

# SANJH PAKISTAN



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## Introduction of organization

SANJH Pakistan is a non-profit and non-governmental, non-political organization. SANJH Pakistan is registered with SECP. SANJH is a word of local language which means collaboration of people.

SANJH main focus is to make change human behavior. SANJH is especially rights based organization. Since its start it activated to work for human rights. SANJH has geographical presence in District Muzaffargarh, Multan, Layyah, Jhang, Bahawalpur and Sukkhar. SANJH is mainly focusing on following thematic area: Peace promotion, interfaith harmony, Poverty alleviation, Climate change, Human Rights, Justice, Education, Health, Disaster management and disaster risk reduction (DRR).

SANJH has faith on sustainable development and fraught to bring change through participatory growth according to the local needs and atmosphere. The policy of SANJH is to work at grass root level with local communities and SANJH forms village committees for each project. SANJH uses the tool of communicating theater for advocacy and awareness. SANJH has two theater groups.

### .1. **Background of organization:**

SANJH was established in 10 December 1973 and was registered in 7 March 1974 with name SANJH (Society for the Advancement of Nature, Justice & Health). Now SANJH is registered with SECP with Name SANJH Pakistan.

### .2. **Vision:**

Vision of SANJH is a peaceful, prosperous and educated society where people are practicing and enjoying good health, healthy environment, justice & human rights on equity basis.

### .3. **Mission:**

The mission of SANJH is to empower marginalized communities through enhancing their skills and knowledge in modern education, climate change, human rights, gender balance, health and socio economic solutions.

### .4. **Objectives:**

The overall objective of SANJH Pakistan is “To work for development of human resources, promotion of social and economic wellbeing of masses, improvement of social status, interfaith harmony, social mobilization of for prosperous society and elimination of gender discrimination particularly in rural areas of Pakistan.”

- ❖ To promote peace and interfaith religious harmony
- ❖ To make effort for livelihood of demoted peoples to alleviate poverty.
- ❖ To raise awareness about climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- ❖ To raise awareness on access to justice, human rights and gender development.
- ❖ To work for WASH and health.
- ❖ To provide modern and quality education.

## .5. Core Values:

SANJH believes in:

- ❖ Peace and tolerance
- ❖ Respecting for diverse opinions, culture, values and beliefs.
- ❖ Commitment and team work
- ❖ Accountability & transparency
- ❖ Gender equality

## Core Thematic Areas:

SANJH is focusing on the below thematic areas:

S.#	Thematic Areas	Sub Thematic Areas
1	Poverty Alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Livelihood</li><li>❖ Socio economic solutions</li></ul>
2	Nature & Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Climate Change adaptation</li><li>❖ Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster management</li><li>❖ Preservation of Nature and Natural resources</li></ul>
3	Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Advocacy and Awareness on human rights</li><li>❖ Peace, tolerance, religious and social harmony.</li><li>❖ Access to justice</li></ul>
4	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Health</li><li>❖ Wash</li></ul>
5	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Improve modern and Quality education</li><li>❖ Technical education</li></ul>

## Wasaib Aman Kaths (WAKs)

### Background of Project

The population of Bosan Town in Multan District is approximately 700,000, with 67% of it being rural. It is home to residents from all the major sects. Political power in the region is restricted to a select group of people, who are accused of supporting one specific ideology and therefore people from other schools of thought feel aggrieved. These grievances attract VE groups who use this situation as an opportunity, to spread their extremist ideology through distribution of hate material and speeches. Specifically, religiously motivated elements often employ extremist strategies to lure innocent citizens towards its agenda and build a narrative of hatred and violence. Such incidents have often happened during Islamic holy months, where likelihood of violence increases multifold. Past experiences have shown that religious and sectarian disputes are often initially local in nature and their prudent handling by local community and administration can keep them from escalating. Bringing people from different school of thoughts on one platform could help dissuade hatred and discrimination at individual and societal level.

Sanjh Pakistan believes that building local structures will help collect a group of likeminded individuals from diverse background who could utilize these in resolving local conflicts,

bringing social harmony and countering hatred in target villages of two UCs (83 & 84) of Bosan Town, Multan.

Under this activity, Sanjh Pakistan engaged 3,000 community members to counter the influence of VE groups and dissemination of extremist propaganda in 30 villages of two union councils of Bosan Town, District Multan, by revival of local dispute resolution structures through establishing “Wasaib Amn Kaths (WAKs)”. In each WAK 15 community members are representing different backgrounds. WAKs were strengthened their work by developing and organizing 100 Community Actions engaging local community members from diverse backgrounds. WAKs serve as a common place where people from all segments of society will sit together on regular basis to address VE and other local issues, and develop strategies to resolve conflicts with consensus.

#### **Objectives:**

- To establish 30 WAKs in two Union Councils 83-Jhok Wains & 48-Ailam Pur
- To address VE issues through positive interaction between different communal Faiths and Sects
- To strengthen community Based Peers’ abilities to Deliver CVE Initiatives (Civic Engagement)
- Increased broad-based Citizen Engagement in community decision-making.

