



SAAYA ACTIVITY REPORT

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REPORT OF ONE DAY AWARENESS SESSION ON UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITY

AUGUST 8th, 2017

According to World Disability Report issued by WHO and World Bank, one billion people or 15 percent of the world's population, experience some form of disability. Persons with disabilities are more likely to experience adverse socio-economic outcomes than persons without disabilities, such as less education, worse health outcomes, less employment and higher poverty rates.

Saaya Association started a chain of Independent living training that includes person with disabilities, women, children, parents, Students and community to sensitize them about the basic concept of disability.

Saaya Association in collaboration with HAND's Pakistan under the umbrella of CBID Network has Organize "One Day Awareness Session on understanding of Disability at Saaya Office Islamabad on 8th august 2017.

There were round about 30 participants with or without disabilities who attend the training. The training was started by the recitation of few verses of HOLY QURAN by Mr. Amir Khan (program coordinator).

After that Ms. Saima Aslam (Director Project) get introduction of participants. Participants include newly Persons with Disabilities especially kids with Disabilities and students from International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). Parents were also there to discuss some issues about their children with disabilities. Ms. Saima gave the brief introduction of Saaya Association to the



Participants. She said it's a good effort to have training and session like this for newly person with disabilities who never attend sessions regarding disability so it's a better opportunity for them to understand their disability in new way and participated actively in this society. She said actually disability is not such a big issue as we consider it. We are sharing experiences; even we may not celebrate it with our own family in such a way. We are fewer but if we join hands, we can bring more People with Disabilities on the same platform and we can get opportunity to learn from the experiences of each other.

Mr. Kamran (Sectary Media cell & event coordinator) explains the definition of Disability. He discussed how the life of person with disabilities changes with the passage of time. He added, whatever disability you have it never stops you from socializing. He described role of Person with disabilities in development sector, what their current situation is and how these Persons can overcome hurdles and barriers in their lives.

The main purpose of this session was to create awareness on comprehensive level about the issues that a Person with Disabilities has to face in their daily life. He perform the activity by drawing , each participants draw their own picture and heart and wrote the closets and far things to their heart, then he explain in a beautiful way the purpose of this activity, everyone enjoyed and like this small activity to understand the disability.



Ms Saima Aslam explains comprehensively the different kinds of Disabilities such as Physical, Intellectual, Learning, Hearing and Visually impairment and also explain their causes and differences. She said when a person lives with disabilities; she or he lives a different and unique life. The way to live life is different but the life is same for all, we have to just learn the management of living with disabilities.

After Prayer and Tea break Ms Ayesha Sajjad (women coordinator) gives detail session on different barriers that faced by Person with Disabilities such as

Attitudinal, Environmental, Physical and Institutional barriers. She highlighted the need to educate every person of society about disability.

She enlightened disability based discrimination of society, where persons with disabilities especially women with disabilities face discrimination by society.

After that Mr. Muhammad Tahir Javed (Sectary Finance) having disability Muscular Dystrophy shares his experience with participants. He briefly described the individual and social issues faced by person with disabilities, He said that Issue only comes when you don't have acceptance of your strengths and weaknesses whether you are a person with or without disabilities. He shared his own life experienced, how he spent his life and what problems, issues he faced by society and family. He



overcome all the issues and managed his life so well that today he is a role model for other person with disabilities. The participants were motivated by his experiences and enjoyed a lot his session.



At the end Mr. Asim Zafar CEO of SAAYA Association gave closing remarks by highlighting the fact that life experiences cannot be shown in books. We should make our life simple and peaceful by adopting the true teachings of Islam. Apart from facilitating our own life we should also work for humanity. If you want others to care about you, first you have to care for yourself. We shouldn't ignore the need of making ways for our next Generation, so that they cannot see the problems and hurdles which we are facing now. He also thanks all the participants and acknowledges

Saaya Team to conduct this training.

Report on Monthly awareness Session on Disability and Independent Living Date 12th October, 2017



Independent Living Training teaches everyday life skills and is often provided by people with disabilities. Training may include budgeting, meal preparation, arranging transportation, or personal assistance services, job seeking, and self-advocacy. Information and Referral Services aim to provide individuals with resources and options that may be necessary in making informed choices about living, learning, and working independently.

