

# International Conference on Community-based Empowerment of Vulnerable Children

## 1<sup>st</sup> Consultative Workshop

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**Orphan Support Program**  
Helping Hand for Relief & Development – Pakistan

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**Date:** August 16  
**Venue:** Laraib Inn, G-9/4  
**No of Participants:**  
**No of Organizations:**  
**Agenda:**

- Tilāwat
- Introduction to HHRD
- Conference & Its Thematic Areas
- Open Discussion
- Vote of Thanks
- Address by Country Director



### Objectives:

- To initiate HHRD Networking with other 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organizations in the field of child empowerment.
- To discuss the theme of upcoming International conference of HHRD with development professionals.
- Looking volunteer contribution for the conference.



**Introduction to HHRD:****Conference & Its Thematic Areas:****Open Discussion:**

Mr. Asim Nadeem, Coordinator Capacity Building, introduced HHRD, Upcoming Conference and Thematic Areas of the Conference. He also conducted the open discussion in the workshop

**Conclusion Made:**

The conclusion of the workshop is in Annex-I under the heading of Knowledge Gained

**Vote of Thanks:**

After Having in depth discussion, Mr. Arif Khalil, Program Manager Orphan Support Program, share his views, and said that HHRD will incorporate participants' input in upcoming workshop. At the end, he said thanks to all of the participants from HHRD, and wished that the participants will contribute for the workshop with the same sprit as they had shown in the workshop.

**Ending Address by Country Director:**

Mr Fazal-ur-Rahman, Country Director HHRD, in his ending address, discussed: first, HHRD interventions and upcoming conference; second, importance of exchanging ideas and experience sharing in 3<sup>rd</sup> sector; and, third, the objectives of the Consultative Workshop. At the end, he said thanks to all of the participants, and hoped that all of the participants will contribute, as per their expertise, in the conference.





## **Annex 1:**

## **Knowledge Gained**

### **Alternate Approach to Define Vulnerability:**

Instead of defining vulnerability as 'expose to any negative outcome in Child Development', it can be defined, in light of Child Rights, as 'probability that a child may not get his/her right(s)'.

### **Major Objections Made about Topic and Theme of Workshop:**

In reality, there is hardly any community-based Practice. Most of the practices, currently in practice, are either Community Centered or Community Focused.

### **Under the light of this objection we may modify our topic as:**

- Towards Community Based Empowerment of Vulnerable Child
- Addressing Children Vulnerability through Community Empowerment/ Participation Mechanism

### **Potential Areas that can be addressed in the Workshop:**

At the end of the workshop, following may be the potential areas to be addressed in workshop:

- Nutrition
- Health in ECD
- Universal Primary Education
- Psychosocial Uplifting
- Protection of Inheritance
- Child Rights and Recent Devolution in Pakistan

### **Methodology Proposed:**

In Conference, the potential areas can be addressed through following methodology:

- Successful Models / Best Practices made designed and implemented by various organizations
- Bridging up gap between Researchers and Project Developers related to Child Centered Organizations.

### **Potential Pitfalls:**

- HHRD knowledge about CRC, vulnerability, development indicators
- Standard of presentation by International Delegates
- Provincial Governmental Officials in case of advocacy on child Rights
- Too many areas to discuss

### **Strengths:**

- Participation in consultative workshops
- Research and experience sharing by Young Professional Development.