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#### **Wasaib Aman Kaths’ Activities**

SANJH Pakistan have conducted 336 activities under this project of WAKs in 30 villages of two Union Councils 83-Jhok Wains and 84-Ailam Pur to create peace and interfaith harmony among diverse background people. The total number of WAK members target was 450 whereas keeping in view the need and the interest of the community members 472 members were taken onboard to cater for the said considerations. Out of 472; 466 were males and 6 were females.

Moreover, the indirect numbers of beneficiaries to be targeted in the intervention were 9400 (30 Theater 3000 beneficiaries, 60 follow-ups 1500 beneficiaries, 50 social action 1500 beneficiaries, 2 debate event 200 beneficiaries, 2 essay writing event 200 beneficiaries, 2 musical festival 200 beneficiaries, 2 poetry recital 200 beneficiaries, 2 kabadi event 200 beneficiaries, signature campaign 1500 beneficiaries, peace walk 900 beneficiaries) whereas Sanjh Pakistan reached more than 14000 community members to engage them in these initiative to be able to spread the message of peace through these peace ambassadors. Detail of the activities is as following:

Sr #	Project Activities	No. of Activities	Male	Females	Total Participants
1	Three Day Orientation and rehearsal of Theater groups, Script writing and publicity Campaign	1	10	5	15
2	Interactive Theaters	30	2578	1298	3876
3	Follow Ups	60	786	717	1503
4	WAK Formation	30	466	6	472
5	One-Day WAK Orientation	15	465	7	472
6	Refresher of WAKs	1	27	0	27
7	Monthly WAK Meetings	120	1585	25	1610
8	Community Actions	60	1657	323	1980
9	WAK Self Initiatives	30 (Peace Walks) 30 (Signature Campaign)	1797	56	1853
10	Debate Event	2	288	5	293
11	School Level Debate Event	7	296	58	354
12	Essay Event	2	226	10	236
13	Seraiki Poetry Recital	2	352	80	432

14	Seraiki Music Festival	2	323	9	332
15	Kabadi Competition( Seraiki Peace Festival)	2	788	5	793
16	One-Day UC Convention	2	502	45	547
Total		336	12146	2649	14795

## Promoting Harmonious & Peaceful Villages

### Background of Project

Sanjh Pakistan also implemented a project in 2017, 18 in Shujabad Tehsil and the title of the grant was **“promoting harmonious & peaceful villages”**. As we know that bringing people from different school of thoughts at one platform could help dissuade hatred and discrimination at individual and societal level for peaceful society. Sanjh Pakistan started this initiative by mobilizing people diverse background and from all sects at one platform and started giving them peace messages through different activities. At the start they were quite reluctant to even sit together at one place. For example most of the times when 2,3 different sect sit at one place they usually end up with fight after some religious discussion and they never sit together for resolving any issue of society. But now after the efforts of Sanjh Pakistan not even they are comfortable with each other but also they started attending the majlis and melad of each other too. The change is obviously not 100% but at least many of them start this practice.

Awareness tool of Sanjh Pakistan is Interactive Theaters. Sanjh team conducted 24 theater performances. Total target No of beneficiaries were 2400 and Sanjh Pakistan targeted 2915 beneficiaries in interactive theaters. Sanjh Pakistan ensured that diverse participants for that activity which engaged community members in meaningful way to understand hate speech, its impacts, and highlight the significance of tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence in the society. With this way 2915 community members were aware and engaged constructively. At the end of each theater, 15 minute reflections were also facilitated by Sanjh Pakistan staff. After successful conduction of the theater programs in the communities, rigorous follows up were plan in each community to determine their knowledge on peace building, social harmony and peaceful coexistence. This helped Sanjh Pakistan team to reflect back, identify the community influencers, and make initial discussions for formation of formal groups at the village level. A total of 72 follow up sessions were conducted in 24 villages with each having three follow up meetings with the participants of the theater programs. Total target no of beneficiaries were 1800 and Sanjh targeted 2003 direct beneficiaries in which 851 were male and 1152 were females. After the follow up sessions Sanjh Pakistan formed 25 village peace committees (VPC's) and a brief orientation of the selected executive members of VPCs on refreshing tolerance, social

harmony and peaceful coexistence, organization and how to report social actions were organized. A total of three one-day orientations were held in three batches comprising of four members each from 25 VPCs. This way, 96 executive members were oriented in three days. This helped Sanjh Pakistan team to make best possible partnership and collaboration amongst VPCs for conducting big social actions at the tehsil level. Total target no of beneficiaries for VPC orientation were 96 and Sanjh oriented 102 beneficiaries in which 12 were females and 90 were male. Sanjh along with VPC members conducted 9 social actions. The main purposes of social actions were cherishing peace and the local culture of tolerance. In these events Sanjh Pakistan invited notables, government stakeholders, key person from the district and the region.