Saaya Center for Independent living took initiative to organize awareness Session on Disability and Independent Living on monthly basis in collaboration with HANDS Pakistan under the umbrella of CBID Network on Monthly basis for

persons with disabilities, women with disabilities volunteers, NGOs DPOS and Community Mobilizes and local community.

Keeping in this view Saaya has organized one day awareness Session on Disability and Independent Living on 12th Oct, 2017 at Saaya Center for Independent living located in I-10/4 Islamabad.

The session was started with recitation of Holy Quran. The participants has introduced themselves and presented his/her name, designation, and role in their native organization.

Ms. Saima Aslam (Director Projects) shared the aims and objective to the participants. She explained that this session is to create an understanding and conceptual clarity on disability. The session was also conducted to motivate persons with disabilities and their families regarding their needs and living priorities. Also how to take care of Persons with Disabilities so that they may spend their life in a dignified manner.

She also explained to participants regarding the understanding on disability. She said, include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others survive as an honorable individual without any dependence upon others as well as to eliminate the factor of sympathetic attitude in Society for persons with disabilities.

The overall objectives were:

- Understanding on disability, a conceptual clarity.
- To mainstream persons with Disability in development.
- To promote an inclusive development approach
- Empowerment of persons with Disabilities to become agents of change

Mr. Asim Zafar shared that the estimated one billion people living with disabilities worldwide face many barriers to inclusion in many key aspects of society. As a result, people with disabilities do not enjoy access to society on an equal basis with others, which includes areas of transportation, employment, and education as well as access to justice. He said that persons with disabilities must be able to fulfill their role in society and participate on an equal basis with others. It is important to focus on the ability and not on the disability of an individual. Often, the societal image of persons with disabilities.



Impacted by attitudes based on stigma and discrimination, as well as archaic ideas about disability and persons with disabilities that are often the greatest barrier to their full and equal participation in society and development on an equal basis with others.

He also highlighted comprehensive details about the issues that persons with disabilities are facing in their daily life activities; it is time to create awareness among general people and to train persons with disabilities accordingly so that they can survive as an independent human being. He said that these following areas need to be addressed at all level.

Mr. Kamran shared with the member of DPOs regarding the role & function of DPOs .He shared the last ten years disabled people have organized themselves into their own organizations in 100 countries. Disabled people's organizations are those controlled by a majority (51%) at the board and membership levels. Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) considers the role of organizations of disabled people to be the most fundamental issue for the disabled person's movement.

The role of these organizations includes providing a voice of their own, identifying needs, expressing views on priorities, evaluating services and advocating change and public awareness. As a vehicle of self- development, these organizations provide the opportunity to develop skills in the negotiation process, organizational abilities, mutual support, information sharing and often vocational skills and opportunities. In view of their vital importance in the process of participation.

Ms. Ayesha also shared her life experience to the participants. She said it is very difficult for girls with disabilities to get education in normal school due to non-accessible Environment. But after joining this center I have learn how to manage life with disability.

Now I am living independently with my family. I am enjoying my life with different life style.

In the end Mr. Asim Zafar thanked to all the participants, organizers and especially HANDS Pakistan for the great support.



Customized Motor Bikes Handing Over Ceremony
Nov 13, 2017 at Saaya ILC, Islamabad



According to World Disability Report, issued by WHO and World Bank, One billion people, or 15 percent of the world's population, experience some form of disability. Person with disabilities are more likely to experience adverse socio economic outcomes than person without disabilities, such as less education, worse health outcomes, less employment, and higher poverty rates. Poverty may increase the risk of disability through malnutrition, inadequate access to education and health care, unsafe working conditions, polluted environment, and lack of access to safe water and sanitation. Disability may increase the risk of poverty, through lack of employment, lower wages, and increased cost of living with a disability.



Saaya association intends to create an environment in Pakistan in general but with special emphasis on Independent Living Center where People with Disabilities (PWDs) can visit market place and other places of public interest without being sneered at or without feeling ashamed of being on a wheelchair or any other assistive gadget.

The Person with disabilities trained by Saaya Association for Independent Living is vehemently contributing in the society. Owing to their skill and education, their performance in the respective fields can be further enhanced. We have a few Students with

disabilities who wish to complete their education but lack the financial resources. As we know that our transportation system is highly inaccessible for Person with disabilities so it is essential to provide accessible motorbikes to ensure their easy mobility. Also, numerous severely disabled persons who require attendant services to perform their daily tasks are abandoned by their families for they do not possess the resources to cater to this need, thus, making the Person with disabilities a physical and financial burden on the family and society. These persons not only bear the agony of physical dependence but also the resulting emotional trauma.

