association on 24 Nov 2015. It was a long due visit in which Dr. Izhar was briefed about the programs and services that Saaya is providing to the community. He always has been so kind to the whole team and never missed any opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the services of Saaya.

It was a brief visit in which legislative reforms were discussed. He informed the team that Punjab government is ready to accept the legislative reforms and

proper amendments would be made considering the needs and rights of persons with disabilities. Later on respected doctor was given a visit of Saaya wheelchair development workshop where different assistive devices mainly wheelchairs (electric/manual) are modified according to the need of a person.

He really appreciated the approach and came up with his ideas how to spread this service to far off places. His ideas were warmly welcome by the whole staff as He is the person who has his sheer experience in providing employment to the persons with disabilities. The whole Saaya team acknowledges his services to the cause and would always be honored to have him as a first support and a mentor.



Visit from Japan embassy Oct 16 2015

A delegation from Japan embassy visited Saaya association on Oct 16 2015.



The main purpose of the visit was to analyze the information about the DPOs working in the region where Saaya comes out to be a very active organization

bringing about the positive change in peoples life. The whole delegation was briefed with the details of activities and services that Saaya is providing to the community. They were actually very impressed by the personal assistant service, which is one of the projects of Saaya where we are providing servies at door step to various persons with severe disabilities.



They visited Saaya mobility workshop where Used wheelchairs are being modified and repaired. These assistive devices work as a life changer for a person with severe disability and we have a whole list of people who are now actively contributing in the society after getting access to this amazing gadget. It was a very successful visit in which their remarks about the work of saaya was very encouraging and they promised their support and collaborative work.

Wheelchair distribution ceremony at Saaya on 23rd Dec 2015

Since the day Saaya was lauched, Assistive devices distribution has been one of the on-going services. We are well aware of the importance of a assistive

device specifically a wheelchair in a disabled persons life. A ceremony was held on 23rd Dec where wheelchairs were distributed among people from different areas of life. These devices are distributed free of cost which is again a very encouraging contribution from the community. We believe when you are working with the community for the community then your efforts are acknowledged on masses.

All the wheelchairs were distributed by the hands of our worthy board members who always has been the silent contributors behind all these efforts of Saaya. The whole delegation was briefed about the recent activities of Saaya and developments in the legislative reforms and other related activities.

Everyone acknowledged the efforts and promised their support more for the rural areas wheelchair distribution program and committed their selves for the further development of Saaya wheelchair development workshop. We aim and dream of local manufacturing of Electric and manual wheelchairs and Saaya shall have its own Wheelchair manufacturing workshop soon.



JIL Visits Saaya on 1st Dec 2015

Peak leadership of Japan independent living council from Japan and members of Disabled persons organization Milestone visited Saaya on Dec 1st 2015. It was a whole day visit where the whole delegation was briefed about the detailed activities of Saaya sharing the reports and documentations. Some women with disabilities who are actively contributing in the society in different areas of life also got the opportunity to share their experiences with the Japanese delegation.

They had separate sessions where issues related to women rights and participation in the society were discussed. Miss Masami Morigami from JIL shared her experience and the role of women with disabilities in the development of Japan which came out to be a very informative session for our female members. Lunch was served and discussions continued while everyone enjoyed the lunch. Later on, the engineer from JIL conducted a very informative session on the development and maintenance of electric wheelchairs where many technical issues were discussed.

Saaya's mobility workshop team took keen interest in this specific session as we are fully committed to the cause and mobility of persons with disabilities is our major concern. The delegation was highly impressed by the maintenance and record of wheelchairs and the working style of the mobility project.



Later on a desi style live Bar BQ was served for our prestigious guests. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food while jokes and laughs were shared by all the people. In the end the respected JIL members were presented with our local souvenirs as a gift and a beautiful reminder that they were welcome at Saaya.



Seminar on International Day of Person with disabilities at FJU 3rd December 2015



This year the seminar on International Day of Persons (3rd December) with Disabilities Saaya Association Islamabad has organized a seminar in collaboration with Department of Behavioral Sciences, FJWU. The topic of the event is ‘Inclusion matters: access and empowerment of people of all abilities’. The session was split into three sessions. First one was on Disability & Development by Asim Zafar (CEO Saaya Association), Experience sharing as women with disabilities by Ms. Saima Aslam (National Coordinator of National Forum of Women with Disability, Director Project Saaya Association) and Inclusive Education/ Identifying strategies to promote Inclusive education in Pakistan by Dr. Shahnawaz Munami (Ophthalmologist by profession, National Coordinator Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID Network Pakistan). The university management discussed about Disability Sensitization at University Level & Its Future Plan.

WORKSHOP FOR MANUAL & ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS MAINTENANCE, THREE WHEELS MOTORBIKE

Up to 80% of persons with disability live in isolated rural areas in the developing world including Pakistan. WHO, WB and UN also estimates suggests 15% disability rate in developing countries including Pakistan. According to national census 1998, the population with disability is 3,286,630 (which are 2.49 %) of the total population in Pakistan. After the base line survey, it has come to know that in the area of Islamabad and Rawalpindi persons with disabilities do not have access over resources, education, adequate health facilities, any access to assistive devices regarding their mobility, and less participation in society and income generating activities.

