

Annual Progress Report 2008



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Summary

In the current scenario, where divisions and despairs, bigotry and hatred, self-indulgence and materialism, poverty and disproportionate accumulation of power and wealth are so dominant, the search for an alternative model for peace that is rooted in the diverse religions and cultures of human societies is of vital importance. Non-violence, simple life style, unity in diversity co-existence and sharing of resources and just governance ought to be released from scriptures and constitutions and be practiced in day to day life as there is need for sustained and comprehensive efforts for peace.

GPP's focus is on peace and tolerance, sensitizing youth, women and children to play their role in promoting the culture of peace. In the year 2008 GPP established altogether 30 peace groups where 20 Peace Groups are in the rural areas of Islamabad and 10 in campuses where students promote and indulge in peace seminars and workshops. GPP has successfully completed its basic education program and adult literacy centers and has established 08 sewing centers to enhance the skill of women in the underdeveloped areas of Islamabad and provided various capacity building trainings.

GPP worked on different dimensions involving common people in promoting non violent ways and advocate culture of peace. Following activities were performed in the year 2008.

01. Peacebuilding Program
02. Livelihood- Skill development, Small Entrepreneurship Program and Self Help Initiatives
03. Capacity building program
04. Environment and cultural program
05. Disaster Response

■ PEACE BUILDING PRORGRAM

GPP initiated Peacebuilding program in the year 2007 with the aim to promote peace and interfaith harmony and create new generation of peace champions Under the peacebuilding activities GPP mobilizes university students to join hands with GPP and form Peace groups. The members work with GPP voluntarily to promote non violent culture through different activities. Altogether GPP has formed 30 Peace Groups (twenty (20) peace groups in urban and rural areas of Islamabad and ten in universities and colleges). These groups are formed to educate people about concept of Peace and its importance in our lives as citizens of world. GPP focuses on empowering the vulnerable communities to improve their quality of life. In the year 2008 GPP organized two workshops titled “Peace under the shadow of different Faiths”, Seminars titled “Importance of Civic Education in Pakistan” and Peace & Interfaith Dialogue at community level highlighting the importance of tolerance and teaching humanity.

Peace Talks

GPP organizes peace talks with the community members. The objective of the peace talks is to bring awareness in people about the issues that are being faced by them. GPP motivates people and strengthen them on a platform where they could work together to resolve their issues in peaceful manner. The Objective to hold meetings was to get feed back regarding peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan from indigenous perspective. There were total 259 participants who shared their experiences and advices.



Workshops

GPP has been trying to play its role as the the messenger of peace and create a new generation of peace workers, peace defenders, and peace negotiators to bring about a positive changes in the community for prevention of conflicts and promotion and sustenance of peace in the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Pakistan and beyond. In order to achieve this goal and promote this concept GPP organizes various events, trainings and workshops.

In the year 2008 Global Peace Pioneer organized workshops on “*Understanding Peace under the shadow of various Faiths.*” The workshop was attended by university students, teachers, clergies of different faith.

Workshop Proceedings

Workshop was formally started by the Holy prayer. GPP Chairperson thanked all the speakers, guests, participants and media representatives. She introduced the speakers and talked about peace and interfaith harmony and current situation of Pakistan.

Seminar

Education alone may not get along to transform a civilized society unless we incorporate the Civic Education in our educational Curriculum. Chairperson, Global Peace Pioneers speaking in a seminar organized by GPP on “importance of Civic Education in Pakistan”. The seminars were organized by GPP in different universities together with the collaboration of Campus peace groups. The seminars were attended by various participants belonging to campus students, corporate sectors, civil societies and communities in Islamabad.



In the seminars different speaker's highlighted importance of Civic Education is a multiple processes through which children, young and adults acquire knowledge and skills, needed for effective democratic citizenship where they are aware of the rights and obligations. Civic knowledge and participation are not passed down through the genetic code — they require that each generation of students learn civic facts, explore democratic ideals and connect such concepts to the responsibility of citizenship.

Peace & Interfaith Dialogue

GPP has formed its networking with the clergies of all faith and is closely working to promote religious tolerance and Interfaith Harmony in Pakistan. For this reason GPP have organized exposure trips of campus students to Religious sites and meet and understand the people. Peace and Interfaith Dialogues facilitate people to understand and acknowledge others point of view and give space to all to express. Peace and Interfaith dialogues have been conducted at the religious places like Mosques, Schools, Gurdawaras and Churches.

