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Message from Federal Minister for Human Rights

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It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report of Child Protection Institute (CPI), reflecting the incredible leaps and strides we have made in safeguarding the rights and well-being of children. As the Director General of CPI, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you, who has contributed to the cause.

Among a multitude of issues we addressed this year, the plight of children on the streets has been our particular focus; including child labor, drug addiction, neglect, and the social security of young mothers. We recognize the urgency of these numerous challenges; that include exploitation, abuse, and limited access to education and healthcare. Our multifaceted approach to tackling this issue has involved not only rescue and rehabilitation efforts but also advocacy for policy change and community awareness campaigns. By actively engaging with stakeholders and advocating for the rights of street children, we are striving to create a safer and more inclusive society where every child can flourish.

While we celebrate our achievements, we also acknowledge that there is still much room for improvement. CPI is still in its infancy, and we are constantly learning and adapting to better address the evolving needs of vulnerable children. We appreciate the need to continuously innovate, collaborate, and use creative ways for resource mobilization. Our commitment to continuous improvement drives us to explore new strategies, leverage technology, and enhance our capacity to deliver effective child protection services.

Sustainability lies at the core of CPI's vision, and we have taken deliberate steps to ensure the long-term impact of our work. By forging partnerships with governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, and philanthropic entities, we have been able to leverage resources and expertise, amplifying our reach and effectiveness. These collaborations have played a pivotal role in strengthening our programs, enhancing our service delivery, and building a robust framework for child protection. We are committed to nurturing these alliances and exploring innovative avenues to foster sustainability, making a lasting difference in the lives of children.

I am immensely proud of our dedicated team at CPI, whose unwavering commitment and relentless efforts have yielded exceptional results. Their passion, professionalism, and compassion continue to inspire me and serve as a driving force behind our accomplishments. Together, we have transformed lives and instilled hope in numerous children and families.

As we embark on this journey to protect and empower the most vulnerable members of our society, we humbly recognize that CPI is still in its nascent stage. With your continued support and collaboration, we strive to overcome the challenges ahead, refine our approaches, and expand our reach. Together, we can build a society where every child is cherished, protected, and given the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Warm regards,

Rabeea Hadi,
Director General,
Child Protection Institute (CPI)



Message from Federal - Minister for Human Rights

Dear Friends,

The constitution of Pakistan (1973) is the primary legal document which protects and promotes the rights of all citizens of Pakistan. These constitutional guarantees have been further translated into adequate laws, policies and institutional setup to protect the rights of all citizens including vulnerable segments of Pakistani society. In this regard, Ministry of Human Rights and its attached departments/ organizations are working relentlessly at Federal level to ensure implementation of these constitutional safeguards and other relevant laws, policies as well as Pakistan's international commitments. Protection of the rights of children is one of the primary area of focus and concern for this Ministry.

A number of legislative and institutional arrangements including creation of Child Protection Institute (CPI), Islamabad have been made to address the challenges in this area. The CPI has prepared its first annual report to showcase its remarkable achievements and progress made in the past year. During this period, the Child Protection Institute has tirelessly strived to create a safe and nurturing environment for the most vulnerable members of our society-our children. Through an array of initiatives, programmers, interventions we have worked towards preventing abuse, exploitation and neglect and providing comprehensive support to those affected.

The Ministry of Human Rights is further strengthening this institutional framework through establishment of another Child Protection Institute for girls in Islamabad as Public Sector Development Project. In addition to that, a Child Protection and Case Management and Referral System (CPCMRS) module has been developed in collaboration with UNICEF to digitally monitor such cases and to ensure systematic and efficient disposal for these cases. Ministry of Human Rights is committed to ensure infrastructure development and allocation of adequate financial and human resources for CPIs to support its work without any hindrance. Ministry of Human Rights is mindful of all challenges in this era as well.

Therefore, it will further strengthen its collaboration with Governmental Organizations, civil society organization and international partners to enhance Child protection policies and practices. Together, we can create a future where every child in Pakistan can thrive, free from violence, abuse and exploitation.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,

Ali Raza Bhutta Federal Secretary Ministry of Human Rights



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Executive Summary

The Annual Report offers a comprehensive overview of the Child Protection Institute (CPI) in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), encompassing its achievements, obstacles, and future endeavors. The CPI, established under the ICT Child Protection Act of 2018, is dedicated to safeguarding vulnerable children by providing them with essential protection services such as shelter, rehabilitation, counselling, and family reunification.

