

Mission of the Saaya is to contribute for improving the Social-economic, cultural condition of People with Disabilities through the promotion of information, knowledge, skill, awareness and advocacy through the mass media.



Saaya
Association of People with Disabilities



SUMMARY REPORT June, 2013-July, 2014

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JUNE, 2013

Disability Awareness Seminar was held on 10th June, 2013.

The awareness seminar on disability held on 10th June, 2013 at Nasheman School Wah Cantt for the teachers, parents and persons with disabilities.



Three Days Disability Equality Training (DET) 11-13 June, 2013 at Battagram.

Three days disability equality training (DET) was conducted by Saaya Association from 11-13 June, 2013 at Battagram supported by CHEF International for teachers, parents and persons with Disabilities.



**Consultation Meeting- Formation of Disability Act Pakistan in the light of UN-CRPD
15th June, 2013 at Faisalabad**

The Association of Women for Awareness and Motivation (AWAM) in collaboration with the Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID Network Pakistan) and the Highly Enthusiastic, Saaya Association and Educative Rights Association (HEERA) organized a Consultation Meeting entitled "Formulation of Disability Draft in the Light of UNCRPD" held on 15 June 2013 in Faisalabad. The consultation was joined by 40 persons with disabilities, lawyers, media personnel, representatives of organizations focusing on human rights and disability issues. Followed by the consultation, a press conference was also conducted to highlight the challenges faced by the PWDs through media.



**Understanding on Disability Awareness Session for Community Worker held on
18-19 June, 2013 at chukrali badhal Gujar Khan, Punjab**

Disability awareness session for Community Worker held on 18-19 June, 2013 at chukrali badhal Gujar Khan, Punjab organized by Saaya Association.



Active Citizens' Programme Connected Globally, Engaged Locally

The Saaya Association has organized Active Citizens' two days training in collaboration with STEP, Active Citizens are young, empowered leaders who bring positive change in their communities through constructive social action. The Active Citizens programme promotes community cohesion and intercultural dialogue through civic engagement and volunteering.



JULY, 2013

21st All Pakistan Sports Festival held on 5th to 7th July 2013 at Abbottabad

Milestone society for the special persons organized the 21st Abbottabad Sports Festival for persons with disabilities from 5th to 7th July 2013 in collaboration with the KPK Sports Board where more than 32 DPOs (Disabled Persons Organizations) participated from all over Pakistan. Saaya's Cricket Team has participated first time in Abbottabad National Sports Festival from 5-7 July, 2013. Saaya's Cricket team was the runners-up of Cricket tournament 2013.



National Consultative Meeting on Pakistan Disability Act 19th July, 2013

The meeting on formulation of Pakistan Disability Act was held at WHO (World Health Organization) office, Islamabad, organized by CBID Network Pakistan where representatives from INGOs and NGOs including Saaya Association participated. The rationale of the meeting was to discuss and reach a mutual consensus on the formulation of Pakistan Disability Act.



August, 2013

Wheelchairs & Eid Gift Distribution Ceremony Held on 5th August, 2013 at Islamabad.

Saaya Association organized wheelchairs distribution ceremony in the month of Holy Ramadan on 5th August, 2013 at Pak Continental Hotel Islamabad with the support of community & Hotel Pak Continental under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan. The ceremony was attended by various persons with disabilities and different organizations. 100 wheelchairs were distributed among the persons with disabilities.



The Visit of Ms. Nisho from JAPAN Independent Living Council (JIL) on 15th Aug, 2013 at Saaya office.



October, 2013

Seminar on Disability & Personal Care Attendant Service on World Polio Day, 24th Oct, 2013

Saaya Association organized a seminar to mark polio day on 24th October 2013 at Pak Continental Hotel Islamabad with the support CHEF International and ICCO under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan. The ceremony was attended by various persons with disabilities, NGO's working on disabilities and academicians.



