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1. Introduction

Pakistan is the country most vulnerable to climate change. It is exposed to a number of server 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.

In 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 Government of Sindh's efforts of resilient development, national organization Research and Development Foundation (www.rdfoudnation.org.pk) in partnership with 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 with the KNH Partners Community Uplift Program (CUP) and the RASTI organized this day-long conference, that aims to discuss climate risks to the lives of children and youth in Pakistan and find out an agreed upon way forward for the future. Being held in the provincial capital cities, where the experts, children and youth have to share their experience of climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and explore future actions to address these challenges from the children and youth perspective.



Conference objectives

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

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). 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.





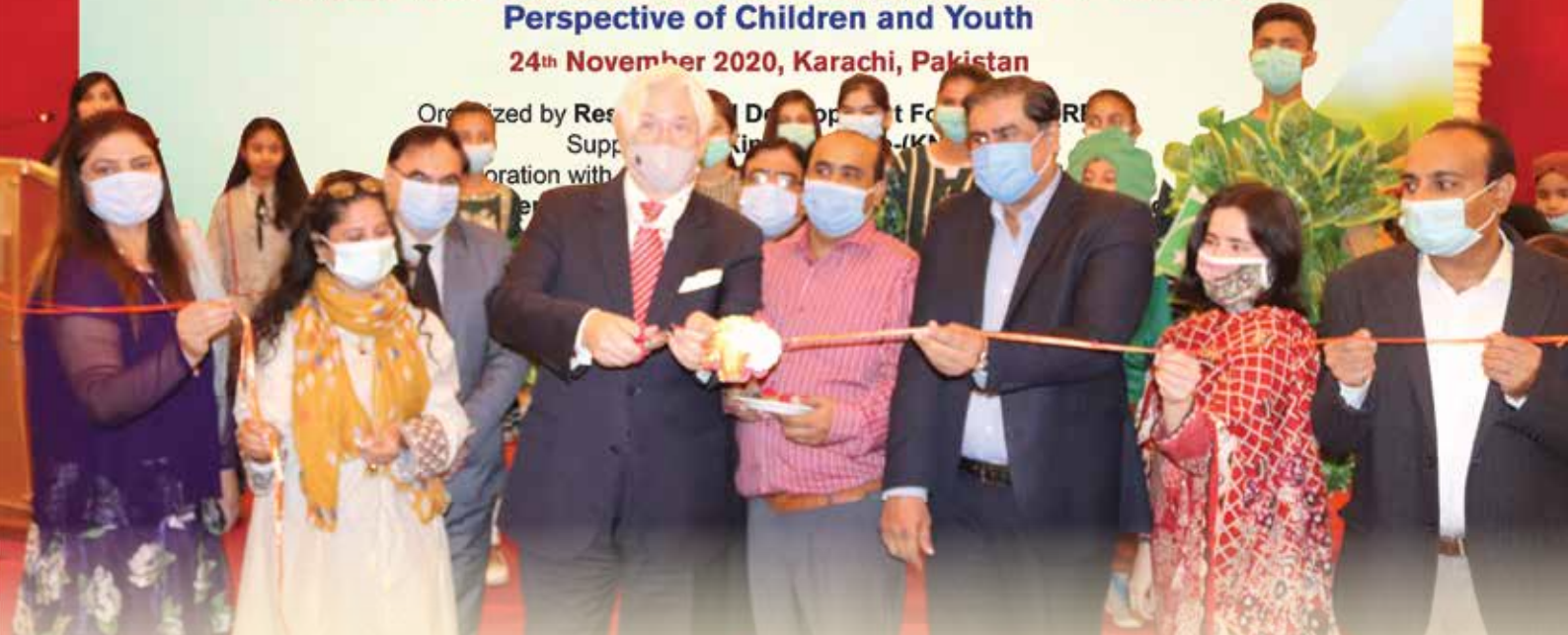
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2. Inauguration of the Conference

Mr. Holger Ziegeler, Consul General of Germany in Karachi inaugurated the conference with cutting of ribbon together with **Ms. Kiran Shahzadi**-Country Director-KHN, **Prof. Waheeda Balouch**-Vice Chairperson-RDF, **Mr. Nazeer Memon**, BOD Member RDF, **Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Soomro**-Executive Director RDF, **Mr. Riaz Ahmed** DG Meteorological Department Pakistan, representatives

of academia, Civil Society, media and student, children and youth from seven districts of Sindh.

