

Azm-e-Pakistan Partner FINAL PROGRAM REPORT

Partner: Sanjh (Society for the Advancement of nature, justice & Health)	Grant Number: PUNJD098
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1) Please provide a short summary of your project's activities.

As we all know that Southern Punjab has been inflicted with violent extremism over the last several years and registered incidents ranging from spreading hate speech to dissemination of violence provoking written material. This has helped build an extremist narrative and builds sympathy for extremist groups. PIPS Policy Brief (2013) stated that sectarian violence has been increasing over the last few years with its deep roots stemming from South Punjab. This has not only affected other parts of the country but also penetrated in individuals' attitudes and behaviors in South Punjab. Such proliferation has deepened in economic and social fabric critically impacting individuals from minority religions and sects resulting in social and economic exclusion. Many examples proved that religious and sectarian disputes are initially local in nature and their prudent handling by local community and administration can nip them in the bud.

Bringing people from different school of thoughts at one platform could help dissuade hatred and discrimination at individual and societal level for peaceful society. Sanjh Pakistan started this initiative by mobilizing people diverse background and from all sects at one platform and started giving them peace messages through different activities. At the start they were quite reluctant to even sit together at one place. For example most of the times when 2,3 different sect sit at one place they usually end up with fight after some religious discussion and they never sit together for resolving any issue of society. But now after the efforts of Sanjh Pakistan not even they are comfortable with each other but also they started attending the majlis and melad of each other too. The change is obviously not 100% but at least many of them start this practice. Sanjh Pakistan successfully implemented the project "Promoting Harmonious & Peaceful Villages" by engaging youth community members from diverse background by

interactive theatre. Sanjh Pakistan has its own two interactive theater groups that performed on different themes including peace building, Tolerance, Peace and religious harmony. In this project the activities conducted by Sanjh helped both ways, by engaging communities from diverse background in meaningful way to counter hatred and discrimination within communities, and provide community support to provincial government in implementing regulations of hate speech at local level. Under this project “Promoting Harmonious & Peaceful Villages “ Sanjh Pakistan has conducted more than 100 activities in 6 UC,s of Tehsil Shujabad.

Blow are the detail of activities:

- Training of theater group
- 24 interactive theaters
- 72 follow up sessions
- Formed 25 Village peace committees (VPC's)
- 3 orientations of VPC members
- 9 social action projects
- 1 mutual learning event

Sanjh Pakistan trained 22 actors of theater and 3 days rehearsal was also organized for them. After the training an orientation was also organized for the staff to orient them the project. Project team started mobilization and selected 6 Union councils and 24 villages of Tehsil Shujabad Union councils are below

1. Chak RS
2. Shahpur ubha
3. Sikandrabad
4. Gajuhata
5. Gardaizpur
6. Ponta

Sanjh Theater team conducted 24 theater performances. Total target No of beneficiaries were 2400 and Sanjh Pakistan targeted 2915 beneficiaries in interactive theaters. Sanjh Pakistan ensured that diverse participants for that activity which engaged community members in meaningful way to understand hate speech, its impacts, and highlight the significance of tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence in the society. With this way 2915 community members were aware and engaged constructively. At the end of each theater, 15 minute reflections were also facilitated by Sanjh Pakistan staff. After successful conduction of the theater programs in the communities, rigorous follow ups were plan in each community to determine their knowledge on peace building, social harmony and peaceful coexistence. This helped Sanjh Pakistan team to reflect back, identify the community influencers, and make initial discussions for formation of formal groups at the village level. A total of 72 follow up sessions were conducted in 24 villages with each having three follow up meetings with the participants of the theater

programs. Total target no of beneficiaries were 1800 and Sanjh targeted 2003 direct beneficiaries in which 851 were male and 1152 were females. After the follow up sessions Sanjh Pakistan formed 25 village peace committees (VPC's) and a brief orientation of the selected executive members of VPCs on refreshing tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence, organization and how to report social actions were organized. A total of three one-day orientations were held in three batches comprising of four members each from 25 VPCs. This way, 96 executive members were oriented in three days. This helped Sanjh Pakistan team to make best possible partnership and collaboration amongst VPCs for conducting big social actions at the tehsil level. Total target no of beneficiaries for VPC orientation were 96 and Sanjh oriented 102 beneficiaries in which 12 were females and 90 were male. Sanjh along with VPC members conducted 9 social actions. The main purposes of social actions were cherishing peace and the local culture of tolerance. In these events Sanjh Pakistan invited notables, government stakeholders, key person from the district and the region

- 3 Saraiki poetry recital
- 3 Saraiki musical festival
- 3 Saraiki aman mela

In one social action total target no of beneficiaries were 100 in each social action so in total 900 beneficiaries was the target of social action to which Sanjh will give awareness through social actions. Sanjh targeted 2855 direct beneficiaries in which 600 were females and 2225 were male. At the end of the project Sanjh Pakistan organize a mutual learning event and invite different people from diverse background. Representatives of 25 VPCs were invited and shared their perspectives on the project activities, achievements, success stories and lesson learnt. This also helped all key stakeholders to reflect upon what went well and what wrong. Sanjh Pakistan also ensured the participation of all stakeholders including VPCs, local poets, singers, artists, elders and representatives of educational institutions.