December, 2013

Seminar On "Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all"

International Day of People with Disability 3rd DECEMBER, 2013

SAAYA Association of PWDs keeps on organizing seminars, social gatherings, walks, and awareness campaigns on daily basis to aware and sensitizes the society and government officials. To create ways for the betterment and development of Pakistan and PWDs, SAAYA Association Organized a seminar on 3rd December, International day of persons with disabilities in COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad under the umbrella of CBID Network with the topic of Inclusion in every part of society including education for PWDs. The international Slogan given by UN, "Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all" was core of the event.



Counseling Session for Persons with Disabilities, Families and CCBs on 05-08 and 14th Dec, 2013 at Tehsil Sohawa District Jhelum.

The Counseling session was carried out for CCBs, persons with disabilities and their families on 5-8 and 14 Dec, 2013 in 15 villages of Tehsil Sohawa District Jhelum organized By CHIP and conducted by Saaya Association. 150 persons with disabilities, 26 family members and 142 CCBS attended these counseling session.



Seminar on Disability and Development held on 17th Dec, 2013 at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

Saaya Association has organized seminar on Disability and Development with the theme of: "for an inclusive society for all" held on 17th Dec, 2013 at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.



January, 2014

Board Members meeting held on 15th Jan, 2014.

Board meeting for the action plan of 2014 was held earlier in the start of New Year Jan, 2014 in which our very respectable well-wisher brig Zafar Imtiaz and Dr. Anees-ur-rehman joined us. An overall view of the upcoming activities in 2014 were discussed and a full presentation of the seminars, manual and electric wheelchairs distributed, capacity building workshops , peer counseling sessions, and leadership training programs covered in the previous year, was given to the members.



February, 2014

Disability equality Training (DET) 18th Feb, 2014

Saaya Association organized a very productive session in collaboration with Telenor employees under the umbrella of CBID Network on the topic disability equality training. Climax of the story was to aware the audience 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 Ms. Saima Aslam made it more informative, explaining the rights and the needs of women with disabilities ensuring no gender discrimination in the development of our country. In the end, the respected CEO Telenor Pakistan and the whole team gave their best remarks about Saaya's efforts in disability and independent living movement, hence ensuring their support and appreciations in future aswel.



Protest by Saaya Association of Persons with Disabilities and Civil Society against Refusal of Allocation of Seats in Assemblies and Senate on 27th Feb, 2014.

The protest organized by Saaya Association and civil society under the umbrella of Community Based Inclusive Development CBID Network throughout the country on 27th Feb, 2014 to express their disappointment from the current Government and showed their unity to refuse the consent of standing committee (Law & Justice). Persons with Disability thanked to all the media personals for their time and presence. They said in their speeches that the persons with disabilities have struggled from last many year to move the bill of reserve seats at parliament and senate. Unfortunately, standing committee (law & Justice) could not realized and recognized the need of persons with disabilities and therefore rejected the bill, and confiscated our rights to come forward and work for Inclusive Society. They also shared that it is the basic right of Persons with disability to be rehabilitated, employed and empowerment according to the ordinance 1981, but the government has proven that we are not even in the list of consideration, to be empowered. It is not the persons with disability it is acutely the 15% of total population of Pakistan. They also said that we will not stop to get our rights as we are not expecting anything from the government and in the last we called the 17th Feb, 2014 a Black Day of Pakistan for Persons with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities also thanked to those political party, who supported this bill.



March, 2014

Inauguration Ceremony of Saaya's New Office held on 5th March, 2014.

Inauguration Ceremony of New Saaya office was held on 5th March, 2014, the Honorable guest, members of Saaya Attended this ceremony.



April, 2014

National Wheelchair Users Cricket Tournament 3-5 April, 2014

It is said that the 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 is kept behind in healthy activities too like sports. They infact 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.



5TH All Pakistan National Bank Tournament organized by Saaya Association, Disabled Welfare Organization and Milestone Society for the Special Persons at Jinnah Sports Complex where all 6 teams from different cities of the country.