Saaya Association conducted a ceremony with the support of HANDS Pakistan under the umbrella of CBID Network. On the first phase HANDS Pakistan supported Saaya Association to hand over the customized Bikes to person with disabilities, educational support to student with Disabilities and PA service to person with severe disabilities by giving them cheque to continue their journey of life and serve as agent of change in this movement.

The event was grace by Dr. Sarwat Mirza (Chief Research & Development Executive HANDS) and Ms. Sumaira Javed (Executive Manager HANDS Islamabad).

The main rationale of this ceremony was to distribute Customized Motor Bikes and Cheque for Education and Attendant Support among deserving persons with disabilities supported by HANDS at Saaya Independent Living Centre. Honourable Guest also visited Saaya Center for Independent Living. Team members of Saaya Association Thanked to Sheikh Tanveer Ahmed(Chief Executive HANDS), Dr. Sarwat Mirza(Chief Research & Development Executive HANDS), Muhammad Raheem Marri(General Manger Social Mobilization HANDS) and Ms. Sumaira Javed(Executive Manger HANDS Islamabad) for their support.

The details of the beneficiaries (The person with disabilities who received the Motor Bikes and checks) are given below:

Mr Tahir Javed has disability called muscular dystrophy and his parents are also the victims of this genetic disease. Three of his family members are with severe disability and they need personal attendant service twenty four hours a day to perform their daily tasks. He has done his graduation (B.com) from IMPCC H-8/4 Islamabad. Currently he is doing job in Capital Development Authority (CDA) and the only source of income for his whole family. He joined Saaya Association in 2008 and till now he is an active member of the organization. After his duty timing he regularly visit the organization and provide services as a finance secretary voluntarily.

Mrs. Iqbal Begum has disability called muscular dystrophy. Three of her family members are victims of this disease .They are with sever disability and they need personal attendant service twenty four hours a day to perform their daily tasks. She is a house wife. She belongs to Islamabad.



Mr Muhammad Javed has disability called muscular dystrophy and his son and wife has also the same kind of disability. He needs 24 hours attendant service in order to complete his daily tasks. He was doing job in Capital Development Authority (CDA). Now he is a retired government servant and performing different household tasks.

Ms Uzma has disability muscular dystrophy. She uses a powered wheelchair for her mobility. She also uses a personal assistant who assists her in carrying out daily tasks. She has two siblings having same disability. She has done her MCs in computer sciences. She is working with saaya as member. Since the day she joined Saaya, she understood her disability and accepted the challenge. She had promised herself to lead her life bringing about the positive change in the society and work for the betterment of people specifically the vulnerable disabled community. She learnt about the disabilities and their types and the art of managing oneself being with a disability. She is also working with Saaya as volunteer.



Ms Saima belong to Rawalpindi, she has disability muscular dystrophy .She rely heavily on a Personal Attendant to perform her daily tasks. For mobility, she uses an electric wheelchair. she has done her BSC Maths (A+B) & STATICS from Post Graduate Govt College for Women 6th road Rawalpindi. Two of her siblings have same disability .After joining Saaya, her focus is on working of person with disabilities specially women and girls with disabilities on grass root level and highlight their issues and problems. she channelized the life of thousands of disabled persons especially women with disabilities. Through supporting devices, peer

counselling and disability Knowledge many persons were able to pursue independent living. She is an active member of Saaya.



Kamran Khan is a disabled person. His disability is Polio. He has 6 siblings and his father is a plumber. He is a commerce student doing M.COM (1st semester) from Federal Urdu University Islamabad. He is working as an Event Coordinator (Voluntarily) from last 4 years in Saaya Association of Person with Disabilities.

Muhammad Sajjad is a person with sever Cerebral palsy (CP) disability using manual wheelchair for his mobility. His father is serving in a government Sector.. Before joining Saaya association he lost his confidence and developed aggressive attitude by staying at home. After completing his matriculations, he had no chance to prove himself as an individual. But after joining Saaya he got a chance to enhance his confidence level. Saaya association arranged counseling and awareness sessions with him after that he regained his confidence level. He is now much confident individual with positive approach towards life. He usually participates in all kind of discussions and gives his best opinion. He again took admission in I.Com after becoming an active member of this organization. He learns computer programming and graphing, gaining sensitization and awareness related to his disability.

