Building orientation of youth on urbanization - URC arranged orientation lectures for the interns, which aimed to enhance their understanding on development related issues. These lectures were followed by primary data collection through field visits of the communities around the city.
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1.0 Highlights

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There are some new developments which have very positive impacts to protect housing rights of poor communities. These developments include:

- Sindh High Court order to compensate displace communities of Lyari Expressway on market values
- Government decided to change in Expressway alignment to protect old settlements
- Finally government issued the notification for extension of the cut date for land titles

URC holds regular discussion forums on major urban issues; during this period discussion forums were held on Nullah Forced Evictions, Green Line - Bus Rapid Transit in Karachi, Road Accidents in Karachi – Causes and Impacts, the present socio, economic and political situation of Pakistan, of Karachi in Naval Mutiny of 1946 and Justice for Perween Rahman.

During the current reporting period 10 students from different universities were involved in Youth Training Program.

URC continues to play role of a watch group on urban issues to understand their impact on poor communities as well as on environment.

URC joined Pakistan Civil Society Forum (PCSF) a national network of NGOs, which takes up concerns of NGOs from a common Platform.

A number of news articles and stories published in various newspapers related to URC work.
2.0 Eviction Watch and Housing Rights Program

Evictions in Karachi;

Forced Eviction is becoming an increasing threat to the poor communities of Karachi. Apart from proposed mega projects, the builders and developers are also eyeing land of poor community settlements for commercial development. During the current reporting period over 1000 houses were demolished in different settlements of the city.

During the current reporting a major eviction took place in Allah Rekho Goth located in Gadap Town of Karachi. 565 houses were demolished in this settlement on the court orders. According to court orders the settlement was located on a private land. The settlement was demolished by using heavy police contingent and police also arrested 145 activists who were protesting against demolition of their houses. The community was not given enough time to challenge the court decision in a high court. No compensation or alternative land was awarded to the community for their land or houses. URC has arranged a number of meetings of the community activists with the relevant government officials. Since the land was owned by a private party and there was a court order to vacate land therefore the government showed least interest to intervene in this case.

The second major eviction was took place along Gujjar Nullah. Where the local government started demolition of houses along Gujjar Nullah. In past couple of weeks over 450 houses were bulldozed along this drain. No compensation and alternative land is being awarded to the poor communities for the loss of their houses. URC held number meetings with community activists and concerns government officials to stop this kind of displacement of the poor communities.

URC also organized a forum on Gajjar Nullah to discuss the possible options to avoid such large scale evictions in the city. An alternative design prepared by the Orangi Pilot Project (OPP) was also presented at the forum which involves much less displacements as compare to design prepared by the government. The member of newly formed National Human Rights Commission was also attended the meeting. It was decided that the community will continue their efforts to lobby against these evictions. The URC will support the communities with information and networking so that they can present their case in a strong way.

There are also some new developments which have very positive impacts to protect housing rights of poor communities. These developments include:

a) Sindh High Court order to compensate displace communities on market values
b) To change in Expressway plan to protect old settlements
c) Extension of the cut date for land titles

Sindh High Court order to compensate displace communities on market values
In a recent development the Sindh High Court (SHC) ordered the government for payment of a high compensation according to ‘market value’ to the victim of Lyari Expressway project. Previously the compensation for land title holder was fixed as at Rs 50,000/- and an 80 square yards plot of land. Under this new court order the communities will get a much higher compensation against their land and houses. The communities have been following this case in the SHC for last 15 years. This decision will also be useful for many other communities who have been facing similar eviction threats in the city.

The change in Expressway plan to protect old settlements
In another move the government also decided to change the path of the Lyari Expressway. This move will reduce the number of families to be displaced in Hasan Aulia village and adjacent areas. Hasan Aulia village is over a century old settlement. The expressway project proposed displacement of the entire community from their land. But the community refused to vacate their land for expressway. The community has been resistance their proposed displacement for last 15 years. Finally the government agreed to make changes in the expressway’ path, which will benefit the community. URC supported these communities with information and help in lobbying with government.