The honorable parliamentarians and other guests who graced the occasion included:

- Mrs. Kishwar Zahra (Member of National Assembly, MQM)
- Mrs. Nighat Shakeel (Member of National Assembly, MQM)
- Mr. Rehal Hashmi (Member of National Assembly, MQM)
- Mr. Muzamil Qurashi (Member of National Assembly, MQM)
- Mr. Ahsen Iqbal (Federal Minister for planning and development)
- Mr. Mian Riaz Hussain (Federal Minister for Sports)
- Mr. Akhter Nawaz Ganjara (Director General Sports Complex)
- Dr. Maryam Mallick (Technical Advisor WHO)
- Mr. Abdul Waheed (MD Pakistan Baitul Mal)
- Mr. Tariq Zafar Iqbal (Regional Head National Bank of Pakistan)
- Mr. Sibghat-ur-Rehman (Directorate General Capital Administration & Development Division)
- Mr. Fazal-ul-Rehman (Past District Governor Rotary club Islamabad)
- Mr. Nawabzada Khurshid (Executive editor Pakistan group of News Papers)
- Muhammad Afzal Butt (President Pakistan federal Union of Journalist)
- Mr. Sheryar Khan (Press Club Islamabad)

OUTCOME OF THE EVENT

- Members of National Assembly from different political parties were sensitized regarding the rights of person with disabilities
- The draft of Disability Act presented to the parliamentarians and concern departments during the event
- The teams of person with disabilities participated from all over the country
- The civil society, students, government officials also attended this historical event and well aware regarding the rights of persons with disabilities

Sakura Wheelchairs Project Visit to Saaya Association, Islamabad 17th April, 2014.

Saaya Association for persons with disabilities is serving persons with disabilities in Islamabad under the leadership of Mr. Asim Zafar for the last many years, the wheelchair repair unit is recently established with the support of Saito Kobo and Sakura Wheelchair Company where electric wheelchairs are repaired and distributed among persons with disabilities.

The third visit was paid to Saaya Association serving persons with disabilities in Islamabad, after formal introduction of the staff and activities Mr. Saito and Mr. Habib described the purpose of their visit from Japan. The electric wheelchair unit established with the support of Sakura was visited and wheelchair repair training workshop conducted where Mr. Saito and Mr. Habib shared the techniques of electric wheelchair repair with the trainees. The session was fruitful as video presentations were also made and lectures were delivered concerning manufacturing and repair of electric wheelchairs as well. The questions and queries



were well answered to satisfy the quench of the trainees. KAY2 TV channel covered the event live on the media for awareness raising. In the next day session the lectures were delivered on mobility and the manufacturing of electric wheelchair by Mr. Saito San and Mr. Habib Rehman, in the question answer session the queries of the trainees were well answered and they were provided with the technical information concerning repair of electric wheelchairs.



International Seminar on Independent Living and Assistive Technologies held on 18th April, 2014 at COMSATS University, Islamabad

An international seminar was conducted by Saaya Association and Comsats University in Islamabad where students were sensitized of 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 what disability is and what independent living is. He described the history of independent living movement and its contribution in the lives of persons with disabilities and how this concept changed the plight of persons with disabilities in the world. Ms. Saima Aslam a woman with disability from Saaya Association related his life history with disability, she described how independent living has changed his life and with learning self-management skills she is living an independent life, self-management skills and mobility devices can make it happen and we can lean an independent 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.



Mr. Sho Saito in his lecture on mobility presented history of wheelchair manufacturing in Saito Kobo Japan. He said that mobility is the basic issue for persons with disabilities, if their mobility is ensured the half of the work is done as mobility is the first step towards independence.

