

## ***ANNUAL REPORT KONPALCHILDREN CENTRE (KCC):***

***Introduction:*** Community participation and delivery of health care and education is of fundamental importance for a developing nation. Konpal is an NGO working for the Rights of Children and against their abuse and neglect. Konpal children Centre (KCC) is an innovative project of Konpal designed to provide opportunity to the children belonging to under privilege classes to receive information about health and education in an innovative way and receive continuous guidance to help them develop into responsible and conscientious members of the society.

The vision of KCC is to prepare healthy, happy, ethically and developmentally stable children and youth. This can be achieved by providing intellectually challenging and developmentally appropriate set up. KCC mission is to make school a healthier place by bringing education, health and community services together.

Konpal Children Centre (KCC) aimed primarily to work as an adjuvant health and education project with existing schools working with limited resources. The first and the pilot project was started with the collaboration of Rahnuma trust at Dhoraji colony (Sherpao Basti). People belonging to low socio economic strata are the main residents of the colony. Children studying in the said charitable school belong to this colony mainly. The main occupation of the parents of these children are field or domestic work (80% fathers are labor and 33 % mothers are house maids).

KCC intended to bring innovative learning and teaching opportunities to an existing teaching system ,adding component of health, nutrition, development and educational enhancement method without disturbing the schools internal dynamics. By combining our resources measurable change can be brought about in the life of children, thereby making them more productive and useful member of the society

The following are the brief review of the project including the services provided and the results achieved from Oct 2014- Feb 2016(16 months)

**Services provided by Konpal at KCC:** Konpal worked with the following four main stake holders and provided the following services

**Medical Checkup :** Total of 375 ( boys-----, girls-----) students of Rahnuma trust school were checked medically by qualified Pediatricians and doctors .

The problems identified mainly in these children were under nutrition, anemia, worm infestations and psychological issues.

Children were provided hematinic, multi vitamins and antihelminths by KCC. Free treatment facilities were offered to those found to be suffering from an ailment.

**Workshops for children: TTraining** >300 students on Importance of hygiene, hand washing , good eating habits ,hazards of junk eating , self- protection from abuse by knowing what are good and bad touches and what to do in case such a situation arises. The training is imparted by qualified doctors, teachers and volunteers of Konpal.

**Workshops for teachers :** Four workshops for teachers were held training 79 teachers. The teachers were trained on Child care, healthy diets,life style modification first aid management, immunization, children rights and protection etc.

**Workshop/Seminar for parents and community members** attended by more than 75 parents and members of the community, they were given demonstration, hands on exercise and talks on the importance of care of children, diet, immunization, newborn care, conflicts management and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Summer camp** was organized for girls where community girls were involved in various activities like learning English, yoga, self-grooming, flower making etc. A competition of vegetable and fruit salad makings was also held, the participants were awarded certificate of participation.

**Participation of Children and Teachers of** the trust school in an awareness raising walk by Konpal, Caps held on the occasion of Universal Children Day, Nov 2014. The theme of the walk was “Let Every Child goes to school”.

Konpal in subsequent years planned to set up vocational training center.,adult literacy center and regular Counseling and advocacy program at the current KCC centre at Dhoraji , but unfortunately because of lack of sharing of our vision and non cooperation by the administration of Rahnuma trust ,konpal is closing its KCC centre at Dhoraji. However Konpal will be Initiating similar program in other schools and at Konpal centre in future.