

Role and Objectives of Pakistani Female for Peace Building Society

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Abstract

Females are the best guides and representative symbols of their civilizations all around the world. They maintain such type of environment into the houses (nation building workshops), where they prepare new generation for all type of challenges so their role got vital position in socialperspective. Their participation in national aim is also object oriented they proved in history and also proving in current time for the peaceful world. In Islamic societies both entities (men and women) of society are equally responsible not just to develop solid identical environment but to save and grow the divine ideology on strong bases. So at the time of ‘Pakistan’ existence ‘the Ideology of لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ’ followed so this ideology described the road map for their whole departments of life in this country. To get the targets of their ideology in every field both genders sacrificed a lot and with the passage of time that national cause demand more perfection and devotion for maintaining a successful and peaceful society for which they decided to be separate at any cost.

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Introduction:

Home is a unique and important unit of society. Same as homeland is important unit for the unique nation as a family. And female is the key element of these units. Peacefulness and revolts in the society are secretly interlinked to the females at some extent. Actually ‘Peace-building is ‘action to identify and support structure, which will tend to strengthen and solidify peace to avoid a relapse into conflict.’’(1)According to dictionary ‘peace is commonly considered as equivalent to the ‘absence of manifest violence’ it is considered as synonymous to ‘respite from war, quiet from suits and disorders’ ‘rest from any commotion, ‘‘freedom from terror’’ and ‘‘absence of war’’ (2)

In political science and international relations peace is generally conceptualized in term of negativeand positive peace. While negative peace implies the absence of war, positive peace refers to the presence of social and economic justice. In the words of Kenneth Boulding, ‘‘on the positive side, peace signifies a condition of good management, orderly resolution of conflict, harmony associated with mature relationships, gentleness and love. On the negative side, it is conceived as the absenceof something the absence of turmoil, tension, conflict and war’’ (3) in successful and progressive society ‘‘the individual must be endowed with the necessary qualities to make peace an enduring reality, not only in the public sphere but also in the private domain’’ (4)

Generally it’s a social qualityto adopt in living. All type of societies needs this a lot for balanced and

1 <https://www.kmacims.com.ng/the-basic-elements-of-peacebuilding/>

2 Juergen Dedring,Recent Advances in peace and conflict Research, critical survey,London,Sage publication, 1976, p8

3 Kenneth Boulding,stable peace,university of texas press,USA,1978,p3

4 Ibrahim Kalin,‘Islam and peace:A survey of the sources of peace in the Islamic Tradition.in Islamic studies,v:4,no.3, autumn, 2005,p333

Peaceful life, same as Pakistani society required. For achievement of this target the whole society members are need to be involved to share their cooperative part, one sided hard work could be wastage. Courageous females strongly fulfilled their responsibility bearing all type of challenges not just during the Pakistan movement but after the separation in a new problematic poor country and still their strength is going to be high for serving this country in all fields positively. A renowned Islamic scholarsaid "we extremely needed the help of females to cope down the social evils like immodesty, moral tramping, and west adopted depravity of society. Alhamdulillah there is no shortage of pious and religious females in our Islamic country Pakistan who fulfill the requirements of Islam and eliminatethe misled monopoly."⁽⁵⁾

Four major elements of peace building:

There are four basic elements which are interlinked to get good results of peaceful environment in the society.

1. **Power-based work** is the task of arresting and stopping the people who are doing the hurting.
2. **Rights-based work** provides the accountability framework for the power-based action. Even nonviolent coercion has to be guided by insisting that just laws or recognized rights be fully applied.
3. **Interest-based work** is where concrete agreements are negotiated to organize the community's daily life, and apply the principles promoted by the rights-based work.
4. **Compassion based work** is what changes hearts. They have to change again for new peaceful, respectful relations to be born and grow. ⁽⁶⁾

Background:

