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1 Introduction

Pakistan is the country most vulnerable to climate change. It is exposed to a number of severe climate induced threats, including natural disasters. It is a cause to wide ranging effects on the people in Pakistan. Climate change brings considerable increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. In addition, floods and droughts conditions in the country impact productive resources of livelihoods of different walks of life. Children are particularly threatened by climate induced risks. As recurring droughts and floods worsen and the food production affected, consequently children have to bear the great burden of hunger and malnutrition.

Under future climate change scenario, Pakistan is expected to experience increase in variability of river flows due to increased variability of precipitation and the melting of glaciers. Pakistan is signatory to the Paris Agreement that aims to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects.

To support the Government of Pakistan and respective provincial Governments' efforts of resilient

development, Research and Development Foundation (RDF) in collaboration with German International Child Focused Development Organization Kindernothilfe-KNH, its partners Community Uplift Program (CUP) and the RASTI organized this day-long conference, that aimed to discuss climate risks to the lives of children and youth in Pakistan and find out an agreed upon way forward for the future. It was co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The conference was held in the capital city Islamabad that provided an opportunity to policy makers, experts, children and youth to share their experience of climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and explore future actions to address these challenges from the children and youth perspective.

RDF together with KNH and its partners have organized four provincial conferences on climate risks and children's future at provincial capitals where respective ministers for environment and officials of environment departments participated and listened to the views and experiences of children and youth on the climate risks.

Conference objectives

- Discuss how children and youth in Pakistan perceive climate change and its impact on their future.
- Strengthening the intra-social exchange on climate change from a children's perspectives.
- Provide advocating for systematically taking the perspective of youth and children on climate change into account when creating policies and legislation in the field.
- Explore and develop joint possible actions for the future with children, youth and other stakeholders.

The National Conference was able to attract the participation of more than 150 children, youth, concerned government officials and civil society representatives who opined that children's rights of dignified access to safe water, sanitation, quality education, food, health, socialization, participation and association are affected in any disaster. They called for strengthening disaster management and adaptation mechanisms in the province.

Conference Proceedings were run by two young students Mr. Shakeel Ahmed from Quaid-e Azam University Islamabad and Miss Marvi from University of Sindh Jamshoro.





Reflection on Provincial Conferences

RDF together with KNH and its partners RASTI and CUP organized four provincial conferences at the capital cities to discuss and gather the opinion of children and experts and document key issues pertaining to the children's safety amid climate change.

Province	Event Held At	Event Held On	Lead Partner	No of Participants
Baluchistan	Quetta	30 th September 2020	RDF	250
Punjab	Lahore	15 th October 2020	RASTI	250
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Peshawar	27 th October 2020	CUP	200
Sindh	Karachi	24 th November 2020	RDF	150
Total Participants				850

The events mobilized participation of provincial higher authorities and key experts to listen to the views of children and youth.

Province	Chief Guests
Baluchistan	Mr. Mitha Khan Kakar , Minister for Environment and Climate Change Govt of Baluchistan
Punjab	Mr. Raja Yasir , Minister for Higher Education and IT, Govt of Punjab
Khyber Pakhtunkhuwa	Mr. Mahmood Jan , Deputy Speaker, KPK Assembly
Sindh	Mr. Murtaza Wahab , Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Environment and Climate Change and Law

Panelists who urged on taking immediate serious actions to cope with the climate change highlighted various climate change issues in provincial conferences. The provincial conferences revealed that the climate has posed sever risks to the well being of children.



2.

Inauguration of the Conference

Mr. Malik Ameen Aslam, Special Assistant to Prime Minister/Federal Minister Climate Change Inaugurated the conference with the ribbon-cutting ceremony together with the Head of Development Cooperation at the German Embassy in Pakistan, **Ms. Marion Pfenning** and KNH Country Coordinator **Ms. Kiran Shahzadi** and the organizers.

Later, after recitation of the verses from Holy Quran by young girl **Ume Farwa**, the conference was formally started with the national anthem. All audience stood up on their seats in reverence of the national anthem of Pakistan.





3.