Later, after Recitation the verses from Holy Quran by a young girl, 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 Session and Speech by the Chief Guests

The proceedings of the conferences proceeded with speeches by key speakers

Key Speakers were:



Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Soomro
Executive Director-RDF



Ms. Kiran Shahzadi,
Country Coordinator-KNH



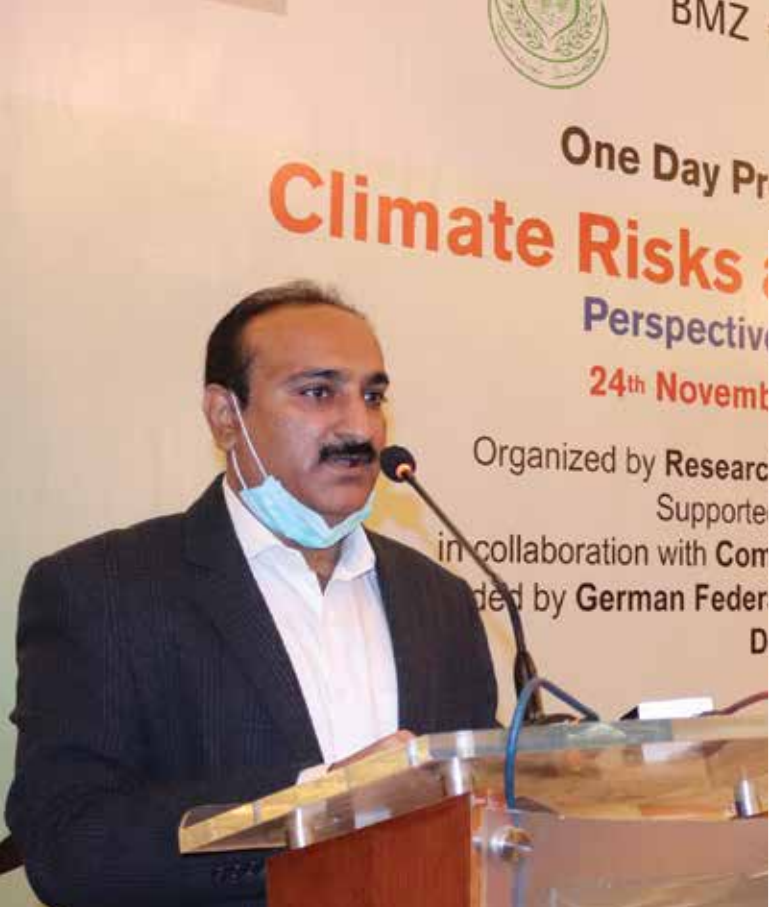
Mr. Holger Ziegeler
Consul General of Federal Republic of
Germany in Karachi Sindh



Mr. Murtaza Wahab
Advisor to Chief Minister of Sindh, for
Law, Environment and Climate Change



Prof. Waheeda
Vice Chairperson-RDF



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

Mr. Soomro welcomed children, youth, all the guests and participants of the conference. In his opening remarks, he said that RDF has organized three provincial conferences in Quetta, Lahore and Peshawar, today is the 4th conference in Karachi and these all four conferences will be followed by the National conference in Islamabad. He thanked the kind assistance of the KNH and BMZ, making children a part of the climate dialogues and helping them to be resilient withstand climate shocks and lead a prosperous future, that is their fundamental right.

He said that all stakeholders should come forward to work together for a bright and resilient future prospects for the children and youth, who are 64% of Pakistan's total population. "We are the fifth youngest nation in the world, but at the same time we are fifth nation most vulnerable to climate change affects," he added. He urged for the child-centered mechanisms to address plights of the children during any disaster. "The government should work on making schools green and clean," he said.



Ms. Kiran Shahzadi
Country Coordinator-KNH in Pakistan

Ms. Kiran Shahzadi said that KNH is a German child focused organization which is working in Pakistan through 23 projects since late 70's supporting many child and climate related projects in Pakistan. She added that mostly beneficiaries target group is children of respective areas and we reached approximately 15000 children through different activities of projects.

