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Government of Punjab and the United Nations seal partnership for the involvement of Pakistani youth in the United Nations' campaigns for its 70th anniversary

Islamabad, 11 June 2015: Recognizing youth as vital agents for social change, economic growth and technological progress, the Government of Punjab and the United Nations entered into a partnership for enhancing outreach to the Pakistani youth.

H.E. Mr. Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Minister for School Education, Higher Education, Youth Affairs, Sports, Archaeology and Tourism, Government of Punjab and Mr. Vittorio Cammarota, Director UN Information Centre, signed today a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for enhancing dissemination of values and core messages of the United Nations through the educational institutions based in Punjab.

The partnership aims at actively engaging youth in promoting the values of the United Nations in their educational institutions and among their communities. In fact, through the *UN Wall* campaign, schools and universities will have the opportunity to share core values of the United Nations on a dedicated wall on their premises. All participating institutions will be listed in an interactive map and the information will be shared globally.

In addition, the collaboration between the Government of Punjab and the United Nations Information Centre aims at strengthening collaboration between Pakistani universities and the United Nations System by establishing



the UN Corner, which will provide students with access to publications, reports and campaigns released by the UN Secretariat and by agencies, funds and programmes of the UN System on national, regional and global issues.

Minister Rana assured his full support for promoting the UN's ideals and values through the network of the schools and colleges in the Punjab and said: "I hope this MOU will be fruitful both for the awareness about activities of UN and the development of young citizens of Punjab. In fact, a good liaison with UNIC will also help them to get good exposure at global level and, consequently, an increased number of opportunities for their future."

Mr. Cammarota thanked the honourable Minister for his valuable support and noted that empowering youth is essential for promoting peace and harmony in the country. He said: "The 70th anniversary of the United Nations is a great opportunity for having youth of Pakistan showcase a positive image of their country through their active contribution as messengers of the core values of the United Nations in their schools and communities."

The UN Wall and UN Corner campaigns are part of a large series of initiatives being organized this year to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

ILO

PRESS RELEASE

World Day against Child Labour 2015

New ILO study points to the long-term impact of child labour

New ILO report shows the need for coherent policies tackling child labour and the lack of decent jobs for youth together.

GENEVA (ILO News) – Around 20 to 30 per cent of children in low income countries complete their schooling and enter the labour market by the age of 15, says a new International Labour Organization (ILO) report prepared for



World Day against Child Labour. Most of these children were in child labour before.

The [World Report on Child Labour 2015: Paving the way to decent work for young people](#) shows that young persons who were burdened by work as children are consistently more likely to have to settle for unpaid family jobs and are more likely to be in low paying jobs.

“Our new report shows the need for a coherent policy approach that tackles child labour and the lack of decent jobs for youth together. Keeping children in school and receiving a good education until at least the minimum age of employment will determine the whole life of a child. It is the only way for a child to acquire the basic knowledge and skills needed for further learning, and for her or his future working life,” ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said.

To take up this challenge, 2014 Nobel Peace Prize co-Laureate Kailash Satyarthi who will address the [ILO’s International Labour Conference on 11 June](#), calls for a change of mindsets: “When we consider our biological children, we think that they are born to become doctors, engineers, and professors – the whole world is for them. But when we talk about other children, we think, ok, they are poor children, let them work, we will slowly help them. Let us consider all children our children.”

Main findings

The report addresses the twin challenges of eliminating child labour and ensuring decent work for young people. Based on a 12 country survey, it examines the future careers of former child labourers and early school leavers.

The main findings of the report are that:

- Prior involvement in child labour is associated with lower educational attainment, and later in life with jobs that fail to meet basic decent work criteria;
- Early school leavers are less likely to secure stable jobs and are at greater risk of remaining outside the world of work altogether;
- A high share of 15-17 year olds in many countries are in jobs that have been classified as hazardous or worst forms of child labour; and
- Those in hazardous work are more likely to have left school early before reaching the legal minimum age of employment.

The report recommends early interventions to get children out of child labour and into school as well as measures to facilitate the transition from school to decent work opportunities for young people.

Particular attention should be given to the 47.5 million young people aged 15-17 in hazardous work and the special vulnerabilities of girls and young women.

“National policies should be directed towards removing children and young people from hazardous jobs and, of course, towards removing the hazards in the workplace,” Ryder said.

The ILO’s most recent estimate is that 168 million children are in child labour, with 120 million of them aged 5-14. The report underscores the critical importance of intervening early in the life cycle against child labour.

World Day events around the world

To mark the World Day theme *No to Child Labour – Yes to Quality Education*, [hundreds of events will be organized in some 55 countries on 12 June](#). In Geneva, Kailash Satyarthi and the First Lady of Panama, Ms. Lorena Castillo de Varela will join a panel discussion with delegates attending the International Labour Conference.

The event in Geneva will also draw attention to a [new campaign for ratification of the ILO’s Forced Labour Protocol](#) which was adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2014. The ILO has estimated that as many as 5 million children are trapped in slavery-like conditions, and the vast majority of these lack access to basic education.

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