Saaya Association has started Independent living center and Workshop for Manual & Electric wheelchairs maintenance, three wheels motorbike. Saaya Association has received used electric wheelchairs as a donation from Sakura Wheelchairs project (Japan) with the support of Milestone for persons with severe with disabilities to increase their mobility. In Pakistan wheelchairs manufacturing by medical manufactures or suppliers, there is no facility for maintenance of wheelchairs. This workshop/independent living center managed by persons with disability themselves. The electric wheelchairs were repaired at Saaya mobility workshop and distributed among needy and deserving persons with disabilities.

FEW OF THE SUCCESS STORIES ARE BELOW.

Mr. Fayyaz Yousuf

Mr. Fayyaz Yousuf is a 42 year old gentleman. He is MSc. Chemistry and used to make his living off a very handsome job as pharmaceutical Quality Check manager. Unfortunately met a road accident (2008), resulted spinal cord injury (level C paraplegic) and lost his lower limbs. He had been living in a very miserable life after accident, as there was no one there to motivate him back towards life and raise his awareness



towards living a life on wheels. Mr. Asim Zafar from Saaya Association approached him on 20th July 2014. It was a very encouraging counseling session and after a meeting of almost three hours Mr. Fayyaz Yousuf was totally a different person. In the end He was presented with Sakura's provided electric wheelchair that no doubt improved his mobility on much extent. Now Mr. Fayyaz is living a very better life on wheels while his family pays their special thanks to SAKURA and SAAYA association for changing one's life to a better state.

Mr. Sayyad khan

Mr. Sayyad khan has been a very dedicated disability movement activist since he got to know about disability and life. Being a POLIO victim he has been contributing in the movement for the last five years and has established his own DPO called as Mr. Sayyad welfare association in Mardan KPK province of Pakistan. Mobility has been a major issue for him especially living in those rural areas of province. His dedication is that much to the level that he sold away his only patch of land for the cause. Acknowledging his relentless efforts in the movement He was invited to the SAAYA office and was presented with the SAKURA's provided electric wheelchair. After getting the wheelchair his mobility has been ensured and no wonder his contributions to the cause are going to get a sudden boost after the utilization of this amazing gadget.



Mr. Usman Bin Nayyar

Mr. Usman Nayyar has been our very dedicated member of the movement for last two years now. Usman is a graduate with double Maths and Statistics. When he joined Saaya he was not much into life and was disappointed as he had covered most part of his life on legs but with the time Muscular dystrophy got more severe and finally was on wheels. One of the beautiful



gadgets that Sakura sent us, was presented to Usman as well. Usman has been getting maximum benefit of this wheelchair and has been going out buying his stuff himself. He is contributing in disability movement at Saaya Association as great role model.

Mr. Muhammad Karamatullah Khan

Mr. Karamatullah Khan is a 35 year old graduate and works in a DPO called Helpful Organization for Special talent HOST based in Baluchistan as a rehabilitation officer. He was diagnosed with a quadriplegic disability after a road accident a few years back. He's been a profound human rights activist after his disability but mobility has been a major issue for him. Mr. Asim Zafar acknowledged his services in the movement and was presented with an electric wheelchair provided by Sakura. He has been working even more efficiently after the provision of assistive device. Thought there are more severely disabled people who are still waiting for the provision of such devices and are looking forward to that.



Ms. Sumaira Tabbassum

Ms. Sumaira Tabbassum is a teacher by profession and giving her best services in a Government College after completing her Master's in Education. She along with her two siblings suffers with muscular dystrophy and has led a very tough life managing her education with her increasing disability. She has been a very active member of Saaya association for over 4 years now but mobility has been a major issue for her. Especially when she had to go college as her disability is increasing every next day coming. Saaya presented her the electric wheelchair provided by Sakura and her mobility has been improved a big time after the availability of this handy gadget. Sumaira is



now one of the successful stories of Saaya association contributing her best services in the disability movement in Pakistan being in the Pakistan women with disabilities wing.

Mr. Israr Ahmed

Mr. Israr Ahmed is a senior Cameraman in a popular TV channel and has been doing a very good job with his camera. Unfortunately, in a road accident he got a serious spinal cord injury and got his lower limbs paralyzed. Times have been very tough on him after accident and he was about to lose his job. Someone told him about Saaya association and he got in contact with the organization. Considering his utmost desire to be able to work again and to ensure his mobility, He was provided with an electric wheelchair provided by Sakura. After the availability of electric wheelchair he's keeping his job as a cameraman and making living for his children.



Mr. Saleem Akhtar

Mr. Saleem Akhtar is a 36 years old and has been a victim of muscular dystrophy since his childhood. Being the only son of his parents a brother of a sister his parents have always been worried about him. Could not get him admission in any institute so they admitted him to a madrassa where he completed his Hifz-e-Quran. Sadly both the parents left the siblings a year back. Times have been very tough after the death of parents, so Mr. Saleem always wanted to go out and make up for his living. Mobility always have been a major issue as due to weak muscles he couldn't even use a manual wheelchair. He contacted Saaya through some reference and after the assessment of his disability and need he was given an electric wheelchair that was altered according to his physical ease and need. After having this gadget his mobility has increased to a level



and now he can go out to visit his only asset, some cultivated land that was inherited by his father.

Muhammad Usman

Mr. Muhammad Usman is a young gentleman who is very passionate about getting higher education and currently he is doing his Masters in Economics from Peshawar University. He has always been an active guy and has good commands on computer & Mobile hardware software as well. Being a muscular dystrophy victim his muscles got weak with time and currently unable to use a manual wheelchair. Due to his commendable urge to work and pursue his education, he contacted Saaya association through social media after going through the work we are doing. After his complete disability and need assessment, He was provided with an electric wheelchair suitable for his disability type.

