

REPORT

Provincial CSOs Coalition



August 26, 2024

Serena Hotel,

Peshawar

The Provincial CSOs and Youth Coalition Meeting was held on August 26, 2024, at the Serena Hotel in Peshawar. The event aimed to bring together Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and youth representatives to discuss and advance goals related to family planning and reproductive health in alignment with FP2030 commitments. The meeting facilitated networking, discussion, and strategic planning among key stakeholders.

Ms. Urooj Wajahat from Rahnuma FPAP formally started the meeting with recitation of Holy Quran followed by introduction of participants, facilitating a brief overview of the attendees. This introduction helped set the stage for collaborative discussions and ensured that everyone was aware of the diverse expertise present in the room.

Dr. Riffat Sardar, Chairperson, Rahnuma FPAP delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of the meeting and the collective efforts required to achieve FP2030 goals. Her speech highlighted the meeting's significance in fostering partnerships and advancing family planning initiatives.

Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, CEO, Rahnuma FPAP outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included understanding the current status of FP2030 commitments, reviewing progress, and discussing the roles of CSOs and youth in advancing these goals. His presentation helped align participants with the meeting's goals and structure.

Dr. Jamil Ahmed UNFPA joined the meeting virtually. He along with Dr. Ghulam Farid from UNFPA provided a comprehensive background on the CSOs Coalition and the accountability approach. Their presentation covered the framework of the coalition and its importance in ensuring accountability and effective implementation of family planning programs.

Dr. Anjum Rizvi, Director PMD, Rahnuma FPAP presented an overview of the FP2030 commitments and the CCI recommendations. This session provided a detailed understanding of the international commitments and local recommendations guiding the family planning initiatives.

Syed Muhammad Imran, Director PWD reviewed the progress and achievements related to FP2030 commitments in KP. His presentation highlighted key accomplishments and ongoing initiatives, providing insights into the effectiveness of current strategies and areas for improvement.

Mr. Imad Ali Lohani, Secretary PWD KP delivered remarks that offered important insights into the government's view on the coalition's efforts. In his address, he articulated how the coalition's objectives and activities align with provincial policies and priorities. Mr. Lohani emphasized the government's commitment to supporting the FP2030 goals. He discussed how the coalition's work complements and reinforces the provincial strategies aimed at improving family planning and reproductive health services. He underscored the support of provincial leadership for the family planning goals. Their insights reinforced the importance of continued collaboration and support from governmental bodies.

Ms. Mehar Sutana, former Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) from the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), delivered insightful remarks focused on several critical aspects of women's empowerment and family planning in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Her address covered a range of issues affecting the effectiveness of family planning and reproductive health services in the province.

Mr. Askar Pervaiz, Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA), delivered remarks emphasizing several key aspects crucial for advancing FP2030 goals. His address focused on the importance of engaging various stakeholders and leveraging legislative support to achieve the objectives of family planning and reproductive health. He stressed the critical role of involving men in family planning initiatives.

Discussion about the Role of CSOs and Youth in Advancing FP2030 Goals

The feedback and discussion segment, facilitated by Ms. Urooj Wajahat and Mr. Gohar Zaman, Regional Director KP at Rahnuma FPAP, provided a platform for participants to engage in a meaningful dialogue regarding family planning and reproductive health initiatives. This session was crucial for addressing concerns, sharing insights, and developing strategies to advance the FP2030 goals effectively. Representatives from various organizations shared their perspectives, strategies, and challenges. This session was instrumental in identifying collaborative approaches and action plans for enhancing impact.

Remarks of Mr. Malik Liaqat Ali Khan Special Assistant to CM KP:

Mr. Malik Liaqat Ali Khan delivered the closing remarks, summarizing the key outcomes of the meeting and reinforcing the commitment to the FP2030 goals. His remarks provided a strong conclusion to the day's discussions and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration. He reaffirmed the government's strong support for the coalition's initiatives, highlighting the necessity of sustained efforts from all parties involved to achieve the desired outcomes. He emphasized that effective population management is crucial for achieving the goals of FP2030. He stressed the importance of organizing conferences with religious ulemas (scholars) and their engagement in family planning initiatives. Mr. Khan advocated for the adoption of a balanced national narrative ("Tawazzun") at the provincial level.

Key Takeaways

- **Collaboration:** The meeting highlighted the crucial role of collaboration between CSOs, youth, and government bodies in achieving FP2030 goals.
- **Progress and Achievements:** Significant progress has been made in implementing FP2030 commitments, with several key achievements and ongoing initiatives.
- **Strategic Planning:** Discussions emphasized the need for strategic planning and joint efforts to address challenges and advance family planning goals.

- **Commitment:** There was a strong reaffirmation of commitment from all stakeholders to continue working towards improving family planning and reproductive health services.

The meeting concluded with a group photo to capture the collaborative spirit of the event. Following this, a ceremonial presentation of a shield was made to Mr. Malik Liaqat Ali Khan, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister KP, in recognition of his support and contributions. The event was wrapped up with a lunch, providing an opportunity for further networking and informal discussions among the attendees.



Photo Gallery

