

HONOURABLE WAFAQI MOHTASIB CONSTITUTED **'NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'**

In exercise of powers vested under Article 18 of the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983 (President's Order No. 1 of 1983), the Hon'able Wafaqi Mohtasib has constituted '**National Committee on Children**', comprising Senator S. M. Zafar, Former Federal Minister for Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs & Human Rights, Government of Pakistan; Ms. Faryal Gohar, Writer and Human Rights Activist; Mr. Zia Ahmed Awan, Founder of Madadgaar National Helpline; Ms. Shaheen Attique-ur-Rehman, Vice Chairperson of Bunyad Foundation; Professor Taqdees Gillani, Chairperson, Kashmir Cultural Academy; Dr. Tufail Muhammad, Children (Paeds) Specialist; Ms. Raheela Hameed Durrani, Member Provincial Assembly Balochistan; Dr. Farzana Bari, Director, Center of Excellence in Gender Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University; Ms. Huma Baqai, Associate Professor and Chairperson (Social Sciences), Institute of Business Administration; Ms. Suraiya Anwar, President SOS Children's Villages Pakistan; Ms. Farah Pervez Saleh, Executive Director, Citizens' Commission for Human Development; Ms. Parveen Qadir Agha, Chairperson, Women in Paralympic Sports Committee-Pakistan, and Former Federal Secretary; Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President SZABIST; Ms. Samar Minallah Khan, Anthropologist/Documentarian; Begum Jaan, Doctor and founder of the Tribal Women Welfare Association; Mr. Qindeel Shujaat, Executive Director, Child Rights Legal Centre; Ch. Muhammad Masaud Akhtar Khan, Ex-District & Sessions Judge; Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, Sr. Advisor/National Commissioner for Children, Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat and Former Chief Secretary Sindh & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Terms of Reference (TORs) of the National Committee on Children are as follows:-

1. To formulate and coordinate policies on child rights and child protection among Federal and Provincial Ombudsmen.
2. To recommend to the Federal and Provincial governments policies on better education, better health care and better environment for children.
3. The NCCP shall recommend measures for ensuring compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions to promote and protect rights of the children.
4. The Committee shall raise awareness on child rights and protection of these rights through electronic & print media, seminars and other available means.
5. The Committee shall ensure that there should be laws for protection of children in each province and to investigate non-implementation of laws framed for promotion, protection and development of children and recommend measures to the government for their effective implementation.
6. The National Committee on Children Pakistan shall conduct a comprehensive review of all domestic and provincial legislation to ensure compliance with the UNCRC and its provisions.
7. The Committee shall ordinarily meet four times an year at any provincial capital and adopt rules for the conduct of its business. In addition at least one seminar shall be held to give continuous impetus to the activities and mandate of the Committee.
8. The National Committee on Children Pakistan shall perform such other functions as it deems necessary for the promotion and protection of children's rights.