



# NEWSLETTER

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## When Children Play, the World Wins.

Right To Play is a global organization that uses the transformative power of play—playing sports, playing games—to educate and empower children facing adversity.

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*Right To Play's Training Officer Farzana Khan presenting souvenir to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Pervez Khattak*

Our trained Coaches conduct regular play-based learning activities with children in schools. Equipped with tangible learning outcomes, these activities are instrumental in the holistic development of children and inculcate essential life skills such as cooperation, communication, better listening, critical thinking, confidence and conflict resolution

**R**ight To Play was invited to participate in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister and share the experience of introducing play-based learning methodology in selected schools of KP. This meeting was in recognition of Right To Play's work in the KP province since 2008.

Over 1500 government school teachers have been trained by Right To Play in KP. Right To Play engaged 133,000 children and youth in play-based learning programme in 200 schools of the province during 2015. Over 50% of the beneficiaries of the programme are girls.

# Early Childhood Development Through Play

**E**arly Childhood Education training of trainers jointly organised by Reform Support Unit Sindh and Right To Play in Hyderabad & Sukkur. The training will help teachers to setup ECE classrooms and integrate PLAY in teaching practices in schools of Sindh

Early childhood is a crucial stage of life in terms of a child's physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. In recent years, researchers have learned that early education can play a critical role during this important developmental period. Play-based activities in early childhood education can help to break down the barriers for learning.

For the implementation of ECE programme in selected schools of Sindh, Right To Play and RSU jointly organised a training in Hyderabad and Sukkur for 54 female master teacher trainers. These teachers were nominated by RSU from all over the province for this training.

The four day training programme in each location trained teachers to understand ECE and setup classrooms and integrate PLAY in teaching practices. The training was designed in the context of National ECE Curriculum 2007 which emphasizes to achieve holistic child development through ECE. Teachers were trained on purpose and effective use of ECE in classrooms,

different types and importance of play in early years for child development.

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Senior Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh was the chief guest at the closing ceremony in Hyderabad. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Mr. Qamer Shahid Siddiqui, Director General Provincial Institute of Teachers Education (P.I.T.E) Sindh and Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Shahani, Director Bureau of Curriculum and Extension Wing Sindh were among the distinguished guests of the ceremony. The Minister appreciated the efforts of RSU and Right To Play for conducting this training.

“Through this training, I learnt about ECE and play as a method to teach important life skills such as cooperation, confidence, sharing, sense of responsibility and physical development” (Ms. Yasmeen Ara Sameejo, a teacher and participant of the training shared her views after training)



*Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Senior Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh awarding a teacher with certificate of participation*

# DIGNITY means Equality, Respect, Acceptance, Education, Health and Inclusion

## Right To Play celebrated Global Dignity Day 2015 with 50,000 children and youth in Pakistan

Right To Play introduced the concept of celebrating Global Dignity Day in schools of Pakistan. The idea behind dignity day is to celebrate a day where children can discuss the concepts of dignity in groups. At an early age, understanding the importance of human dignity, prepare the children to lead a dignified life and to respect the dignity of others.

With the guidance of Right To Play's Coaches and trained teachers, children shared their stories and pledge to uphold dignity in future. Children also write letters themselves to open up next year and reflect the learning of past.



A Dignity Day poster in a partner school in Peshawar

In acknowledgement to Right To Play's advocacy of Global Dignity Day celebrations, Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa issued a letter to all District Education Officers (DEOs) to celebrate Global Dignity Day in all government schools of the province. Right To Play appreciates the efforts of Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education (E&SE) to endorse the Global Dignity Day

Every year, Right To Play joins the movement by celebrating the day at global level. This year in Pakistan, dignity day was observed through a weeklong celebration in 9 districts of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad. Over 50,000 children and youth attended the celebrations.

### DIRECTORATE OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR

No. 2167-2705 AD(PES)/Right To Play  
Dated Peshawar the 21/10/2015

To: All the District Education Officers,  
(Male & Female) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL DIGNITY DAY EVENTS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

Memo:

I am directed to refer Right To Play letter No. nil dated 07 October, 2015 on the subject cited above and to state that Right To Play requests for celebration of Global Dignity day in government schools.

Global Dignity Day is an international day for dignity, observed on October 20 every year in a number of countries all over the world.

A Dignity Day event is a two-hour course held at a school at which teachers present the concept of dignity and invite children to discuss what dignity means for them. Children also share stories about dignity from their own experience.

The aim is to equip children with the tools to use dignity as a guiding principle for their actions - and to recognise the significance of how living a life based on dignity can have a positive impact on both their own lives and the lives of others. The concept of "dignity" stems from the principle that all human beings have intrinsic worth.

This inalienable value belongs to all of us simply by virtue of our being human. Our dignity is strengthened when we feel that our rights and freedom are respected and when we live in a situation where we can make choices and take actions that enhance our self-respect, integrity and humanity.

Right To Play appreciates Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education KP to endorse dignity day

## Play for the Advancement of Quality Education - PAQE

Right To Play is implementing The Play for Advancement of Quality Education (PAQE) in 8 districts of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which include Peshawar, Mardan, Mansehra, Thatta, Sanghar, Khairpur and Umerkot.

