

Report

CPU Report

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Children are the future of any nation. The healthy development of children is the base of the success and prosperity of any nation. Child rights are the basic human rights of children. The convention on child rights (international agreement adopted in 1989 with 196 signatory parties) includes four main pillars: the right to survival, the right to protection, the right to development, and the right to participation. Each and every child deserves to be given these rights and to be treated equally, fairly, and with dignity.

To promote awareness of child rights and protection, measures are taken at different levels in society. For this noble cause, a CHILD PROTECTION UNIT (CPU) has been established in the Paediatrics department at Benazir Bhutto Hospital Rawalpindi on 27 Feb 2021. It was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Rawalpindi Medical University, Professor Muhammad Umar. This unit has been established in collaboration with PAHCHAAN (Protection And Help of Children Against Abuse and Neglect).

Our child protection unit aims to identify cases of child abuse and neglect. Once identified, these cases are investigated and proper follow-up is done. Medical treatment and psychosocial support is provided and attendants are counselled. Our unit also has a liaison with 12 sister hospitals from Rawalpindi and Islamabad. One focal person is appointed in each hospital who can report cases from the respective hospital.

Various activities have been conducted since the establishment of the child protection unit in collaboration with PAHCHAAN and UNICEF.

- Workshop on Positive Parenting
- Inclusion of Child Rights Module in MD Pediatrics and Diploma in Child Health Curriculum
- Training Session on Early Detection and Management of Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Training Session of Teachers of Various Schools Located in Rawalpindi to Prevent and Detect Child Abuse and Report Suspicious Cases to Child Protection Unit (CPU)
- Liaison with Child Welfare Protection Beaureau for Referral of Child Abuse Cases Who Require Legal Support or Residential Care
- Provision of Medical Care and Support to Children Under Shelter of Child Protection Bureau
- Initiation of Students Body to Promote Child Protection in Collaboration with VCAN-Pakistan (Voices of Children Aspirations and Needs), the Youth Wing of PAHCAHAAN.
- Launching Of Children Rights Journal of Rawalpindi Medical University.

Progress Report of CPU	
Total Patient Registered	103
Child Neglect	50
➤ Poisoning	34
➤ Drowning	07
➤ Snake Bite	08
Physical abuse	03
Sexual Abuse	01

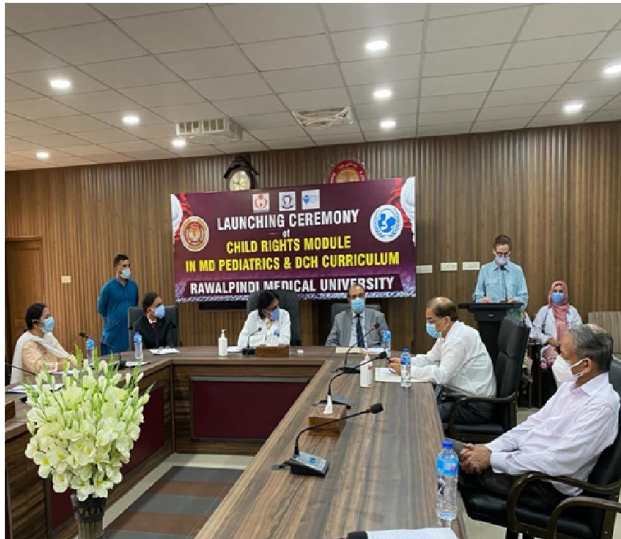
In near future, our goal is to further develop our unit in collaboration with various societies to provide more services for child safety and protection.



Inauguration Ceremony of Child Protection Unit



Launching Ceremony of Children Rights Journal of Rawalpindi Medical University



Launching Ceremony of Child Rights Module in MD & DCH Curriculum Inauguration



Few Cases seen in Child Protection Unit



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Training Session on Early Detection & Management of Child Abuse & Neglect Cases 1st June 2021