It's rarely discussed that children are the major victims of climate change and initiatives should be taken for this purpose. However, it is also important to raise awareness on children's rights in the country. She said that girls, who continue to be vulnerable, are also focus of our work. We empower girls by forging strong communities.

The best part of this conference is that children and youth are involved in it where their perspectives regarding climate change and its impacts on their lives along with their recommendations for coping with this issue will be considered.



Mr. Holger Ziegler
Consul General of Germany in Karachi

Mr. Holger Ziegler, 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. "There is a dire need for people to recognize the severity of climate change impacts," he added and encouraged children and youth to play an active role in combating climate change. He also presented shields and certificates to the students and youth for their active participation in the conference.



Mr. Murtaza Wahab,
Advisor to Chief Minister of Sindh on Law,
Environment and Climate Change

Mr. Murtaza Wahab said that the climate change is a global issue, but it impacts poor areas enormously, so the awareness regarding climate change is very crucial for mitigating its affects. He appreciated the strategies of RDF to engage children and youth from Tharparkar, Khipro and far-flung areas of seven districts of Sindh who are interacting with German experts and German Consulate on this important issue. Youth is the agent of change and involving them in solving various issues of the world is very important for achieving maximum results. 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. He appreciated the presence of the children from Achro Thar and said that it was quite inspiring to see these children actively participating in the conference. He showed his hope that these children will go back to their villages with a message of climate action for their communities. He concluded by saying that these little brilliant minds should be secured from COVID-19 so that they could take action for climate change. He also presented shields and certificates to the students and youth who showed an active participation throughout the conference.

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Play for the Planet; a tableau on Environment by the Children

Children 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 “like a tree stay grounded, keep growing,

know when to let go”.

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 Discussion: Children and Youth Led Climate Actions in Pakistan: Challenges and Success

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Key Speakers were:

Moderator



Ms. Roshni
 Student of University of Sindh,
 Jamshoro



Ms. Noor Bano
 Student of Sir Syed University of
 Engineering and Technology Karachi

Panel Discussion



Mr. Rashid Bajeer
 Member of School Environment Club from
 Tharparkar



Mr. Mohammad Haneef
 Member of School Environment Club
 from Sanghar



Ms. Line Niedeggen
 (A youth activist from Germany)

MS. Noor Bano

Student of Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi

Ms Noor, student of 4th year Architect of Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi in her speech in which she highlighted environmental issues and talked about the impacts of pollution in cities affecting children and youth. She also highlighted the issues of climate change in Pakistan, i.e Water Stressed Nation, Pesticides, Bad sewerage system and dumping, Contaminated pipeline, Unavailability of clean water, Diseases because of Pollution, Burning of Garbage, Air pollution, Half of the million children die due to air pollution and more than half million die on every year due to pollution. She further added that, being a nation, we prefer to the short-term benefits instead of long-term, she said that in which direction we are going? We are a prisoner for our creation. According to Sindh environment protection agency Sindh is four times more populated instead of WHO standards.



Mohammad Hanif

from White (Achrro) Thar of Khipro

Mr. Hanif mentioned about the background of his village saying that White Thar of District Sanghar is considered to be one of the most important districts of Sindh, with an ecological and geographical location, 4142 square miles, with a population of about 2.5 million people, covering an area of 25 million acres, consisting of 3000 primary schools and 103 middle schools. The white desert is a large desert area. In 2013, there was also a Chotiari Dam, which has an irrigation capacity of 87.5 feet, which could cover 10 feet during the 2011 flood.

While highlighting the impacts of natural calamities and unfavorable human activities, he said that the recent rains has damaged 76 Dehs of Taluka Khipro. The Locust attack, storms, flood, unseasonal rain, heat intensity, smoke from factories, where there is no filter plant, no servicing of smokeless vehicles, growing of cucumbers deforestation, misuse of water and shutting down of natural water lapses, reducing agricultural production, mortality of livestock and wildlife due to constant drought in the desert are all impacts of climate change. For that, the government and all stakeholders should take initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change.

