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UNCRC Concluding Observations and Recommendations (CO&R's)

(Booklet)

Child Rights Movement (CRM), Islamabad

Child Friendly Version



Preface

Pakistan is a Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and therefore the Government of Pakistan is obliged to submit a Periodic Report every five years to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child about the steps been taken for the implementation of the UNCRC and the last Concluding Observations and Recommendations (CO&Rs). After the ratification, Pakistan had submitted its initial report in 1993, second periodic report in 1997, third and fourth combined report due in 2007 submitted in 2009 and fifth periodic report due 2012 was submitted in 2015 and considered in May-June 2016.

After each submission, the Committee on the Rights of the Child reviewed Pakistan's reports in light of alternative reports submitted by civil society organizations, and then issued Concluding Observations and Recommendations. Unfortunately there had never been prepared plan of action to implement the CO&Rs, therefore, the implementation of the CO&Rs remained very slow and poor which the Committee had regretted in its every Observations. The Child Rights Movement Pakistan submitted and presented its Alternative Report before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and most of the issues highlighted by the CRM are a part of the CO&Rs.

Keeping in mind the history of the poor implementation of the previous CO&Rs and in accordance with it's mandate as an independent civil society coalition, the CRM is committed to continue with its advocacy efforts for the implementation of the latest CO&Rs. As a first step, the CRM Pakistan has published the CO&Rs both in English and Urdu and also developed a bilingual child friendly version. The CO&R would be widely distributed among all the key stakeholders including parliamentarians, journalists, the concerned government officials, judges, civil society, general masses and the children themselves. A rigorous follow up will be conducted with the concerned Ministries at the national level and all the concerned departments at the provincial level to ensure that steps are taken both at the federal and provincial level.

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Budget Allocations

01

Ali

I had a dream that Children money box is empty that's why we have our friends begging on roads, bare feet. We have no books, no food, no safety and protection.



02

Aman

I will drop my pocket money into that money box.



03

Ali

But, that won't be sufficient to fulfill the needs of all children.



04

Aman

oh yeah you are right! Then who will provide those friends with enough money to go to school, get clothes, shoes, and live in a house?



05

Ali

I saw in TV , people asking for help with banners from an uncle. His name was State.



06

Aman

Thank you so much for sharing Ali, we will go to uncle State and ask him to put some money into our money box and help our friends who are beggars , labors, and out of school.



08

Aman

We will ask our police and soldiers like commander safeguard and burkha avengers to keep an eye on our money and help us get justice.



09

Ali

Wow! This way we will keep track of our spending and we will gather more money to help every fellow child.



07

Ali

Excellent! But what if someone steals our money and does not give the money to our friends but have all the money himself?



10

Aman

Yes, we will count every child, leaving no one behind!!!.



11

Ali

But how we will count every Child when we do not have the list of all the children with us?



12

Aman

We will go to State Agency, I have heard that in the house of state there are so many files and It has all the data and information about all of us.



13

Ali

Oh! I see but I wonder how it can be possible because yesterday a poor fellow of mine could not get admission in 5th class because he does not have his Birthday form.



14

Aman

That's saddening let's go to him and ask him why he could not have his birthday form.



15

Aman & Ali

AOA Saim why did not you come to school today?



16

Saim

Because teacher said I cannot take admission in Board Examination without Birth Registration Form.



17

Ali

Oh! So it's Birth Registration Form.



18

Saim

Yes, Ali it is called Birth Registration Form because it has my number written on it and that number is my identity, more important than myself and my name. If I will not have it, they will struck off my name from education, food, health, shelter and everything.



19

Aman

We will not let it happen with you. We will go with you for your Birth Registration!



20

Saim

It's of no use Aman, they have so many forms to fill in and long lines of all other children like me standing in queue for their birth registration daily. My parents cannot afford to pay my birth registration dues, they have already managed my Board Examination fee with great difficulty.



21

Aman & Ali

we must go to state uncle and ask him to make all these processes easy for us.



22

Saim

but how will you go to state uncle?



23

Ali

We will call him and write him letters or meet him.



24

Saim

That's how it should be but it's not as easy and simple. We cannot communicate with State like an added friend into our face book account.



25

Aman

This is not fair. There should be communication between us and State uncle through hotlines, letters, messages and Facebook. Otherwise how he would be able to know our problems?



26

Ali

You are very much right Aman! Or there should be a Children Ministry who can represent our Voice and problems to the State Uncles.



Early and Forced Marriages

Children have no say in the matters of their life; gender discrimination

01

Sara

weeping, they will send me to another house and they say an uncle with moustache's will play with me? I don't want to play with him, I want to play with my doll, do not want to become his doll.



02

Mariam

Yes Sara I can understand but why your parents wants you to go an uncle's home as a child bride?



03

Sara

because the Panchayat of my village has decided so.



04

Mariam

why do not you say NO!to this?



05

Sara

Ami says once a girl of our village said NO! to the decision of her family and Panchayat, her brother beat her. That uncle took her to his home and forcefully played with her at night and next day threw acid at her face for saying NO! to him.