2) Please provide a short description of how program activities were monitored.

It is very important to monitor the progress of the project to ensure it does not get too far off of your original plan. Once you veer away from your plan, it can be very difficult to get things back on track with the original plan. As with other aspects of the project, Sanjh Pakistan determined the frequency to monitor project activities. As we know that monitoring relay on-going activities so Sanjh Pakistan randomly monitor the ongoing activities during project phase. Sampling technique was random sampling with which monitoring team visit ongoing activities and given spot feedback to the field team and written feedback was also given to the field team too to streamline the project activities. Regular progress reports, weekly/monthly meetings helped Sanjh monitoring team to monitor the project as well. For monitoring the activities Sanjh has its own monitoring

format and checklists. Regular status meetings were also organized by the project manager to know about the status of ongoing activities, issues faced by field team during field and guidelines were also given to the field team. As good communication is a major key success factor of any project. So project manager of Sanjh Pakistan communicate with field team via phone, emails, meetings and with feedback on reports. Before starting any activity Sanjh team sit together and project manager shared the standard guidelines with whole team to bring people together and keep everyone in the same page.

After conducting any community program/ project after 6 months Sanjh monitoring team conduct an evaluation to help determine the impact of the mobilization effort – that is, whether the partnership was successful in building leadership, shifting norms in the community, harnessing community buy-in. Team Evaluate the partnership by looking at the quality of the strategic plan, level of community members and participation of stakeholders, total number of actions implemented, satisfaction of members and , collaboration of members' knowledge of the problem at hand, perceived ownership and empowerment of members, partner mobilization and maintenance, and team functioning. It is very important to monitor the progress on the project to ensure it does not get too far off of your original plan. Once you veer away from your plan, it can be very difficult (sometimes impossible) to get things back on track with the original plan. So to keep things on track Sanjh Pakistan designed a M&E matrix for its projects with below question

- What is the status of the activities that have been scheduled for this (month etc.)
- How are activities progressing? Ahead, behind or on-schedule?
- Are any course corrections required?

After completing any project Sanjh Pakistan evaluate its working by using post project matrix

- Did the project succeed at accomplishing the outcomes, goals and impact desired?
- Was the project relevant, effective and efficient?
- Does the project have the potential to be sustainable in its operations and impact?

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3) Please provide a description of the project outputs and outcomes based upon the guidance provided below.

Partner Beneficiaries (Direct):

Total: __7875 Male: __4625 Female: __3250

Please describe **who the direct beneficiaries** were for this grant. Also, give an explanation for any under achievement or over achievement.

The direct beneficiaries of the grant were who participated or attend the project activity. Total target beneficiaries of the grant were 5196 and Sanjh Pakistan targeted 7875 beneficiaries in this grant. In these 7875 there were male female and youth from the age of 16 to 70 years. Most of the theaters were performed in community schools as school is the place where the persons from all sects and from all background came. So it was easy to gather community to watch theater in school rather than any other place. As School is also a secure place as they have their own security measures so teacher of the schools were also the direct beneficiaries of theater and follow up sessions and they appreciated the play as well as the technique sanjh used to propagate the peace education through theater was marvelous. Even students of the school were not the direct beneficiaries of the theater but they watch the theater and share their views as well. People from diverse background participated in these activities. Sanjh team also invited government stakeholders in project activities especially in social actions.

As we mentioned that total target numbers of beneficiaries of the project were 5196 and Sanjh targeted 7875 beneficiaries. In one of the project activity “social actions” target number of beneficiaries was 100 in one social action and Sanjh Pakistan targeted more than 300 people in one social action. Even in 3 social actions named “Saraiki Aman Mela” there were more than 2000 people in each mela and during the Kabadi Match it was difficult to mark attendance of all of them

Please describe how the **direct beneficiaries** benefited from this grant. Please provide **several quotes** from beneficiaries and/or stories from the interviews/case studies conducted during the trainings, along with names. Kindly ensure that quotes are disaggregated by gender.

Project 1st object was

“To form Village Peace Committees with participants of theater performances”

After the 24 theater performances Sanjh Pakistan formed 25 village peace committees.) and a brief orientation of the selected executive members of VPCs on refreshing tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence, organization and how to report social actions will organized. These village peace committees

are working in their area. Before the project implementation as well as before the formation of VPC,s, community of the area went to the police stations even for their small meters or for small fights. But now they sit together with VPC members and not only discuss their meter but also VPC,s are resolving their issues as well at local level. Below is 1 success story in which VPC members resolve the conflict which was between different sects.