Extension of the cut date for land titles
After a long battle the government of Sindh finally issued notification for the extension of the cut dates for land titles of the low income communities in Sindh. This official notification was issued on 16th February 2016. Originally the Sindh Katchi Abadi Act (Amendment) bill was passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 17th December 2007. The governor of Sindh owning to political pressures refused to sign the bill. URC along with communities continuously lobbied for the approval of the bill. Now this act has become a law, which says:

“To amend Sindh Katachi Abadi Act 1987 – Whereas it is expedient to amend the Sindh Katachi Abadi preamble Act 1987 in the manner herein after appearing. In the Sindh Katachi Abadis Act 1987 in the section 19 in sub section 1, the words, figures and comma ‘23rd day of March 1985’, the words, figures and comma ‘30 day of June 1997’ shall be substituted

Instead of governor of Sindh the bill was signed by the speaker of the Sindh Assembly. This new law will benefit over one million population, which have been waiting for land titles for a long period of time. URC will continue its struggle for further extension of the cut date.

New challenges for the poor communities
The Association of Builders and Develops (ABAD) have also been pushing a plan which is involved major displacement of poor communities. According to this proposed plan the ABAD is promoting an idea of ‘optimum utilization of land’ in the city. The plan proposes construction of high rise building on the land of the low income settlements and to relocate the poor communalties in the apartments. Under this plan over 15000 families would be relocated in first phase. Many (community activists and city planners) believe this is a major move to evict poor communities from their houses and use their land for commercial purposes.
URC is closely monitoring the development of these plans. In case any forced evictions will take place URC will organize and mobilize communities to secure their housing rights. URC will help the communities to negotiate with government to stop forced displacement of poor communities.

**Developing a better resettlement policy for poor communities**

URC always opposes any types of forced displacement of poor communities, with a policy of zero evictions in the city. Whenever it become impossible to stop forced evictions, URC advocates for better compensation and resettlement plans for the affected communities. URC will continue its efforts for more sensible resettlement policies and plans for the poor communities.

### 3.0 URC Forums

To encourage interaction between different development sectors of the city, regular forums are held at URC, where various groups come in contact with each other. This promotes collective thinking, decision making and actions on major urban issues. URC documents and prints the proceedings of these forums regularly.

During the current reporting period, the following forums were held:

**URC Forum ‘Gujjar Nullah Forced Evictions’**

The forum was held on 3rd August 2016 at URC office. In an effort to stop the forced evictions along Gujjar Nullah the forum was attended by affected communities, member of National Human Rights Commission, representative of NGOs and journalists from media groups. Mr. Salim Alimuddin, director orange Pilot Project presented an alternative plan for the drain. According to Mr. Salim the implementation of the alternative proposal can avoid large scale displacement of poor communities.

The participants expressed their concerns over unjust and brutal way of forced displacement of poor communities. The form demanded immediate halt of forced evictions in the city. They extend their support for the affected communities and pressed for the adoption of alternative plans to avoid large scale of displacements.
URC Forum on ‘Green Line - Bus Rapid Transit System in Karachi’

This forum was organized with collaboration of department of Architecture and Planning NED University and Urban Resource Centre. The forum was held at NED City Campus on 11th August 2016.

The speakers included:
- Dr. Prof. Noman Ahmad, chairman, department of Architecture and Planning NED University
- Mr. Sualeh Farooqi, chief executive officer of Karachi Infrastructure Development Company
- Mr. Arif Hasan, Chairman, Urban Resource Centre

Dr. Noman presented the major questions that need to be answered to respond to the complex transport scenario of Karachi. He highlighted the issues and problems the public transport sector has been facing in Karachi.

Mr. Farooqi and his team members made a detail presentation on Green Line Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

The presentation was followed by an open discussion on various aspect of public transport situation in Karachi. The participants raised questions on monitoring and regulatory sides of the project. Finally Mr. Hasan expressed his views in the concluding remarks.

URC forum on ‘A Research Study on Road Accidents in Karachi – Causes and Impacts’

This forum was held on 18th May 2016 at URC Karachi office.

Speakers:
- Prof. Dr. Rashid Jooma, Ex Director General Health
- Mr. Asad Jahangir, Ex DIG Sindh Police
- Prof. Dr. Mir Shabbar Ali, Chairman Department of Urban and Infrastructure Engineering, NED University

The panel of experts presented their research analysis on road accidents. According to experts the number deaths and serious injuries are rapidly increasing. They highlighted various measures to reduce the number of road accidents in the city. The presentations were followed by a discussion and questions and answers session.
URC forum on “The present socio, economic and political situation of Pakistan”.

