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Summary of planned targets and results achieved

#	Planned Targets			Progress Made and Results Achieved	
	Description	Direct Beneficiaries	In-direct Beneficiaries	Direct Beneficiaries	In-direct Beneficiaries
1	Children/adolescents of TACs, mainstreamed and direct enrollment in formal schools	4,039 (Female 2,266 and male 1,773)	-	4,068 (Female 2,266, male 1,802)	-
2	Community/Committee members	550 (female 275 , male 275)	4,400	569 (272 female and 297 male)	4,552
3	Youth including sports teams	700 (approx. 314 female, 386 male)	5,000	711 (242 female, 429 male)	5,688
4	Adolescent empowerment (Life-skills)	50 (female 25, male 25)	500	50 (female 24, male 26)	500
5	Trained adolescents on demand driven skills	100 (female 50, male 50)	800	114 (female 57, male 57)	912
6	CCG to the marginalized children enrolled in TACs	60 (female 30, male 30)	480	60 (22 female and 38 male)	480
7	Trained children on interactive theaters	10 male	-	10 male	-
8	Register children with UCs	500 (approximately 250 female, 250 female)	-	603 (322 female and 281 male)	-
9	Psycho-social support to children	350 (around 188 female, male 162)	-	368	-
10	Teachers and project staff trained	61 (female 58, male 3)	-	61 (female 58, male 3)	-
11	Awareness raising on CRC/CP issues among children and community through interactive theaters, celebration of Universal Children's Day, World Day Against Child Labour, Sport activities, etc.	2,000	14,000	2,500	17,500
Total		8,420	25,180	9,104	29,632

Overall Impact of the Project

- General Communities of the selected project areas are better sensitized on Child Protection issues and enabled to address CP issues at local level through self-help basis.
- Besides discouraging children's entrance into labour market the Industry is also taking interest in addressing their CSR.
- Reduction in Child Labour – around 4500 children benefited who were at risk of abuse & violation/involved in labour.
- Parents/guardians of children have been better sensitized on CP issues.
- Forum for interaction, coordination, and proactive planning is developed.
- Stakeholders especially the Government, business community, etc. have supported the project a lot. They are also willing to continue their support and intended to ensure continuity of the project.
- In collaboration with CSDO, the Social Welfare Department intended to expand services of its Sanatar in the remote areas of Sialkot.

Project Achievements

The “**Child & Adolescents Protection Project**” sponsored by **UNICEF**, with the proactive collaboration of **CSDO (Child and Social Development Organization) Sialkot**, has been very successful in achieving the objectives of the project. Component wise progress is as follows:

1. Coordination with the project stakeholders

A district level Technical Committee (established with the involvement of District Government, Pakistan Workers' Federation, The Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Independent Monitoring Association for Child Labour (IMAC), and CSDO (Child and Social Development Organization) has been formed. The District Government presides over all the meetings of the Committee. The Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), District Government and the Business Community of Sialkot has been extending their every possible support towards the project since its inception. The Technical Committee remained proactively involved in consultations to ensure timely execution of the project activities as well as develop a strategy for continuity of the project.



2. Project Database and CSDO's website

Database of the project has been upgraded according to the new activities of PCA 2011. Profiles of all the identified children have been computerized. The database helps to generate computerized reports of the project activities. Computerized profiles of all the children of TACs are available for regular follow and any possible future intervention.

3. Talim-ul-Amal Centers (TACs)

3.1 Refresher Teachers' Training

Ten-Day teachers' training on Azaan non-formal package, multi-grade teaching methodology, quality education, psycho-social support, teaching English and Math's as well as joy full learning was conducted on 25-30 April 2011 and 11- 14 October 2011 in Sialkot. Fifty-four teachers and four Social Organizers have been better trained on alternate teaching methods, joyful learning and discipline children.

3.2 Continuation of 14 TACs and Establishment of new four TACs.

Currently, eighteen formal/non-formal education Centers/Talim-ul-Amal Centers (TACs) are fully functional. During the year, the project has benefited **4,068** working or out-of-school children through non-formal/formal education, recreation, psycho-social support, vocational skills, etc. The detail of these children is tabulated in bellow tables.