He presented the latest wheelchair manufactured in his factory that is a piece of excellence concerning its functions for severe persons with disabilities. Mr. Habib Rehman in his lecture described the importance of inclusion of persons with disabilities in society, he emphasized that we have to make persons with disabilities mobile so that they can be a respectable part of the society and it can be achieved through provision of assistive devices like wheelchairs, white canes and hearing add etc. He briefed the students about the Sakura Wheelchair Company that how is it ensuring the mobility and independence of persons with disabilities with provision of manual and electric wheelchairs and we have to make efforts for the creation of barrier free, right based and inclusive society for all.



May, 2014

Counselling Session in collaboration with Fatima Jinnah University Held on 1-5 May, 2014

A Counselling session was conducted by Saaya Association in collaboration with Fatima Jinnah University was held from 1-5 May, 2014 at Saaya office for Persons with Disabilities. A group of FJ students from "Behavioral Sciences" department get together with the team members and had a detailed analysis of life with specific disabilities and its effects on behaviors. There was a



question answer session with every individual in groups that resulted in a good intake of knowledge and experience sharing from the both ends. In the end it ended up with some good memories and future collaborations from both the parties. Team Saaya always welcomes individuals especially students from different fields of life to come forward and get to know about disability and the independent living movement.

Awareness Session on Disability & Role of DPOs for Community Mobilizer from AID TO LEPROSY RWP on 27-28 May, 2014

The two days training session was conducted by Saaya Association at Saaya office held on 27-28 May, 2014 for Community Mobilizer from AID to Leprosy



Hospital RWP. The main propose of this session and visit to sensitize the CBOs regarding the role of DPOs in Society. Ms. Saima Aslam shared to the participants regarding the role of DPOs.

June, 2014

Training on Personal Care Attendant Held on 17th June, 2014

The Training on Personal Care Attendant was held on 13th June, 2014 at Saaya office for new attendants



July, 2014

Wheelchairs & Eid Gift Distribution Ceremony was Held on 17th July, 2014.

Saaya Association conducted a ceremony on 17th July, 2014 at Pak Continental Hotel, Islamabad, like every year, Saaya distributed free wheelchairs to the deserving disabled persons. A special tricycle was also arranged for an old man from Kahuta. This became possible only by the 'toufeeq' given by Almighty Allah to the team members and the co-operation of our worthy donors



Seminar on National Day of Women with Disabilities 17th July, 2013

“Role of Women with Disabilities in Inclusive Development”

The Seminar on National Day of Women with Disabilities was held on 17th July, 2014 at Hotel Pak continental Islamabad. Women with Disabilities attended the seminar. The main propose of this event to motivate and empower the society regarding the rights of women with disabilities. The leaders of women with disabilities shared their experience during the event.



Achievement of Year

Mr. Junaid is a disabled person, by birth. His sister is also disabled. They live in a small village in District Kahuta, near Rawalpindi. Mr. Junaid, despite being a handicapped person, happens to be a person with a high level of self-esteem and courage. Instead of becoming a permanent beggar, he established a small karyana shop in his village 6 months back. Due to financial limitations, he could not buy many necessary items for his shop. He had requested to Saaya Association for financial help so that he could buy the much needed merchandise for his small store. Saaya Association decided to provide the needed merchandise to him at his doorstep.



The stuff including rice, sugar, pulses, soaps, shampoos, biscuits, toffees, milk cartons, tea, etc. were procured from the wholesale market in Rwp. Mr. Asim Zafar (CEO Saaya Association) and Mr. Faisal Nadeem visited Mr. Junaid's shop in his village and took the merchandise with us. This small shop, which you see in the photos, has been rented at Rs.600/- per month. Mr. Junaid is carried to the shop from his home on a wheelchair daily in the morning. There he lies on a charpoi whole day long. The customers come and ask for items. Junaid tells them to pick up the items by themselves and drop the amount in his money box. Due to very limited stock, the shop gave an empty and deserted look. We hope that the situation will improve now. We pray that may Allah Taala shower His 'barkat' upon this small village karyana shop. May it develop and prosper at a rapid pace.

***We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thank you to
all for your commitment, contribution and support for Saaya
Association!!!!***