



**Network of Organisations  
Working for People  
with Disabilities,  
Pakistan**

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## Executive Summary

In 2010, Network of Organizations Working for People with Disabilities, Pakistan (NOWPDP) undertook a range of activities and initiatives targeting different stakeholders of the society. The activities ranged from conducting workshops with parents of children with disabilities to create awareness about educating and raising children with disabilities; building the capacity of Special Education teachers through teacher trainings; and conducting teacher and community awareness trainings in disability sensitization and inclusive education to equip the teachers with the skills/tool to work to work effectively with their students with disabilities.



Parents Workshop organized by NOWPDP on International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2010

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## 1. Parent Workshops – International Day for Persons with Disabilities 2010

### Goal

Parents of children with disabilities, noted speakers, and participant schools gathered at the Pool Marquee, Marriott Karachi to celebrate the International Day for People with Disabilities, 2010 – an initiative of NOWPDP and Inclusive Society Pakistan (ISP). The main objectives were:

- Educate parents of children with disabilities, from all major special education schools in the city, about their children’s rights and capabilities
- Publish a booklet with relevant information and contact details for parents.
- Create a network of parent support groups across Karachi.

### Our Contribution

The event marked the celebration of People with Disabilities (PWDs) in Pakistan. The event included diverse events in line with the theme ‘Celebrating Disability’ – ISP employing NOWPDP’s platform to introduce their behavioral management booklet to parents, and signing up parents for Parent Support Groups across Karachi. The event consisted of key notes, panel discussions, and children’s participation:

- Ms. Ayesha Jamal spoke on “Celebrating Compassion not Sympathy”
- “Circle of Care” – a circle of children – that integrate children with disabilities in their school narrating their experience and view on disabilities.
- QnA Session – between parents and panelists
- Mr. Tahir Iqbal spoke on PWDs and their support through NOWPDP
- Mr. Intizar Hussain spoke about growing up with partial visual impairment as a child and the support of his peers and parents.
- Amna Khan (from ISP) introduced her organization and launched the Parent Support Groups. To achieve the aim of making the event inclusive for all the audience, the entire event was interpreted by Naila Aijaz from JS Academy for the Deaf.

### Impact

Over 300 parents of children with disabilities who attended the event benefited by:

- Increased awareness, especially pertaining to education and raising children with disabilities.
- Resolved questions and concerns by panelists
- Launch of Parents support groups
- Dissipated information about legal rights of PWDs
- The platform for all parents to come together and interact with each other and with experts, etc.

## **2. Teacher Training Programme**

### **Goal**

In a country where several systems of education run parallel, special education is an arena that lacks mainstream attention. “Journey of Hope”: a report by Aga Khan Council (2008) highlighted facts about lack of trained Special Education teachers. E.g., from a total of 2992 Special Education teachers in Pakistan, only 18% have qualifications related to Special Education.

NOWPDP launched the initiative ‘Master’s Trainers Program’, funded by SJDA, on early childhood development for children with special abilities. The overall program objective was to enhance the caliber of special education teachers to provide quality education to children, while taking care of their needs, not just in Karachi but across Pakistan as well.

### **Methodology**

Focus of training was to train volunteers to become Master Trainers who would then pass their training across Pakistan. NOWPDP’s comprehensive plan also included integrated periodic feedback, countering the broken Ripple Effect – a post-training problem where the trainees did not pass on their training.

### **Teacher Training Programme - Phase 1**

The objective was to enhance the capacity of special education teachers by introducing a relatively new teaching technique that enables them to teach children to read using Sight Reading. The Master Trainer Mary A. Reik, Director at Family Educational Services Foundation, along with trainers - Ayesha S. Jamal, Sadia Tariq, Tehmeena Waqas, and Yasmeen Mohammad trained the teachers in Karachi (conducted in Aga Khan University – Institute of Educational Development) from March – December 2010.

### **3. Education Development Improvement Programme – Gilgit/Baltistan**

#### **Goal**

NOWPDP became an implementing partner in the Education Development and Improvement Programme (EDIP) in July 2010 – funded by AusAID, which aims to:

- Save resources on input – teachers, infrastructure, etc.
- Include children with disabilities in mainstream society
- Improvement of schools through various activities conducted by each EDIP partner
- Allow children without disabilities to interact with those who are different
- Allow a child with disabilities to stay with their age group and peers for as long as possible.

#### **Our Contribution**

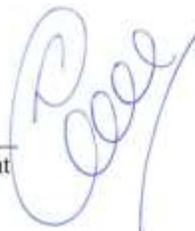
- EDIP is targeting 98 schools in six districts – Gilgit, Hunza-Nagar, Skardu, Ghanche, Astore, and Ghizer; over a period of three years.
- NOWPDP is implementing, as part of the whole-school improvement programme, teacher and community awareness trainings in disability sensitization and inclusive education for children with mild to moderate disabilities.
- With 21 teacher-training sessions across Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) and supervising at least 106 community awareness sessions with Local Level Institutions (LLIs), these trainings provides teachers with the basic tools/skills they require to identify potential indicators of disability in their classes and to work effectively with their students with disabilities.
- Approximately 525 teachers from 106 participating schools across G-B are included in the training.
- NOWPDP is also providing technical input to AKPBS, P for the retro-fitting of schools. At least three schools in each cluster have been chosen for retrofitting for accessibility.

**4. Audited Accounts**

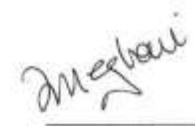
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	Note	2010 Rupees	Nov 01, 2008 to June 30, 2009 Rupees
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>			
Cash at bank		223,765	-
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
	3	2,269,648	1,417,800
		<u>2,493,413</u>	<u>1,417,800</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
	4	2,410,353	1,194,035
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>			
Cash at bank	5	79,580	223,765
Cash in hand		3,480	-
		<u>2,493,413</u>	<u>1,417,800</u>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts.

  
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President

  
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General Secretary

  
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Treasurer

**NETWORK OF ORGANISATION WORKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PAKISTAN  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

**1 STATUS & NATURE**

Network of Organisations Working for People with Disabilities, Pakistan (NOWPDP) Karachi, was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, on May 18, 2009 as charitable organisation for the purpose of providing strategic support to organisations working for people with disabilities to make a significant contribution to the welfare and improved quality of life of such people and to impart training to people with disabilities.

**2 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The receipts and payments account has been prepared on cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting.

<b>3 RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2010 Rupees</b>	<b>Nov 01, 2008 to June 30, 2009 Rupees</b>
Program Sponsorship (Note 3.1)	188,000	420,800
Donations	1,844,804	997,000
Grants (Note 3.2)	204,439	-
Interest Income	4,405	-
Others	28,000	-
	<b>2,269,648</b>	<b>1,417,800</b>

3.1 The amount was contributed by Karachi Electric Supply Corporation as an sponsorship for the FunFair organised in November 2009 in order to generate funds to provide strategic support to organisations working for people with disability and to impart training to people with such disabilities.

3.2 During the year, the organisation has received grants worth Rs 128,173 and Rs 76,266 from Australian High Commission and Silver Jubilee Development Agency respectively.