Children in TACs

Children in 14 TACs as on 31 st Dec. 2010			New children enrolled in 18 TACs during Jan-Nov 2011			Mainstreamed children in formal schools from 18 TACs Jan-Nov 2011			Children Migrated from the Project areas during Jan-Nov 2011			Current Children in 18 TACs as on 15 Nov. 11		
Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total
677	485	1162	440	398	838	301	160	461	152	164	316	652	571	1,223

Total **3,752** children are getting education in formal/non-formal schools as per following details:

#	Description	Number of Children		
		Girls	Boys	Total
01	Current children in 18 TACs	652	571	1,223
02	Children mainstreamed from TACs and direct enrolled in formal schools under PCA 2009, 2010 and 2011 (From TACs 1,009 direct enrolled 1,520). These children are being monitored regularly to prevent drop out.	1,462	1,067	2,529
03	During the year 2011, 316 students of TACs have migrated to other locations.	152	164	316
Total		2,266	1,802	4,068

Class and gender wise present children in 18 TACs

Class	Azaan non-formal package	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	Total children
Girls	188	115	62	94	39	45	44	30	35	652
Boys	258	106	52	69	26	25	22	6	7	571
Total	446	221	114	163	65	70	66	36	42	1,223

Gender wise children enrolled in formal schools directly and being followed-up on regular basis to prevent drop out

Description	Year 2009		Year 2010		Year 2011		Gender wise total		Total
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls + Boys
Number of children enrolled in formal schools directly and being followed-up regularly to prevent drop-out.	115	97	451	316	287	254	853	667	1,520

The children now desire to continue their education in the centers and have sublime dreams about their future. Families of the children are pleased and thankful to UNICEF and CSDO for providing educational support. Talim-ul-Amal Centers have been established at Talwara Mughlan, Rehman Pura, Bhoth, Guri Malian, Ucha Wains, Alhar, Jarianwala, Adda Begowala, Gohdpur, Bhatti Kalan, Pakki Kotli, Peeru Chak, Ramgarha and Kotli Loharan in Sialkot district. Sodhra and Alla Abad in Gujranwala district, and Wadhala and Muslim Town in Narowal district.



Annual examination 2011 of TACs students was held in March 2011 and as per result of the exams, the students have been promoted in next classes. 31 working/out-of-school children of the past have passed grade 5 and 26 grade 8 Board exams and obtained good marks.

In total, 91 children of TACs are appearing in forthcoming annual Board Examination 2012 of class 5th and 8th (57 children class 5th and 34 children class 8th).

3.3 PARENT TEACHERS MEETINGS: For better coordination, ensure regular attendance of children in the Centers and update parents about the performances of their kids, **178** parent teacher meetings were held at 18 TACs. This interaction has helped to bridge the gap between parents and teachers, and ensured regular attendance of children in the Centers.

3.4 Technical Assistance by the Education Department: In order to mainstream children of TACs in formal schools, education department has been fully supporting CSDO. The Education Department has extended its full support in registration of TACs. Two of Talim-ul-Amal Centers (*TAC Talwara Mughlan and TAC Rehman Pura*) has been registered with education department each for girls and boys.

Education department has also provided play grounds of the government school for our football teams. Furthermore, where an issue requires help of the Education Department, this is sought and obtained through intervention of the department.

3.5 Psycho-social Counseling: In order to provide psychological support to the identified children and their families, CSDO has hired a professional psychologist. The psychologist is holding regular psycho-social counseling sessions for the identified children and their families in the centers.

- **368** children having the most problematic personality factors and learning problems have been treated by special counseling and therapeutic techniques.
- Five traumatized children of TACs were referred to Psychiatrists/medical professionals for proper treatment.



Above said **368** children having the most problematic personality factors and learning problems have been treated by special counseling and therapeutic techniques. By regular counseling, children and their families are helped to cope with their personal issues and improve their learning capacities. Moreover, through the trained social organizers and teachers, psychosocial support has been provided to all students of TACs and their families. With this support, students and their parents are enabled to manage their issues and difficulties.