In Muhamad pura village people from different sects (Shia,soni,brelvi,ahl-e-hadis) are living and the mosque is only one to offer prayer. The mosque is belongs to Ahl-e-hadis sect. People from all sects offer prayer in Ahl-e-hadis mosque. Every time especially on Friday the pesh imam of mosque start his khotba with hate speech about other sects. In his khotba he nominate different sects and given his own opinion/view to the listeners as well. With his hate speech many time people started fighting with each other after the Juma prayer. Due to this peace of whole village was disturbed. Even many people were reluctant to go to the mosque due to these fights. VPC members contact with different religious leaders and community activists of the village at one place to resolve the conflict and sensitize them that it is bad to talk about anyone's religion. We as individual have our own identity and everyone has right to follow his/her religion or sect. so we should avoid hate speech on any religion or sect. If you are a good Muslim prove with your character with your attitude with your act so that your village can be peaceful. But if you won't stop your hate speech peace of society will be disturbed. Our prophet Hazart Muhamad PBUH didn't force anyone to convert his religion to Islam or change his sect. Islam only gives us the message of peace tolerance brotherhood and harmony. This thing works and pesh Imam understand the whole mater. He apologies with others and promised that he will not do any hate speech from now onward. So due to the VPC members efforts this conflict was resolved

Project 2nd object was

“To increase community's awareness and engagement on peace and tolerance principles“ SanjH started its working with mobilization campaigns. Mobilization team ensure the authentic participation of the community with divers background and share with them project objectives. And also ensure that community members are in key decision-making. Door to door mobilization campaign was also the integral part of

community awareness. Mobilization team successfully completed door to door mobilization campaign in 24 villages and convey the messages to the households especially to the females as in the scenario of south Punjab it is difficult to gather females in one place for a community meeting. Mobilization teams visit 1 village 3 to 4 times to mobilize community. Sanjh has engage young people in all aspects of program, given them basic orientation of the project so that they can participate in the upcoming programs of Sanjh especially in interactive theaters. Sanjh also engage adults of the community too in the awareness campaigns. Sanjh educate and inspire the community by holding interactive theaters, community meetings, and door-to-door awareness campaigns. Sanjh has also distributed the printing material, brochures, posters in these community meetings, door-to-door campaigns and in interactive theaters. The goal of public education campaigns is to generate awareness, motivate action, encourage people of diverse background, and keep the community focused on the issue at hand. In community meetings Sanjh mobilization team discuss key issues of the community especially about sectarian violence and about hate speeches. And share with them the details of interactive theater. Mobilization team mobilizes them for watching the interactive theater. Most of the theaters were performed in community schools as school is the place where the persons from all sects and from all background came. So it is easy to gather community to watch theater in school rather than any other place. School is also a secure place as they have their own security measures.

Beneficiaries quotes

Reflection of females from different activities/ Events:

Safia Bibi: I got the message from awareness theater that we shouldn't hate talk on any sect and also don't be the part of beastly

Sobia Sultan: We got the message that we should live together and should tolerate other. With this peace is possible

Abida abas: I got the message of peace and tolerance from the drama. Because of peace we will be a developed and successful nation in future

Razia Bibi: For peace promotion we all should work together. If peace tolerance and brotherhood will exist peace is possible

Salma Bibi: For peace promotion we all should work together and should create tolerance harmony and patience inn ourselves

Bushra Husain: For peace promotion we all should create the environment of peace tolerance harmony and brotherhood

Kalsoom Maai: I got the message of peace tolerance and harmony and we should end up the sectarianism and extremism

Nasreen: we need to finish sectarianism and should promote peace. Till then sectarianism will not finish peace is impossible

Rabia Sajid: If we become one we can fight against sectarianism and with this our society will be peaceful

Fatma Bibi: If we respect humans and mutually work against extremism our society will be peaceful

Uzma Shareef: I got the message of living together and should end up sectarianism so that we can use our energy for peace promotion rather than fighting each other

Mariyam Murad Husain: Because of drama we got the message of peace and tolerance. Till than we will not agree with each other our society will not be peaceful

Sonia Bibi: I got the message of patience and tolerance if there is peace and we don't fight with each other. We will give awareness of peace tolerance and harmony to others as well

Abida: By finishing the set up of sects we should bear and tolerate each other and should promote peace I got this lesson from the activities.

Shabana: We should end up fighting each other and should promote peace by living together in a peaceful society

Reflection of Males from different activities/ Events:

Muhamad Sharif: We Should promote peace tolerance harmony and brotherhood because without them peace is not possible

Basit Husain: We can spread the peace message together as today we are standing together

Babar Ali: For peace promotion we should act upon Islamic education rather than

sectarianism and extremism

Raao muhamad arsalan: For peace we all should follow the example of Hazart Muhammad PBUH life

Nazar Husain: For peace promotion we should avoid to talk on anyone's sect or religion. We all are Muslims

Muhamad Ameen: to promote peace we should avoid talking on anyone's religion or sect and also should avoid from hate speeches

Gulam Yasen: We should start from our house and we should tolerate others. After doing that our society will be peaceful