While remaining together for several hundred years nations of subcontinents decided to be separated due to their different ideological foundations that particular wish forced them to achieve separate piece of land, which remain alive their uniqueness. They were eager to maintain such uniqueness impractical life. For the sake of this cause both male and females paid their blood for the cost of freedom and made it clear into the minds of offenders that their demand was based on divine reality. After achieving this land was named Islamic republic of Pakistan. Today in the 21st century the existence of Pakistan is being felt more intensely that if it was not achieved on 14 august 1947 the current time needed a lot for such type of home land where solid social, religious, economical and ideological foundations could be practiced, for any state to survive particularly, now the whole world realized that:

1. Pakistan came into being specifically for the sake of Islam.
2. Pakistan (free Islamic state) is the best platform for implementation of Islamic values openly while availing total benefits of progress in the new era.
3. Pakistanis have faith like old Arabs that "Islam" is their national complete code of life and aimed to be practiced for pleasing the God.⁽⁷⁾

Home land fix some responsibilities on its masses so relating to the Pakistan an Islamic state has special terms and conditions to deal with. Word "ISLAMIC" impose God's patterns of life on both genders. For the achievements of that state's aim both males and females played their struggling role especially females proved such type of courage that it was not expecting by this soft hearted gender.

Awareness about national cause and their struggle:

There is unforgettable struggling part of females during Pakistan movement; violation of fundamental rights, murder, insult and much more misbehavior to Muslim women is a dark aspect of Pakistan's story, who were struggling for separate peaceful homeland. But all this brutality could not stop them from struggle. Beside this they were fully aware and active to their national cause. Here we will mention some experiences of those who were eye witness or directly victims and they made their experiences the beauty of paper.

Tear gas was showered on the Muslim league's processions but the passion was not fade. These females reflected their green scarfs as a Pakistani flag for a symbol. "Two young girls climbed up to the secretariat house and tore away the union Jack and fixed a Muslim league's flag on it."⁽⁸⁾ After observing the awareness of Muslim females the Sikh's community was helpless to say that "the nation who have aware females can't be defeated."⁽⁹⁾ A large number of females were died but they had these words on their tongue "we hug such type of death if it comes thousand times".⁽¹⁰⁾ There is tremendous scarifying stories we have about sub continent's Muslim females who were activists specially. For the sake of Islam Alhamduli-l-Allah female's continuously developing

5 Moudodi, Abu illal Ala, Khatab, rodade jammata islami, part 4, tarjman ul quran, India, p107 to 123.

6 Gianne Broughton, Four Elements of Peace building, Canadian Friends Service Committee, 60 Lowther Avenue Toronto, ON M5R 1C7 www.quakerservice.ca, 2013, p8

7 Mian, abdu-r-rasheed, Pakistan ka pas manzer aur pesh manzer, research institute, pub:3, Lahore, Pakistan, 1989, p173

8 Ibid, p101

9 Ibid, p111

10 Ibid

and strengthening that passion in Islamic societies all around the world. Great poet Allama Iqbal said about Pakistan “Reality is that Islam is not just a Deen (way of life) but it also teaches the art of Governance and it is a logical blend of world and religious. State is a body and result of religion is its soul. ⁽¹¹⁾ Pakistan is not just the result of human’s struggle and willing but the God will was also involve in it.

During the Pakistan movement words of Fareeda Jahan Begum (political activist) were “if the Muslims have such type of stamina that they are able to snatch their rights from Hindus. Then o well-wisher! Why you delay that stamina for the next day? Why you don’t utilize it for our national aim so that we females could be convinced your braveness and modesty. ⁽¹²⁾ It is the habit of such type of aware women to enhance the emotions of state defense by calling them as it is “matter of honor”. Not just that but they continued this call by their writings and passion was itself its example. Fareeda Begum said: “Hindu is not open minded and courteous that he gave you your rights after gaining Authority. Didn’t you noticed they are snatching your property through interest on your Debit? Didn’t you noticed he snatched the rights thousands of Hindus by title them “Achoot” (Sinner ones) and they deprived their daughters from inheritance. Does any wiser expects from this nation that it will share you plunder? ⁽¹³⁾