3.6 Rapid Assessment for Future Intervention: Twenty five potential locations of working/out-of-school children were selected from district Sialkot and rapid assessment was carried out by the local volunteers to enlist working and out of school children. As per findings of the assessment, around 2,000 working/ out-of-school children have been identified for possible future intervention.

4. Community mobilization and awareness raising

4.1 Community Action Plans: Community action plans have been developed for 36 community based child protection committees in the selected project areas to handle CP issues at local level. The social organizers of CSDO have facilitated the community members to coordinate with the line department and other service providers. The said action plans include various CP issues such as birth registration, identify and enroll out of school children in schools, coordinate with education department to make government schools functional, etc.

4.2 Formation and strengthening of Community Committees: Under PCA 2011, eight new community Committees (4 female, 4 male) have been formed in the new selected project areas and twenty eight (28) existing committees (14 female and 14 male) have been strengthened to address the Child Protection issues through self-help basis. Regular meetings of the Committees were held by the Social Organizers/Teachers. Each committee comprised of an average 15 members. Proper terms and reference for the community organizations have been developed and circulated among the members of the committees. Monthly conditional cash grant to the deserving children have also been disbursed to children in close coordination with the community committees.



The members of community organizations extended full support to send above-mentioned out-of-school children to schools/ TACs. The committees have been taking keen interest in addressing CP issues at local level and through self-help basis. Besides rendering voluntary services, the committees have supported financially (in-kind) the children. Child Protection Committee of TAC Talwara Mughlan has sustained the vocational skill center "Stitching and Embroidery" through self-help basis.

4.3 Mobilize Communities to send Children to Schools and Awareness Raising on Child Rights: The communities of the selected project areas have been mobilized to send their children to schools. Under the PCA 2009-2010, nine hundred seventy nine (979) children have been enrolled in the formal schools directly and are being properly monitored to prevent dropout. **541 new out-of-school children** from 5–7 years of age in the selected project areas have been enrolled in the formal schools directly. The communities have been made aware of child protection issues and Child rights. IEC material on CP issues has also been disseminated among the communities of selected project areas.



4.4 Awareness-raising through Media: In order to highlight achievements and success stories of children, number of articles and news published in the Nation, Business Recorder and Dawn newspapers. Awareness among the community has also been raised through electronic media. All the articles, news clippings, electronic media reports have already been sent to UNICEF and other concerned stakeholders.

4.5 Promote and ensure Birth Registration: To ensure birth registration of children, CSDO has been working in close coordination with the Officials of Union Councils of the selected project areas. During the year 2011 through social mobilization and with the support of lady health workers and teachers, **603** new born children have been registered with the concerned Union Councils. The community has been made aware on the importance of birth registration of their children. IEC material on the importance of birth registration has been disseminated among the community of the selected project areas.

4.6 Interactive Theater Training: Ten days Interactive theaters training of children/adolescents and social organizers was conducted by the Interactive Resource Center (IRC), Lahore on 4-14 May 2011 in Sialkot. Total ten children of TACs and two Social Organizers of CSDO were trained. The stage play covers various child protection issues like birth registration, importance of education, early marriages, and hazards of Child Labor etc.

4.6.1 Interactive Theaters: Under the project (CAPP), CSDO has trained its own team of children to organize interactive theaters on child protection issues. The trained group of children and Social Organizers performed interactive theaters at all 18 TACs to raise awareness on UNCRC and child protection issues. The youngsters gave sterling performances and during the performances, CSDO team fully involved the community and children in discussion to raise awareness on child protection issues. It has been an excellent experience. Through this exercise thousands of children and community members have been sensitized and motivated to address CP issues. This is an excellent tool to sensitize the community on their real issues related to children. By watching the performance by the children, one can realize the importance of this initiative in real term.



4.7 Conditional Cash Grant: Monthly Conditional cash grant of **Rs. 500/-** per child, per month has been disbursed to **60** the most marginalized and working children for their educational support. This activity has ensured regular attendance of the children in the centers and attracted the marginalized families to send their children to school. This support also supplements their house hold income.