Proceedings of the Conference

Inaugural Sessions and Speeches by Chief Guest Key Speakers were



Mr. Malik Ameen Aslam
Special Assistant to the
PM/Federal Minister
Climate Change



Mr. Ashfaqe Ahmed Soomro
Executive Director-RDF



Ms. Marion Pfennings
Head of Development
Cooperation at the German
Embassy



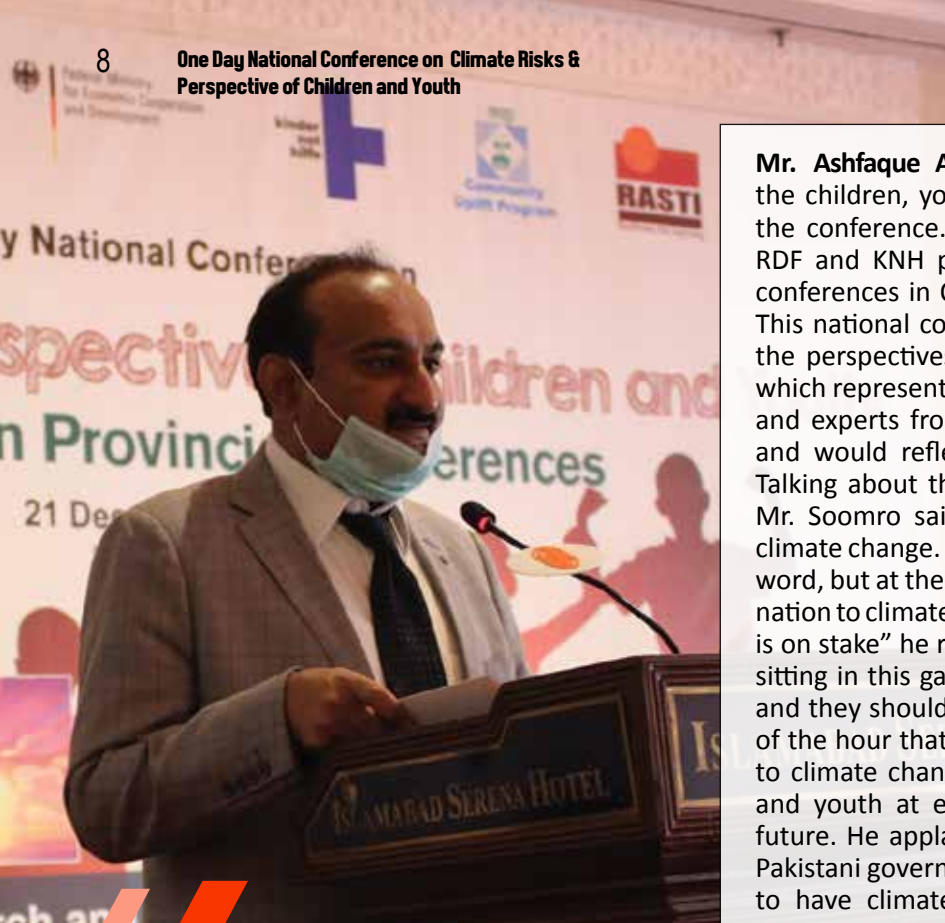
Ms. Kiran Shahzadi
Country Coordinator KNH



Mr. Montag
Chief Program Officer KNH



Mr. Shaikh Yaqoob Ahmed
MNA and Parliamentary
Secretary for EAD



**Welcome Remarks by
Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Soomro**
Executive Director-RDF

Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Soomro warmly welcomed all the children, youth, all the guests and participants of the conference. In his opening remarks, he said that RDF and KNH partners has organized four provincial conferences in Quetta, Lahore, Peshawar and Karachi. This national conference focuses on the reflections of the perspectives of Lahore, Peshawar and Karachi, in which representative children and youth, policy makers and experts from all four provinces are participating, and would reflect on provincial learning, he added. Talking about the vulnerability of children and youth, Mr. Soomro said that children are most affected by climate change. "We are the fifth youngest nation in the world, but at the same time we are fifth most vulnerable nation to climate change affects, due to which our future is on stake" he reflected. He highlighted that the youth sitting in this gathering is representing whole Pakistan and they should play their role in this cause. It is need of the hour that we must take this issue of responding to climate change seriously with inclusion of children and youth at every step to secure our present and future. He applauded the project of 1 Billion trees by Pakistani government and mentioned that we are lucky to have climate compatible agenda and we should support our government to achieve this agenda. He concluded by expressing a hope that this conference will be productive and that the conference declaration and suggestions will be submitted to relevant ministries for further action.



