

## **Report**

Date: **January 8, 2005**  
Venue: Rivoli Guest House, Abdara Road  
University Town Peshawar (Pakistan)  
Program: Briefing on New Tactics in Human Rights  
Number of Participants: 36

### **Activity:**

36 Participants from Human Rights Organizations/ Civil Society Organizations from Four Provinces of Pakistan attended the briefing session. M.Ismail of RISE introduced the project and shared printed information and CDs among the participants.

### **Summary of the Briefing:**

#### **New Tactics in Human Rights (International)**

All over the world there are people and organizations using new approaches to advance human rights. The New Tactics in Human Rights is led by a diverse group of International Organizations and practitioners and coordinated by the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), promotes tactical innovation and strategic thinking within the International human rights community. It works to enhance the effectiveness of practitioners and organizations worldwide by developing tools and networks to share creative ideas and foster tactical innovation.

#### **THE CASE FOR NEW TACTICS:**

The modern human rights movement has made enormous strides in the advancement of the human rights ideals and the establishment of specific protections. Treaties and conventions have been ratified; monitoring institutions have been established; prisoners of conscience have been freed. Nonetheless, in recent years the world has witnessed human rights violations shocking in their scope-in Bosnia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Iraq, Afghanistan and many of the 111 that still perpetrate or allow torture. While traditional approaches to human rights work-including monitoring and treaties-have been effective in some cases, it is clear that they are not enough.

Often the most innovative and intriguing tactics emerge from groups working within the broader human rights movement, such as women's, environmental, labor, peace and solidarity organizations. Many innovations have been valuable for specific local struggles, yet are not well known to other Practitioners and Human Rights Organizations. Detailed Information is available on web page [www.newtactics.org](http://www.newtactics.org)

## **New Tactics in Human Rights (Pakistan)**

New tactics in Human Rights is an International Initiative to make a larger movement for change in Human Rights and to make the Human Rights work more effective. The first International Symposium on New tactics in Human Rights held in Ankara Turkey (September 29 - October 2, 2004). This group is an initiative to develop a network and coordination among Human Rights Organizations of Pakistan and to share their experience with each other to strengthen the capacity of each other for promoting Human Rights in Pakistan.

The participants expressed their interest in sharing their innovations in human rights programs with other organizations. It was decided that the participants will become members of the Yahoo Groups on New Tactics and will invite other NGOs and Civil Society Organizations to become members of the Group.

### **Yahoo Group:**

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