5. Advance vocational skills and mobilization of private sector: Demand driven vocational skill training has been provided to the deprived adolescents to enhance their household income. The following trades were chosen in consultation with the community:

1. Stitching & Embroidery
2. Dress Making
3. Adda Work
4. Electrician
5. Mobile Repairing
6. Computer and Office Management

In total eight (8) vocational skill centers (4 female and 4 male) were established in four selected project areas. This was a three months training program. Fifty seven **57** young girls and women were identified

and trained in the centers. These 57 young girls/women have recently completed the training. In order to start small enterprises of the trained persons and provide them jobs, currently, CSDO team is establishing their linkages with the micro-credit landing agencies and relevant employers. Fifty seven **male** adolescents are still getting the training and their training sessions will be completed within 4th quarter. This component of the project has contributed to enhance household income of the concerned families. The industrialists, vendors, sub-contractors, shopkeepers, etc. in the selected project areas has been motivated not to involve children in hazardous occupations and to support children for their educational activities.

6. Development of Project Documentary:

Video documentary of the project is being developed with the following objective:

- “to highlight achievements of the project and create awareness among the stakeholders at local, national and international level;
- to highlight the project as a successful model to be replicated by the Government and to promote streamlining of activities in government plans”

UNICEF has awarded this assignment to Eiman Ad Communication (Pvt.) Ltd. Lahore. Hopefully, the documentary will be received within November 2011.

7. Participation and Empowerment of Youth

7.1 Celebration of World Day Against Child Labor, Universal Children’s Day.

- ❖ To commemorate World Day Against Child Labor 2011, children seminar was organized on 14th June, 2011 at Rehmat Marriage Hall Sialkot. More than 400 children, Child Protection Officer UNICEF Lahore, Office Bearers of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry, concerned Government departments (Social Welfare, Community Development, Labor, education, etc.), officials of NGOs, industrialists, teachers, parents of the students, members of the community based child protection committees, representatives of media, etc. participated in the event. Children participated in various competitions i.e. hamad, naat, mili nagma, dramas, tableaux, speeches on the importance of education, birth registration and hazards of Child Labor, etc.



- A special dialogue among the students of Talim-ul-Amal Centers, Business Community and Government officials was initiated which was very inspiring for the participants. During the dialogue, working and out-of-school children of the past raised various questions to the employers and Government officials for the protection of their rights. The Government officials and employers while responding to the questions assured their full support to protect the child rights. The guests delivered speeches to encourage the children and distributed prizes to the winning children. A comprehensive report of the event has already been sent to UNICEF and uploaded on the website of CSDO.
- ❖ Universal Children Day 2011 is planned to be celebrated on 19th November, 2011 in Anwaar Club of the District Government. The District Government is providing full support to CSDO in organizing the event.

- 7.2 **Continuation of 14 Football Teams and Formation of new 4 Teams:** Under-14 football teams of **children** have been formed at all eighteen TACs with involvement of formal and non-formal school children. These teams are being registered with the District Football Association (DFA) to ensure their sustainability. In coordination with the Education Department and District Football Association available football grounds of the formal schools and DFA clubs are being used for football coaching and tournaments of kids. Local volunteer football coaches have been providing football coaching to the identified teams of children.

7.3 Soccer ball Tournament for Children: Two under-14 Soccer ball tournaments (each for girls and boys) will be organized in December 2011 to promote sports activity and physical development. All football teams formed under the project will participate in the tournaments. CSDO has mobilized the Soccer ball manufacturing firms to support football teams of children. So far, four Soccer ball manufacturers, participating in the Child Labour Elimination Programme, have assured that they will co-sponsor the tournaments.

7.4 Recreation event for Children: Recreation event was organized at 18 Talim-ul-Amal Centers from 17-22 September, 2011 to promote extracurricular and healthy activities among the children of TAC's. Around 1300 children participated in various competitions i.e. Cricket matches, badminton, apple eating, rope skipping, musical chairs, balloon filling, etc.

