

Seminar on Child Rights

Arooj-e-Mariam Catholic Church organized a seminar on child rights, the title of the seminar was “our 1st priority is to give right of education to the bonded labor children”. The main objective of the seminar was to highlight the importance of education for the children and discourage the child labor.

Fr. Nisar Barkat, Dr. Najma Afzal (member of provincial assembly-Punjab) Mr. Asher Nazir (CARITAS-Faisalabad), Mr. Yousaf Adnan (Care Foundation), Ms. Aqsa Kanwal and Ms. Nadia Ayoub were among the speakers.

More than 200 bonded labor children from 6 education centers joined the program, they present different dramas, tableaux, songs and theater performances to highlight the situation of bonded labor children in Pakistan and the terrible effects of child labor not only on the society but especially on the children.

From their performances they demanded from the Government of Pakistan to provide facilities for school and good medical facilities for the children, and not only end the child labor but ban it, government should ensure that not a single child is involved in child labor. The owner of the brick kilns should not allow the children to work on their brick kiln but they should provide the education facility for them. There are laws exist in the constitution of Pakistan against child labor but there is no implementation of such laws, Govt. should make sure the implementation of these laws, and they have to make new policies on urgent levels to end child labor in Pakistan as soon as possible.