Funded by the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), PAQE aims to improve educational attainment with a child friendly approach to learning with play. The PAQE project will focus on training of teachers and coaches, safer school and learning environment, advocacy for the protection of children especially girls from violence and abuse in schools and community. These issues will be addressed through Right To Play's child-centered and play-based approach.



For Every Child,  
Right To Play

## Universal Children's Day was marked to re-affirm children's right to learn and grow

Like every year, Right To Play observed Universal Children's Day on November 20th in all its project locations in Pakistan. Nearly 40,000 children and youth were engaged in different sport and play activities to educate them on their rights and raise awareness in

community.

Children's Day is dedicated to promoting the well-being and human rights of the world's children. Right To Play believes in providing every child the quality education, peaceful environment and protection from all kinds of abuse.

"Today I learnt the value of my rights and my responsibility towards other children's rights" shared Laiba with a

confident smile in a ceremony organised by Right To Play to commemorate Universal Children's Day in her school. Laiba Hussain is a Junior Leader of Right To Play in Government Girls High School Balakot.



Mahira Ahmed receives award from Ms. Seema Aziz, founder of Care Foundation and Ms. Zubaida Jalal, former Minister for Education

## Inspired to Inspire Others

### Right To Play's Field Facilitator receives Emerging Young Women Leader award

Ms. Mahira Ahmad, a Field Facilitator of Right To Play in Karachi received an award in the Emerging Young Women Leaders Congress 2015. She was honoured with this award for her contribution to empower out of school girls by providing free education in Lyari.

Mahira acknowledged Right To Play for building her confidence and capacity through different leadership and life-skills trainings which enabled her to struggle for girls' right to education in Lyari.



**“This is not just play or a game - this is learning for life.” -Sarwat Ghias**



**A** teacher from Pakistan shared her experience of using Right To Play's learning methodology at a fundraising event in London

Ms. Sarwat Ghias, a teacher from Mansehra who is also a Right To Play's volunteer, represented Pakistan in the annual fundraising event Big Red Ball of Right To Play in UK. Ms. Sarwat is an instructor at Regional Institute of Teachers' Training (RITE) Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Ms. Sarwat made an impressive speech there and shared her experience of being a trained teacher by Right To Play. She shared with a large audience that how sport and play programme by Right To Play in her district is bringing a positive behaviour change among children.

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## Generation Amazing constructed football grounds in Karachi, Thatta and Mardan. Generation Amazing programme is including 6000 children from these communities through Football For Development

“This surface is certainly much better than the streets” shared a footballer who participated in the football match at the launching ceremony of Generation Amazing football ground in Karachi. First of its kind in Pakistan, an international level turf have been installed in the ground which was the center of attraction for football fanatics and players. Generation Amazing which is a legacy program of Supreme Committee of Delivery and Legacy Qatar. Generation Amazing has rehabilitated 3 community football pitches in Pakistan.

In 2010, Qatar succeeded in its bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. As part of this winning bid, the organizer of the mega event in Qatar, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, launched the Generation Amazing program in partnership with Right To Play, to inspire a new generation of young people, encouraging them to harness the positive power of football to promote peaceful, healthy development in communities around the world. It was created to harness the power of football to support the positive, healthy development of individuals and communities.

Currently in 2015, in its second phase, Generation Amazing Program implemented by Right To Play aims to “build a global movement of coaches and youth leaders who harness the power of football to support the positive, healthy development of individuals and communities.” The two main components of this Phase are 1) Rehabilitation of safe play spaces; and 2) The commencement of long term community development programming focused on youth development through using, primarily, Right to Play’s innovative Football For Development program resource.

Completing its objective, Generation Amazing Program in Pakistan rehabilitated three football pitches each in Thatta, Karachi and Mardan. The process of rehabilitation has been completed and all three football pitches are now open for youth and children of the respective communities without any discrimination.

“We don’t have to pay any fee to play in this ground”, shared Fida, a local footballer in Thatta. These football pitches will particularly serve the underprivileged children in these communities. Around 6000 children and youth, both boys and girls, will be the beneficiaries of these facilities in Thatta, Mardan and Karachi.

Generation Amazing aims to empower young children to be leaders and create positive change in their communities using the power of football. Coach trainers engage children in Football for Development activities on a regular basis and inculcate basic life skills.



Thatta



Karachi



Mardan

Right To Play Pakistan  
Beneficiaries  
(As Of December 2015)

Children and Youth

**147,782**  
56% are girls

Coaches

**199**  
62% are female

Teachers trained  
more than

**2000**

Districts

**13**

Junior Leaders

**3665**  
62% are girls

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## Happy 2016

Let there be **PLAY** for  
education, health, gender  
equality & social cohesion

**OUR MISSION** is to use sport  
and play to educate and  
empower children and youth to  
over come the effects of  
poverty, conflict and disease  
in disadvantaged  
communities.

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- Local partners of Right To Play in Pakistan
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