7.5 Youth Groups: For active participation and empowerment of children, thirty six youth groups (18 girls and 18 boys) have been formed. Each group consists of around 15 to 20 children. Monthly meetings of the youth groups are organized at the centers. The youth groups have been helpful to address the child protection issues in the selected project areas. District level Youth Parliament consists of TACs students has also been formed. Currently, members of youth parliament are performing various tasks in their respective centers. District level event of the YP is being organized in December 2011 to further define role of the parliament.

7.6 Performance Awards for Children/ Teachers: Best performance awards were awarded to the students of TACs for their regular attendance, best performance in various school competitions, etc. Performance awards were also distributed to 157 those children who obtained 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in annual examination 2011. Best performance awards were also presented to the teachers.



8. Capacity Building of Peer Educators: Capacity of 50 (girls 24, boys 26) peer educators/ mentors and teachers of new four TACs was built on various child protection issues including Life Skills. The training covered various child protection issues and life skills: problem solving, decision making, self-awareness, communication, creative thinking, critical thinking, empathy, stress management, interpersonal relationships, and coping with emotions. These peer educators have served as trainers to further train 10 peers each, thus creating a strong team of **630** peer educators.

9. Monitoring: All the project activities are being monitored regularly by the Project Team, Technical Committee, UNICEF, SWD and the Management Committee of CSDO to keep the project on right track.

10. Capacity Building of Project Staff

- Four-day capacity building workshop on Child Protection was held from 4 to 7 July, 2011 at Murree. Six monitoring staff and fourteen teachers attended the training. After attending the training, performance of the staff has been improved. They have been managing CP issues more appropriately.
- Exposure visits of monitoring staff was arranged to the following organizations with the key purpose to understand how the deserving children can be linked with the agencies working for welfare of children and adolescents as well as explore opportunities for possible Public Private Partnership.



- ❖ Punjab Welfare Trust for Disable Children

- ❖ Social Welfare Department and Bait-ul-Mal, Lahore.
- ❖ National Rural Support Program (NRSP) Rawalpindi
- ❖ Adult Basic Education Society (ABES) Rawalpindi

11. Donor Conference: Donor conference is planned to be held in first week of December 2011.

12. Addendum: CSDO is signing addendum with UNICEF to have collaboration with Social Welfare Department to expand the model of Sanatzar in the outskirts of Sialkot where needy people cannot access such services otherwise due to long distance and poverty. Keeping in view the sustainability of the project, CSDO will implement the project through public private partnership which will ensure its sustainability as the same model will be replicated in a more expanded form with the collaboration of Government by next year after this three months initial phase. Under the addendum following major activities to be implemented:

❖ **Need Assessment/Evaluation for way forward.** Objective of the assessment are as follows:

- map enterprises development opportunities
- identify locally demand driven trades and resource centres
- identify available vocational skill training services for deserving persons with the Government Departments and find ways how the Government (Santzar, TEVTA, VTI, etc.) could expand outreach of their services in remote areas of Sialkot.
- identify employment and micro-credit opportunities for skilled persons so that they themselves should work to enable their children to receive education.
- trade wise enlist minimum 50 companies/organizations requiring skilled persons (young girls/women and men) for employment and find ways how the private sector could provide skill training and employment opportunity to the deserving persons through public private partnership or joint intervention of CSDO and SCCI/industry.
- identify resources, possibilities and opportunities for the continuity and sustainability of skill training component of the project especially through public private partnership.

- ❖ Capacity Building of SWD/Sanatzar Sialkot
- ❖ Establishment of Mobile Vocational Skill Centers in Remote Areas
- ❖ Develop linkages of deserving women with the employers to provide them jobs
- ❖ Award Ceremony for the trained Adolescents

This joint project of UNICEF and CSDO has received immense public appreciation. The continuity of this project is essential for sustaining the benefits of educating more than **four thousand children** in formal and non-formal schools. It is necessary to ensure the continuity of the project by expanding its scope to the entire region. **An excellent project, directly benefitting children and marginalized section of the society needs to be sustained for a longer period of time to achieve and sustain the desired objectives.** There is potential to cover a large number of such children, raise awareness, enhance skills and income generation, and generally to achieve the objectives of the “Child & Adolescent Protection Project”. CSDO is approaching concerned Government Departments and other agencies working for the protection of children to explore opportunities for sustainability of the project.