Muhammad Shakil: For peace promotion we can arrange games and speech competition in our area

Ali Haidar: We will aware our society on peace. If our society will be awared peace is possible

Haji Manzoor husain: For peace promotion we will give awareness to others and if we have any problem we will also find solution together

Raao muhamad wakil: We shouldn't talk on anyone's religion or on sects. We also should avoid from hate speeches who destroyed peace

Zafar Husain: I got the message of peace tolerance and harmony because without them peace in impossible

Muhammad Shahid: I got the message of peace and tolerance. As we all are human being and we all are equal

Muhamad Qaseem: I got the message of peace and tolerance from the drama if we walk towards peace we will defiantly find improvement and development

Please also provide a detailed summary of each activity. Also list down any challenges faced or lessons learned while implementing the activities. Please also mention the strategies to overcome the challenges. Include several photographs, for each activity, with captions. You may also give details of any success story in this section.

Detailed summery of all project activities

Interactive theaters:

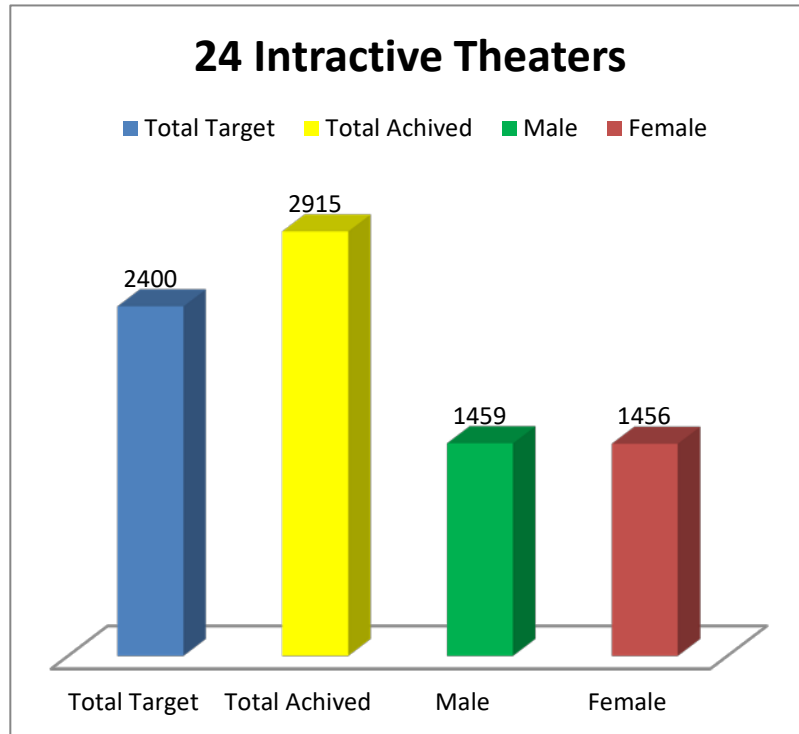
After mobilization campaigns in villages Sanjeh mobilization team organized 24 theater programs in different community schools as school is the only place where

people from diverse background came. Most of the Theater Programs were started around 11 am in morning with opening prayer and After the prayer a welcome note to the participants was given by Sanjrh team. One of the representatives from Sanjrh organization given the introduction of Sanjrh and also give the over view of the project too. After the formal introduction of the organization and Project, theater performances were started. Theater team performed the theater and duration of the theater was 45 minutes.

In traditional theatre, performance is limited to a designated stage area and the action of the play unfolds without any interplay with audience members, who

function as passive observers. On the other hand, in interactive theatre, the performance engages audience members directly, making them active participants in the piece. Teachers of the school were also the direct beneficiaries of theater and they appreciated the play as well as the technique sanjrh used to propagate the peace education through theater is marvelous. Even students of the school were not the direct beneficiaries of the theater but they watch the theater and share their views as well.

After the theater programs Sanjrh team take a quick 15 minute reflection that helped to improve the forthcoming programs. Sanjrh team has its own standard feedback mechanism for each theater performance. Sanjrh Pakistan uses these feedbacks and lessons learnt in upcoming programs. These lessons learnt and feed backs helped Sanjrh theater team to refine the scripts, characters and actors to best align to the local community needs. Sanjrh Pakistan also designs a printing material like posters and brochures which were distributed in theater beneficiaries so that they can share the peace and harmony messages with their family and friend.