“If that call of females remain affectless on the nation’s males then the nation should not deserve freedom of life. It should be resulted as the nation of Hazrat-Nooh (A.S) born like insects, alive and die, if it is the life pattern of human beings then such type of humans being are curse sticking on the chest of mother land who deserve to destroy and that would be best prosperity for both worlds” ⁽¹⁴⁾ But our Muslim females showed great awareness loyal to their cause, strong to their aims and highly aware to national dignity. During Pakistan movement ‘They face ruffians ,strongly tried to cope down their policies, revealed the captives, enlighten the hearts by the message of freedom and approached there, where no one was reached for the sake of Pakistan. Bear the hurdles of prisons and took part into the struggle of Pakistan’s achievement’ ⁽¹⁵⁾ That was a minor reminiscence of some brave females just to observe the reality that those brave females were the same who became Pakistani females after separation. Their braveness, strong passion became the reason to giving them the title of ‘Iron ladies’ in the newly born country ‘Pakistan’.

Islamic concept for peaceful society:

Pakistan was an Islamic state so its total frame work would be set on the divine rules of God. Infact Islam wants such type of society in which both male and female would involve for the betterment of humanity and removing the evils and maintaining the peace and justice in society. It is also most important to know that word peace related to the divine name as the Arabic word salaam, meaning peace it is from one of the beautiful names of Allah. It is a process in which human beings strives to establish base for interaction with God’s creation human and non-human. Rapidly growing religion Islam is a religion of peace, Idea To develop and flourish peace has a vital position in Islamic societies. As we know word “Islam” originated from Arabic root word S.L.M (peace) shows its core concept.

Quran says about jannah ⁽¹⁶⁾ وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى دَارِ السَّلَامِ “The paradise has been termed as dar al-salaam, meaning the abode of peace”. means that you can make your world jannah if there is peace which come due to justice. at another place God said: ⁽¹⁷⁾ وَلَا تَقْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا “And cause no corruption upon the earth after reformation’ Another place about the great quality of God’s house it is said that: ⁽¹⁸⁾ وهذا بلد الامين “that is a city of peace”.

Teachings of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad peace be upon him on the conquest of mecca, was the best charter of peace for everyone. Like he said ⁽¹⁹⁾ “ومن دخله كان امنا” (“whoever entered in this city (makka) will be safe. God gives message of peace and justice which should be the role model for Muslim state. His more instructions show us that peace was a main element to the whole scenario of his ideology and behavior even for the enemies. At the time of conquest of maka, Holly prophet’s behavior was a best example of forgiveness. Like he asked: what you expect from me today? They replied: forgiveness and peace. He wept and said same reply I have for all of you like hazrat yousaf had ⁽²⁰⁾ لا تثريب عليكم اليوم يغفر الله لكم و هو ارحم الرحمين “No blame (or penalty) lies on you today. May Allah grant you His forgiveness and He is the Most Merciful of all the merciful”.

11 Metila, M. Aslam, *tehereek e Pakistan r aur tareekh e Pakistan*, bazm-e- sakafat, Multan, 2007, p82

12 peer zada shareef_o_ deen, *foundations of Pakistan*, Aram bagh, v:2, Karachi, 1970, p160

13 Mirza, Sarfraz hussain, *tasawur _e_ pakistan sy qarar dade Pakistan*, Punjab university ,Lahore, pub:1, 1983, p52

14 Begam, Fareeda jahan, “PAKISTAN”, *roznama inqalab*, p4

15 Waris, Mir, *kya aourat adhi hy?*, Nigarishat, Lahore, 1989, p180

¹⁶ Al Quran, 10:25

¹⁷ Al Quran, 7:56.

¹⁸ Al Quran, 95:3

¹⁹ Al Quran, 3:97

²⁰ Al Quran, 12:92

After migration to madina last prophet started his talk by these words: (21) "يا ايها الناس افشوا السلام" 'O' people spread peace'' That thing shows the inner beautiful reality of our last prophet hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him). These are the real Islamic concepts on which Pakistanis and Muslims draw their road map.