Ms Ayesha is student with Cerebral palsy (CP) disability using manual wheelchair for her mobility. After completing her matriculations, she was stuck at home. Her confidence level was very low. After joining Saaya association she met with other person with disabilities and regained her confidence level. She is now much confident individual with positive approach towards life, usually participates in all kind of discussions and gives her best opinion. Now she is doing her BA from AIOU and serves voluntarily her services to organization as an active member.



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Report on Observance of International day of Person with Disabilities 3rd December 2017 Islamabad

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. Building on many decades of UN's work in the field of disability, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted in 2006, has further advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks.



The theme for this year is ***“Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all”***. The 2030 Agenda pledges to “leave no one behind”. Persons with disabilities, as both beneficiaries and agents of change, can fast track the process towards inclusive and sustainable development and promote resilient society for all. Including Governments, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, academic institutions and the private sector need to work as a “team” to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Saaya Association (Organization of Disabled Persons) is registered (VSWA/ICT/562), non-profit and cross disability association, which supports people with disabilities (PWDs), enabling them to realize their full potential through new opportunities, personal choice,



and community involvement.

The association is working for improving the ultimate status with dignity of people with disabilities. Saaya is focused on Independent Living, Inclusive education, Barrier Free & Right-Based society and access to Justice. It pays special attention to the wellbeing of women and girls with

disabilities, as they are subjected to multiple layers of discrimination. The exclusion of persons with disabilities in any country carries heavy financial and social consequences.

Saaya Association has observed International Day of Person with Disability with the Support of HANDS Pakistan under the Umbrella of CBID Network. "NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES "ACCESSIBLE PAKISTAN" was initiated on 3rd December 2017, the International Disability Day. For this, the "market's accessibility audit" was conducted along with a peaceful walk organized to mark the importance of International Disability Day.



Amidst media coverage, sayaa's team along with Person with disabilities, Women with disabilities students and general public participated in walk.

In observance of International Disability Day, the Person with disabilities visited the markets in Blue Area Islamabad to identify the accessibility lapse and ensure higher inclusion for disabled Person. The team met the shop owners and highlighted the importance of installing ramps for making markets accessible for Person with disabilities. It was also discussed that Person with disabilities are also entitled to shop according to their choice which is only possible when the market places, parks, restaurants and other public places are designed keeping in view the unique needs of Person with disabilities. By doing so, their right to live with dignity, self respect and pride can be ensured.



Saaya team also visited savor foods. The management assured that they will soon make the building fully accessible for PWDs so that PWDs can also enjoy the ambiance of the the



restaurant as the rest of the population. The participants fully enjoyed the meal served by savors food sponsored by saaya association.

The participants also fully took part in the walk. They carried placards and banners to highlight the of rights of Person with disabilities. The Islamabad police supported the march till the end while the media actively covered the event.



Disability & Accessibility Awareness Seminar

Preston University Islamabad

15 December 2017



On the occasion of International World disability day, Saaya Association in collaboration with HANDS Pakistan arranged an awareness program in Comsat University Islamabad. Formal program started with the recitation of HOLY QURAN. Professor Naeem Iqbal department from IT host the program and introduce Saaya team with the factuality and students. He invited Mr Asim Zafar CEO Saaya for the opening speech.

Mr. Asim gave the brief introduction of Saaya association. 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. 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. He gave an introduction about the network acknowledge the efforts of his team.



Ms. Saima Aslam (Director Project) 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. 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.

Mr. Kamran Khan shared his life experience that how he continued his studies with disability. He said that he faced many issues during his study time because colleges and universities are not accessible that's why disabled students are not visible in universities. He further said that this problem should be solved, so that every person who is with disability must be able to study in these colleges and universities.

Mr. Javed Rais from DWA Karachi shared the importance of Independent Living Centers in the life of person with disabilities. He further explained that IL training Centers plays important role in their lives. He appreciated the work of Saaya Association and said that Mr. Asim Zafar and his team is doing a great job and trying to make the life of person with disabilities easier and better.