During theater



A beneficiery while reading peace message



During theater performance



During theater performance



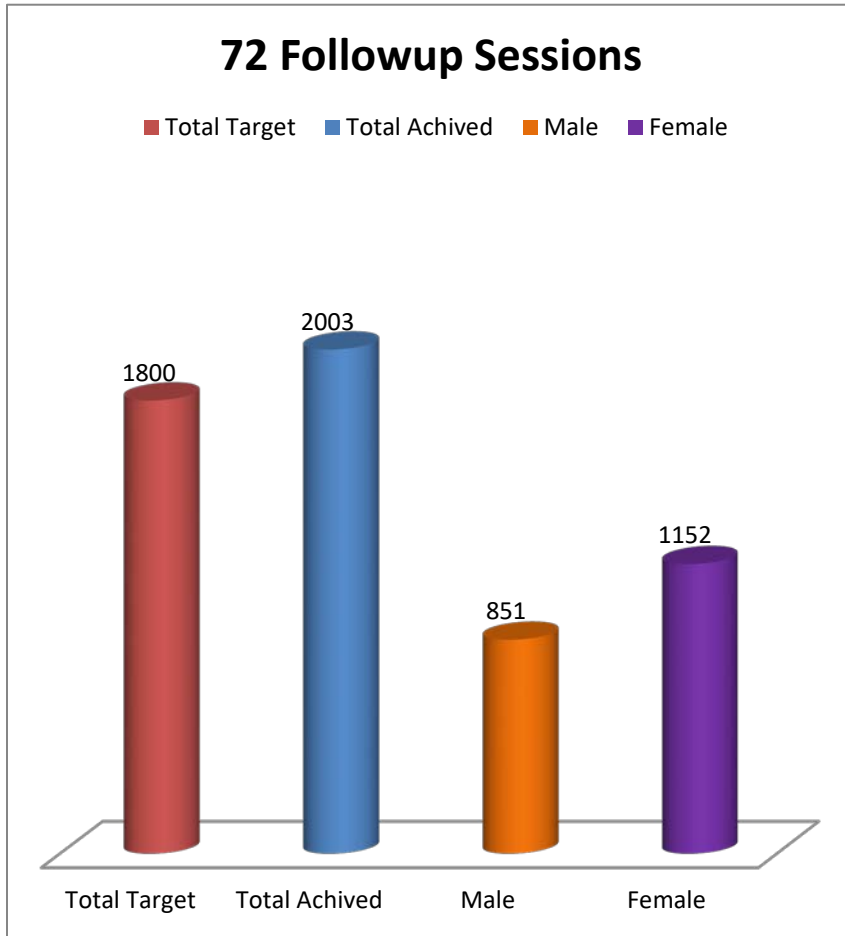
Community while watching theater



During theater performance

Follow-up sessions:

After conducting theater in the village Sanjh team conducted 72 follow up session with the help of community activist. 75 participants from theater audience were the participants of follow up session. Sanjh mobilization team tracks those direct beneficiaries through their contact No which were provided by the participants at the day of theater. From 1 theater 3 follow up sessions with 25 beneficiaries in each



session were conducted. The duration of follow up session was 30 min. The topic of discussions was remaining same which were highlighted in theater, peace, harmony, hate speeches, sectarian violence. In these sessions few questions were asked from the participants for stimulating/ increasing their knowledge on the said topics.

Target number of beneficiaries of

follow up sessions was 1800. Sanjh targeted 2003 direct beneficiaries in follow up sessions in which 851 were male and 1152 were females. Follow up sessions were started around at 10 am in morning with opening prayer. After the formal introduction of the organization and Project Sanjh team started quick 10 minute follow up question answer sessions that helped Sanjh to improve the forthcoming programs. Sanjh team has its own standard feedback mechanism for each follow up session and uses these feedbacks and lessons learnt in upcoming programs. These lessons learnt and feed backs will help theater team to refine the scripts, characters and actors to best align to the local community needs.



Recitation during followup session



During followup session



Beneficiary feedback during followup session



Beneficiary feedback during followup session



Follow up session with females



Followup session with male

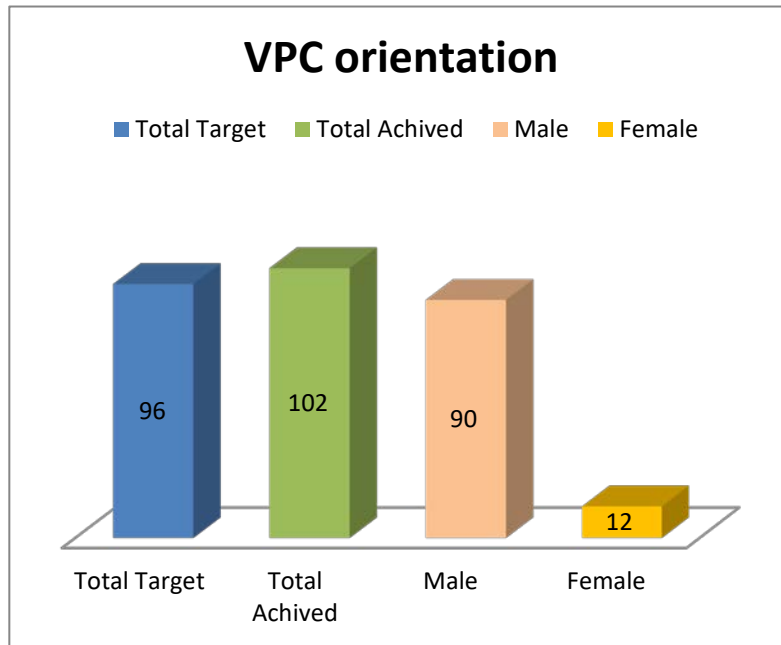
Follow up session questions are below

1. Which part of theater you like the most and why?
2. Which positive message you receive from the theater?
3. Any lesson learnt you receive to promote peace?
4. What we can do for our community/ area to promote peace?
5. Your suggestions for further improving the theater?