GPP Peace Club

GPP's invites people from all segment of the society to join hands with GPP and share its vision of a Peaceful Pakistan and the World. Those who become members pay nominal joining fee and agree to work with GPP for the noble cause of Peace by utilizing there talents and capacities.

Exposure Visit To Religious Places

GPP along with the peace groups visit various religious places of different faiths that are Madrassas, church and Temple. The purpose of the visit was to get an understanding of different faiths, religious teachings.

▪ **Human Rights Awareness Program**

As per History of Pakistan women and the religious minorities, have remained less privileged and thus backward. Many times, due to the institutionalized bias and discriminatory laws their fundamental rights are abused. Hence their plight has remained unchanged during the past sixty two years.

As it appears from the nomenclature, the struggle of GPP is the struggle for the rights of oppressed women and minorities. GPP felt that women and minorities were exploited and their rights need to be protected. In order to make broad-based struggle GPP deemed necessary that all the minorities such as Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Bahais, Zoroastrians and should be associated for the common cause i.e. promotion and protection of minorities rights, religious freedom, social justice and human equality.

GPP launched the campaign to spread religious tolerance, social harmony and peaceful avenues to end religious terrorism, persecution and oppression of women and religious minorities of Pakistan. This is an on-going campaign of GPP the purpose of which is to save the dignity and ensure the rights and obligations of minorities as responsible citizen of Pakistan. GPP organizes seminars and workshop for the communities at large for promotion of social justices.

GPP advocacy and lobbying averted many conflicts which otherwise would have inflicted many hardships on the marginalized communities. This is a regular feature of GPP struggle. Awareness campaigns charged the people of oppressed communities at grass root level. This is an on-going effort, which continues with educative seminars, study circles, research, education, and training programs.

Through advocacy **GPP** has formed different Gender Based committees at campus and community level. GPP has involved people from the campuses and communities. The main objective of the Gender Based Committee is to spread awareness about their basic rights & obligations and the issues related to that and to mobilize the youth and women and minority groups through different activities mentioned below:

S.NO	Activities	No. of Activities	No of Beneficiaries	In direct Beneficiaries
1	Gender Based Committee Formation	10	150	450
2	Women Right Committees	10	250	1250
3	Awareness Raising Seminars with youth /Women/Monitories	10	450	1800
4	Workshops on Human Rights/Constitutions with youth/minority and women	04	140	700



5	HR Forums	01	50	250
6	Organized Interfaith Dialogues	02	60	180
7	Trainings on “Civic Education and human rights”	03	105	420
8	Mass Mobilization through Theater Play in campus and community	02	180	1080
9	Trainings of Harassment at work place with female youth	04	100	400
10	Workshops on Women rights with the women of community	02	60	240s

Promotion of Peaceful Cultural Values

Pakistan is a country of rich cultural values, which includes poetry from Sufi poets highlighting peace and harmony. GPP has organized theaters at gross root level and at campus level to promote the cultural values. GPP has formed a group of stage actors at campus level. The team presents theaters performances to teach people about peace.

Furthermore GPP has organized exhibition at community level displaying the art work and other Handi craft made by the women members of the peace groups.

Summary of the work conducted & impact of work under Peace building Program

S. No	Activity	Total Number of activities	Total Target Beneficiaries		Out come of the activity
			Direct	Indirect	
1	Peace Group Formation	20	500	2000	GPP has managed to get the support of 500 people who have joined peace groups. GPP has involved these groups in promoting nonviolent ways.
2	Workshops	2	60	---	Highlighted the teachings of all major religion about peace and Interfaith Harmony. Members have joined GPP E-group and exchange ideas and participate in different activities.
3	Seminars	4	735		Students have joined GPP peace groups at large and have been working on different activities to promote peace and interfaith harmony.
4	Interfaith Dialogue	5	100	2000	Interfaith Dialogue has assisted peace group members to understand and learn about different religion. To see the commonalities and learn to live together in harmonious way.

▪ PEACE EDUCATION THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

GPP has developed an independent manual on peace through education. The teachers are trained on it so that they may incorporate the knowledge among all the beneficiaries. Peace through education focuses conflict resolution at community level, educational and working organization and while working with groups. The program promotes culture of peace through trainings, peace games and other activities promoting non violent ways.