Dr Muhammad Daud Awan Dean Computer Science appreciated the work of Saaya team. He said they are very glad to meet Saaya team today and most of the concepts regarding disability which are available in the society are cleared by them in a very good manner. He further said that we are making the new departments of our university accessible for students & persons with disabilities. He also highlighted that 2 to 3 persons with disabilities are studying in their university but in future they will work hard to make their university fully accessible.

At the end Mr. Asim Zafar thanks to the factuality of university and all students. This activity is a proof that we have ways to move forward. Especially, when it comes to the development of a country and equality based institutional developments at all levels. He hopes for Inclusive Education/ Identifying strategies to promote Inclusive education in Pakistan.



The documentary of Saaya association was played on the multimedia to represent the brief introduction of saaya association with the students.

REPORT ON 8TH NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR USER CRICKET TOURNAMENT **19-21 DECEMBER 2017**

Background

Wheelchair Users Cricket has rich history in the country as it provides with healthy outlet to persons with disabilities to execute their talent and joy. It is true to relate here that this event bear fruits as it helped developing different DPOs (Disabled Persons Organizations) in the country and empowered persons with disabilities as well that proved as strength for disability movement in Pakistan. It is worth mentioning here that to celebrate 15 Years of Wheelchair Cricket in Pakistan the festive event is here to be intimated.

National Wheelchair users Cricket Tournament 2017

HANDS, Disabled Welfare Association Karachi, Saaya Association Islamabad and Milestone Society for the Special Persons Lahore has organized National Wheelchair users Cricket Tournament in collaboration with Pakistan Sports Board under the umbrella of CBID Network from 19-21 Dec, 2017 at Jinnah Stadium Sports complex Islamabad for person with disabilities. The cricket teams and almost 200, Persons with disabilities participate from all over the country. In this event all teams performed on wheelchairs thus making an event of its own kind since most of the disabled persons are still living in isolation and they do not have access to show their abilities in all fields of life with equal opportunities in society. Through this meaningful event, community, parents, teachers, students and general public sensitized.

Teams Details:

10 teams including Two Women teams participated in the tournament.

Islamabad	Karachi
Quetta	Lahore
Mirpurkhas	Mardan
Kashmir	Multan
Women Islamabad	Women Abbottabad



Welcome Dinner and Fun Night

A heartily welcome dinner along with fun & 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 were present and enjoyed the dinner with musical performances from different local well-tuned musical figure.

Mian Asim Zafar (President Saaya Association) introduced the participants to the dignities from respectable departments and other entities, participating teams and made them understand the history of wheelchair cricket in Pakistan and need of its promotion at government level for the healthy community with equal opportunities of life.

Honorable Member of National Assembly Miss Kishwer Zehra from MQM has graced the occasion as the chief guest. She welcomed all the participants and appreciated the organizers. She also shared the basic concept of wheelchair cricket in Pakistan to other MNA's and distinguish guest. She said that she is the part of this movement and always feels happy to serve and work for this movement. She then distributed the shields to the



distinguished guests and organizers.

Dr. Sheikh Tanveer Ahmad Chief Executive HANDS Pakistan welcomes the honorable guests and all participants with deep gratitude. He gave the brief introduction of HANDS. He said that HANDS has a network of 31 offices across the country and has access to more than 21 million population more than 15,700 villages/settlement in 45 districts of Pakistan. He further added that CBID Network is the strong network in all over Pakistan &also internationally this network groom well. He said that HANDS Pakistan collaborate and support CBID Network in future as well and to ensure the inclusion in 45 districts of Pakistan where already HANDS is working.



Dr. Muhammad Shahnawz Munami National Coordinator CBID Network expresses his emotions that under the umbrella of CBID Network all the organization are at the same point for the cause. He said this is a mega event in which everyone participate with joy and happiness.

The aim and spirit was unanimous that, the lives with disabilities need attention so that the goal to achieve barrier free, right based and inclusive society can become a reality for all. The honorable guests presented the team captions with flowers and kits for the cricket matches. The presence of Mr. Khuwaja has won the hearts of audience and made the whole evening even more memorable.