Ms. Kiran Shahzadi
Country Coordinator-KNH in
Pakistan

Ms. Kiran Shahzadi highlighted the objectives of Kindernothilfe (KNH) and its contribution to the children's development in Pakistan. She said that KNH is German Child focused organization, working in Pakistan since 1970's and supporting many child and climate related projects in Pakistan. She mentioned that the series of conferences were conducted in four provinces that aimed to encourage the involvement of children to know their perspective and to highlight the recommendations of children on national policy level, as it is generally observed that children involvement in environment related projects is generally ignored, despite the fact that children's rights are most exploited due to disasters. Therefore, it is also important to raise awareness on children's rights in the country and to promote their involvement in the fight against climate change. She added that they have reached approximately 15000 children through different activities of projects. According to research, about 1.7% of children below 5 years of age will be affected by food insecurity caused by COVID-19, and by 2030, it will be raised to 7.5%. KNH will support Government of Pakistan for environment protection projects, wherever applicable, along with ensuring children's involvement. She concluded by stating one of the recommendations of children from previous conferences that, "We do not need hope, we need action".

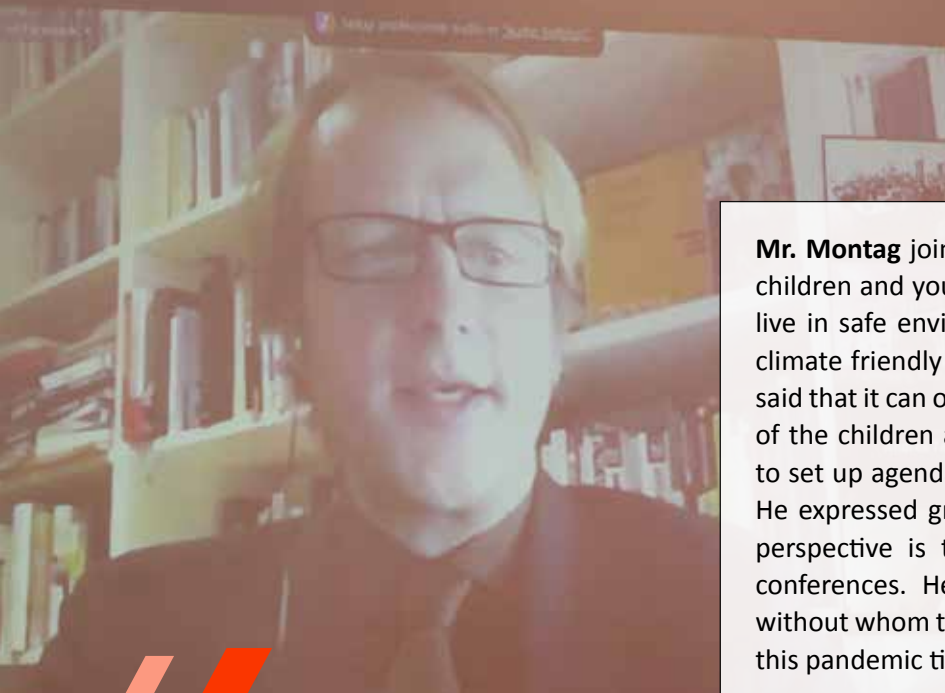
**Mr. Malik Ameen Aslam**

Special Assistant to PM/Federal
Minister Climate Change

Mr. Malik Ameen Aslam appreciated the participation of youth and children from all the provinces on a very important topic. He highlighted the lessons that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has taught us, stating that nature cannot be fought. “Nature always strikes back and this phenomenon applies to the issue of climate change as well”, he added. He urged on co-existing with nature and to maintain balance, for ensuring mutual benefits among nature and humans. The special assistant highlighted the efforts of Pakistan government on tackling the climate change issue, saying that during the pandemic, Pakistan has changed directions and has implemented different projects in this regard. He shared about the 10 billion tree project which is currently underway in all provinces, will increase forest cover. The minister said that people from all sectors, including agriculture, know that climate change is a huge challenge but it can only be tackled by employing nature-based solutions. He concluded with expressing gratitude and appreciation to RDF, partner organizations and German government for organizing such child and youth focused conferences on provincial and national levels on this important issue of climate change.