This forum was held with collaboration of National Organisation for Working Communities on 1st April 2016 at URC office. Renowned scholar Dr. Charles Amjad Ali delivered a detail lecture on this subject. Dr. Charles explained various issues and problems related to the economic situation of the country.

Mr Karmat Ali from Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research also shared his view on this occasion. The open discussion was followed by questions and answers.

URC forum on “Role of Karachi in Naval Mutiny of 1946”

This forum was held on 30th March 2016 at URC office. Mr Aslam Khwaja presented his research paper on this subject. This forum was held with collaboration of Perween Rahman Lecture Series as a part of resistance lecture series. Mr Khwaja explained chronology historic events of this major historic movement, which took place in Karachi. According to Mr. Khwaja the people of Karachi city played an important role in this historic movement, which led early end of British era in India.

The presentation was followed by an open discussion on historic event of the city.

Forum on ‘Justice for Perween Rahman”

This forum was held on 13th March 2016 at PMA house Karachi.

Speakers:
I A Rahman, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
Faisal Siddiqi, legal advisor for human rights
Zohra Yusuf, Rights Commission of Pakistan
Karamat Ali, Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research
Muhammd Younus, Urban Resource Centre

The forum was organized to pay tribute to Perween Rahman on her third death anniversary. The speakers and participants of the forum demanded justice for her death. The participants showed their concerns that her killers and those behind the horrible act had not yet been brought to justice. The expressed their solidarity to continue efforts to get justice for a woman, who worked tirelessly for the rights of the poor to a good life.
4.0 Act as a watch group on major urban issues

URC plays the role of a 'watchdog' group in the city's planning and development scene. In this respect, it has worked on a number of issues, currently it is involved with the following:

Transport and Traffic Management in Karachi

URC has been focusing on the issue of transport and traffic management in Karachi. URC is more interested in an efficient and cost effective transport system for the city, which would benefit poor commuters directly.

URC continued its lobbying efforts for a better transport system in Karachi. a number of meetings were held with relevant authorities to bring policy changes. URC will continuously monitor public transport system.

Proposed Karachi Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS)

The construction work on one of the corridors “Green Line” of BRTS has started. Green Line to run on a 17 Km stretch between Surjani Town and Tower will be operational by September 2016 at a cost of Rs.16 billion.

URC is documenting impacts of BRTS during the construction phase. The initial surveys showed that the construction has involved environment degradation and temporary livelihood displacement of livelihoods.

During the current reporting period URC with collaboration of department of Architecture and planning organized a forum. The objective of the forum was to understand the details of the project and to review its impact on the city. There are seven corridors of BRTS scheme, with series of relevant components, was cited to be materialized on the basis of public-private partnership. The forum was instrumental

URC will monitor the development of this proposed BRTS plan and document its impacts.

Road Safety issues in Karachi

During the current reporting period a presentation was held at URC office on “Road Accidents” The data showed the number of road accident are rapidly increasing. These accidents involved series repercussions on families of the persons who suffered serious injuries or died.
During the current reporting period URC conducted a research study on “Foot Paths” of the city. The results of the study showed that the quality and availability of the foot paths is declining in the city. This is one of the major reasons of road accident in which pedestrians are involved. The document of foot path will soon be available at URC.

**Right to Information**

The civil society organizations and concerned citizens formed a coalition for freedom of information. The Coalition is called ‘Coalition for Transparency and Access to Information (C-TAI). The basic purpose of the Coalition is to lobby for right to access information. URC is also part of this coalition.

The coalition is advocating and lobbying for the replacement of existing law with new law and promoting much simple ways to access information on government projects and plans.

During the current reporting period the coalition partners continued their efforts for the new law on right to information.

**Heat wave deaths in Karachi**

During last week of June 2015 over 1200 people died as aggressive heat waves lashed across the city.

URC and several other civil society organizations and individuals had filed in a joint legal petition in the Sindh High Court (SHC) to identify the concerned departments responsible for these deaths. During the current reporting period court issued its verdict. In its verdict Sindh High Court fixed panalities on on Karachi Electric (KE) Company. The court also ordered KE to ensure uninterrupted electric supply hot days of the summer.

Prolonged electric break downs were again observed during current summer season. Therefore the partner organizations once again filed a contempt of court appeal against KE. The appeal requested the court to order the KE to follow court’s pervious decision. The court has taken up the matter and the hearings are going on.