Bird eye view on women's empowerment and laws:

Pakistan's women make up 48.8% of its total population (22) It is important and obvious to fix their participation goals for building a peaceful society because the time is calling to save the home land which was achieved after a huge struggle. Basically Pakistani Muslim community of females are strictly follower of their religion's instructions about veil, secure relation to males, saying prayers, positive mentality and devoted to learn about religion studies, social and serious attitude, having strong believe in complete Islamic dress code, though they have less influence in economic sphere of life but the situation going to be change rapidly. In social affairs they have total authority to deal with the customs and values but all things would be under the shadow of religion's circle. Officially the constitutional struggle to empower the Pakistani women, beyond the real house hold image, there is another modern and well educated serving role also exist.

In this modern era of 21st century the power of Pakistani women now having widespread social, economic, and political positive consequences About their legal rights and modern trend of thinking the reality is ''Pakistan is grappling for this and...becomes increasingly urban with greater numbers of educated women''(23) If there is a strong legislation on governmental level to avail their services legally and if termed and conditions would be documented the strong identity and protection can shield them.

The first convention 1953 was on the Political Rights of Women in Pakistan. Field Marshal Ayub Khan (1958–69), firstly modify Pakistan's legal framework and modernize the country's law about women. After this the 1961 Muslim Family Laws Ordinance (MFLO) was introduced. The next major legislation affecting women's legal rights in Pakistan was its 1973 constitution, which advanced women's legal rights in the country. The federal government tabled the bill—the Protection of Women Bill 2006.(24) About the musharaf's 2006 laws a political party view's that modern laws "would encourage adultery in society and would further increase obscenity, vulgarity, and western culture in Pakistan.(25) A second initiative, unanimously passed in the national assembly on January 21, 2010, is the Protection against Harassment for Women at the Workplace Act 2009. Beyond all this struggle the actual reality is more bitter about women's rights in workplaces, in political activities, and in houses including all type of indoor or outdoor activities, this crises need to be changed on solid bases.

Prominent female's social contribution for peaceful society:

Sister of Quid-e- Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah respected Fatima Jinnah was an instrumental figure in the Pakistani movement. She served almost seven year as the first woman Leader of the Opposition to check the governmental policies and fight for the poor, Shows her awareness about the balanced peaceful society of newly born country Pakistan, which had countless issues of survival. Same as the female squad of her political party was also good in their consciousness to support the ideology of brave lady.

Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan was women's rights activist and the founder of the Pakistan Women's Association. Begum Shaista Ikramullah was first woman to become an elected member of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan. Benazir Bhutto was another name who elected as the first woman Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Muslim world in 1988. Asma Jahangir was a Pakistani politician, judge, and human rights activist. Bano Qudsia a famous Pakistani novelist and playwright. She gave numerous lessons of patience, devotion, forgiveness and elegance that her writings proved instructional gateway on women's minds. Madam Tahira Qazi was the director of the Army Public School, she was died while saving her school's children from terrorists. Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy initially won two Academy Awards for her filmmaking activities that highlighted women's rights.

Belquis Bano Edhi also honored to receive the prestigious Hilal-i-Imtiaz Award for care taking and serving the old, dead bodies, orphans and homeless peoples of society, her passion of serving is the consequence of peace building mind set. Nigar Johar marked an important part of history by reaching the highest position in the Pakistani army and becoming the first female general in the army to create real peace in the life of her nation.

Dr. Sania Nishtar served as Poverty Alleviation assistant and Social Protection and the Leader of Global Health and Sustainable Development. Through her passion she could be able to improve the social condition of

²¹ Nawawi, Imam, Riyad as-Salihin, Book 8, Hadith 176, Tughara books, 2014

²² <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1868408/women-pakistans-real-strength>

²³ Moving Forward with the Legal Empowerment of Women in Pakistan Author(s): Anita M. Weiss US Institute of Peace (2012) Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.com/stable/resrep12332>

²⁴ 24 M. Weiss, "Interpreting Women's Rights: The Dilemma over Eliminating Discrimination against Women in Pakistan," International Sociology 18, no. 3 (September 2003), 581–601.

²⁵ <https://www.dawn.com/news/207652/peshawar-amendment-to-hudood-laws-will-encourage-adultery-ji>

Pakistanis. There are several names difficult to cover all of them, God bless all of them on their well-wishing and services for Pakistan.