**Ms. Marion Pfennings**
Head of Development Cooperation at
the German Embassy

Ms. Marion Pfennings expressed that Germany is really glad and proud to work with Pakistan on environment. She mentioned that it's very important to work on grassroot level with an active involvement of youth and all the citizens to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Climate change is complicated and very alarming issue. Events like this are very important to discuss this issue and to act upon the decided agendas at the earliest. “We need to work with youth and children for the best outcome of our efforts in this regard”, she concluded.



Mr. Montag joined through zoom and interacted with children and youth, saying that every child has right to live in safe environment. He emphasized on adapting climate friendly practices for climate conservation and said that it can only be successful with the commitment of the children and youth. He said that there is need to set up agenda for future generations to work upon. He expressed gratitude to youth and children, whose perspective is the main focus of this and previous conferences. He also thanked partner organizations without whom these conferences couldn't take place in this pandemic time.

Mr. Montag

Chief Program Officer-
Kindernothilfe (KNH) Germany



Mr. Shaikh Yaqoob Ahmed called it very dangerous and alarming situation for Pakistan, considering the fact that it is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change. He said that the actions on climate change should have been taken many years back, but still, it is not too late. He mentioned that the programs like 10 billion trees program and Green Pakistan, are initiated by the Government of Pakistan after the encouraging impacts of previous program namely "Billion Trees Program". He assured that this conference is not merely for talks and discussions but the recommendations of children and youth will actually be taken in to account by the Government. He further said that climate change is an issue that needs focus of all the sectors. He appreciated RDF and partner organizations for arranging such conference on this level. He urged on spreading the message of the conference to every corner of the country.

Mr. Shaikh Yaqoob Ahmed

Parliamentary Secretary –
Economic Affairs Division



Play for the Planet a tableau on Environment by the Children

Children from Chakwal presented an enlightening tableau on climate change focusing on importance of tree, deforestation and reforestation. The children used placards, songs and gestures to affectively convey the messages and representing feelings of children. One play card read poignantly “Save trees, save Earth”. The

children dressed like a tree sang melodiously “Don’t cut me, it pains”. The children presented demo of plant trees and flower plants. The participants of the conference remained immersed in the song and gave standing ovation to the children who participated in tableau.





Session 2: Panel Reflection on Provincial Conferences Children and Youth Led Climate Actions in Pakistan: Challenges and Success



Miss Noor Bano
Student of Sir Syed University
Engineering & Technology, Karachi



Mr. Taha
Student of University of Chakwal
Punjab

Moderator



Miss Roshni Anwar
Student of University of Sindh
Jamshoro

Panelists



Miss Fatima Faraz
Student from Peshawar KPK



Miss Tahreem Irfan
Student of Fazaia Degree College,
Quetta, Baluchistan



Miss Noor Bano

Student of Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi

Miss Noor Bano, student of 4th year Architect of Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi, highlighted environmental issues and talked about the impacts of pollution in cities adversely affecting children and youth. She mentioned the climate change issues in Pakistan including water stressed nation, poor sewerage system and dumping, contaminated pipelines, unavailability of clean water, diseases because of pollution, burning of garbage, air pollution, which are severely affecting the whole population, with the maximum impact on youth and children. According to research, half of the million children die due to air pollution and more than half million die every year due to air and water-borne diseases. She further added that, being a nation, we prefer to the short-term benefits instead of long-term. People cut trees for constructing buildings and other structures without realizing that cutting of trees creates environmental hazards. She urged people to realize and ask themselves that in which direction they are going? According to Sindh environment protection agency, Sindh is four times more populated instead of WHO standards. "Children learn from our actions, so we should improve our actions and promote climate friendly practices in our communities by doing plantation, re-cycling and reducing the use of carbon emission equipment.", she added.



