

Healing by Caring.....

iEARN Pakistan-YES Alumni and SIE Children's Council in collaboration with UNICEF and Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, initiated a project called "Healing by Caring" to help build the resilience of the child survivors of the recent floods, supporting healing and rehabilitation through creative processes. The first phase of the project consisted of engaging children in camps in different activities facilitated by YES alumni and Children's Council members. This phase continued from 21st to 31st December 2010. The program engaged around 570 girls and boys of 10-17 years of age, currently located in the camps in Karachi, Sonda (Thatta) and Sujawal. The children at the camps were divided into 'Listen', 'Look' and 'Create' groups. The aim was to capture their voices and perspectives through a range of creative activities such as poster making, drawing, interviewing, capturing photos and videos etc. depicting their present lives and future aspirations. A group of 50 volunteers of YES Alumni Pakistan and Children's Council actively participated in raising awareness of the flood-affected children's issues and strengthening their ability to advocate for their peers. In the second phase of the project, an anthology of the children's creative artwork and their stories will be compiled in the form of a publication and a multimedia DVD which will be acknowledged in a grand event that would include public exhibition of selected pieces. The voices and concerns of children affected by the flood will also be shared via social media to extend its reach.