List of Honorable guests are:

- Madam Kishwar Zehra (MNA MQM)
- Mr. Sheikh Sallahudin (MNA MQM)
- Mr. Mehboob Aalam (MNA MQM)
- Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali (MNA MQM)
- Dr. Fouzia Hameed (MNA MQM)
- Dr. Sheikh Tanveer Ahmad (CE HANDS Pakistan)
- Mr. Mazhar Hussain (HR Head PTCL)
- Mr. Khalid Naeem
- Dr. Shahnawz Munami (National Coordinator CBID Network)
- Mr. Raheem Marri (General Manager social mobilization HANDS Pakistan)

At the end of the ceremony dinner was served among the participants and distinguished guests.



Opening Ceremony

Honorable Minister of Information Ms Maryam Aurangzeb graced the opening ceremony on 20th December, 2017. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Wheelchair Cricket Tournament, Maryam Aurangzeb said that “I appreciate the civil society and corporate sector that they raise voices of Persons with Disabilities, but it was the responsibility of the government. She also thanked to Ms Kishwer Zehra to present a resolution regarding the rights of Persons with Disabilities in Parliament & I believe that there will be all facilities for the Person with disabilities in the new building of Punjab Sports Board.”



Addressing the event, Ms Aurangzeb said that I tribute to all the players. There is lots of capacity in all of you may not be within us, I myself have been on Wheelchair for 16-year, that's why I can understand your pain. She said that there should be a model that these voices should be reached every sector, the government can only be Guide, but the as a nation we will have to bear this.

Dr. Tanveer Chief Executive HANDS Pakistan has presented cap to Ms Maryam Aurangzeb gift.



Matches

After the Opening Ceremony, the formal Wheelchair Cricket tournament started, the 8 men team had to play in the form of a pool of two. One pool comprises of four teams and they have to play three matches in total according to the schedule. All these matches were planned to be played in the Jinnah Stadium premises. The eight teams played 12 matches all in all to compete for the semifinals.



The teams have been divided in to group A and B with equal number of players. Each match was comprised of four over's in total. The duration of one match was about 35 minutes, it was pre fixed by the organizing committee so that 12 matches can be played in a single day as the next day was fixed for Women Match, Semifinal and Final as well.

Semi-Finals, Women Match & Final

2 Semi-Finals were played between four teams in which Islamabad & Multan won their matches & Qualify for the Final Match. A Single match Between Women Islamabad & Women Abbottabad Played in between Semi-Finals & Final in which Islamabad Women won the match. Girls of Islamabad Presented with Winning Trophy. The Final Match between Islamabad & Multan Played in which Multan team beat Islamabad & made themselves NWUCT-2017 CHAMPIONS.



Closing Ceremony

Honorable Sports Minister Mr. Riaz Hussain Peerzada was the Chief Guest for the Closing Ceremony. Along with him, Ms. Kishwar Zehra (MNA MQM), Nagasawa San (first Secretary Japan Embassy), Raheem Marri (General Manager social mobilization HANDS Pakistan) Mr. Khalid Maqbool (MNA), Hitovi San (Consultant in Japan Embassy) and different Members of National Assembly were also there as guests of honor. Mr. Peerzada said that every year this National wheelchair user cricket tournament organized in sports complex Islamabad. It is a great event in which persons with disabilities from all over Pakistan participated and stay in sports complex. I wish that these sort of events must be organized in every city of Pakistan. I appreciated the efforts of all organizers and promise to ensure accessibility in



hostels of sports complex.

Outcomes

During the National Wheelchair users Cricket Tournament many parliamentarians from different political parties including Federal Information Minister Ms. Mariam Aurangzeb was also present there. Organizers of the tournament DWA, SAAYA, Milestone HANDS including National, International Coordinator and provincial Coordinator of CBID Network Pakistan requested to the Minister to support the bill on the Rights of persons with disabilities through Treasury Benches in the parliament, other political parties will support. This strategy worked very well. We are thankful to all parliamentarians especially Ms. Shaista Parvez Malik (MNA), Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb (MNA) and Ms. Kishwar Zahra (MNA) and Ms. Shirin Mazari, who supported the bill and strong advocacy of CBID Network Pakistan.

Medals & Trophies

The teams presented with Medals & trophies. Winning team got 50,000/- Cash Prize plus Winning Trophy& the Runner-up got 25,000/- cash prize& Trophy by the chief guest. The Winning team of Islamabad women got Trophy.