Mr. Taha

Student of University of Chakwal, Punjab

Climate change is a reality and it should not be taken lightly and forgotten but it's requested to accept it as a reality and to realize its severity. He mentioned that Pakistan is the fifth most vulnerable nation to climate change and is currently facing many climate related issues like irregular rain patterns, flooding, and melting glaciers. These issues are affecting the economic, political and social well-being of the country. Children are most affected by the climate change. He said that Pakistan's provincial and national governments are well aware of climate change issues and its impacts, but now there is need to take serious actions to tackle it, with the inclusion of youth and children. He highlighted the perspectives of youth panelists, which were presented in the provincial conference held in Lahore, regarding how environmental changes adversely affects Pakistan, particularly the Punjab province, along with highlighting the initiatives taken by youth of Punjab for playing their role in this fight against climate change. He further described the efforts of RASTI, CUP and RDF, who created child climate activists, who are not only making efforts for spreading climate change awareness, but are also taking practical steps in their communities such as planting trees, reducing use of plastic and ensuring proper garbage disposal.



Miss Fatima Faraz

Student from Peshawar, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

Miss Fatima Faraz, a climate activist from Mardan, started climate activism in 2019 and held plantation and cleaning drives in her community. She said that her province has become the hub of global warming, due to increasing number of factories, which is contributing to air pollution and causing various diseases like asthma, lung cancer and bronchitis. Children are also becoming victim of these diseases. She further said that cancer rates are increasing in KPK, which is a matter of great concern. She also highlighted the psychological impact of climate change on children, saying that children are facing difficulties in controlling their emotions and has become victim of anxiety and depression. She mentioned that climate Action is one of the goals of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The associated target of SDG 13 Climate Action focuses on integration of climate change measures internationally. She emphasized that now there is need to practically take actions in this regard and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister of Pakistan for taking initiatives to spread awareness through plantation drives. She further requested PM, Education Minister and the Climate Minister to take timely actions necessary in educational institutes.



Miss Tehreen Irfan

Student of Fazaia Degree College, Quetta, Baluchistan

Miss Tehreen Irfan highlighted the climate change phenomena from the perspective of youth of Baluchistan province. She commented that Internationally, Pakistan needs to be at the forefront of fighting climate change and global warming, otherwise in a few years' time the country will witness further increase in drastic weather conditions and natural disasters. She reiterated that the authorities of Baluchistan need to extensively engage students in all efforts that reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and improve the adaptation. Further, she added that students also need to study global warming and understand the phenomenon in its entirety in order to know how to tackle or mitigate its effects and how well they can contribute their role in improving adaptation measures. She said, students can play a vital role in environment conservation and promote the word of children security amid climate change.



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Session 3: Panel Discussion: Provincial Policies and Programs addressing Child Security Amid Climate Change

Chaired by



Dr. Fateh Mohammad
Executive Director Higher Education
Commission of Pakistan &
Chairperson RDF Board of Directors



Mr. Muhammad Farooq
Additional Secretary Environment,
Government of Baluchistan



Muhammad Aslam Ghori
Secretary Environment Government of
Sindh

Panelists



Mr. Mohammad Tahir
Director Environment Protection
Department- Punjab



Mr. Ijaz Muhammad Khan
Deputy Chief KPCPWC, KPK



Dr. Fateh Mohammad

**Chaired by Dr. Fateh Mohammad- Executive Director
Higher Education Commission of Pakistan &
Chairperson RDF Board of Directors**

Dr. Fateh Mohammad said that climate change is not a business, we should change our mindset to cope with the climate change because if we take it business as usual, it will not work. This is reality that our temperature will increase at average by 1-2 degrees in some years. Hence, this issue needs to be taken seriously. Children are facing problems like mal-nutrition and stunting due to food insecurity, which is a consequence of climate change. Pakistan needs ideal growth to face these issues, so, we need to link our growth with climate change. Now government is partnering with youth and civil society and this conference is a step to contribute in it. He urged on taking joint efforts to face the climate change and food insecurity issues.