After the analysis of above questions there are some points highlighted by the beneficiaries in follow-up session. The most frequent answer was (we shouldn't hate talk on any sect and also don't be the part of beastly they also said that. We got the message that we should live together and should tolerate each other. With this peace is possible. Some of the beneficiaries said that Because of peace we will be a developed and successful nation in future. For peace promotion we all should work together. If peace tolerance and brotherhood will exist peace is possible in society. Moreover they said for peace promotion we all should work together and should create tolerance harmony and patience inn ourselves. Some of the beneficiaries said that we need to finish sectarianism and should promote peace. Till then sectarianism will not finish peace is impossible. If we respect humans and mutually work against extremism our society will be peaceful.

Formation and Training of 25 Village peace committees (VPC's)

After the follow up sessions Sanjh Pakistan formed 25 village peace committees (VPC's) and a brief orientation of the selected executive members of VPCs on refreshing tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence, organization and how to report social actions were organized. A total of three one-day orientations were held in three batches comprising of four members each from 25 VPCs. This way, 96 executive members were oriented in three days. This helped Sanjh Pakistan team to make best possible partnership and collaboration amongst VPCs for conducting big social actions at the tehsil level. Total target no of beneficiaries for VPC orientation were 96 and Sanjh oriented 102 beneficiaries in which 12 were females and 90 were male.

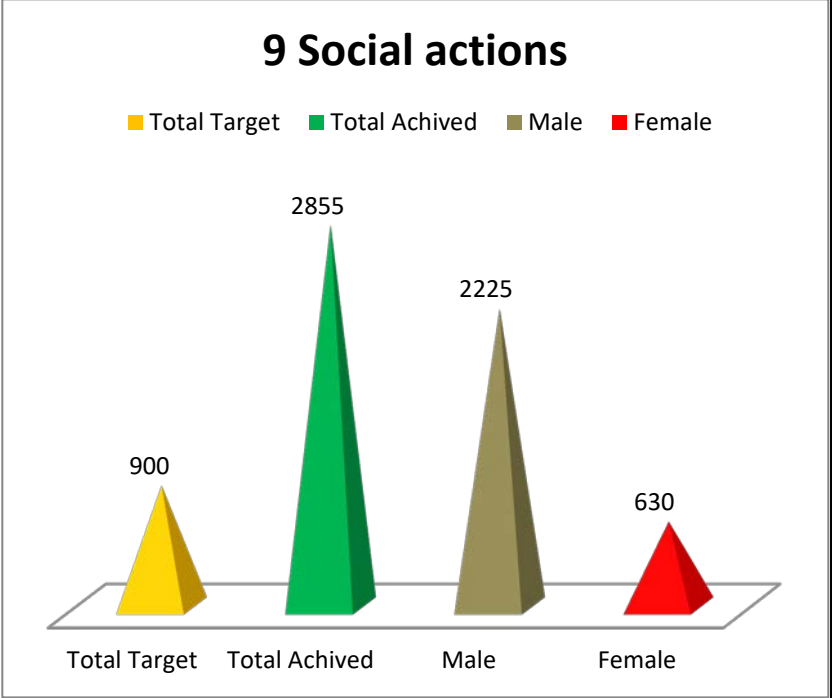


Social Action Projects:

Sanjh along with VPC members conducted 9 social actions. The main purposes of social actions were cherishing peace and the local culture of tolerance. In these events Sanjh Pakistan invited notables, government stakeholders, key person from the district and the region

- 3 Saraiki poetry recital
- 3 Saraiki musical festival
- 3 Saraiki aman mela

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MPA Tahir Shabir sb talking with community on peace