He further said that he is a student of Boys Primary School of Jamal Bhayo, a small village in Sanghar district. where the students, teachers and RDF is jointly playing an important role in mitigating the effects of climate change. Teacher of his school Mr. Mohammad Khan has established a School Environmental Club at the school level in collaboration with RDF in which students as members of club, work for the environment conservation. They plant trees in their school and town. They also take care of cleanliness of gardens and create environment friendly drawings for conveying their messages, ensure reduced use of plastic bags and proper garbage disposal.



He said, we plant trees and now gardens can be found in the school and our village. We also clean the school and gardens, time to time, as well as we create environmental friendly drawings, and reduce the use of plastic bags, to keep garbage in a safe place. Training sessions on hygiene are also conducted in schools and communities. Daily Hygiene practices by children and staff along with maintaining hygiene of the whole school is now focused. RDF also supported to increase the enrollment of girls in school

Before that, the girls had a lot of problems for attending school Now, they are in Wash facility school. The enrollment of the girls has increased. We did not have any extracurricular activities other than education, but the RDF provided us with sports equipment and ammunition at the school which has developed the interest of the children and now they come to school with great interest.

Mr. Rasheed Bajeer

Student from Tharparkar

Tharparkar is a backward area of Sindh but a marker of nature of all the deserts in the world, this desert of Tharparkar is also a gift of nature. The survival of all flora and fauna depends on rainwater and the major source of income is rain-fed agriculture and livestock, which is totally dependent on rain-fal. Beauty of Tharparkar, which includes the Karunjhar Mount, the temple of the Jain Dharum, historical mosque of Bhodesar, of parkar areas are exist in Nangarparkar.

The Karoonjhar Hill is not only a stone but it also has over 400 herbs and shrubs found and used in many tactics. The Karoonjhar generate the revenue on daily basis is estimated at one kilo of gold through different source i-e rich in mineral resource, different type of fuana and flora, source of animal fodder.

There is both Hindus and Muslims share with each other's grief and sorrow but also celebrate the festivals which are a great example of interfaith harmony. There are many beautiful animal and birds like Deer, Wild cow, radish, fishing cat, pigeon, partridge, and peafowl are available.

Research and Development Foundation since last eight years has been working in drought affected areas of



Taluka Chachro and Daheli and organizing village level community and also formed the school environment clubs under the projects. Due to RDF training, local community understand and cope with climate change and are taking measures to reduce their affects. The villages committees has taken the effort to announce the ban on tree cutting and preserves thousands of acres of pasture land. However, water harvest of rain through the cemented ponds and home surface tanks at household level have been constructed to collect rainwater to endure the water shortage.

Line Niedeggen

(A youth activist lady of German)

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. She mentioned that this global climate strike movement was started in August 2018, when 15-year-old Greta Thunberg began a school strike for climate. After that, many climate strikes are held in Germany by youth and children to raise their voice for climate action. 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. It was the global strike which was taken into the streets by over a millions of people. This is a global movement and all the countries are now participating in it. It first began at local level, then national and then European level. The one aspect of this movement is to build bridges among everyone to connect people to observe and realize that what's our future and what can be done to protect it. She emphasized that people should listen to the science, not to individuals, not to Greta, not to me but to the best scientific results.

The youth raised the concerns that the children become worst and first affected of any disaster in the country, therefore their future comes at risk and they face severe



problems of displacement, loss of education, health, food security and protection.

Climate change is an imminent threat, there is need to think about climate change by keeping in mind children and future generations because science proves that almost every sphere of the nature will be affected by it. It's high time we take actions and everyone should stand together for it.



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

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Key Speakers were:

Moderator



Mr. Mohammad Riaz
 Director General Pakistan Meteorology Department



Prof. Mohammad Ismail Kumbhar
 Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam

Panelist:



Mr. Nasir Panhwer
 eminent environmentalist & Consultant of Government of Sindh



Prof. Nawaz Kumbhar
 writer and representative of civil society



Mr. Fazal Noor
 Expert of planning and architect,

Mr Riaz Ahmed

Director General, Pakistan Metrological Department

Mr. Riaz Ahmed said that climate change issue is not a short term problem but a long process to be look after. He refers to the data generated through 8/9 parameter by meteorological department about the extreme weather witnessed in Pakistan in recent years. He further added that fluctuation in rain-fall of 2020 specially in the month of august in Sindh is large and causing urban flooding instead of riverine floods. He also shared that the urban flood is more dangerous than river flooding and the frequency and damages of urban flooding is more than the rivers flooding.