06

Mariam

That is so brutal. What happened then?



07

Sara

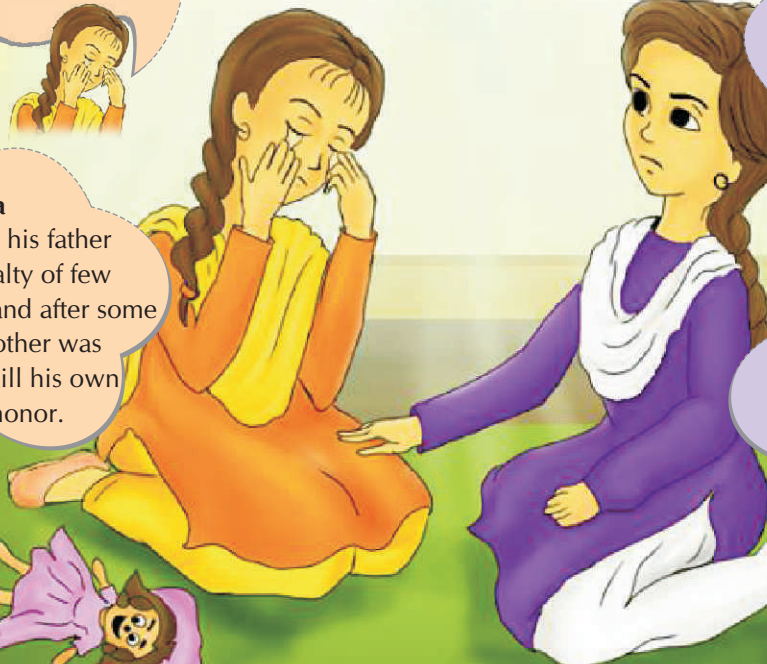
He sent that girl back to her mother's home. Her family did not accept her. All villager stoned her out of village. That very night, his brother killed her at the name of honor.



09

Sara

Ami tells that his father paid the penalty of few hundred rupees and after some days, the brother was pardoned to kill his own sister at honor.



08

Mariam

Oh my God! Really? Was not he a human? How inhuman it is. Did someone punish him?

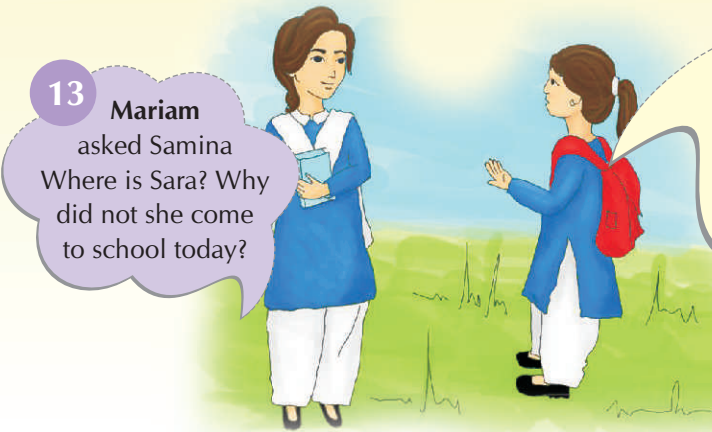
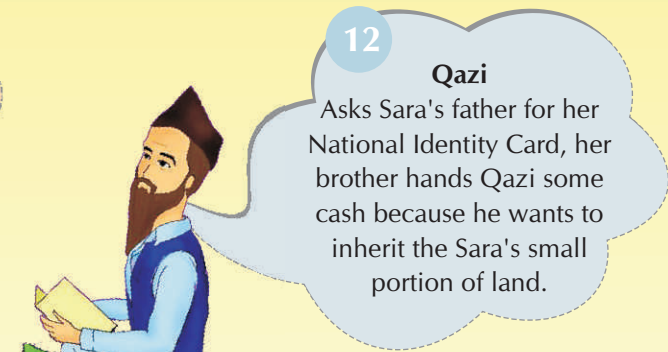
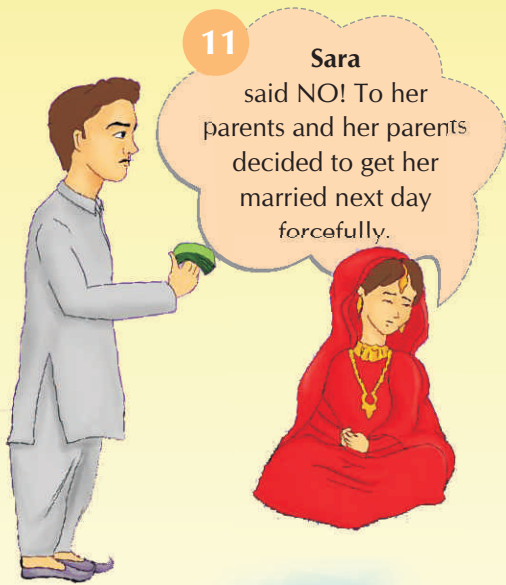