Mr. Muhammad Farooq

**Additional Secretary Environment, Government of
Baluchistan**

Mr. Muhammad Farooq highlighted the provincial programs on Environment Conservation addressing children's needs in Baluchistan. He mentioned the most critical issues faced by Baluchistan are water scarcity, less rainfall, no check and control on new installation of tube wells. Quetta city is like valley, there is smoke issue due to bricks kilns, so valuable efforts are being made to move them out of valley. He said that justice comes through institutional building and behavior change. Government policies are influenced by public's opinion. Environment has to do something in each sector of life. Government of Baluchistan has taken initiative, that was earlier approved by Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) but now, it has been notified that environment department should be part of approval of project. He further said that Technology is obtained to shift old trees to other locations with the support of Federal government. There were trees of English Era, that we have lost now. Awareness is another step of Government of Baluchistan to protect environment. Awareness campaigns regarding climate change are being held at the grassroot level along with plantation drives.



Mr. Ijaz Muhammad Khan

Deputy Chief KPCPWC, KPK

Mr. Ijaz Muhammad Khan described about the climate change policy saying that Pakistan basically has climate change policy of 2012, but Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has introduced its province policy in 2016, in line with Federal policy on “Adoption and Mitigation”. He mentioned the efforts of previous Government who initiated the green growth project called billion trees project, which received wide spread response. Due to which, Government got inspired to initiate “10 billion trees” project, that is currently on-going. He urged on paying more attention towards children and youth of the country, as they are the future of Pakistan, hence they should be protected. Children and youth’s views regarding climate change mitigation should be heard, as the young blood always come up with innovative solutions. He further said that the green movement will decrease vulnerability of the youth and children. KPK is also focusing on Tourism to protect environment. Mr. Khan concluded by saying “Based on the recommendations of Provincial conference of KPK, we will revisit our provincial policy”



Mr. Mohammad Tahir

Director Environment Protection Department- Punjab

Mr. Muhammad Tahir said that Earth is the only planet where life and biodiversity exists. No other planet has environment or climate, where life is possible to grow, but it is (earth) but sadly, is not being protected by us. He said that there is less tree cover in Pakistan as compared to the percentage of plantation at the time of establishment of Pakistan. Unfortunately, this nation is in sleep. He highlighted the effects of climate change on various aspects of life. He said that issues of climate change affect the family relations. According to research, presence of plants in a house reduces family conflicts. He said that we as nation have conflict between our actions and verbal statements. While stating the efforts of Punjab Government for climate change mitigation, Mr. Tahir said that there are 8,000 brick kilns in Punjab, that generate a lot of smoke, therefore, those have been closed till 31 January to lessen the smoke in winter. He mentioned about Punjab Green program, which has a budget of 45 billion rupees and is supported by WB. The segments of project are related with other departments like; department of energy, the solar energy will be promoted. All Divisions of Healthcare Quality (DHQ) hospitals will be solarized by the department. Under this project, private sector and NGOs could also get support to initiate their projects on climate change and environment protection. He further added that their development projects are slow due to proceedings of NAB. He concluded by saying that these types of conferences are not only the gathering but it is sensitization for government officials and also platform to sensitize the people.



Muhammad Aslam Ghori

Secretary Environment Govt of Sindh

Mr. Muhammad Aslam Ghori expressed satisfaction by stating that he is sure that our future is bright after listening to the views and discussion of youth in today's conference. He also appreciated the performance of children and perspectives of youth panelists that highlighted the climate related challenges of different provinces. He also shared the story of neighboring planet 'Venus', that has lost its climate. He sensitized people to save their planet and their lives. He questioned that development is our need but on what cost? He urged on initiating development programs without damaging the environment, in a secure way, through sustainable steps. Sindh is most affected by climate change process. Million acres of land have been eroded by sea intrusion. Marine pollution is another evident of climate change affect, that could be observed on the long sea line of Arabian ocean. So, Sindh is most vulnerable. He then highlighted the steps taken by Government of Sindh to mitigate the climate change impacts. He informed that few years back, Mangroves cover was on 6000 hectares, but now it has reduced to 85 hectares only in the year 1985. Government conducted plantation of Mangrove saplings and Guinness book of world record has recognized it as record of highest saplings planted in one day in 2018. He assured that there is highest level of commitment by government of Sindh. He said that their policy formulation of climate change has also started with the consultation of stakeholder. Now, it has been drafted to get approval. He concluded by inviting the participants to visit the website of Sindh EPA to give feedback or recommendation to incorporate.





