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Star Welfare Foundation has been active in field of social work and development for last 3 years in Pakistan. We are presenting our Annual Report 2007. In this report you can find the explanation of the main activities of SWF.

SWF endeavor for the betterment of oppressed communities in the field of Health, Education, Economic Development, Human Rights and Peace Programs in order to restoration the position and condition of the needy and deserving communities.

With our struggle and services, the scope of our work over the last couple of years had already expanded in target communities in Pakistan. With the interests of local communities SWF, also expand the 5 target areas in district Faisalabad.

During the year 2007 we learnt lot of experienced, by working together with local communities at grassroots level. We also faced lot of challenges and difficulties but we overcome on these difficulties. It is the earnest hope that this year 2008 we will serving the needy and deserving target communities more effectively through utilizing our past experienced, skill and knowledge with the interests of local communities.

We would like to take opportunity to thank some of the people who helped bring us to where we now stand as an organization. We would also like to than target communities (beneficiaries and volunteers), and our local community donors for their constant support over the years.

Mrs. Shabana Riffat

President

STAR WELFARE FOUNDATION

Vision:

To participate with people struggling for social, unity, peace, empowerment and self-reliance

Mission:

To mobilize and encourage the people to identify their basic needs and problem and help them in solving these problems through utilizing of their potential resources on participatory bases to work in harmony towards sustainable development

Goal:

To uplift the socio-economic condition of the poor, oppressed and low income communities.

Aims & Objectives

- To promote awareness and provide education for social unity, peace and sustainable development
- To raise the literacy rate by providing education to deserving people
 - To promote and facilitate the communities in formation and development process
 - To work for attitudinal change from individual to community interest
 - To organize community based groups/ organizations
 - To help and support the handicap persons for their rehabilitation
- To provide advocacy & Legal Aid Assistance in Human Rights violation cases specially for minority, children and women rights issues
- To enhance the potential and skills of communities through capacity building programs
- Networking & Establishing Linkages with other like minded NGO's Institutions and development organization

Introduction of Star Welfare Foundation

Star Welfare Foundation struggle for social change. This is non-profitable, non-political and non-government oriented organization. It was establish on 5th January, 2004 for the development of poor, oppressed and marginalized people living in rural and semi urban areas irrespective of creed caste sex and sect. The Star Welfare Foundation is registered with social welfare department, Government of Punjab

HEALTH PROGRAM

Objective

Provide and facilitating basic health services and raising health education on the prevention of common diseases.

One of the basic of human development is related to health, as it is well said, "a healthy body has healthy mind". SWF is deeply involved in the provision of health awareness, and education to her target communities, for the prevention of common diseases with the collaboration of TVO Faisalabad. As it is truly said, "Prevention is better than cure."

Awareness, education programs for the proper sanitation

Germs, which get in to the child's mouth via food and water, cause more than half of all illness and death, among young children. In communities without latrines and safe drinking water and without safe refuse disposal, it is very difficult for families to prevent the spread pf germs

It is therefore vital to support communities by providing as a minimum the material and technical advice needed to construct proper sanitation system, latrines and improve their drinking water

In this regard, the concerned CDWs of the target areas Chak# 4 J.B, Diyal Ghar and organized the communities, when the later prioritized basic health as their need. Two seminars were conducted and the following information was given to the 200 participants from both the target areas

Seminar on the prevention of Diarrhea

Diarrhea causes dehydration, which kills approximately 3.5 million children every year. Diarrhea is also a major cause of malnutrition among children. The main causes of diarrhea are poor hygiene and lack of clean drinking water the

Concerned CDWs of the target area organized the community on their prioritized need "basic health" A seminar was organized and the target community actively participated identifying the reasons leading to diarrhea

Primary Health Care Program

A need to start primary Health Care Program has been coming from the target areas where SWF has been in operation. Those areas are following

Sr.#	TARGET AREAS
1.	Bhutto Colony
2.	Chak#1 12 J.B (Urban)
3.	Nawan Pind (Urban)
4.	Chak# 113 (Semi Urban)
5.	Chak# Diyal Ghar (Semi Urban)

A program is being design and shall soon be finished

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Objective

Enabling the oppressed women of the communities so that they protect their rights and develop their condition and position in society



(Sewing Centre for Women)

Although women constitute nearly 52% of the population of country, women are disadvantaged section in the context of human rights and this itself calls for urgent

reappraisal of issue related to women and development. SWF has started such activities which help the women to restore their condition and position of the marginalize Women.

The detail of the activities is as follow

a) Skill training centers (Chak#.112 J.B)

For the promotion of skills to the illiterate women/girls and in response to the need and strong desire from the community members, Star Welfare Foundation established 2 vocational centers in target areas of the organization, these under-mentioned centers continue to train the local girls and women, this centers get good output and outcome

within the objectives of the vocational centers within the burning need of local communities according to traditional skill promotion. Trained women going to start small businesses and saving the money regarding to stitching their own clothes and also going continually getting income to stitching the clothes of customers. Therefore, it added the self-respect of local women/ girls and proving them confidence, its also improves their condition and position in society and given a chance to females to show their determinations and succeed in social actions and life

Sr.#	Place	No. of parti	Supported by
1.	Chak# 112	30	Local Community
2.	Kohala	25	Local Community

b) Women Leadership Training Program

Further to promote the right of the women and to strengthen their participation in the development of the society, Three Leadership training programs were held in the target areas, Chak# 112 J.B , Chak# 5 Kamal Pur J.B **The detail is as under**

1st Training:

