



CENTRE FOR SPEECH AND HEARING

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SHEIKH MALTOON MARDAN

Non-Governmental Organization

Progress Report

2019-2020

The second half of the year 2019 was the busiest in terms of various activities and interactions with other NGOs but 2020 remained slow due to the frequent shutdown of the institution caused by the Covid 19. However number of new admissions(15) was higher than any previous year and the total strength went up to 2027.

After Summer Vacations school opened for Staff only and the Teachers Training Course commenced.

Lectures included;

Ear, Sound, Class Discipline, Model Teaching, Practical Teaching and Sign Language with use of Flashcards .

Staff from Azad Kashmir Centre for the Deaf was also included but the course arranged for this group was basic and the training was arranged in a separate room.

Topics were....

Ear, Sound, Hearing Test, Hearing Aids, Attention and observation, Motor Skills and Speech of pre-nursery students.

Audiology Section;

In 2019 activities in the Audiology Section were more than expected because of a regular flow of out patients(coming from the community) but slowed down in 2020 again due to the Covid situation. The numericals below reflect the performance of this section.

1.Total number of Hearing Tests provided to students and non students.....	419
2.Cleansing of wax from students' ears.....	121
3.Cells provided for Hearing Aids.....	220
4.Hearing Aids prescribed for children and adults.....	317
5.Free Hearing Aids provided to deserving students.....	35
6.Hearing Aids repaired.....	22
7.Counselling provided to Parents and out patients.....	315
8.Checking and removal of wax for students.....	190
9.Ear Moulds fabricated.....	85

Most of the beneficiaries of the Audiology Clinic attend CSH Speech Therapy Clinic for future course of action. Those who can visit the clinic as instructed benefit from services of the Speech Therapist while those coming from distant areas remain deprived.

They too are counseled for home help and motivated to avail the service at least once a fortnight. A good number when introduced to the role models are inspired and do accordingly. Some parents have even opted to shift to Mardan for a temporary period and their children have benefited immensely. Out put of this clinic is as follows...

Speech Therapy Clinic

Attendance in the Speech Therapy Section remained limited for out patients and a total of 69 patients were attended..Disabilities as usual were....

Hearing Loss,

Slow Learners,

Language delay,

Stammering,

Voice Problems,

Problems after Stroke,

Behavioral problems.

Number of School students who received Daily Speech Therapy when School was in session was 58.

Activities in the School Section

Strict SOPs were observed including daily records of students' temperature and generous applications of Sanitizers.

School remained opened off and on which seriously affected the output of students. This also had an adverse affect on their annual results.

On 29-2-2020 all school children were given lectures with practical demonstration in the school hall to create awareness against the spread of Corona virus, its dangers and prevention. SOPs were explained in detail and children were asked to pass on the knowledge to their parents.

No. of students was 227.

Examinations

1. First Term exams were held for all school children from 11-9-2019 to 27-9-2019.All students passed their exams but 4 at the junior level were detained in their previous classes due to various reasons.
2. Detention tests were held for class 9th and 10th from 4-2-2020 to 19-2-2020. Passing percentage was100.
3. Final exams were held for children of Nursery to class 8th on 2-3-2020. All students were promoted except for 5 slow learners who stand in need of therapy for enhancement of their attention and observation.
4. Board results for class 9th and 10th were 100% with all attaining A1 grade.

In terms of social activities the latter part of 2019 was very busy. The following visits were made to the Centre,

1. Members of Rehnuma Family Hospital made three visits on 11-9-19, 17-9-19, 11-10-19, 20-1-2020, 6-10-2020.The purpose of these visits was to create awareness among the students about cleanliness in their daily living at homes and public places. The girl students were made aware about sexual threats from predators in different situations and their handling.
2. One of the senior staff attended a 2 day workshop by the above organization which was based on rights of women and children. As instructed she passed on the same to all the Lady Staff of CSH in an exceptionally long meeting.

3. The Director of GolMaal Oil Company, Islamabad visited with a three member team and encouraged the staff and students for their efforts and hard work.
4. The Director attended a workshop in the Sociology Dept. of Peshawar University arranged by "Handicap International" and "Disabled People Organization" (DPO). All participants introduced their organizations and work by CSH was much applauded.
5. A 17 member team of the students of Nursing School of Bacha Khan medical Complex visited in connection with their training.
6. CSH team participated in the meeting at Dist. Social Welfare office, Mardan which was attended by several other NGOs too. Activities of the "Financial Action Task Force" (FATF) were explained and all participants were asked to refrain from direct links with NGOs which were not registered with the government of Pakistan.
7. About 40 students and staff participated in a function arranged to observe the "International Day for Special Children" at Islamabad by the Speaker National Assembly. Venue was the Assembly building where CSH students were received personally by Me. speaker followed by a photo session. The students also participated in a stage show.
8. High Commissioner of Canada Miss Wendy Gilmour visited the Centre on (4-12- 2019)
9. Mr. Asad Qaiser, Speaker of the National Assembly attended the Sport Day organized within CSH premises and distributed prizes among the students. (7-12-2019)
10. Representative from the Embassy of Japan visited to meet all the students availing facility of the new bus donated by the Embassy in 2019 .(14-2-2020)
11. A two member team from the office of 'Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy" (PCP) visited on 13-9-19 to assess the Centre's performance in different areas. The Centre however could not Certify for lack of documentation despite its exceptional performance in education and rehabilitation of its students as well as members of the community.

Parents Meetings

1. A Meeting was held with parents to discuss their children's' results of the final exams, their problems and achievements on 5-10-2019.
2. A Second meeting was held to find out ways for more effective communication between staff and parents to benefit their children in different ways. 15-2-20
3. Three Meetings were held with parents of students who were on the waiting list for Cochlear Implants on 16-10-2019 , 17-2-2020 and 3-3-2020. All 15 children were registered with Pakistan Bait ul Mall for financing of their surgery. Demonstration of language skills of the previous group of 5 students was done to convince parents for the needed surgeries. However 4 parents opted out, some considering the surgery dangerous and others not able to finance the pre-surgery costs. Those who agreed spent large amounts to follow instructions from the hospital but the process was so slow that it took a whole year. Bait ul Mal backed out with the excuse that the children after passage of a year were now over-aged. There were no words with CSH staff to console the parents who rather had not struggled and spent large amounts with dreams of transforming their Deaf children into hearing/talking individuals. Before closing of the school for Summer Break a generous supply of ration packs were distributed among the deserving students and staff by different organizations.