



VISION- Organization Profile

Introduction- VISION was registered in 1998 under the Societies Act of 1860, envisioning “All Humans have equal rights irrespective of caste, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, race, age, genetics and / or disabled” with a mission to “evolve a just and equitable society for all populations, as well as equipping them with tools to sustain a long-term positive change.” A right-based organization, which over the years has provided training and capacity building to vulnerable communities in all provinces of Pakistan, as well as most of the SAARC countries (Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and India).

Main Goal - To provide needed interventions, education, awareness, and support to all vulnerable populations.

Target Audience

Children/ Youth, GSM communities, CBOs (community based organizations), Women from all walks of life, Policy Makers & Civil Society, Religious Minorities

Legal Trek

- Child Rights
 - ❖ Supreme Court of Pakistan 2017-Maid torture case, called-in as subject expert on child trafficking by the Chief Justice of Pakistan
 - ❖ Supreme Court of Pakistan 2018- Filed a CPLA to register the children of sex workers in formal educational institutions.
- Transgender Rights
 - ❖ High Court, Lahore 2001- Filed a WRIT against HIV & AIDs testing of Transgender population without informed consent.
 - ❖ Supreme Court of Pakistan-Human Rights Cell (HRC) 2017- Filed a CPLA against municipal authorities on forced eviction of transgender populations from Mardan city.
 - ❖ Office of District Police Officer 2019- Filed a complaint against municipal authorities on forced eviction of transgender population from Swat.
 - ❖ Provincial Ombudsman, Rawalpindi 2020- Filed a complaint against discrimination of transgender population in Murree.

Policy Making Endeavours

- 2018- Chief Justice advisory committee member- expediting and streamlining transgender identity cards
- 2019-Policy document with Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPA)-drafting policy document on the implementation of Transgender Protection Act 2018

Training Manuals

- Workshop manual (Basic life skills, Sensitization of Human Rights organization regarding gender and sexual minorities, Advocacy, Theatre etc)
- Police training manual on transgender rights (developed upon the request of National Commission for Human Rights NCHR)
- Safety and Security Manual for Human Right Defenders (translation in Urdu)

- Child Abuse Manual commissioned by Fund for Global Human Rights Washington D.C with technical assistance from Protection International Brussels.

Educational Materials

Mapping of Street Children, Exploring the mechanics of Male child sexuality in the context of street, Survey on internal child trafficking, Child labor and relevant laws, Contextual understanding of Pedophilia and homosexuality, Internal child trafficking research, Usman aur Chotu kay sath bharna (growing up with Usman & Chotu), Usman or us k dost (Usman and his Friends)

Documentaries

Listen to My Voice, Trafficked, Madhu the mystic, After Sunset, Musafirkhana (Dawn production based on VISION research), My Body My Right

Grants/ Consultancies/ Collaborations - the organization in the past received support grants, and consultancies from various international as well as national organizations for its varied valuable projects: Akbar Foundation (U.S.A), Ashoka Foundation (U.S.A), Advocate for Youth (AFY, U.S.A), Mothercare, World Bank, OxFam-Novib, DIFFID, European Union, Western Union (U.S. A), International Labor Rights Fund (ILFR, washington DC, U.S.A), Naz Foundation (NFI, England), COC (Netherland), Group Development (GD, France), Fund for Global Human Rights (FGHR, U.S.A), ILGA Asia (Thailand), Coalition for Sexual & Bodily Rights (CSBR-Turkey), Protection International (PI, Belgium), PATH (U.S.A.), UNHCR (Pakistan)

Projects Successfully Completed

- Nayab Health Project-HIV/ AIDS-prevention and safe practices
- Hath mein Hath-safe space, non-formal education for street kids
- Safe space project for kids
- Listen to My Voice (European Union/ Groupe Development Funding) (2012-2015)
- Tabeer Hum-awareness, education, capacity building of GSM (2016)
- Initiative to transfer ownership through developing trans-women leadership (2017)
- AFY (Protection from the Ground Up) (2018-2021)
- COC (PRIDE PROGRAMME) (2018-2020)

Fellowships

Ashoka Fellowship, Accumen Fellowship

Strategies Adopted

Advocacy/ Sensitization/ Legislation, Capacity Building, Training/ Workshops/ Focus Groups, Behavioral Change Communication, Awareness Campaign and GSM Peer Education

Services Provided:

Customized Baseline Formative Research, Need and Program Assessment, Customized sensitized trainings provided in Child's Rights, Child Trafficking Prevention, GSM Rights, Collective Protection, Communicable/ non-communicable disease prevention and control through education and awareness, e.g. STI/ HIV AIDS, Pre and post HIV test counseling skill training, Empowerment programs e.g. leadership training, skill building workshops, capacity building training, counseling workshops, social welfare.

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