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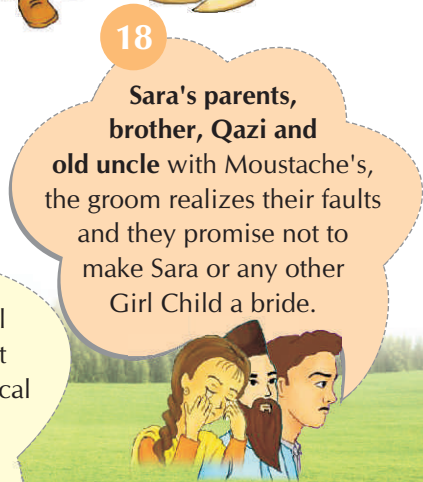
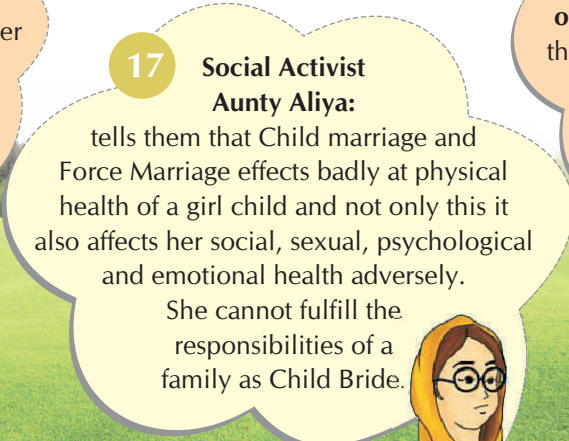
Mariam

No matter what Sara, I will not let you to be a child bride. You should also say NO! To your parents.





(Mariam: Throws her bag, rushes to her aunt, a social change agent, and takes a police man along and reaches at Sara's home. They arrest Qazi, the groom and her family for making a girl child bride.)





*Girl Child to her mom:
Why do they find honor in killing?
Why there is no honor in defending or protecting?
How can great honor of the whole society lie in tiny me?*



Education

03

Theme:

Free and compulsory education for all

01

Nouman

Rehma do you know that Article 25 A of Pakistan's constitution ensures "Free and Compulsory education for all the children from age 5 till 16".



02

Rehma

Wow! Then all of our fellow children should be in schools.



03

Nouman

You are right but this cannot be done until State uncles put these words into action.



04

Rehma

Yes, Nouman. I wish all of our fellow children who are out of schools, beggars, labors, who have lost their houses, families, have no money to get education would go to school.



05

Nouman

I also wish the same Rehma. But I personally do not want to go school because I am afraid of teachers.

