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**28 September 2016**  
Shamadan Hall, Serena Hotel, Islamabad  
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us for the launch of the  
2016 Global Education  
Monitoring Report

*Education for people and planet:  
Creating sustainable futures for all*

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# UNICEF

Press Release

## Project from Pakistan among winners at Global Goals Awards to honour champions for women's and girls' rights

*Inaugural awards ceremony organized by Project Everyone, UNICEF and Unilever*

**NEW YORK/ISLAMABAD, 21 September, 2016** – The first annual Global Goals Awards held in New York, honoured an organization that brings health care to vulnerable girls and women in Pakistan, a lawyer who fights against child marriage in Tanzania and a Syrian teen and Olympic swimmer who saved fellow refugees from drowning.

The three honourees were recognized for their contributions to advancing the rights of girls and women. Leaders from business, government and entertainment attended the ceremony including award presenters Christiane Amanpour, Chief International Correspondent for CNN, entrepreneur and Curator of TED Chris Anderson and Grammy Award winner and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Angélique Kidjo.

The Global Goal Awards are part of ongoing efforts to rally support for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of goals unanimously adopted by every country in the world to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030.

The awards were curated by UNICEF with the [17 SDG Advocates](#) forming the official judging panel.

### Winners of the Global Goals Awards:

- **The Campaigner Award**  
(to an individual or organization improving the lives of girls and women)



**Winner: DoctHERS, represented by Dr.Sara Saeed Khurram, Pakistan**

The social enterprise DoctHERS matches trained junior female doctors in Pakistan with rural women and girls via telemedicine. DoctHERS reaches vulnerable girls and women with essential health care in Pakistan, while providing employment opportunities for qualified female health professionals.

- **The Girl Award**

(to a girl or young woman for laudable work in creating progress for girls)

**Winner: Yusra Mardini, Syria**

Now in Germany, 18-year-old Yusra Mardini and her sister fled conflict in Syria in 2015. While traveling across the Aegean Sea their raft broke down and the sisters jumped into the water and helped guide the boat to safety, saving about 20 people on board. At the Rio Olympics Yusra was part of the Refugee Olympic Team and used the opportunity to tell her story and raise awareness about the plight of refugees and migrants around the world. Yusra also won her heat in the butterfly.

- **The Social Change Award**

(to an individual who achieved significant social change for girls)

**Winner: Rebeca Gyumi, Tanzania**

Rebeca Gyumi is a lawyer, activist and the founder and executive director of the Msichana Initiative, a Tanzanian non-profit that advocates for girls' rights and access to education. Rebeca and the Msichana Initiative won a landmark court case in July that ended legal provisions permitting child marriage in the country.

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**Download professional quality photos of winners receiving their awards here: <http://uni.cf/2ckXrms>**

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# UNICEF

## Statement

### Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on attack the humanitarian convoy in Aleppo, Syria

**NEW YORK, 20 September 2016** – “All those with a conscience must condemn the attack on a humanitarian convoy in Aleppo that killed and injured humanitarian workers.

“The inter-agency convoy was carrying desperately needed humanitarian supplies for tens of thousands of people in extreme need.

“Trucks carrying UNICEF health, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies were severely damaged in the attack.

“These supplies were for children who have already suffered more than five years of war. Five years of callous disregard for their lives, their wellbeing, and their future.

“Our deepest sympathy is with the families of those killed in this heartless attack, and our thoughts are with all those who were injured. These heroes



risked their lives – and lost their lives – working to save others in a human catastrophe that has gone on for far too long, and cost far too many lives.”

“We honor their work best by carrying on. UNICEF remains committed to deliver aid to the more than six million children and their families who are in desperate need of help.

“We call again on all parties to the conflict to honour their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure and to facilitate unconditional, unimpeded and sustained access to people in desperate need – wherever they are in Syria.”

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