On 22 May 2016 the civil society organizations held a joint press conference at Karachi Press Club. The representatives of civil society demand that The Sindh government should immediately take action against the K-Electric (KE) for resorting to extended durations of unannounced load shedding in the metropolis, in contravention of directives from the Sindh High Court (SHC) and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra).

URC will follow up this issue in the court of law with collaboration of other civil society organizations.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

URC representatives regularly attend Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) hearings organized by the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency.

During the current reporting period the following Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were attended by the URC representatives:

- The Greens Two project. It is a residential-cum-commercial multistoried building being built on Plot 155-S, Block 2, PECHS.
- Mont Vista a multi leveled residential and commercial project located in D5 Block F North Nazimabad,
- Sky Gardens Tower residential-cum-commercial multistoried building located 108 C1-5 Shahra-e- Iran Block 5 Clifton

The EIA reports are now being posted at URC web site for wide circulation.

URC will analyze the EIA reports and will inform the communities if any of these mega projects involve any kind of dislocation or other impacts on poor communities.

5.0 Awaran Earthquake rehabilitation Program

URC collaboration of partnership with Orangi Pilot Project – Research & Training Institute (OPP-RTI) to support construction of shelters for the victims of earthquake in Awaran district was concluded.

Since November 2013 a total of 1025 families were supported to construct their houses in Awaran district. These include 450 houses through OPP-RTI and Misereor support. Another 575 families were supported to construct their shelters with the financial support of ACHR and SALEVIP.

URC also supported digging of a wells and installing of hand pumps in earthquake affected areas of Awaran. URC has supported a total number of 33 drinking water supply schemes in various villages of the earthquake area.

The project gave a rich experience of working in remote villages of disaster areas.
6.0 Networking and exchange

**Strengthening Community Based Organizations:**

NGOs and CBOs from different parts of Karachi city are in regular contact with URC. Information is shared with them on a number of issues that are relevant to the problems they have identified themselves. URC also inter-links community based organizations with other NGOs, Government, Media and Academics working in the same field.

During the current reporting period URC has been engaged in the following networking actions:

**Pakistan Civil Society Forum (PCSF)**

The recently formed Pakistan Civil Society Forum (PCSF) is a representative body of NGOs working in the country. During current reporting period the PCSF held is national and Sindh chapters’ conventions in Islamabad and Hyderabad respectively. In these conventions the PCSF has expressed grave concern on relentless vilification and targeting of civil society organizations and intimidation of human rights defenders by extremist groups and different government agencies. The Forum has urged the government to recognize and appreciate invaluable contribution of civil society organizations and demanded to fulfill its duty of providing an enabling environment to continue its work for well-being of the people and defend their rights.

The PCSF will be a joint platform of NGOs to raise the common concerns of NGOs from a joint platform.

**Community Development Network (CDN)**

URC has become the focal point and coordinator of the Community Development Network (CDN). The 41st CDN was held on 16th and 17th January 2016 at OPP Karachi office. The partner organizations attended the meeting to share and exchange their working experiences. The meeting was followed by a field visit to learn from various initiated by the program..

This is a national network of partner organizations. The CDN meetings provide an opportunity to members to understand each other’s work and to observe partners work on site, as the venue of the meeting is rotated among partners. Members discuss various development issues and trends.

Partners from various organizations presented new developments in their work, expansion of work, link up with government programs.
Perween Rehman Fellowship (PRF) Program

The Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) has launched the Perween Rahman Fellowship (PRF). Its aim is to support young architects, planners, engineers, local builders and artisans who are working with the poor.

Two from RACE and OPP has completed their fellowships under PRF program. This year 15 fellows from 10 countries have received this award including two fellows from Pakistan. Urban Resource Centre is focal point for networking and interaction for PRF Program in Pakistan. Regular meetings were held at URC to review and monitor implantation of the fellowship program in Pakistan.

Joint Action Committee (JAC)

URC is also a part of an NGO Network called Joint Action Committee (JAC). This is a coalition of NGOs in Karachi. The JAC is working on gender and human rights issues. This network holds regular meetings, seminars, workshops, public demos and interactions on gender and human rights issues.

Some recent focus issues of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) were:

- The situation of Pakistan International Airline (PIA) employees opposing privatization of the national airline.
- The trial of Mr. Saeed Baloch, general secretary Pakistan Fisher Forks arrested of false allegation of terrorism. Mr Baloch is a senior and outspoken activist in Karachi, he committed to democratic society, environmental integrity and labour rights in Pakistan, was arrested on baseless charges in Karachi.