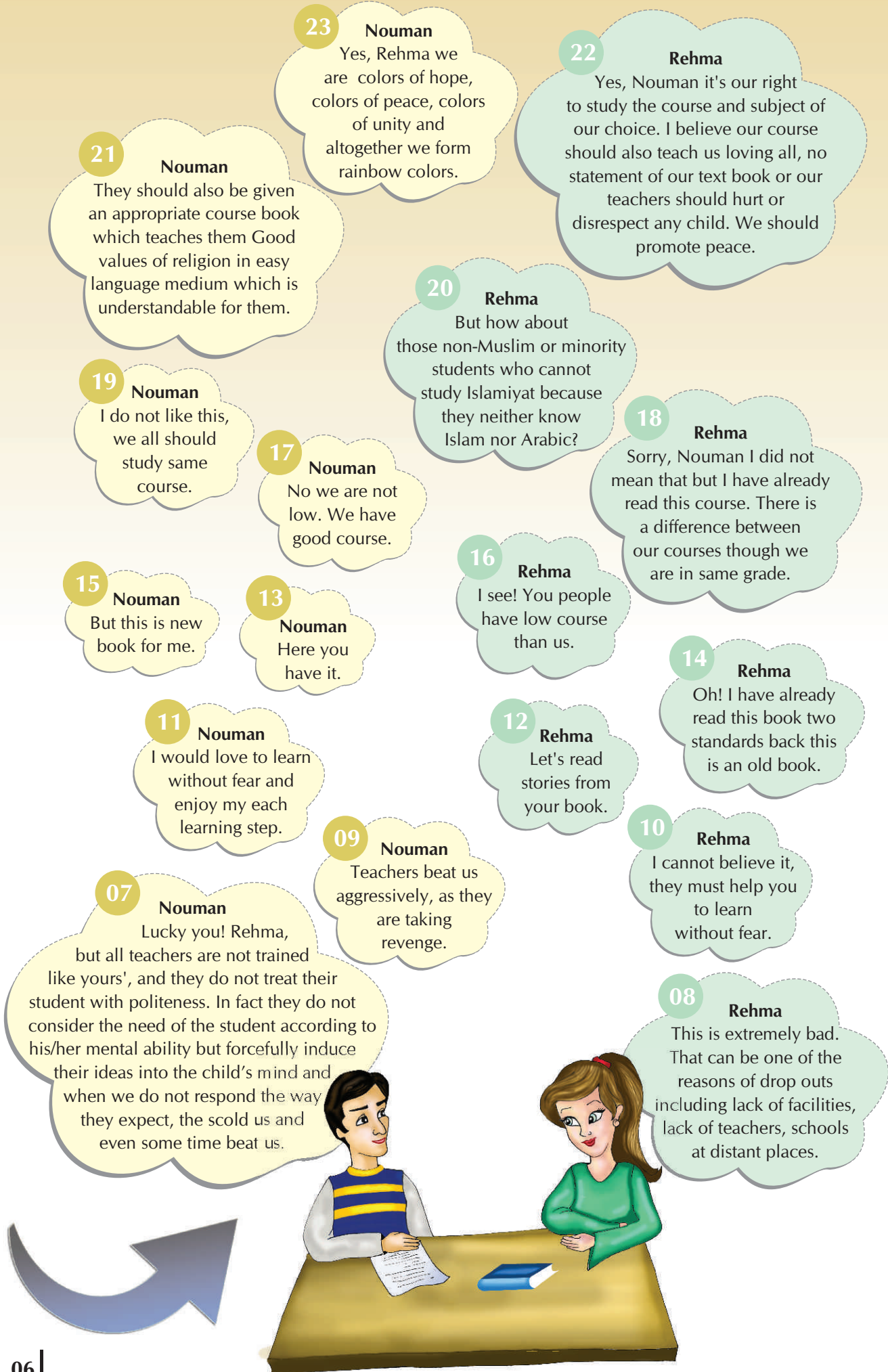


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Rehma

Why Nouman? My teachers are very good, they always listen to what I say. They encourage and support me. We all enjoy and actively participate in the class. Our teacher appreciate us for active participation. She says each mistake is a new learning step.





21

Nouman

They should also be given an appropriate course book which teaches them Good values of religion in easy language medium which is understandable for them.

23

Nouman

Yes, Rehma we are colors of hope, colors of peace, colors of unity and altogether we form rainbow colors.

22

Rehma

Yes, Nouman it's our right to study the course and subject of our choice. I believe our course should also teach us loving all, no statement of our text book or our teachers should hurt or disrespect any child. We should promote peace.

20

Rehma

But how about those non-Muslim or minority students who cannot study Islamiyat because they neither know Islam nor Arabic?

19

Nouman

I do not like this, we all should study same course.

17

Nouman

No we are not low. We have good course.

18

Rehma

Sorry, Nouman I did not mean that but I have already read this course. There is a difference between our courses though we are in same grade.

15

Nouman

But this is new book for me.

13

Nouman

Here you have it.

16

Rehma

I see! You people have low course than us.

14

Rehma

Oh! I have already read this book two standards back this is an old book.

11

Nouman

I would love to learn without fear and enjoy my each learning step.

12

Rehma

Let's read stories from your book.

09

Nouman

Teachers beat us aggressively, as they are taking revenge.

10

Rehma

I cannot believe it, they must help you to learn without fear.

07

Nouman

Lucky you! Rehma, but all teachers are not trained like yours', and they do not treat their student with politeness. In fact they do not consider the need of the student according to his/her mental ability but forcefully induce their ideas into the child's mind and when we do not respond the way they expect, the scold us and even some time beat us.

08

Rehma

This is extremely bad. That can be one of the reasons of drop outs including lack of facilities, lack of teachers, schools at distant places.

Definition of a child?

(Children meet each other at park.)

01

Rabia

Hi I am a girl and I am 14 years old girl child.



02

Raza

Hi I am 18 below and I am a boy child.



03

Neelum

Hello! I am 16 year old and I am a young girl.



04

Raza

haha! No, you are a child.



05

Neelum

No I am not, I am a young girl.



06

Rabia

who says you are a young girl?



07

Neelum

My family, my society and my constitution declares that I am a young girl.



09

Neelum

No, I cannot accept it because my law, my community and my family says that girls at the age of 16 are young girls and ready to marry and boys at the age 18 are young boy or adult and he becomes ready for marriage.



