# **SANJH**

(Society for the Advancement of Nature, Justice& Health)



# **Progress Report 2017**

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# **Introduction of organization:**

SANJH (Society for the advancement of Nature, Justice and Health) is a non-profit and non-governmental, non-political organization. It was established and registered in 1974 under Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies Ordinance 1961. SANJH is a word of local language which means corporation of people.

#### 1.1. **Vision:**

Vision of SANJH is a peaceful, prosperous and educated society where people are practicing and enjoying good health, healthy environment, justice &human rights on equity basis.

#### 1.2. **Mission:**

The mission of SANJH is to empower marginalized communities through enhancing their skills and knowledge in modern education, climate change, human rights, gender balance, health and socio economic solutions.

# 1.3. **Objectives:**

- ❖ To raise awareness about climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- \* To raise awareness on access to justice, human rights and gender development.
- ❖ To raise awareness about peace, religious and social harmony.
- ❖ To work for WASH and health.
- ❖ To provide modern and quality education.

## 1. SANJH Modern Schools System

SANJH is running 7 schools for brick kiln workers funded by Punjab Education Foundation. SANJH is providing education to 691 students in these schools.

Sr#	School Name	Village	Union Council	Boys	Girls	Total Students
1	SANJH Modern School System BastiGhareeb Abad	Ghareeb Abad	DogarClasra	34	30	64
2	SANJH Modern School System BastiKumharWala	KumharWala	DogarClasra	38	56	94
3	SANJH Modern School System Peer LangrriPauri	Peer Langri/Pouri	Khan Pur	81	79	160
4	SANJH Modern School System DittaWala	DittaWala	WaanPitafi	37	29	66
5	SANJH Modern School System Ana GharApnaBagh Scheme	ApnaGharApnaBagh Scheme Khan Pu		47	32	79
6	SANJH Modern School System DohriWala	DohriWala	WaanPitafi	36	46	82
7	SANJH Modern School System RahmuWala	RahmuWala	GulWala	71	75	146
	Total Students			344	347	691









# 2. Promoting Harmonious and Peaceful Villages

Sanjh has successfully completed the project "Promoting Harmonious & Peaceful Villages" granted by DAI-USAID by engaging youth community members from diverse background by interactive theatre. SANJH 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 has conducted more than 100 activities in 6 UC,s of Tehsil Shujabad.

Below are the detail of activities:

- Traning of theate group
- 24 intractive theaters
- 72 follow up sessions
- Formed 25 Village peace comities (VPC's)
- 3 orientatoions of VPC members
- 9 social action projects
- 1 mutual learning event

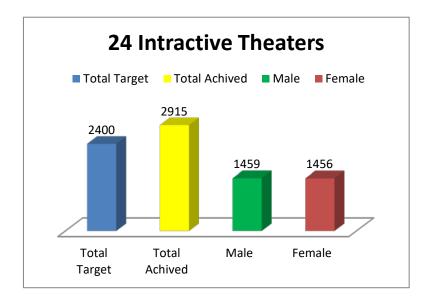
SANJH trained 22 actors of theater and 3 days rehearsal was also organized for them. After the training an orientation was also organize for the staff to orient them the project. Project team started mobilization and selected 6 Union councils and 24 villages of Tehsil Shujabad Union councils are below

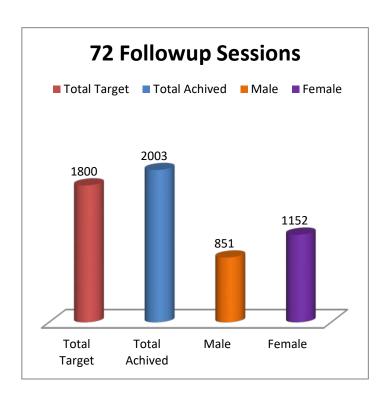
- 1. Chak RS
- 2. Shahpur ubha
- 3. Sikandrabad
- 4. Gajuhata
- 5. Gardaizpur
- 6. Ponta

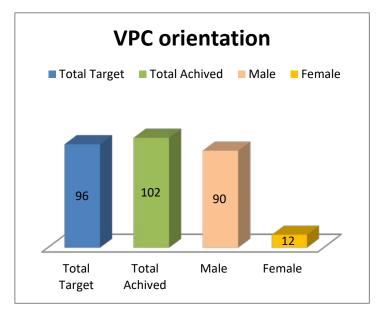
Sanjh Theater team conducted 24 theater performances. Total target No of beneficiaries were 2400 and SANJH targeted 2915 beneficiaries in interactive theaters. SANJH ensured that diverse participants for that activity which engaged community members in meaningful way to understand hate speech, its impacts, and highlight the significance of tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence in the society. With this way 2915 community members were awared and engaged constructively. At the end of each theater, 15 minute reflections were also facilitated by SANJH staff. After successful conduction of the theater programs in the communities, rigorous follows up were plan in each community to determine their knowledge on peace building, social harmony and peaceful coexistence. This helped SANJH 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 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 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 invited notables, government stakeholders, key person from the district and the region

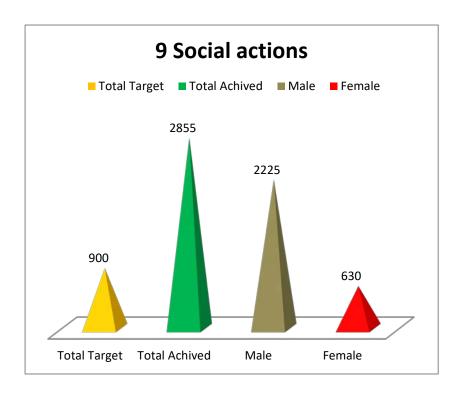
- 3 Saraiki poetry recital
- 3 Saraiki musical festival
- 3 Saraiki aman mela

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 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 also ensured the participation of all stakeholders including VPCs, local poets, singers, artists, elders and representatives of educational institutions.











Singers singing in musical festival

Chief guests witching mela





MNA Jawaid ali shah giving shields

Mayor shujabad tlking with community on peace

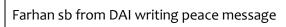




Recitation

Participant reflection







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



## **Outcomes:**

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.