Conference Recommendations and Declaration

Ms. Tanzeel Khan, student of Environment at Baluchistan University of Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences, Quetta (BUTEMS) presented the conference declaration encompassing the recommendations of the children, youth and other speakers of all four provincial conferences, including this national conference.

1. To make syllabus and curriculum environment sensitive and taking care of children's adaptation needs. Child- centered awareness program for the children in climate affected communities and areas. Life skill for the children to strengthen their resilience and capabilities to absorb shocks and respond to the shocks. Recreational activities at the learning places, schools, and playgrounds should be ensured.
2. Quality education with all required amenities for the joyful learning of children, off-grid schools with greener energy have to be developed to protect the environment and improve study conditions for children.
3. Affective and efficient DRR mechanisms and relief programs the support the children at risks.
4. Efficient traffic management to avoid children accident on roads.
5. Urban solid waste management they could improve children's wellbeing and avoid children's engagement and activities to collect garbage and avoid them as scavengers.
6. Recycling of solid waste management for greener future of the children.
7. To minimize the use of paper work and promote electronic documentation in offices.
8. To reduce consumer culture during shopping and promote the traditional bags for shopping.

The conference partners and participant declare to step up all possible measures and their will and the commitment to protect rights of the children amid climate change for the prosperous future of Pakistan. All the participants of the conference pass this declaration.

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Vote of Thanks by Mr. Mujahid Executive Director Rasti and Mr. Zahoor Khan, Project Manager Community Uplift Program (CUP)

Mr. Mujahid from RASTI and Mr. Zahoor from Community Uplift Program (CUP) presented vote of thanks to the audience, speakers, guests and organizers. They also appreciated the active participation of children and youth in the conference.



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KARACHI: Children and youth hailing from various schools, colleges and public universities of the province discussed their experiences of dealing with climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and the way forwards to address these challenges here in a first of its kind conference on climate change risks to the future of children in Pakistan, held in a local hotel in Karachi.

The conference attracted participation of more than 150 children and youth, concerned government officials and civil society representatives who opined that children's rights of dignified access to safe water, sanitation, quality education, food, health, socialization, participation and association are affected in any disaster.

They called for strengthening disaster management and adaptation

mechanisms in the province. The conference was organized by the Research and Development Foundation (RDF) in collaboration with a German International Child Focused Development Organization Kindernothilfe (KNH), co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Government of Sindh.

Counsel General of Federal Republic of Germany in Karachi, His Excellence Mr. Holger Ziegler inaugurated the conference. Mr. Murtaza Wahab, Advisor to chief minister of Sindh on Law, was the chief guest, while addressing to the audience said awareness regarding climate change is very crucial for mitigating its affects.

He appreciated the strategies of RDF to engage women, children and youth from Tharparker, Khipro and far flung areas of seven districts of Sindh who are interacting with German experts and German Consulate. He encouraged the audience not to rely on politicians and government only but to take the responsibility themselves to play their role in the fight against climate change.

He also emphasized the audience to take the serious precautions of COVID-19 with the same spirit as they are taking for climate change.

Mr. Hogler Consul General of Germany in Karachi recognized the efforts of RDF for supporting Pakistan's government to explore future actions to address climate related challenges from children and youth perspective and he added that there is a dire need for people to recognize the severity of climate change impacts and encouraged children and youth to play an active role in combating climate change.

Youth Leader from Germany Ms Line Niedeggen interacted with the children and youth and described how the Fridays for Future movement in Germany is mobilizing youth for climate resilience building. While sharing her journey of starting this movement in Germany, she said that in initial days, they received an amazing response from the children and youth and they showed their willingness to join their movement. She emphasized that people should listen to the science not on individuals not on Greta, not on me but on the best scientific results.—



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