

ASSIGNMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS OF PCWR-FF

PCWR-FF conducted training workshops in Peshawar aimed at promoting social cohesion, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution among educators from diverse religious and educational backgrounds. These workshops significantly enhanced participants' understanding and practical skills related to peacebuilding and dialogue-based conflict resolution. Educators expressed strong commitment to applying these approaches in their classrooms and communities, while the sessions also encouraged collaboration, networking, and mutual respect across faiths and institutions.

In addition, PCWR-FF organized youth-focused training workshops in Peshawar to strengthen social cohesion, peacebuilding, and leadership skills among young people from varied religious, social, and educational backgrounds. The workshops deepened participants' understanding of dialogue-based conflict resolution and enhanced their capacity to act as positive change agents within their communities. Youth participants demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting harmony, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence, while the initiative fostered unity and mutual respect among diverse groups.

To address environmental challenges, PCWR-FF organized climate change and disaster preparedness training workshops in Peshawar and Swat, bringing together religious leaders and youth from different faiths and communities. These sessions improved participants' understanding of climate-related risks and equipped them with practical knowledge on disaster risk reduction and community resilience. Through interactive discussions, participants explored faith-based perspectives on environmental stewardship and identified collective actions to address climate impacts, strengthening interfaith collaboration and leadership for sustainable community action.

PCWR-FF also established a Women Wing Group in Peshawar to promote inclusive representation and active community participation among women from faith minorities, education sectors, persons with disabilities, and youth. As a result of this initiative, the group-initiated coordination with vocational and educational institutions to support women's access to technical and skills-based learning opportunities. This effort aims to enhance women's employability, economic participation, leadership, and advocacy for inclusive governance and social justice.

Furthermore, PCWR successfully organized peace conferences at academic and religious institutions in Peshawar, along with a peace-focused press conference promoting harmony during

Muharram. These initiatives engaged students, faith leaders, educators, and women, strengthening their understanding of peaceful coexistence and encouraging commitments to dialogue, tolerance, and non-discrimination. The activities contributed to fostering a more cohesive, inclusive, and respectful social environment.

Under its advocacy agenda, PCWR-FF actively pursued policy dialogue and lobbying to advance the Rules of Business (RoBs) for the Hindu Marriage Act and the implementation of the 2% minority quota. The organization convened and participated in multiple coordination and advocacy meetings with key government stakeholders, including officials of the Local Government & Rural Development Department, members of the Provincial Lobbying Delegation, faith leaders, and civil society organizations. These efforts supported the consolidation and finalization of the RoBs summary, which was processed through the Minister for Local Government and forwarded to the Chief Secretary for onward submission to the Chief Minister and Cabinet for approval. Simultaneously, PCWR-FF's advocacy agenda emphasized equitable representation and access to opportunities for minority communities through sustained engagement on the 2% minority quota.

As part of its ongoing advocacy agenda for minority rights, PCWR-FF initiated focused work on the Sikh Marriage Bill. The organization facilitated consultative meetings and advocacy discussions with Sikh community representatives, legal experts, and faith leaders to document and review Sikh marriage rituals and religious practices. Detailed explanatory sessions were conducted, and reference materials were shared to ensure a common understanding of religious and cultural aspects relevant to the proposed legislation. These advocacy initiatives aim to contribute to the development of an inclusive and legally sound draft bill and to build momentum for its formal recognition and passage through the appropriate legislative forums.

To amplify messages of peace and awareness, PCWR organized radio programs and television talk shows across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa focusing on social cohesion, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and climate change. These media engagements played a vital role in reaching wider audiences, countering misinformation, raising environmental awareness, and strengthening the role of media as a tool for promoting harmony and unity among diverse communities.

PCWR-Faith Friends also organized exposure visits to climate change-affected areas in Swat and Kalam, enabling faith actors, educators, and youth to witness firsthand the impacts of floods and related disasters. During these visits, participants interacted with local communities to understand

their challenges and lessons learned from past experiences. Discussions emphasized responsible environmental practices, faith-based action, and the need to address issues such as encroachments along riverbanks to prevent future climate-related disasters.

In collaboration with the University of Swat, PCWR-FF organized a conference on climate change and its regional impacts, bringing together religious leaders, civil society representatives, and students. The conference highlighted the climate challenges facing the region and underscored the combined role of faith and science in building resilience. A significant outcome of the event was the announcement of the establishment of a Climate Change Cell at the University, aimed at strengthening research, awareness, and community outreach on climate issues.

The interfaith sports event organized by PCWR-FF in Peshawar emerged as a highly impactful initiative for promoting interfaith harmony and social cohesion. The cricket match series brought together Madrassa students and faith minority students on a shared platform of sportsmanship, teamwork, and mutual respect. For many participants, it was their first visit to a church, which helped dispel misconceptions and reduce fear associated with unfamiliar religious spaces. Through friendly competition and informal interaction, students engaged beyond religious identities, fostering trust, understanding, and acceptance. Overall, the event demonstrated the powerful role of sports in building bridges and strengthening interfaith relationships.