During kabadi match



Durinhg Mela



During kabadi



Singers singing in musical festival



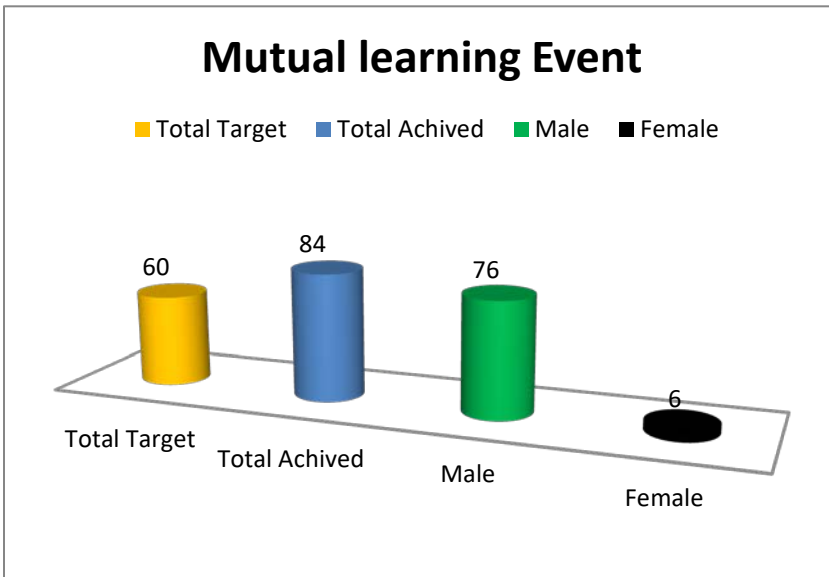
Chief guests witching mela



MNA Jawaid ali shah giving shields	Mayor shujabad tlking with community on peace
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Mutual Learning Event:

At the end of the project Sanjh Pakistan organize a mutual learning event and invite different people from diverse background. Representatives of 25 VPCs were invited and shared their perspectives on the project activities, achievements, success stories and lesson learnt. This also helped all key stakeholders to reflect upon what went well and what wrong. Sanjh Pakistan also ensured the participation of all stakeholders including VPCs, local poets, singers, artists, elders and representatives of educational institutions.



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including VPCs, local poets, singers, artists, elders and representatives of educational institutions.



Recitation



Participant reflection



Farhan sb from DAI writing peace message



Exercise during mutual learning



Exercise during mutual learning



Exercise during mutual learning



Participant giving reflection



Mayor shujabad talking with participants



During learning event



Chief guest giving certificate to participant



Lunch



Lunch

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4) Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Azm-e-Pakistan's processes in implementing this grant:

Not Satisfied: _____ Somewhat Satisfied: _____ Satisfied: _____ Very Satisfied ___√___

Please explain what worked, **and** what could be improved:

- Training on CVE was given to the theater team. Because the whole project was based on interactive theater performance.
- This activity engaged local community members from diverse background on promoting tolerance, curbing hate speech, and the importance of peaceful coexistence and social harmony through the use of interactive theater
- In the mutual learning event participants shared that it was one of the best activity of the project because in our area community is mostly uneducated and the theater is a best way to convey the message to one another.
- In follow up session most of the participants shared that After watching the drama they share the peace messages to others
- Sanjh Pakistan reached out to 2915 community members of diverse background and engaged them in a constructive way to counter hate speech, and religious discrimination that plague the social and economic fabric of the society
- 72 extensive follow up sessions were organized that helped Sanjh team to reflect back, identify the community influencers, and make initial discussions for formation of formal groups at the village level
- Due to these follow up sessions the knowledge and learning of theater beneficiaries was refresh as well as they also share their learning with program team regarding the peace messages which they convey to other after watching the drama.
- 25 village peace committees were formed
- These village peace committee members worked as peace ambassadors into their communities.
- Forming a village peace committee was one of the best intervention of the project
- Sanjh oriented these 25 village peace committees regarding their roles and responsibilities so that they can work properly
- VPC's had excellent impact on community because now community know them as peace ambassadors of their village
- These VPC's listen and resolve the issues of community regarding violence, hate speeches, sectarian violence, clashes of land and inheritance, clashes of shiya suni mosque etc
- In the mutual learning event VPC members also told that before the working of Sanjh these said issues were taken to the police station and we waste a lot of money on legal litigation but now we handle these issue by ourselves
- These VPC's plan social actions in their communities
- These social actions were also focusing the Saraiki language. Saraiki is the local language of the area so community appreciated the team and told that these

types of events are organized 1st time in their area which is in their mother language.

- These events also given them a option to sit together
- One of the best interventions of the project is that Sanjh Bridge up the gap between the government stakeholders and other departments. Now VPC members have good relationship with govt departments and they are collaborating with each other
- Village peace committee is functional and approachable to all community. As members of the VPC are their own community activists and also selected by them so they are easily approachable. This is a permanent asset of the village. So community is approaching them for resolving their issues.

Challenges faced:

- The activities were so many specially follow up sessions. And planed No of targeted beneficiaries was not realistic and was difficult to achieve.

How the challenge overcome

- To achieve the target number of beneficiaries many time Sanjh team organize 4 follow-up sessions with 1 theater audience rather than 3 follow up sessions because many people refuse to attend follow up because they were having jobs or they were busy in their fields so in 4th session Sanjh Pakistan engage these beneficiaries to achive the number.
- Total beneficiaries of the interactive theater were 100 and 75 participants from each theater audience were the participants of follow up sessions. From 1 theater 3 follow up sessions were designed with 25 beneficiaries in each. And it was very difficult to re contact the same beneficiaries in the follow up session as 75 participants is a massive number.

How the challenge overcome

- To overcome this challenge. Sanjh team organizes 4 follow ups to complete the target number of beneficiaries.
- To engage local government stakeholders was difficult because they ask for NOC before attending any event.