Civic Education



GPP has hands on experience on civic education and the teachers of centers enjoy instructing this program as well. It is an interactive program based on role plays and refreshers. Civic education is about being a good law abiding citizen and evokes a sense of responsibility like throwing garbage into dustbin, abide traffic laws, clean streets and home, and teaching common etiquettes as how to behave with their family friends and society as a whole. GPP organized two Civic education training programs which highlight the

importance of peace. Students of different schools presented skits and tableaus in the activities as well.

Teacher Trainings

Evolving curricula, learning materials, instructional methods, and evaluative techniques and working life of the learners Conducting Teacher's Trainings program on regular basis for enhancing teaching methodology skills to achieve the objectives of quality education.

Before launching any of the said programs, GPP always enhance the capacity of its key stakeholders as they must be taken into consideration to get the better results of projects. GPP provides trainings to all the teachers regarding teaching, teaching methodology, teaching rules, civic education, peace building and socio- psycho care. Besides this, all the teachers are given the teachers kits.

Parent Teacher Association

Establishing PTAs for each BECS (Basic education community school) in order to better address communal concerns and enhance coordination between teacher and parents. GPP works with the parents and coordinate with them so that child gets proper education and personal grooming.

Peace through Sports

GPP involve students and community youth in sports activities to promote sportsman's spirit, level of acceptance. GPP provides opportunities to youth from different cultural, religious



and ethnic background to mingle together. By this activity GPP enables youth to engage in healthier activity and promote non violence. GPP has organized matches that are volley ball match, cricket match and foot ball between community youth and students.

Summary of Educational Activities of GPP

S. No	Activity	No. of Activities	Target Beneficiaries	Out come
1	Civic Education Training to teachers and Students	3	45	Students were involved in different activities relating to peace and interfaith Harmony.
2	Teacher's Training	4	90	Teachers were aware of the students' involvement in peaceful activities and encourage students to take peace initiatives. Provided guideline use Manual "Peace Abilities"
3	Parent & Teacher Association formed	10	350	GPP has facilitated to form small PTAs in villages so that parents and teachers could get regular feed back about the students and make joined effort to provide the ideal environment for students to grow.

Peace through Education Program

GPP initiated small self help basic education centers in Kachi Abadis and rural area of ICT. The aim of the activity is to provide children a space where they could mingle together and have a holistic environment where they could learn and play and have the basic civic education as well. GPP during their field work observed that majority of the peace group members were the people who can't read and write. For that this GPP introduced Adult literacy program. In this program GPP focuses on basic learning skills of the learners and introduce Entrepreneurship development program as well.



Following are the details of the said program:

S/No.	Program	No of Centers	No. of Students	No. of teachers	Area
01	BEC (3 completed, 02 ongoing)	05	100	5	Ternol , Chak Shahzad – ICT
02	AEC (completed)	03	120	3	Ternol , Slum – ICT
	Total	08	220	8	

■ GPP LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

GPP plays a vital role in the development of low-income areas. It creates awareness in the community about their socio-economic problems and encourages them to solve their own problems and find solutions at community level. GPP livelihood Program helps in empowering the communities to maintain and enhance their capabilities and assets base both in the prevailing and future conditions and the activities required for the means of living. As for now GPP has initiated the following activities;

Sewing Centers

GPP has a unique approach to involve women in peace activity and at the same time promote the culture of peace. With the women peace groups formed by slums and rural areas of Islamabad GPP has initiated vocational centers where women are taught the art of tailoring however with an approach of initiating a business in the future. So far GPP has established eight sewing centers where training on EDP, product design is also provided to the learners.



Targeted Areas for the Sewing Centers:

1. Mohala Umer Farooq – Ternol
2. Rati Ksi – Ternol
3. 66 Qtrs – Slum Area
4. Faisal colony
5. Dhoke Trati - Ternol
6. Dhoke Paracha – Ternol
7. Pind Paracha – Ternol
8. Pind Parian – Ternol

EDP Training

In the year 2008 GPP has organized five (5) EDP Trainings in Faisal Colony, 66 Qtrs-Isb, Dhoke Abassi-Ternol, Rati Kasi-Ternol, Dhoke Ramzania-Ternol. Entrepreneurial Development Program is a highly competitive merit-based grant program that aims to assist in fostering entrepreneurship, including the growth and sustainability of small businesses by supporting initiatives that will enhance the general skills development of the target group. Mentor services are being provided to vulnerable groups on regular basis and a three day training program is run, which theoretic studies as well as market studies are being taught to small business owners and SHG members. GPP provides an opportunity for those who crave to fabricate their lives. GPP motivates members to provide small gyratory loans out of the savings to the members of SHG who are engrossed to ascertain a micro enterprise.