08

Rabia

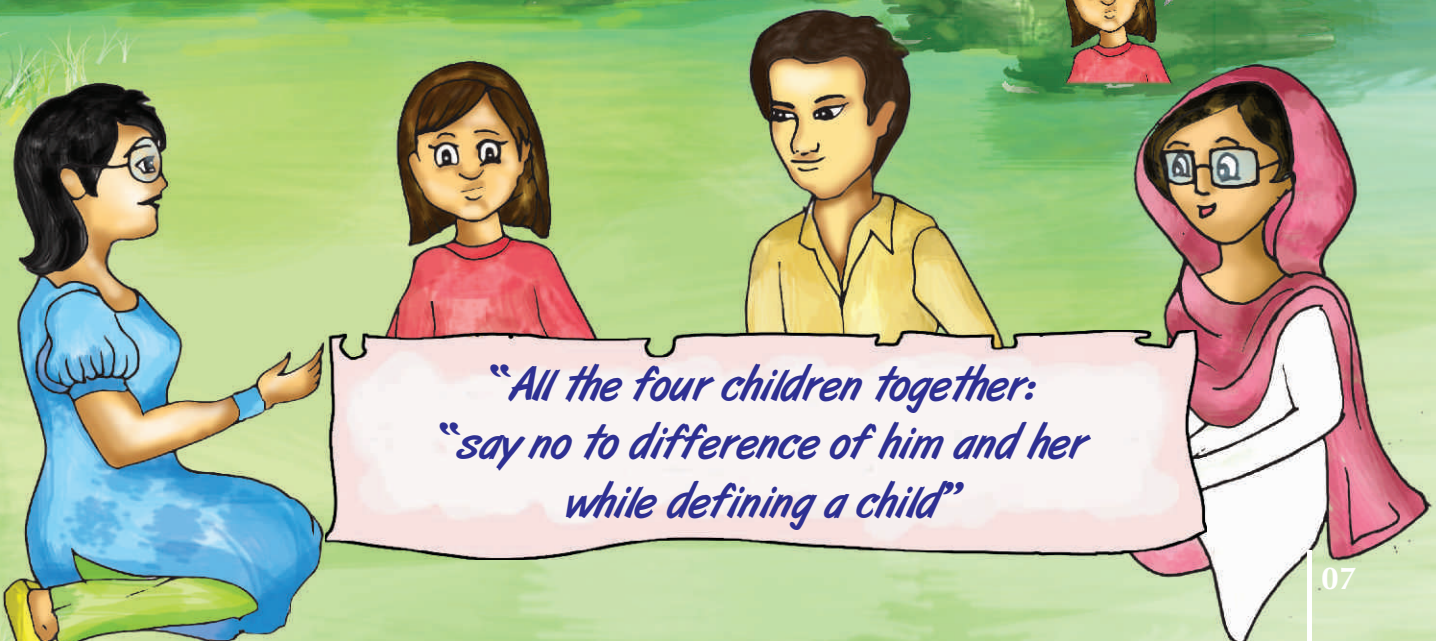
No, But you are a girl child until you get 18+



10

Rabia:

You are right Neelum, we live in the same country; but we have confusion in determining the age of a girl child and a boy child. I don't know why our society creates a difference between even the age of a girl and boy child.



*"All the four children together:
"say no to difference of him and her
while defining a child"*

05

Theme:

Right to Freedom of Religion

01

Amna

This is my religion and my parents decided not me.



02

Saad

Religion teaches blasphemy; or reverence to all religions?



My friends are afraid to talk and play with me that I might allege them as blasphemous.

Open mind before mouth!

Love Allah, Love His creation.

*Say No to forced religion,
Say No to manipulation.*

Blasphemy
(not to respect Allah and others' religion).

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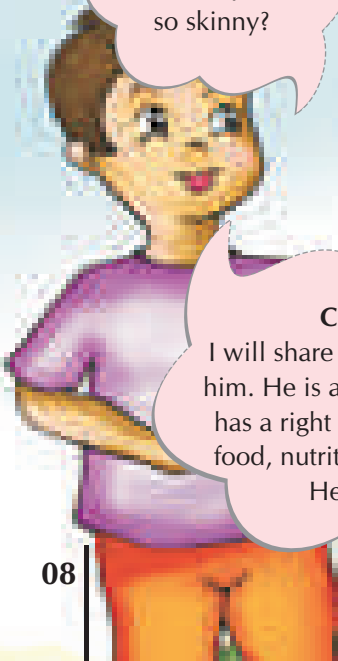
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Right to Health Food and Nutrition

01

Child

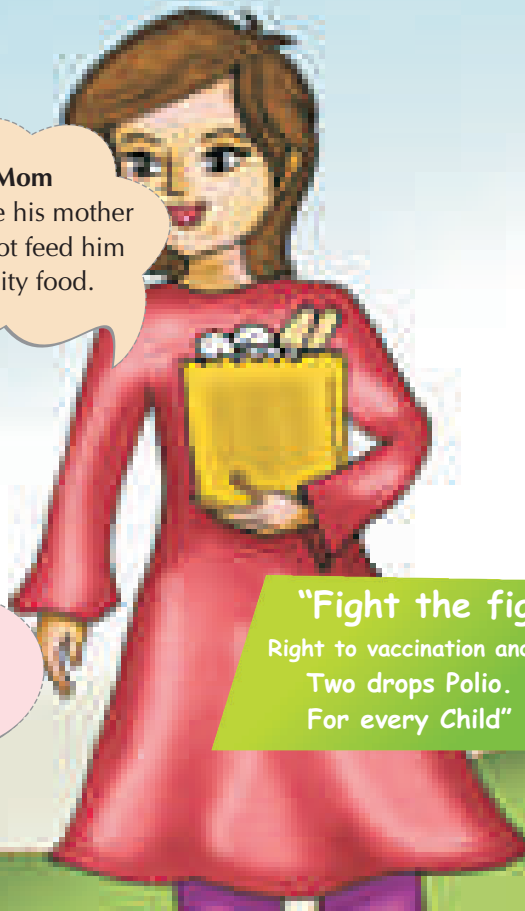
Mom, why he is so skinny?



