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'Tameer Project' on AIDS launched

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Pakistan National AIDS Consortium (PNAC) has launched "Tameer Project" for awareness about AIDS and increase ability of HIV/AIDS NGOs to implement prevention, care and support projects in this regard. This was stated by the PNCA President Raja Khalid Mehmood and National Manager of the Consortium Nazia Sehar in a joint statement issued here on Tuesday about activities of the Pakistan National AIDS Consortium in the country. This "Tameer Project" will also provide facilities to Non-Governmental Organisations working on the said subject for strengthening the provincial, regional and national consortia to which these NGOs belong. The Pakistan National AIDS Consortium has already organised "Young Artist's Poster Competition/Exhibition on HIV/AIDS" with reference to World AIDS Day, 2004 on December 5. The theme of the poster exhibition is "Have you Heard Me Today". These thought provoking posters have been developed by the talented artists of Humarkada, Rawalpindi Arts Council, Girls Guide Association of Pakistan and Government College for Girls, Rawalpindi and Islamabad Model College for Girls. The PNAC has organised this poster competition in collaboration with UNAIDS Pakistan. Representative of UNAIDS Pakistan, Country Director, Interact Worldwide, Dr. Safdar Kamal Pasha, President PNAC and representative of National Aids Control Programme will speak on the occasion regarding programme/project about HIV/AIDS. According to data about HIV/AIDS patients, there are 2043 cases of HIV positive and 256 cases of AIDS in throughout the country till March 2004 as compare to 1951 cases of HIV positive and 246 cases of AIDS till December 2003. About 70 per cent cases are between the age group of 20 to 49 years with a ratio of male and female 7:1 respectively. Mode of transmission of this disease was found different in all the 256 AIDS patients including heterosexual (163), MSM (13), blood/blood products (17), injecting drug users (02), mother to child (07) and unknown (54). It may be mentioned here that the Pakistan National AIDS Consortium (PNAC) is a network of 5 provincial/regional NGOs networks throughout Pakistan. PNAC was founded in 2000 and is constituted of the Punjab AIDS Consortium (PAC), the Sindh AIDS network (SAN), the Baluchistan AIDS Network (BAN), the North West Frontier Province AIDS Consortium (NAC) and the Northern Areas AIDS Control Consortium (NAACC). Each provincial/regional consortium/network was established in order to facilitate cooperation, collaboration and communication between among Non Governmental Organisations in Pakistan that work to try to prevent the spread of HIV or to provide care or treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. In the near future, PNAC will also provide support and services through a professional staff



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