He further added that the climate change is an established fact and its impacts on water, agriculture, health, biodiversity, forest and socio-economic sectors are quite visible around the globe. The parameters of climate change are also related with geographical condition of the area, he added. changes in pattern of rain-fall, raising of temperature day by day, sea level raising, thunder storm are all manifestations of changing climate. He said that, we can't cope with these issues without the involvement of children because these are the change agent of society and messages are widely



disseminating by children instead of over 50 years men. We can easily inspire, sensitze and mobilize the young minds of children and they can work with dedication and zeal on climate change.

Mr. Nasir Panhwer

Environmentalist & Consultant, Government of Sindh

He discussed on the collaborative mechanisms in the province about the disaster management and climate change adaptation. He said that economy is more prioritized than ecology. Climate change is affecting life stock and everything that is the most important aspect of income and food, Mankind himself is the cause of all these climate disasters.

Syllabus for school children should be revised and topics of Climate change and DRR should be incorporated through integration in all relevant subjects. Extracurricular activities and exposure visits of Lakes, Wetland, Sea, Iceland, national parks of nature should be organized for children and students in climate change perspectives.

He advised that youth is the back bone of the society, we need to capitalize on youth's ability and strength in solving these issues and youth and children to take self-initiative to reduce the carbon foot prints in their daily lives. He recommended to adapt the 3 R rule (reduce, recycle and reuse) and complete the need through this strategy for combating the climate change affects. Finally, he advises and emphasized on minimizing the use of paper work and promoting electronic documentation in offices, reduce consumer culture during shopping,



promote the traditional bags for shopping and ensure maximum plantation in homes and schools.

Prof. Muhammad Fazal Noor

Expert of planning and architect,

Mr. Fazal Noor discussed about the disasters and well being of children in Sindh. He said that different human activities like deforestation brings variations in the geographical condition of the area which affects the climate of that area impacting the well-being of animals, wind, soil and rain patterns and other environmental changes of that particular area. All these variations becomes a cause of natural disasters including heavy rainfalls which brings huge destruction affecting everyone adversely including children.. He highlighted that rising population and the consequent exploitation of the natural environment has placed heavy pressure on both global soil resources and tropical forests. He stressed upon initiating proper planning to avoid such disasters and for ensuring immediate response to mitigate the impact of any such disaster. He further emphasized on the need to avoid establishing human settlements in the areas where there are forests.



Prof. Ismail Kumbhar

Sindh Agriculture University Tando Jam

He said, as I know RDF is the first organization in the country which is working to contribute their efforts in tackling climate change issues and securing children's future. Currently we have only two seasons rather than four for the cropping specially in Sindh, due to the changes in climate. Agriculture sector has been affected severely because of the climate change. Drastic changes in climate change has affected a lot of the crops and fruits in Sindh like (Banana). There is need to improve the cropping pattern and take initiatives for LAPA and cropping calendar. The performance of school environment club children is very attractive. These types of clubs and youth ambassador groups should be formed at university level.

He further said that the climate change policies should be developed and all action plans regarding environment should be taken as priority and be implemented by government authorities to overcome the impacts of the disasters. Follow-ups should be done on whatever has been said and done in this conference. All the suggestions and debates should be taken into consideration. So that we save not just ourselves but also help our future generations. Government institutes like NDMA, PDMA, DDMA contributes more through their service and information dissemination.