02

Mom

Because his mother does not feed him quality food.



03

Child

I will share my food with him. He is a child, and he has a right to have good food, nutritious diet and Health.

"Fight the fight

Right to vaccination and cure
Two drops Polio.
For every Child"



Environmental Health



With my hands I plant a tree!

*With my hands
i let you breathe!!!!*

Psychological Health

(Abeera aggressively shuts the door)

01 Mother
Abeera
my daughter
are you okay?



02 Abeera
leave
me alone.



03 Mother
Come on my girl
share with me.



04 Abeera
Mom, today was my
first day in school. My school
fellows teased and bullied me.
It was really hurting
for me.



*Psychological and emotional health
mostly ignored can develop or
destroy the personality of a
child. It may lead to suicide.*

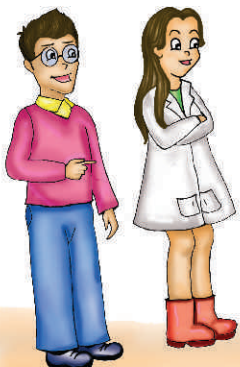
05 Mother
You are my brave girl, they
did not know that you will get this
much hurt, if they knew they must
have been apologetic. But I will
come to your school, I will
personally talk with them and
your teacher.



06 Abeera
Thank you
mom



**Think before you
speak! Think wisely before
you act! Because actions
speaks louder
than words.**



Right to Best Interest of Child

Scene 1

Universal Children day:
Children dancing and partying



01

Girl

It says I can
have my say in
matters of my
life.

03

Seerah

I will be an
athlete

02

Adil

wow! I will
be a chef.

State uncles have committed
to provide us our rights by
signing at UNCRC on
12th November 1990.

Scene 2



01
Qasim
I'm Ali's father he has my blood flowing in his veins, I will take Ali with me.

03
Qasim
I have enough money to support and buy anything for him.

05
Ali shouts silent please!!!!!!!!!!!!
Ali: listen to me whom do I want to live with, I know who can understand me best, nourish me and love me.

02
Asma
I'm his mother I can take good care of Ali he's only 7. I have given him birth

04
Asma
I have motherhood to give him, which is his primary need.

Judge:
Ali will stay with whoever he will choose for him, because Child's Best Interest is our key priority.



Judge

Right to Protection

01

Asim

I am afraid to go to school monsters in disguise of human enter into our schools and kill many kids by guns and bombs.



02

Irfan

Monsters kidnap children and make them suicide bombers.



03

Asim

How about those children living on streets, homeless, and who come from far off villages, cities and countries they do not have any one to look after and provide shelter?



04

Irfan

They are at most risk because they have no house to hide, no shelter to cover their head, no home to live in and sometimes no one to look after.



05

Asim

I have seen in TV when there is a war at a place people run away from that place and because they do not have any house so they live at roads.



06

Irfan

Yes, then kidnapers come they abduct children into sacks and they forcefully use them for sale, sexual and drug abuse or terrorism.



07

Asim

My mother was reading in newspaper that they also sell children's body organs after kidnapping them.



08

Irfan

That's horrible. Is there no one to protect them? Everyone hurts them because they are at risk and armed groups use them for their own purpose.



09

Asim

There are few sweet homes, rehabilitation centers for abandoned and internally displaced children, and child labors. These all institutes provide them with basic facilities and parental care.



10

Irfan

But, I have heard that such institutions does not provide good facilities, they commit domestic violence, ask children to over work from day till night, physically mentally, socially abuse and torture them. They also engage them in child prostitution.



11

Asim

This is heart wrecking then, a team of commander safeguards, super men and bat men should visit such institutes on regular basis to ensure all children are happy, sound and safe.



12

Irfan

They should also ensure enabling environment for children.



14

Irfan

State uncles should also develop easy reporting systems like hotlines or letter complaint system.



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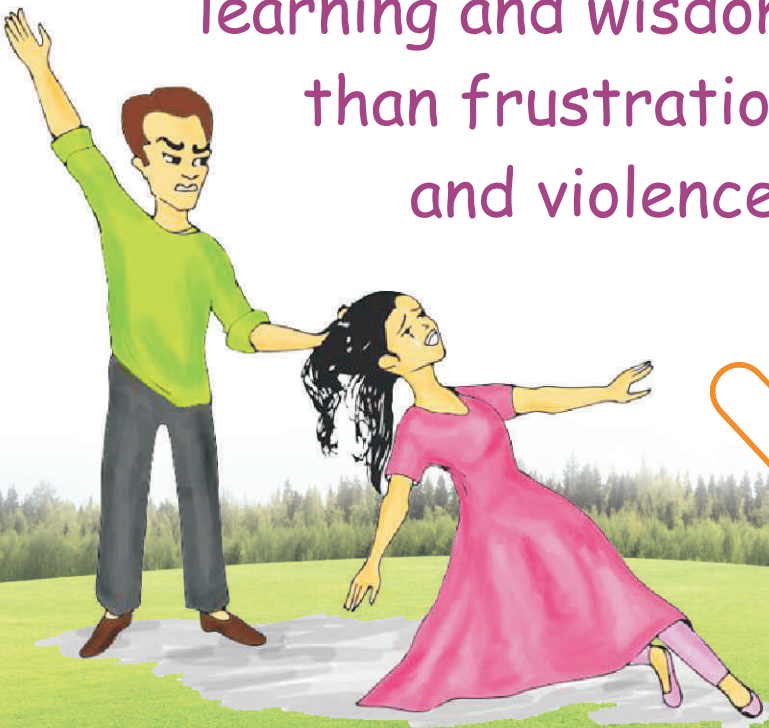
Asim