General and Specific Objectives:

Generally it is fixed that Muslim Pakistani females' behavior should be like this.

1. **Positive supervision:** Muslim females have to supervise the general environment of society, they can't close their eyes on the issues which are going on opposite side of their national ideology. Concerning to their Youngers and ethical perspective.
2. **Defensive training:** Female should have to know about first aid, to make defensive strategies effective due to sudden attack of enemies. Because of the ideological misleading ego and prejudice, peace is in poor condition.⁽²⁶⁾ To flame out the revolts disaster there is one way to solve it to clear our real image on the whole world by this slogan that "we are not enemies of humanity, we are not for destroy the alive humanity. We are flag holder of peace we believe in peace and we want to make it common all around the world"⁽²⁷⁾
3. **Sense of reconciliations:** she have to make herself conscious about the dignity of humanity. They try to make common sense of reconciliations to the aggressive and offensive attempts makers by their positive acts and behavior.
4. **Parallel direction of thinking:** Their all types of help, struggle and sacrifices about financial, physical, logical, educational and ethical fields should be in favor of national aims of peace buildings. They should be ready all time for it.
5. **A responsible and effective character:** About their real character it is acceptable statement among the Muslim think tank that "It does not means to serve them as a decoration piece before the guests. If the aim is to fulfill the national requirement by their services it is permitted in Islam if it is not then Islam can't permit it, see something else for it."⁽²⁸⁾

On the other hand **specifically** it is admitted that If females are well qualified and trained for the practical life and are important efficient part of society and working in a different institutes than their first priority should be;

1. **Responsible:** They should be a responsible, intelligent and loyal to the institutes and well aware about the objectives of institutes and country.
2. **Well trained:** They should have to be well equipped by education and skills just because to defend our country and its ideology in every field.
3. **Noble:** They should have to be able to care and safe their dignity to prove their selves a respectful and honored citizens and are part of making peace a reality in society.
4. **Accountable:** They should be fully aware about the results of their activities and accountable about their doing. Sincerity matters a lot on this stage.
5. **Creative:** For the progressive society its members should be creative to be able to produce new ideas and thoughts according to the modern trends of changing world for their survival.

Recommendations:

Our country Pakistan "remains one of the sixth largest contributors to UN peacekeeping, including female engagement teams and troop contribution."⁽²⁹⁾ So the idea discussed above can be encapsulated in the following recommendations for the Pakistani government:

As we know it is said in a conference resulted statement of united nation's squad was "Supporting Peace building at the local level, even during conflict, we must consistently support the local Women's groups that negotiate humanitarian access and support community resilience; learn from them; and build peace from the ground up."⁽³⁰⁾ I summarize my talk on these recommendations that these steps can help to make the situation compatible to the aims which are given below;

26 Chishti, Habib ulAllah, qayam e aman seerat u Nabi ki roshni mn, Zia -e- haram, monthly journal: august, Islamabad, v:22, 2014, p44.

27 Musarat rehman, Nazarey -e- Pakistan, monthly, nazareya e Pakistan council trust, Islama abad, pub:5, v:8, 2014, p14.

28 Slahi, Ameen Ahsan, Islami mashray mn ourat ka makam, faran , foundation, Lahore, pub:7, 2005, p226.

29 https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/countries/pakistan#_ftn13

30 <https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/news/security-council-open-debate-women-peace-and-security>



1. To make such type of organizations which are aimed to high the Islam and for it they try to combine the human force.
2. To give answer properly to the anti-Islam and anti-Muslims agendas which are smashing the real face of our nation.
3. All type of Defensive strategies, road maps and effective equipment should be available for all the Combats. So that Islam and Muslims could be prosper and flourish with peace.
4. The whole Muslim ummah should try internationally to make their strength in use to unite the resources of Muslim countries to empower the Muslim ummah for defensive purpose.
5. Focus on prioritizing global rights for women and a closer adherence to Islamic percepts to find accommodations that not only benefit women in Pakistan but create a consensus among Pakistanis.
6. Government should improve knowledge and enforcement of laws try to Develop new legislation about their health, Education, rights and income.