

# Reaching Out

Pak Mission Society Newsletter



*"WASH Project" by PMS helped people from remote areas to get clean drinking water at their door step. — Khipro, Sindh.*

## Solid Waste Management

December 2018: Saaf Mahool's team participated in a training on solid waste management, facilitated by Mike Webster, CEO of WasteAid UK. It was an integrated training with assessments and practical approaches to build capacity, which made it especially helpful for Hariyali Hub's objectives and future prospects for expansion.

February 2019: National Agricultural Research Centre declared the compost as safe for selling.

February 2019: A household survey was conducted throughout Rimsha colony for Saaf Mahool.

March 2019: International Women's Day was celebrated at Rimsha colony, highlighting the importance of female empowerment and their role in solid waste management for the betterment of the society.

## Drought Response

PMS responded to the drought, by distributing water, food and non-food items among 955 families, in 10 villages of Thar.

## Youth Development

Third batch of interns has been inducted and enrolled in the relevant departments for six months. The internship program focuses on personal, professional and spiritual growth.

# PAK MISSION SOCIETY AT WORK!

## Ghulam Akbar - Rajanpur

*"I was able to purchase new clothes with the money I saved by not having to purchase vegetables. Instead, I now have my own kitchen garden, and I am selling home grown produce. I always worked on someone else's land, but it is such a relief that now I am growing vegetables on my own land. My children will have home grown nutritious vegetables."*

Ghulam Akbar's income has increased after selling vegetables from his own kitchen garden. A father of 10 children, is a resident of village Sakhi-Maril, Rajanpur; and is one of the beneficiaries out of 240 who received vegetable seeds and training on kitchen gardening. Ghulam, is also a sharecropper.





PMS staff, Annual Dinner, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. — Islamabad



VDC of Haji Khan Rajar obtained 'Bricks Pavement Scheme' from the government. This scheme was provided by Public Health Engineering Department and is set to facilitate 42 households.



Tree plantation in CFICDP targeted schools



1<sup>st</sup> inter Schools Drawing Competition in GPS Batera Payeen; 45 students from 4 targeted schools participated in the event.

## Townhall Meeting

A townhall meeting was hosted at PMS, where Tearfund's Country Representative, Mr. Ashraf Mall spoke to the staff about Saaf Mahool's recognition in the UK parliament. This served as a great motivational factor for everybody at the organisation.

## Under the Microscope

Khipro Integrated Women Empowerment Project (KIWEP) funded by Ora Holland was completed successfully after one year. One thousand and two hundred women were empowered from 40 villages to fight poverty through the self-help group (SHG) approach. Forty hand pumps with WASH places were constructed and people were sensitized through Health and Hygiene (HH) sessions and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) sessions. The project also focused on children as they are the most vulnerable, by launching a deworming campaign for 1000 children. PMS contributed in 889 households (6223 individuals) through the project's interventions.

## Days and Events Celebrated:

- Joint celebration of Diwali
- Eid Milad-un-Nabi
- Observed the International Day of Disabled Persons
- Remembrance of the 16th December, Peshawar Massacre
- Observed Mental Health Awareness Day



Najam Masih — Internee YDIP

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

"I am Najam, student of BS/CS from Preston University. I came to know about this opportunity through my Church and joined PMS as a volunteer in June 2018, to meet my university's requirement. It was a very good learning opportunity for me to work alongside humanitarian practitioners. I was then inducted as an intern through the Youth Development Internship Programme (YDIP).

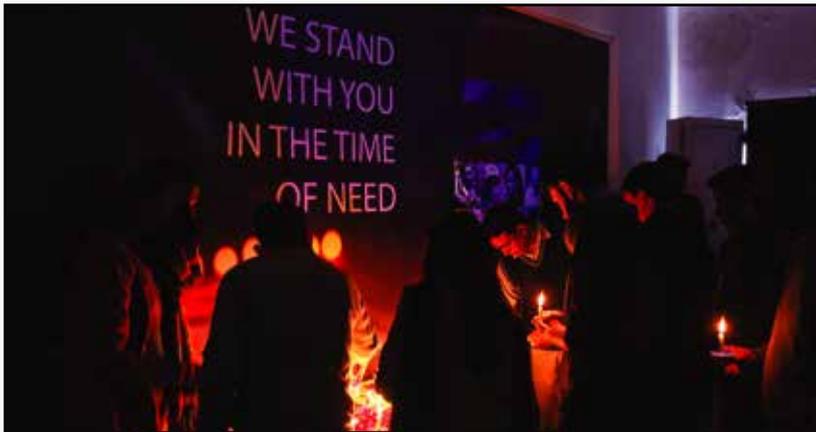
Both my confidence and communication skills have boosted. YDIP is a great platform for youth as it helps to polish the skills of young people, who want to start their professional life. My relationship with God has strengthened after attending the Father's Heart training and I will always remain grateful to Pak Mission Society."



WASH Project, Khipro — 2018



Black Day (APS, Peshawar) observed by Shared Futures Team, December 16 — 2018



Vigil in honour of the Christchurch Mosque victims, New Zealand — PMS Head Office



Shared Futures team visiting Rahim Yar Khan for an exposure visit



Seminar on Sustainable Livelihood and Food Security for All — PMS Head Office



Women's Day celebration by Saaf Mahool Team — H-9 Community



Celebrating Nowruz — PMS Head Office

*Due to our efforts and hard work, we have succeeded in achieving the following:*

- We now have a new monitoring and evaluation system along with a fully functional database for managing all the project figures.
- We successfully completed another project in Shangla on disaster response, WASH and livelihoods.
- We successfully completed a women empowerment project in Khipro.
- We successfully wrapped up the Water for Peace Project in Umerkot.
- We concluded a four day consultation resulting in a detailed community mobilization manual for our urban and rural communities.
- First batch of our organic compost is ready at the Haryali Hub. It has been tested and approved by the National Agriculture Research Center, Islamabad.
- We now have three new board members in place of three previous ones who were able to successfully complete their tenures with Pak Mission Society.



Staff retreat — Kattas Raj Temples



Learning activity for Shared Futures beneficiaries — F-9 Park, Islamabad



Holi celebration — Rajanpur, Sindh



PMS staff participating in a community activity — H-9, Islamabad