All the cases of child abduction, child exploitation, child labor, child abuse, child pornography, child prostitution and child sale must be reported to state uncle immediately. They should diffuse such bombs before explosion.



Stop all forms of violence

"Plant the seed of learning and wisdom than frustration and violence"



Violence whether physical, domestic, social, economic & emotional, or on the base of gender or sex; produces black generations.

Juvenile Justice System

(Ali to his father)



01

Ali:
what is juvenile justice system Baba?



02

Baba:
My son juvenile justice system is a court which solves the problems and mistakes done by children under the age of 18.



03

Ali
Do children also commit crimes?

06

Baba
To take that basket of clothes till the police check post.

04

Baba:
Yes, my son let me tell you a story, once there was a child washing car at road. A black dressed man came to him, gave him some money and asked him to do a task. Poor child was glad to have the money and excited to take food for his 3 years old younger sister. You know what task was given to him by that black dressed man?



05

Ali
what?



07

Ali
Then?



08

Baba:
That child did as directed and a police man arrested him investigated him for his birth registration or father name.



09

Ali
Did he tell his name? What was his name?



10

Baba:
No, My son. He does not has any name his parents left him on road when he was very an infant child.





11

Ali
what happened next baba?



12

Baba:
That police man took him whipped him and locked him up with professional criminals into prison. They taught him more crimes and he became a mature criminal.



13

Ali:
Oh! Then police men must have a separate rooms for children and they should not lock them up like this but provide them with opportunity to repent and change their life. Otherwise a child criminal for once or twice will be a criminal forever.

14

Baba:
Yes, my son that is why juvenile justice system claims State Uncles to devise proper strategies for age determination at the time of crime.



15

Ali:
I see baba! Do judges uncle sentence death penalty to Children also?



16

Baba:
yes, my son unfortunately it happens. But as you said children when commit crime under 18 year of age must be pardoned and given opportunity to turn their life for the good will and betterment of the society and country.



Children jailed with criminals results in

MATURE CRIMINALS

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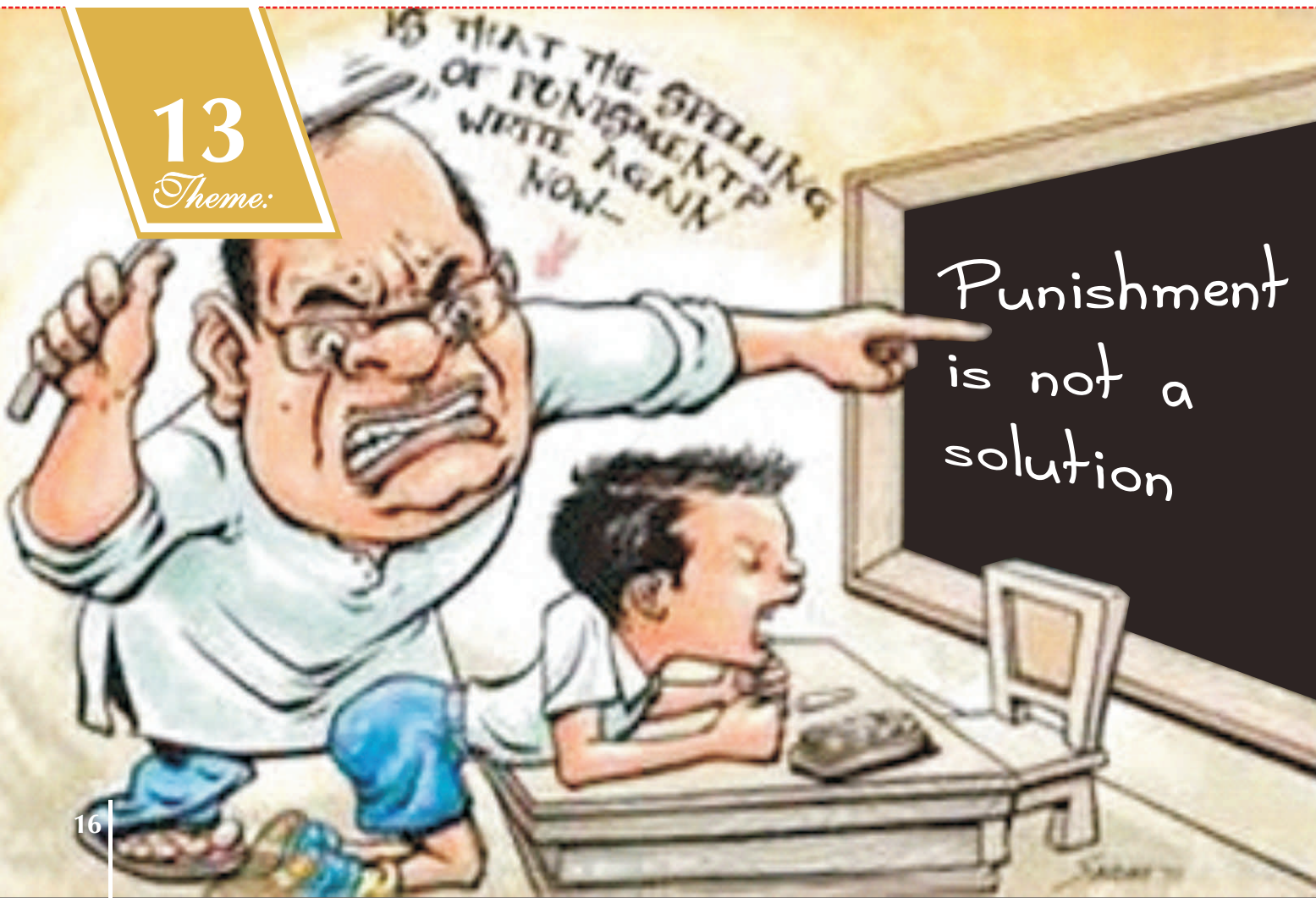
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Abandon
Death
Penalty for
Children