Sr.#	Place of the program	Contents of the training	Date	No of Participants
1-	Chak# 5 Kamal pur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is development • Setting the goal of the organization • Priority setting • Self discovery • Characteristics of the leader • Role and duties of leader • Organizing the community • Plan of Action 	Jan 2007	38

2nd Training:

2-	Chak#112	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women situation in Pakistan • Issues and problems of women • Self discovery • Characteristics of a leader • Role and duties of a leader • Organizing the community • Plan of action 	Jun 2007	40
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Third Training

3-	Diyal Ghar	• Women situation in Pakistan		
		• Issues and problems of women	Oct 2007	35 participants
		• Discriminatory laws against women and minority		
		• What is development		
		• Setting the goal of the organization		
		• Priority setting		
		• Self discovery		
		• Characteristics of a leader		
		• Role and duties of a leader		
		• Organizing the community		
		• Plan of action		

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD LABOUR DAY

SWF with the collaboration and cooperation local community celebrated International day in solidarity with the working children in Chak# 123 Bholay Wal on 12th June, 2007. In the program, about more than 150 children, teachers, representatives of NGOs, Local communities and students participated.

The following were the speakers of the program

1. Mohd. Kamran
2. Mohd. Irshad
3. Ms. Noreen Malik (SWF)
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HUMAN RIGHTS

Child Right Program

Objective •

To ensure that the rights of the children to survival, protection, development, and participation are met to reduce vulnerability so that they are able to get educations and toward access better options in life.



There were tow programs on child rights in the two target areas namely, Nawan Pind and Chak# 5 J.B of 2 days each. At least 60 participants participated collectively in both the program. In these seminars working Children, their parents, master of business their, children doing labors, teachers, social workers, Govt, officers, NGOs workers were participated in seminars

The reasons for the selection of these areas were the number of child labors in the target areas. The hardships that they were with standing were very miserable. Many of these children were being used on the loom machine and making carpets. Still others were on the brick kilns, in field, Mechanical workshops, in small hotels etc.



The poor communities were producing Human tools and the main reason behind this poverty. These communities believe that more hands bring in more income

Secondly, these parents are under a heavy dept because of which they are forced to send their children to work. The dept that their parents have taken, their children continue to pay back, and finally take place of their parents. These children when they grow up in their own time take loans, as the cycle continues.

The 2 Seminars held in the above-mentioned target areas, were based on the following topics

1. Reasons for poverty
2. Nourishment & growth of children
3. Importance of education and skills
4. Rights of children
5. Labor Laws
6. Income Generation schemes
7. Formation of the plan of action

Evening School

SWF run way two Evening School (Non Formal Education Centers) for the working and labor children in the target areas of Tibs Colony and Kohala. In each centre the children are going for education through the help of their own local counterpart and the resources that had been generated by the centre own its own.

In Centre, teachers teach the children within the interests of students, suppose that if a children have interest in cricket, he learn the words about cricket in Urdu and English, and learn how to write and read.

It's the experienced of teacher of Evening Schools that students learn the lesson rapidly than the formal education system. In the Evening School, SWF also try to provide the basic needs of students like bags, text books and uniforms and other educational material. The Evening Schools project is going run with the help of Community collaboration.



Labor Day celebration

SWF organized a Labor day program on 1st May 2007 in which the labor communities from the target areas mentioned actively participated. The purpose of program was to aware the Labor communities of their rights and responsibilities



Seminars on Worker's Right

SWF has organized two seminars for the working rights and legal Aid assistance among the workers

The detail of the seminars is as follow

Sr.#	Title of the program	Contents of the program	Venue	Date
1.	Legal Aid for sanitary workers	A. Human Right B. Labor rights C. Proceeding towards labor court D. Formation of trade union	SWF conference hall	23 March 2007 ____—_____ —

		E. Old age benefit		
		F. Social security		
		G. Worker welfare fund		
2.	Brick Kiln workers	a. Human rights		

	and house maids awareness program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Labor rights c. Bonded Labor act 1992 d. Proceeding towards Labor court e. Social Security 	SWF Office Faisalabad	11 Sep, 2007
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Economic Development Program

Objective

To uplift the deserving and oppressed communities to improve their socio-economic situation through Micro-Credit Program



The basic and pressing need of every person is to be developed economically, to fulfill the other basic needs of life. In the target areas of SWF, the poor communities are striving to make both ends meet. The communities are continuing the work that their

ancestors started. The children of brick makers and Sapiers continue in the same profession left by their forefathers. The main reason behind the debt and heavy rate of interest, which forces the community members to take their children to work with them

SWF in this regard conducted two small enterprise workshops in the 2 target areas of DiyalGhar, Chak#112J.B

The main focus of the workshops was to aware the target communities about additional sources of income, by introducing new IGP schemes which are able to commence with small amount of material and technical advice and utilizing the local resources. The total participants' form both the target areas were 75

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We are thankful to all the staff, Volunteers, beneficiaries. Government department and other organization those are continually supporting Star Welfare Foundation through out the year 2006

Specially

EACH Organization
Association for Peace and prosperity
BLISS Organization
Health Care Organization
Local Community Leaders
District Social Welfare Office Faisalabad
Rev. Fr. Patrick Joseph (Parish Priest St. Francis Catholic Church Chak# 500 J.B)

For their continued support in shape of financial assistance, training, educational material, which helped us in our community work, as we shared the knowledge attained with them. Furthermore, some of these prestigious Organizations gave us proper direction, information and encouragement to continue our work in developing new strategies toward organizing and uplifting the disadvantaged communities

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