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ARTS Foundation at a glance:

Advocacy, Research, Training and Services (ARTS) Foundation aims to mainstream marginalized and most vulnerable segments of the society in development process through creating, strengthening and supporting local community groups, organizations and networks to influence policies through advocacy, lobbying, networking and training to protect and promote fundamental rights to empower women, youth and children.

Vision:

ARTS Foundation envisions socially just, economically sound, culturally diversified and environment friendly society without gender discrimination.

Mission:

To enlarge social, economical, institutional, and individual development options for the benefit of women, youth and children of rural and marginalized areas through creating, strengthening, and supporting social platforms.

Budget and Tax Advocacy Workshop with Youth and CSOs representatives



ARTS Foundation under Tax Justice Alliance in collaboration with Indus Consortium / OXFAM organized one day workshop with Youth and CSOs representatives. Mr. Shahzad Malik conducted the workshop and shared about the Budget and Tax. In Pakistan out of 64000 registered large companies, only 37% of the companies pay the taxes and indirect tax system is the root cause of poverty and injustice with low income people as well. In the workshop 30 youth and CSOs representatives participated. Mr. Hussain Jarwar and Ms. Fiza Qureshi from Indus Consortium also visited the workshop and provided input and shared their experiences and knowledge with participants.

Roll out of Women NIC and Voter Registration Campaign under SELP Project



ARTS Foundation under TDEA / UNDP supported Strengthening Electoral and Legislative Processes (SELP) Project has started activities formally by organizing series of activities by engaging key stakeholders including Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas, Additional Deputy Commissioner I Tando Allahyar, Election Commissioners (ECP) Mirpurkhas and Tando Allahyar and NADRA heads at District as well as at NRC also. The project will identify, compile documentation and facilitate 4758 most vulnerable and remote women to get NIC and register as a Voter in Mirpurkhas and Tando Allahyar districts. In the month of January, ARTS Foundation hired 3 Social Mobilizers (1 Female & 2 Male), identified and profiled 21 Volunteers including 3 Chief Volunteers from Tando Allahyar and Mirpurkhas districts. In this regard 2 days training of Social Mobilizers and Volunteers held from 10 to 11 January 2018.

In the reporting period, SELP team organized 12 community meetings with more than 312 community members, 02 corner meetings with 08 persons in community, 01 meeting with influential with participation of 15 men and women, 930 door to door visits, 04 meetings with NADRA Officials at Kot Ghulam Muhammad, Tando Allahyar, Digri and Mirpurkhas, 04 meetings with ECP Heads at Mirpurkhas and Tando Allahyar, 01 meeting with ADC – I Tando Allahyar and 01 meeting with Head Mistress of Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Bhansinghabad followed by 01 session with students in same school. SELP Social Mobilizers and volunteers did 875 listing and facilitated 09 NIC tokens till 31 January 2018.

Partners in Development with ARTS Foundation

TDEA/UNDP
BBSYDP
Global Giving
British Council
Habib University
Foundation
NATPOW
USAID
(Citizens' Voice Project & Small Grants and Ambassadors' Fund Program)
Action Aid Pakistan
SPO
Alif Ailaan
Associated Country Women of World
Maypole Fund
Child Health Foundation

Intervention areas of ARTS Foundation

Mirpurkhas
Umerkot
TandoAllahyar
Tharparkar
Sanghar
Badin
Matiari
Tando Muhammad Khan

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Education for Unreached Kids – ARTS Foundation with TAKMIL in support

ARTS Foundation with the support of Take A Child to Make Individual Life (TAKMIL) a London based Pakistan's organization is running an informal school in a very remote and rural area named village Abdul Karim Khaskheli of Union Council Tajo Khaskheli in district Mirpurkhas. There are 35 children (boys and girls) of Muslim and non-Muslim



community. ARTS Foundation identified this village for TAKMIL initiative provided black boards, furniture, and stationery and continuously mentoring as well as monitoring. Till to date Helping Hand for Relief and Development, Rotary Club, Mirpurkhas Itehad Welfare Association has distributed stationery, caps and jackets among all students. This school is serving in English, Urdu and Sindhi. Mr. Fateh Khan Khoso is serving as a teacher. The school is without proper building even the room as being run in mud and straw made shelter.

Visit to ARTS Foundation by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Pakistan Team



A two member's team consisting on Ms Sajila Sohail Khan, Program Coordinator GBV and Mr Sawai Mal, Program Officer - Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Pakistan visited to ARTS Foundation in continuation for collaboration. Mr. Shahzado Malik, Executive Director along team of ARTS Foundation given a formal presentation to NCA Pakistan team with regard to organizational history, projects, systems, polices and affiliations/networking.

Budget and Tax Advocacy Workshop with Women and Girls of Mirpurkhas



ARTS Foundation under Tax Justice Alliance in collaboration with Indus Consortium / OXFAM organized one day workshop with 30 Women and Girls. Mr. Shahzado Malik, Executive Director ARTS Foundation facilitated the workshop.

Participation in Trainings, Seminars and Meetings

Sr #	Name of Participant	Event Title	Organized By	Date	Location
1	Shahzado Malik	Promoting Democratic Values Amongst Young People	Transparency International Pakistan	30 January 2018	Hotel Bisma Inn, Mirpurkhas