

**Update of Women Desk
Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese
May to August, 2012**



**Income Generating Skills
for Young Girls**

Two Skill Centres for Stitching and Sewing are opened for the period of five months at St. John's Church Mian Mir Lahore and Rausalpura Thoker Naiz Baig on



1st May and 1 August respectively. 45 young girls and women are enrolled. Female Instructors are appointed to teach a skill that includes stitching, sewing, embroidery and knitting. Till date, Women Desk has opened 10 Centres (6 Stitching and Sewing and 4 Beauty Training) for Women Fellowship Groups of 7 Church Parishes.

Training on Community Based Healthcare and First Aid

Two days Training Workshop on Community Based Healthcare and First Aid was conducted for Women Fellowship Group of the St. Thomas Church, Islamabad on 13 to 14 July, 2012. Training components



included Dangerous Response, Airways Breathing and Circulation, Fever, Choking, Drowning, Shock, Fainting Spells, Burn, Electrocutation, Poison and Animal bites. In addition, an introductory awareness session on HIV-AIDS, Hepatitis and Cervical Cancer was also held during the workshop. 35 participants were the beneficiaries.



Role of Women Fellowship Groups for Psycho Social Support to Communities in Distress

Role and Social Responsibilities of Women Fellowship Groups were shared by Ayra Inderyas, Secretary Women Desk at St.Thomas Church Islamabad on 14th July 2012. Women characters of Bible served as examples to recall the role of women for bringing positive changes. It led to detailed discussions among participants, who shared their personal examples of being the ambassador of peace and transformation in their own given contexts.



Talk on Gastroenteritis Infection: Imran Latif, Master Trainer of Red Cross/Crescent Punjab Society spoke on Gastroenteritis Infection at Shaloom Church Shoukat Town Lahore on 10 August 2012. 25 young boys and 30 women were present along with Church Catechist.



Doctor's Days

Twelve Doctor's Visits were conducted in which patients get an opportunity to discuss their health problems and receive medical prescription. In addition, Dr.Rukhsana Khan also gave awareness lectures on issues of Reproductive healthcare.



Distribution of Mosquitoes Net to Church Communities

Women Desk has participated in the campaign against Dengue Fever - a viral infection caused by mosquito bites – by organizing awareness lecture on Dengue Fever Prevention. Furthermore, with the support of Red Crescent Punjab Society, Women Desk distributed Mosquitoes Nets to four communities of churches namely Shalom Church Shoukat Town, St. John’s church Mian Mir, St. John’s Church Model Colony and St. Peter’s Church Clarakabad. Total beneficiaries were 558



Women and Theology – Speaking Tour across Church Parishes

Comments of Ms. Ruqia Peter are followed. She visits Church Parishes of the Lahore Diocese to speak on Contextualization of Women of the Bible to the present times of differently situated women in Pakistan.

“During my visits, I spend time with women who belong to various parishes and share with them the Word of God mainly based on “Women of the Bible”. I relate Bible characters with their situations while challenging them to maintain their Christian identity to impact this world with the love of Christ.



I always help women to understand that a woman has a complete personality, and as God’s creation she has various rights & duties. I also encourage them to serve the Lord wherever they are. I found this project very helpful and many lives have been changed’.

Ms. Ruqia has visited the following churches under the aforementioned reporting period.

Church	Date	Topic	Congregation (Approx: Number of People)
Galilee Church Ravi Road Lahore	17 June	Deborah - Judges 4	260
St.John’s Church 3 Mission Road Lahore	1 July	Hannah (1Samuel 1,2)	58
Shaloom Church Shaukat Town	22 July	Hebrew Girl (2 Kings 5: 1-19)	200
St.John’s Church Mia Mir Church	26 August	Samaritan Woman (John 4)	250
Holy Trinity Church Anarkali	12 August	Hannah (1Samuel 1,2)	165