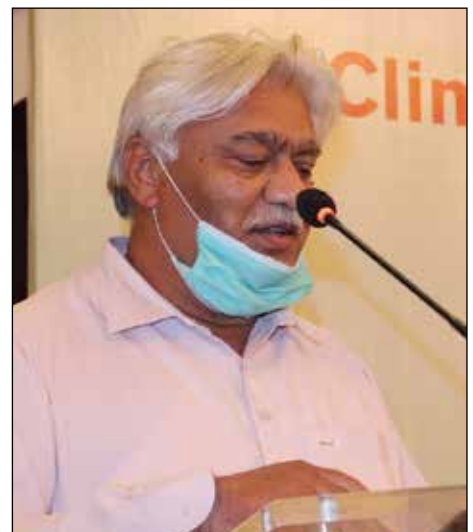


Prof. Nawaz Kumbhar

Write and Professor Government Degree College Sanghar

Mr. Nawaz Kumbhar, while highlighting the environmental issues of Sindh province, said that there is no any legislation to protect the honey bees, on the other hand everyone is well aware regarding the benefits of honey. Lack of Importance on nature and wildlife is a matter of concern in our country. The Nara canal drainage systems in khipro failure has resulted in destruction of plants and agriculture.

Children and women are the first and most affected segments of the population during natural disasters. He added that floods and rising temperatures are directly related to climate change. He said that in 2011, 200 mm rainfall was recorded in Khipro, Sindh but recently 500 mm rain fall was recorded in same vicinity. He said that heavy rain has damaged crops and other social infrastructure in Sindh. He said that out of total 11 affected districts, 8 districts are worst affected and water is standing in crops and schools are surrounded by water. The livelihood of the disadvantaged segments of population was hard hit by Covid-19 and now flood had sapped remaining nominal resilience of the rural population. He feared that due to standing water and no drainage of the rain/flood water, schools may remain close in those area and children's education will be main causality.





Questions by the Children and Youth and Answers by the Panelists

- Q - Does deforestation policy should be given a logical reasoning?
- Q- Climate change studies should be implemented in every education system
- Q- Why still no any weather station in Sanghar?
- Q- Focus on Strictness in preventing cutting and social issues.
- Q- Cloning in terms of agriculture good or bad? Contamination in the coastal waters. Food chain and nature's cycle is also being department.



Answer by Prof. Ismail kumbhar on Agriculture advancement: we have enough agriculture fields and no need to do any artificial things.

Answer by: Mr. Nasir Panhwar: an environmentalist: Riverine areas are being flooded hence the plants are not being grown, and also cutting of the trees is the main factor in deforestation. Plantation drives are also lacking the continuity. Local and traditional ways of plantations should be implemented. Manmade factors should be taken care severely.



Answer by Meteorological department expert: We 24/7 keep on generate data on climate and weather situations and also monitoring them. We have data gathered for over generations. We have several methodological observation stations placed in several areas of Pakistan and Sindh. Weather Station for Sanghar would also be in the agenda. Having a data is most important in understanding about any issue in the world. Meteorological department hence is the most crucial in solving the issue of climate change.



Recommendations of the Youth and Children on Climate Change

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. K9Affective 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. This declaration will further be ratified at the national conference that will hold in Islamabad.



Conference Declaration

Ms Aqsa Iqbal presented the conference declaration encompassing the recommendations of the children, youth and other speakers.

This conference on climate change Risks and Children's security declares that the children's vulnerability to climate changes fundamentally threatens the realization of many of their rights as stated in the UN convention on the Rights of the Child. It multiple their vulnerabilities. The conference opines that the children's rights of dignified access to safe water, sanitation, quality education, food, health, socialization, participation and association are affected in any disaster.

The Conference organized by Research and Development Foundation (RDF) with the collaboration of Kindernothilfe (KNH) eV Germany, Community Uplift Program (CUP) and RASTI significantly discussed climate change issue from the children and youth perspective that was first of its kind in Pakistan.

The Conference affirms that there is a lack of child centered climate change governance structures and program that safeguard the dignity of the children. Children particularly from vulnerable and poor communities are affected at large in any climate induced disaster, thus their future is at stake, mainly because of their immunity.

In many cases, children couldn't continue their education in the wake of any disaster. Disaster severely affect the

learning and education of children. Usually in Pakistan schools are used as shelter or camps for flood affected people. The mental and cognitive development retards in many cases. Hence, this conference propose that the learning of children should be not compromised in any case.

The issue is of the displacement of children due to any disaster, children's protection issue arises and they become at risk. All who have the responsibility of protecting the future of children should aggressively ensure the protection of children in any climate induced disaster.