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Theme:



Sexual Exploitation and abuse

Scene 1

Break the Silence



(Alina reports and Society's reaction)

Scene 2



Scene 3



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Theme:

Sexual Reproductive Health Rights and Right to information and awareness



Every adolescent child has a right to know and access information about his/ her sexual and reproductive health!!!

Raise awareness on
Child Rights

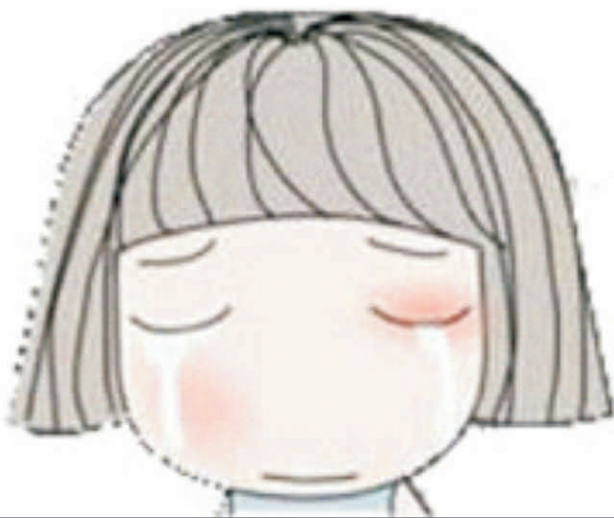
WE WANT PEACE AND ENABLING ENVIRONMENT



Emotional Violence

Stick and Stones May
Break may bones
but words will never be healed

Not



*Know the signs of
Emotional Abuse*

*It's impact can be more
damaging than any other
type of abuse.*

Special Children

(Adil and his sister Malaika went to a Special Children Institute)

01 Malaika

Mama I will take chocolates for special children and Adil is taking his toys to share with them.

02

Mother

Sure, my child, we must make them realize that they are important for us & we are with them.

04

Mother

Such Children are so many my son. That's a good idea that each special child should be counted and cured to enjoy his life.

05

Malaika

Yes, mom they should be given equal opportunities to life, health, education and protection like us.

03

Adil

Mama, I was wishing to know the total number of special children around the world and Pakistan?



Count me, have my say, bring me into the picture, I matter, my life matter my existence matter. ENSURE Equity for me.

Child Abduction



Hear my plea,
Set me free;
I'm for
love not sale

Street Children



*Street Children claiming state uncles to provide
their basic right to survival, health, food ,
shelter and education.*

Child Labor

Angle from comes from HEAVEN



Angle sees children working in kilns and he feels disappointed



He also sees children wasting resources in class room and feels gloomy



Angle sees Ali washing pots at dhaba. He sends Ali's enlightened with a Child Help line number to help Ali from bonded and modern slavery



Children call at Child Help line. Help line responds and rescue Children by arresting the Ali's master who engages children in child Labor.



Alternative Care



*(Adil meets Ben
He's my new friend he came from another country
because the people of his country fight a lot
and they do not live peacefully.)*

01 Ben:

I want to get education, health, protection and enabling environment for me.



02

Usama:

We will help you go into a sweet home or rehabilitation center.



03

Ben:

No, I will not go there, I have ran from there because they mistreat me. I don't feel peaceful here. They do not provide me with education and health. They torture me.



04

Usama:

Did you say this to anyone there? Did they listen to you?



05

Ben:

I tried to, I reported it to a warden but he also abused me. Then, I have ran from there.



06

Usama:

Ben, I will talk with my parents, you can stay with me at my home till the time my parents find a safe and comfortable space for you.





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