Since its inception in June 2021, the CPI has diligently served 224 children, extending support in the form of temporary shelter, medical assessments, counselling, and successful reunions with their families. The report highlights the collaborative efforts undertaken by the CPI, in conjunction with key stakeholders including ICT Police, Islamic Relief, ILO, UNICEF, and local health units within the ICT.

Moreover, the CPI has actively conducted community awareness sessions, training workshops, and consultations to promote child protection awareness, fortify the existing system, and foster enhanced collaboration among various entities. The report also provides valuable data on the age distribution of children served by CPI and outlines the different types of cases encountered.

In addition, the report also includes our success stories that demonstrate the positive impact of CPI's interventions. While acknowledging the accomplishments, the report also identifies several challenges faced by the institute. These include the pressing need for a purpose-built facility, the development of mechanisms to address diverse cases of child abuse, the establishment of clear power and function systems for child protection officers, and the allocation of sufficient logistics and human resources.

To progress further, CPI has outlined a comprehensive roadmap. This entails the certification of child care institutes, the formation of child protection committees, the implementation of effective case management systems, collaborative efforts with social welfare departments, and community sensitization initiatives. Despite these challenges, the CPI remains resolute in its commitment to provide comprehensive child protection services and further strengthen partnerships to ensure the well-being and protection of children within the ICT.

Achievements

SERVICES

- Provided various services to 224 children from January 2021 to date with the help of ICT Police.
- Successfully rehabilitated and reunified children with their parents after medical assessment and counselling by Child Protection Officer (CPO) and dedicated psychologist
- DG CPI attended the hearing of Sania Shehzad's (child labor and abuse) case, conducted an assessment, and submitted the report to the honorable Court

In order to protect children from various forms of exploitation including child labor, community-based structures/groups/ child protection mechanisms have been found effective and sustainable. In order to (i) enhance support services of community-based committees, (ii) to strengthen the capacity of these committees and (iii) to raise awareness, identification, reporting/referral of the cases to the relevant authorities, the CPI re-constituted community committees in collaboration with NGOs in Tarnol, Sohan, Bari Imam, Ali Pur Farash, Kuri village, Bahria Enclave, Muslim Colony, Rawat and G/7

Meeting with Child Protection Committee in Ali Pur Farash



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Table 1: Child Protection Institute Services

Age Breakdown	No. of Children
0-5	36
6-10	112
11-15	71
16-18	5

Age Breakdown

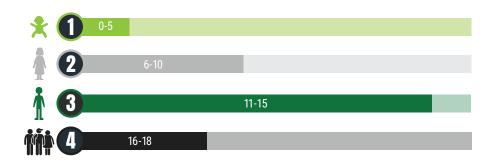


Table 2: Closed Vs Open Cases

Closed Cases	Ongoing / follow-ups cases
223	1 boy

Genderwise Breakdown

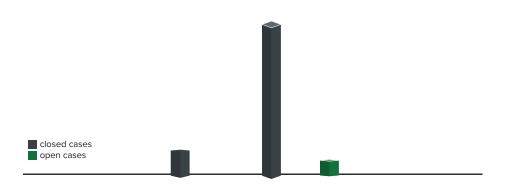


Table 3: Issues

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223	1 boy

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Issues	No. of Children
Children involved in begging	121
Child labor	30
Children involved in scavenging (grabage collectors)	20
Children involved in drug addictions	24
Sexually abused children	9
Neglected children	20

Child Protection Issues

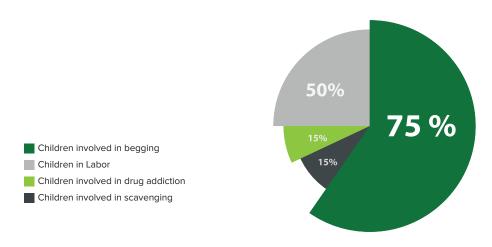


Table 4: Referrals

Referred by ICT Police	Rescue by CPI	Referred by any other sources
177	08	39

Coordination

- Held meetings with Islamic Relief, ILO, and UNICEF for collaboration and support in providing legal aid, psychological support, strengthening the child protection system, and developing a case management system
- Coordinated with various hospitals and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA)
 on reporting child abuse cases and developing a registration mechanism for unattended children in
 ICT
- CPI signed a Letter of Agreement with Islamic Relief for provision of legal aid and psychological support to CPI
- CPI signed activity plan with ILO on strengthening the Child Protection system and convening consultation/s with relevant stakeholders for pooling resources, create synergies, and for successful implementation of planned activities, and sustainability
- CPI signed LOA with ICT police for facilitation in rescuing children. The LoA is being implemented in collaboration with DIG (Operations)
- Implementation of Child Protection Case Management and Referral System under the Rolling Work Plan with UNICEF
- LOA with Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Rawalpindi
- LOA with Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Lahore