Selected UC,s of Tehsil Shujabad were

1. Chak RS
2. Shahpur ubha
3. Sikandrabad
4. Gajuhata
5. Gardaizpur
6. Ponta

Total target beneficiaries of the grant were 5196 and Sanjh Pakistan targeted 7875 beneficiaries in this grant. In these 7875 there were male female and youth from the age of 16 to 70 years. Most of the theaters were performed in community schools as school is the place where the persons from all sects and from all background came. So it was easy to gather community to watch theater in school rather than any other place. As School is also a secure place as they have their own security measures so teacher of the schools were also the direct beneficiaries of theater and follow up sessions and they appreciated the play as well as the technique sanjh used to propagate the peace education through theater was marvelous. Even students of the school were not the direct beneficiaries of the theater but they watch the theater and share their views as well. People from diverse background participated in these activities. Sanjh team also invited government stakeholders in project activities especially in social actions.

As we mentioned that total target numbers of beneficiaries of the project were 5196 and Sanjh targeted 7875 beneficiaries. In one of the project activity “social actions” target number of beneficiaries was 100 in one social action and Sanjh Pakistan targeted more than 300 people in one social action. Even in 3 social actions named “Saraiki Aman Mela” there were more than 2000 people in each mela and during the Kabadi Match it was difficult to mark attendance of all of the participants

## Challenges

Challenges	Mitigation
<p>One of the challenges faced in the formation of women committee was the cultural constraint where the community had refused to form the committee comprised of female members. Sanjh in order to respect the cultural constraints and social norms had to adapt as per the situation so that a healthy relationship and rapport building with community be sustained.</p>	<p>To mitigate the challenge Sanjh Pakistan conducted social action projects, signature campaigns and peace walks with females separately to ensure the maximum female participation in the grant.</p>
<p>Monthly meetings of WAKs was sometimes challenging because of the unavailability of the members as many of them were engaged in private jobs and some had to look after their fields.</p>	<p>Sanjh Pakistan team mitigated it through flexible timings of the WAK meetings</p>
<p>Community engagement through WAK members was one of the challenges where it was difficult to ensure the presence in the social action initiatives keeping in view the busy work routine of the communities. Though it was hard to mobilize these people to spare sometime out of their social routine to be the part of these activities</p>	<p>The WAK members sensitized the communities to participate in the social action projects. WAK members conducted community meetings as well to ensure the maximum participation</p>
<p>To conduct Debate events on the scheduled time as per the milestone was a challenge due to final exams in school on the same dates; the school principal demanded that to shift the events in next month.</p>	<p>Sanjh team met with the principal and managed the dates of the debate event on targeted time.</p>
<p>The school students participated in the debate event and they didn't take any position but they demanded to give them shield or Certificates.</p>	<p>Sanjh Pakistan team decided to give the appreciation certificate to all the students who participated in the debate and essay writing event.</p>
<p>The Administration and management of big saps was a challenge for the Sanjh Team and WAK members. Because in kabadi matches the gathering was more</p>	<p>To minimize the challenge WAK members assigned the task of taking attendance to some WAK members</p>



<p>than 2000. To take attendance of all participants was a challenge.</p>	
<p>To manage the massive crowd of approximately Two thousand people was a big challenge for the Sanjh Team in Kabadi Match.</p>	<p>Sanjh team engaged the WAK members and mobilized the local community resource persons to manage the event effectively.</p>
<p>One of the biggest challenges faced by the team was the heavy rain night before the event day. The Kabadi ground was prepared but the rain destroyed the ground.</p>	<p>Sanjh team and WAK member decided to change the venue at the spot. WAK member arranged router for the preparation of the Kabadi ground and they successfully arranged the event on time.</p>

**Picture Gallery:**



**Caption: Munshi Played his role in theater**



**Caption: Participants of Interactive Theaters**



**Caption: Follow up participants gave the feedback About the theater**



**Caption: Energizer and learning session in orientation**



**Caption: WAK office of Basti Raan**

### **UC- Community Actions by WAK members:**

WAK member organized 10 UC-community Actions with the collaboration of Sanjrh Pakistan to promote peace, tolerance, brotherhood and social harmony. Those 10 UC-community actions are following:

- Two Debate Events
- Two Essay Events
- Two Seraiki Poetry Recitals
- Two Seraiki Music Festival
- Two Kabadi Competitions



**Caption:Participants of Debate event in Jhok Wains**



**Caption:Poets of Poetry Recital**



**Caption:Local singer of Music Festival**



**Caption:Participants of Kabadi Competition in Ailam Pur**



**Caption: Participants of UC Convetion**



**Caption: 2<sup>nd</sup> Music festival**



**Caption: 1<sup>st</sup> Kabadi Competition (Peace Festival)**



**Caption: Winner of Kabadi Competition**



**Caption: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kabadi Competition**



**Caption: Winners are receiving prizes**



**Caption: UC convention Jhok Wains**



**Caption: Peace Signature Campaign**



**Caption: Peace messages written by community**



**Caption: Debate Event**



**Caption: Winner of debate event receiving certificate**



**Caption: Essay Event**



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