It is evident that the climate change threatens food resources, security, health and the stock, of that the children become first victim. The physical and psychological development deteriorates in disasters.

The conference proposes to the government for the formulation of children commission on Environment and Climate change' to take care of the rights of children at risk and assure the implementation of child centered environmental governance and policies.

Considering the policy implementation gaps, it suggests formulation of child friendly environmental policies and program that safeguard the participation of children and their aspiration in environmental and climate change adaptation initiatives.



Prof. Waheeda Baloch's Concluding Remarks

She appreciated the speech of kid's from Achro Thar, during speeches created hope that children and youth can play important role in climate change challenges. She emphasized the garbage recycling and formation environmental clubs in Universities and institutions

in doing things in practicality on Climate changes. She further said that, we need more activists for this cause and media playing a major role to combat the climate change. Finally, she gratitude towards the RDF and KHN's efforts to contribute for combating the global issue.

Vote of Thanks



Mr. Niaz Sial, Community Specialist of RDF in the end paid vote of thanks to the audience, speakes, guests and organizers.



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Paintings on Climate Change

Children from Tharparkar and Sanghar displays the paintings on climate change on stage, which were reflect to the climate changes.





Media Coverage of the Conference



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.

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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.

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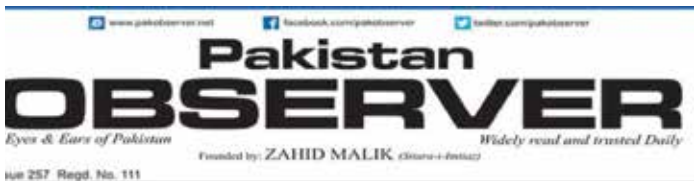




موسمی خطرات سے نمٹنے میں ہر شہری کی کردار ادا کرے، مرنظمی وہاب

بچوں کو کوئی بیماریوں پر بھی آگاہی دینا ہوگی، مشیر قانون و ماحولیات

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ترجمان حکومت سندھ اور مشیر قانون و ماحولیات ہر مرنظمی وہاب نے "موسمیاتی تبدیلی بچوں کے مستقبل" کے موضوع پر مشفقہ کانفرنس میں بحیثیت مہمان خصوصی شرکت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے آگاہی اور اس کے اثرات سے بچاؤ کیلئے مشترکہ حکمت عملی اختیار کرنا ہمارا اجتماعی فریضہ ہے۔ انہوں نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ دنیا بھر میں نوجوان تبدیلی کے سحر جانتے جاتے ہیں اور انہیں بچوں کو نہ صرف ماحولیاتی تبدیلی اور اس کے اثرات پر کوئی وارننگ نہیں دہانی پناہیوں کی بھی آگاہی دینی ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بچوں کو ہر شہری کی کردار ادا کرنا ہے۔



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Conference highlights impact of climate change on Sindh's children

By Zia Qureshi

KARACHI: Children and youth hailing from various schools, colleges and public universities of Sindh discussed their experiences of dealing with climate change and its impact and vulnerabilities and the way forward to address these challenges, at a first of its kind conference on climate change and the risks that it poses to the future of Pakistan children.



The event was held at a local hotel in Karachi and more than 150 children and youth, government officials and representatives of the civil society took part. The participants of the event were of the opinion that children's rights to dignified access to safe water, sanitation, quality education, food, health, socialisation, participation and association were affected by climate change. They called

for strengthening disaster management and adaptation mechanisms in Sindh. The conference was organized by the Research and Development Foundation (RDF) in collaboration with the German international child focused development organization, Kindernothilfe (KNH), co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (GIZ) and the Government of Sindh. The German Consul General in Karachi, the Honorary Mr

Wolfgang Dierker inaugurated the conference. The chief guest was Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh, Mr Mansoor Wabari who in his address told the audience that government is leading climate change is crucial for mitigating its adverse effects. Advisor Wabari also emphasized the strategies of the KNH in engaging the women, children and youth of Tharparkar, Khipri and other remote areas of lesser districts in Sindh who are interacting with German experts and members of the German Consulate

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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. "There is a dire need for people to recognize the severity of climate change impacts," he added and encouraged children and youth to play an active role in combating climate change.

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