Visits and Trainings

- DG CPI attended community awareness sessions and conducted orientation sessions on child protection laws and reporting missing and abducted children
- Conducted community awareness sessions in coordination with Group Development Pakistan on child rights, child protection, GBV, and case management
- Organized training workshops on psychosocial support, child protection, case management referral system, and the Child Protection Communication Package
- Arranged meetings with relevant stakeholders, including ICT Administration, Punjab Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, and organizations like Sanjog, for collaboration.

One Day Monitoring Session with care giver of CPI on Child Protection



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Orientation session with Child Right Movements (CRM) volunteers







Orientation session with Convent School Administration and Teaching Staff on Child Protection Mechanism in ICT



Developments and Agreements

- Secured land allocation for establishment of CPI in sector H-11/4
- Signed agreements and activity plans with organizations like Islamic Relief, ILO, ICT Police, and UNICEF for support and collaboration
- Established child protection committees in various areas to enhance child protection and combat exploitation and child labor

Child Protection Institute sign MOU with Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Lahore for future



BUDGET AND RESOURCES:

- Secured budget allocations for the current and upcoming financial years for CPI's operations and establishment
- Obtained vehicles for CPI's use and provided funds for their repair and maintenance.
- Undertook renovation work for the relocation of CPI to a new premises in G-6/3

These achievements demonstrate CPI's dedication to providing services, coordinating with relevant stakeholders, conducting trainings and awareness sessions, and securing resources to strengthen child protection in ICT. CPI's efforts have positively impacted the lives of children and contributed to a more robust child protection system.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

CPI has engaged in several partnerships and collaborations to enhance its services and strengthen the child protection system. The following details highlight the key partnerships and collaborations undertaken by CPI:

ISLAMIC RELIEF

CPI held a meeting with Islamic Relief to provide legal aid and psychological support. Islamic Relief agreed to provide services of a legal advisor and psychologist, and committed to increase their support as required.

ILO

Meetings were conducted with International Labour Organization (ILO) to strengthen the child protection systems. These meetings aimed to pool resources, convene consultations with stakeholders, and ensure the successful implementation of planned activities.

UNICEF

CPI collaborated with UNICEF to review and approve the Child Protection Institute's case management system and communication package. This partnership aimed to enhance the effectiveness of institute's operations.

Five Days Training on Child Protection & Case Management Referral System



ICT Police and Hospitals

CPI coordinated with ICT Police, Polyclinic Hospital, and various other hospitals in reporting child abuse cases and establishing a referral mechanism. These collaborations aimed to streamline reporting procedures and ensure timely assistance for abused children.

Training of Islamabad Police on Child Protection Issues Laws and Referral mechanism at ICT Level



NADRA

CPI collaborated with NADRA to develop a mechanism for registering unattended children in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). This partnership aimed to improve tracking and identification of vulnerable children.

NATIONAL NGO - SSDO

CPI conducted an orientation session with SSDO volunteers, focusing on human rights and child protection issues. This collaboration aimed to build capacity and promote awareness among volunteers working in the child protection sector.

These partnerships and collaborations have facilitated the provision of services to 224 children, that include - medical assessment, counselling, rehabilitation, and reunification with parents. The cases varied in nature; from being involved in begging, child labor, scavenging, drug addiction, sexual abuse, to neglect.

Trainings and Awareness Sessions

COMMUNITY AWARENESS SESSION ON CHILD PROTECTION ACT 2018 AND CPI FUNCTIONING

DG CPI attended a community awareness session conducted by Rozan as a speaker to brief about the Child Protection Act 2018 and the functioning of CPI.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS SESSIONS ON CHILD RIGHTS, CHILD PROTECTION, GBV, AND CASE MANAGEMENT

CPI conducted community awareness sessions in coordination with Group Development Pakistan at community development centers of Humak, Sohan, Alipur, Tarnol, Pungran, and Noon. The sessions aimed to raise awareness on child rights, child protection, gender-based violence (GBV), and case management.





CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO VICTIMS/PERPETRATORS OF GBV

A two-day capacity building training workshop was organized in coordination with GDP for child caregivers. The workshop focused on providing psychosocial support to victims and perpetrators of gender-based violence (GBV) to enhance their coping skills.





ORIENTATION SESSION ON REPORTING MISSING AND ABDUCTED CHILDREN AND ZARA APP

An orientation session was conducted by DG ZARA on reporting missing and abducted children and the use of ZARA app. The session aimed to educate participants on effective reporting mechanisms and the use of technology for child protection.

CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD PROTECTION MECHANISM (CBCPM)

A one-day consultation was organized at CPI in collaboration with Islamic Relief Pakistan. The consultation focused on developing a community-based child protection mechanism (CBCPM) and bringing together relevant stakeholders to discuss strategies and action plans.





EVENT TO ACCELERATE EFFORTS AGAINST CHILD LABOR

The ILO Country Office hosted an event called "Call for Action: Accelerating Efforts towards Prevention and Elimination of Child Labor" to commemorate World Day Against Child Labor. The event aimed at raising awareness and promoting actions to combat child labor.









Training on Child Protection and Case Management Referral System

A five-day training session on Child Protection and Case Management Referral System was held in collaboration with UNICEF. The training aimed to enhance the skills of child protection professionals in effectively managing cases and establishing a robust referral system.







TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) FOR RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

A three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) program was conducted by the Ministry of Human Rights in collaboration with UNICEF. The training aimed to build the capacity of relevant stakeholders to implement the technical package and effectively run the child protection and referral mechanism.





TRAINING OF ISLAMABAD POLICE ON CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES, LAWS, AND REFERRAL MECHANISM

A training session was organized to provide Islamabad Police with knowledge and understanding of child protection issues, relevant laws, and the referral mechanism at the ICT level.















Orientation Session for CSOs and Participants on Child Rights and Operationalization of CPI

A one-day orientation session with civil society organizations (CSOs) was held at CPI. Participants were sensitized on the operationalization of CPI and the existing laws governing child rights in Pakistan.





CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

In collaboration with Sanjog, CPI organized a one-day consultative meeting to identify gaps in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice System. The meeting aimed to bring together relevant stakeholders and discuss strategies for effective implementation. These trainings and awareness sessions conducted by the Child Protection Institute focused on various aspects of child protection, including legal awareness, community engagement, psychosocial support, case management, child rights, and collaboration with stakeholders. Through these initiatives, CPI aimed to raise awareness, build capacity, and strengthen the child protection system in the region.







Success Stories

TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY: FROM A STREET CHILD TO A STUDENT

1 KM was living a rudderless life of hardships and addiction on the streets. The 13 year old was referred to the Child Protection Institute (CPI), our team immediately took action. We rescued him from the streets and provided him with comprehensive care and support. Through counselling, education, and rehabilitation, he overcame his drug addiction and found solace in his studies. Today, he is a diligent student at a school in Bahria Enclave, excelling academically and dreaming of a brighter future. KM's remarkable transformation is a testament to the power of intervention and the potential for every child to thrive when given the opportunity.





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EMBRACING HOPE AND A PATH TO SAFETY AND FUTURE

M and A, two neglected children, faced a challenging start in life. Found unattended in a park, they were malnourished and vulnerable. The Child Protection Institute stepped in to ensure their safety and well-being. With the support of Group Development Pakistan (NGO), we provided them with immediate care and protection. Recognizing that their mother was unable to provide a stable environment, we coordinated with the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB) in Lahore to secure a nurturing home for the girls. Today, M and A are thriving in CPWB's care, receiving education, love, and support. Their story reminds us of the importance of collaborative efforts in safeguarding vulnerable children and offering them a chance to flourish.







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A HOMECOMING

A, a 13-year-old boy ran away from home, found himself in a vulnerable situation. When the ICT police referred him to the Child Protection Institute (CPI), we immediately acted to locate his—family. Despite facing challenges in tracing his parents, we persevered and eventually reunited him—with his family in Karachi. With the support of the CPI and Roshni NGO, his parents were empowered to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their son. A's journey home symbolizes the importance of reunification and the commitment to restoring family bonds for the well-being of every child.