Linkages with Financial Institutes

GPP has develop it ties with local micro finance institutes and assist peace group members to apply for micro credits to initiate small business. GPP only works as a bridge between micro-finance institute and peace group member.

Summary of Livelihood Activities conducted in the year 2008

S. No	Activity	No. of Activities	Target Beneficiaries	Out come
1	Sewing Centers	3	75	Students are learning new techniques of product design that suits the demand of the market. So far 50 students (2 batches of 25 students have already graduated.
2	EDP Trainings	5	100	Members have learned basic knowledge of Business, Marketing, and Pricing. Detail market surveys have been conducted in the training.
3	Linkages with Financial Institutions	3 meetings	15	3 meetings were held and initial assessment is done in the meeting. Altogether 15 members have applied for loan from Khushali bank.

Environment

Provision of safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and personal hygiene are essential for the sustainable environmental conditions and reducing the incidence of water born diseases that is diarrhea, malaria, trachoma etc. Lack of access to clean drinking water and for house hold chores and proper sanitation facility is a chivalrous expression for a form of deprivation that demoralizes human dignity and causes serious deficiency in the life. For this reason, endowing provision of safe water supply and adequate sanitation not only assist in achieving sustainable development but it can also yield other socio-economic benefits in terms of improved health status, quality of labor force and reduced burden-of-disease.



The residents of GPP target areas are the people mostly living in rural areas or urban slums, they are not only deprived of financial resources, but they also lack admittance to basic needs such as health, safe water supply and environmental sanitation facilities. GPP has hand on experience in working to assist the target group in provision of safe drinking water. GPP has the following Goal: Stipulation of harmless drinking water in the target communities' trough various ways Sensitizing people as regards to the proper sanitation and hygiene through encouragement and lobbying GPP has good experience in installing hand pumps, sewerage lines, water filters and awareness rising regarding safe water and sanitation system.



GPP strongly believes the maximum participation of local people and involve them in the process of implementation of the project to ensure the sustainability of the project. GPP has installed hand pump in urban slums of Islamabad namely 66 Qts and France colony and Hansa colony where as in the rural area GPP has assisted in hand pump installation in village Harno and Nowgazi. To ensure the sustainability of the hand pumps installed GPP has formed Watsan Management Committees which monitors and keep a regular maintenance of the facility.

GPP has conducted health hygiene seminars in the urban and rural areas of Islamabad highlighting the importance of water conservation and maintenance and proper sanitation facility. GPP motivated members of the community to take active participation on the self help bases in cleaning their respective area. GPP along with its members observed a week where members of the community took part in cleaning of the canals and street.

To address the cries of the Oct 8, 2005 earth quake, GPP volunteer's team worked as catalyst between NGOs and INGOs in providing different relief item. GPP team assisted in conducting the survey of destroyed water facility in the UC Balakot. GPP assisted residents of four villages to get access to





clean drinking water by provision of plastic water pipe 7000 ft and construction of 11000 cubic feet water tank. By doing so GPP assisted 1300 families in 4 villages to get access to clean drinking water.

Summary of the Activities performed

S. No	Activity	Total Areas covered	No. of beneficiaries	No. of indirect beneficiaries
1	4 Hand pump installed	4	221	1105
2	6 Health Hygiene Seminars	6	545	2725
3	Cleaning of Streets and canals (Self Help by Community members)	6	600	3600
4	Facilitated in providing Water facility in villages of UC Balakot	4	350	2100

Disaster Response

GPP always believe in volunteerism and the capacity enhancement of its manpower. The staff as well as the volunteers are trained and equipped with all the related knowledge and techniques to be more professionals. Currently GPP has more than a 100 volunteers who are always ready for this noble cause and willing to go any where even far flung areas to serve humanity and help them in time of disaster.

GPP Relief Assistance

After the discussion with the local people and governmental officials, GPP disaster management team decided to distribute the following relief assistance package among 100 most vulnerable families of village Rajanpur – Union Council, Rajanpur Tehsil Rajanpur. The distribution was held in kind cooperation with the District Food Department in helping to permit for the purchase of flour bags and the local police for security purpose.

Conclusion

Overall activates of GPP has been contributing to promote non violent culture where every citizen belonging to any sect of the society can endure and share equal resources. Where Justice prevails and humanity is considered of utmost importance. GPP involve people to take part in the activities to promote acceptance of each other, realization of rights and obligations.