How the challenge overcome

- To overcome this challenge sanjh team engage local chairman and councilors of the UC,s so they were the part of VPC so through them Sanjh team invite government stakeholders in events

- In social actions it was easy to mobilize and organize Saraiki Poetry recital and Saraiki musical festival but when we talk about Aman Mela due to security issues all government stakeholders get alert. So the title of social action Aman mela should be changed. As the word Mela comes in our mind we think a big festival/event. With large number of people as beneficiaries. So as per security issues government departments get alert. Departments didn't allow big gatherings without demanding security from police.

5) Please attach as separate documents or annexes to this report:

- Beneficiary quotes with names
- Pictures of activities
- List of volunteers
- Participants of awareness sessions
- Findings of the surveys
- List of government officials engaged

6) Any additional comments, questions, or concerns?

Partner learning goal

Sanjh Pakistan will build its capacity to work on issues of discrimination, social harmony and peaceful coexistence

Sanjh Pakistan worked on the issues of discrimination in this project which build the capacity of Sanjh in the form of institutional learning. Before this project the theater group of Sanjh was not professionally trained on the issues of discrimination, social harmony and hate speech but with this project Sanjh theater group has been trained by a theater professional. Now Sanjh has a trained theater group. This project also bridge up the gap between Sanjh Pakistan and government stakeholders. Before this project Sanjh wasn't had strong linkages with local body (Chairman, Councilors) as well as with MNA,s and MPA,s but now after the project Sanjh Pakistan has liaison with government stake holders, MNA,s MPA,s and with chairman and councilors too because they all were involve in the project at different stages. Especially in social action projects. It's the 1st time that sanjh has worked with diverse background and community of different sects and now sanjh has ability to work with any sect or with any religion because this project strengthen the institution as well as expand the working area of Sanjh.

Theory of Change: "If Village Peace Committees with participants of theater performances are formed, then community's awareness and engagement on peace and

tolerance principles will increase, because

- 1) Theater is a powerful medium which results in effective messaging and influences community's actions
- 2) Such avenues of creative learning are rare in these communities which results in gaining more attention from the communities"

As we know that Theater is a powerful medium of effective learning and effective messaging. Because the community of villages has less time for their selves or have less access to media/ Social media. Theater was the only medium with which we can convey our message in an effective and smart way. Sanjh Pakistan performed 24 theater dramas in 6 uc,s of Shujabad and given awareness on peace tolerance and religious harmony. Now the community is well aware and after watching the theater they shared the message of peace and tolerance to others as well. In Follow up sessions it was the most frequent answer from the theater beneficiaries that this is the very 1st time that this type of activity is organized in our area and we learn how to live with peace in our society and how to counter or stop hate speech. Sanjh give them such avenues of creative learning and also provide them chance to sit together with government stakeholders and discuss their maters with them as well.

Sanjh Pakistan formed 25 village peace committees with the beneficiaries of theater. Sanjh also had given them a one day orientation on peace and tolerance principals and on religious harmony to refresh/ increase their knowledge. These village peace committees are working in their area and well known in their community with the name of Aman committee. These committees are resolving the issues of community without the help of Sanjh team. Sanjh Pakistan conducted more than 100 activities in 6 UC,s and now community is also well awared on peace social harmony and on tolerance principals because more than 70% of the community was directly and indirectly was involve in project activities and now community is also giving peer education on peace tolerance and harmony to others as well.

These 25 Village peace committees are countering the issues of hate speech and sectarianism at local level. Here is a success story of a village Basti Noor muhamad wali in which people from 2 different sects Ahl e sonat and Ahl e tashi lives in 1 street and every time when they fight with each other they block the street for everyone and started abusing each other and also started hate speech on each other sect. Due to this other community was also unable to across the street due

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to blockage. Because of this other community of the village also fights with those people who block the street. The whole village was upset due to this situation VPC members decided to pave the street with their own resources as most of the streets were not paved in the village and think that if they paved the street with their own resources everyone will own the street and issue will be resolved 1st of all VPC members conducted meeting with the male community of both sects at 4 different places and sensitize them that don't fight with each other. As 6,7 houses from 2 major sects Ahl e sonat and Ahle tashi who are living in 1 street fights on daily basis and due to their fight and hate speech on different sects peace of whole village was destroyed and all community members were upset because they block the street every time after fighting. After sensitizing them VPC members invited Mr Tahir shabir sb (MPA) as chief guest in Saraiki poetry recital (Social action) and request them for street restoration fund. Tahir shabir sb promised them that he will link them/ provide them restoration fund. Within one month VPC members got approval from the department that 5 Lakh rupees are allocated for the restoration of streets. Now the restoration work is completed and the households knew that this street is not only their property, it's the property of all villagers because the street is restored by government. VPC members invite both sects in social action projects so that they can get the message of peace and brotherhood. So now they are living with harmony

Thank you!

I certify that the equipment and items provided under this grant are and will continue being used in accordance with the grant purposes they were issued for. The information contained in this report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

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