NURTURING SAFETY AND PROTECTION: A STORY OF HEALING AND ADVOCACY

N, a 1.5-month-old girl, became a victim of physical abuse. The Child Protection Institute intervened after she was admitted to PIMS Hospital. Despite facing challenges in obtaining medical legal certificates and locating her guardians, we diligently pursued justice for her. We coordinated with relevant authorities and initiated efforts to ensure her protection. While the road to justice is long, N's case highlights the significance of probing suspected abuse cases and advocating for the rights of every child.

These success stories exemplify the dedication and impact of the Child Protection Institute in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and advocating for their rights.

Challenges and Opportunities

CPI faces several challenges and opportunities in its efforts to provide services and protect children. One of the main challenges is the construction of a customized building on the allocated plot in Sector H-11. This is essential to create a suitable and dedicated space for CPI's operations. Another challenge is the recruitment of technical staff for specialized positions to effectively deal with children on streets and address their specific needs.

The lack of equipment due to austerity measures poses another challenge, hindering the smooth functioning of CPI. Additionally, the current financial situation and austerity measures present obstacles in terms of resource allocation and financial support. The opening of CPI's bank account for donations is also an important challenge that needs to be addressed to enhance the institute's financial sustainability.

However, alongside these challenges, CPI also has several opportunities for growth and development. The establishment of CPI for Boys in H-9 and the approval of the PC-I for the establishment of CPI for Girls at the ICT level are positive steps towards expanding the institute's capacity to cater to the needs of more children. The allocation of land in sector H-11/4 by the CDA for the establishment of CPI provides an opportunity for future growth and a dedicated facility.

Collaborative efforts and partnerships with various organizations and stakeholders present further opportunities for CPI. The letters of agreement with Islamic Relief for legal aid and psychological support, with ICT Police for rescuing children, and with organizations such as ILO, UNICEF, and Child Protection and Welfare Bureaus enable CPI to pool resources, shall strengthen the child protection system, and ensure successful implementation of planned activities.

Furthermore, the reconstitution of Child Protection Committees in collaboration with NGOs in different areas, as well as the development of a Module on Child Protection Case Management and Referral System, provide opportunities to enhance community-based structures and support services. The trainings and awareness sessions conducted by CPI, in coordination with various organizations, contribute to raising awareness about child rights, child protection, and GBV, thereby creating a more informed and empowered society.

While CPI faces challenges related to infrastructure, recruitment, and financial resources, it also benefits from opportunities for expansion, collaboration, and capacity-building. By addressing these challenges and capitalizing on the available opportunities, CPI will continue and expand its role to protect children, and contribute to the overall well-being of society.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The financial summary provides an overview of the funding and budget allocation for CPI in the current financial year.

Funding Details	Amount (Pkr)
Current Year Allocations	28.958 million
Approved Budget (2023- 24)	26 million
Allocations for CPI Girls	15.7 million
PC-I Approval for CPI	145 million
Land Cost for CPI	70.296 million
Renovation of Working Women Hostel	26 million
Category	Location
Allotted Plot	Sector H-11/4
Girls shelter home	G-6/3

Conclusion

CPI remains committed to its mission of safeguarding the rights and well-being of children. As we look ahead, we recognize the need for concerted efforts and collaboration to create a safer environment for our children. The following initiatives outline our way forward:

- Certification of child care institutes at ICT
- Establishment and reactivation of child protection committees in different areas of ICT
- Implementation of case management and referral system in coordination with UNICEF
- Strengthening coordination and referral mechanism with the social welfare department
- Formation of a committee of relevant stakeholders for effective implementation of CPI initiatives, as ordered by the honorable Islamabad High Court
- Training of CPI staff on Child Protection Case Management and Referral System in collaboration with UNICEF
- Partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) for the development of a referral directory and capacity building
- Increasing the outreach of CPI through extensive urban social mobilization with the support of Islamic Relief and other stakeholders
- Sensitization of communities with the support of child protection committees and religious leaders to tackle child protection issues at the community level

We believe that success of these initiatives depends not only on our dedicated team and partner organizations but also on the support of stakeholders, partners, and the general public. We invite all individuals and organizations who share our commitment to protecting children's rights to join hands with us.

The CPI extends heartfelt appreciation to all those who have supported us thus far. Together, let us make a lasting impact in the lives of children, enabling them to thrive and fulfil their potential.



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