The JAC provides a larger platform to raise some more important issues of the common interest for the policy dialogue.

Network of communities against forced evictions

URC has been working with to three community networks, which were facing eviction threats:

- Network of communities affected by Lyari expressway project
- Network of communities living along railway tracks of Karachi.
- Network of Communities along Gujjar Nullah (Drain)

During the current reporting period these communities received fresh threats of evictions. A number of meetings were held to discuss and counter these threats.

URC is in touch with these communities and in case of any further development on these projects. URC will forward the information to these communities.
7.0 Youth Training Program

The program provides an opportunity to under and fresh graduates from universities and low-income settlements to involve themselves in the activities of URC and develop their orientation towards the changing realities of the urban context. To provide an incentive to the youth, more informal techniques are adopted during the training, which are based on field visits and self-learning. The URC staff and board members supervise and guide their activities.

During the current reporting period 10 students were involved in this program, these includes:

1. 5 students from Social Development and Policy program of Habib University Karachi.
2. Four students from Development Studies Program of NED Engineering University Karachi.
3. One student from Architecture Department of National College of Arts Lahore.

These students were engaged in various research and documentation activities of URC, these studies includes;

i. Conditions of parks and play grounds of the city
ii. Impact of ongoing construction work of Bus Rapid Transit System.
iii. Public Toilet in the city
iv. A revisiting Lyari Expressway evictions

URC also arranges orientation lectures for the interns. During current reporting period the following orientation lectures were held at URC:

i. Situation of Public Transport in Karachi a presentation by Mr. Mansoor Raza
ii. Planning and development a discussion by Fazal Noor
iii. Displacement and mega projects a discussion by Arif Hasan

These orientation sessions were instrumental to develop their understanding on vital urban issues and motivate them to dedicate their time for social development.

A number of interactions of students with the various communities through field visits were also arranged in which the students collected primary data from various communities. Finally they presented their work at URC and submitted written reports.
8.0 Research

URC continues its research and documentation activities on urban issues.

During the current reporting period URC has been involved in the following studies

i. A look in to foot Paths, as a walking facility in the city
ii. Forced evictions along Gujjar Nullah
iii. Forced evictions in Allah Rakha Goth
v. Conditions of parks and play grounds of the city
vi. Impact of on going construction work of Bus Rapid Transit System.
    vii. Public Toilet in the city
iv. Revisiting Lyari Expressway evictions

URC will continue to its research activities and will conduct more investigation to get better understanding of the city.

Documentation of physical infrastructure of government schools

The most of children from poor communities enroll in government schools. But government schools lack basic facilities such as drinking water, sanitation, furniture and other essential facilities. URC has been conducting a study to document school building infrastructure belonging to Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC). URC selected 6 zones for survey, which include North Nazimabad, North Karachi, Orangi Town, SITE, Baldia and Jamshed Town. The survey of 22 schools has been completed.

This information will be useful for advocacy and lobbying for the improvement of government school infrastructure.

9.0 Publications

Proceedings of the Forums

During the current reporting period the following publication were printed

• Public Transport Issues and proposed Bus Rapid Transit System in Karachi

Some other recently published forums proceedings:

1. Responding to the transport crisis in Karachi, by URC with Arif Hasan and Mansoor Razaworking paper published International Institute for Environmental Development (IIED), July 2015
II. The Pedestrian Bridges of Karachi, by Mansoor Raza working paper published by Urban Resource Centre (URC), October 2015

Some of selected news articles published in various news papers related to URC work January – June 2016:

- Civil society demands legal action against KE, 12th July 2016 Geo TV News
- Mass movement: Karachi’s public transport woes, Subuk Hasnain, June 2016 HERALD
- Road Accident takes life of 1022 persons in a year.22nd May 2016 IBC Urdu News
- ‘52pc road crash victims are brought to hospitals in private vehicles’, FAIZA ILYAS — 19th MAY 2016 DAILY DAWN
- Ramazan most risky month for Karachi drivers, 18th May 2016 DAILY TRIBUNE
- Pakistan could have become a people’s state in 1971-1974: Dr Charles Amjad Ali, 2nd April 2016 DAILY TRIBUNE
- Karachi — the city of resistance, 1st 1st April 2016, DAILY TRIBUNE
- Karachi’s role in Royal Indian Navy mutiny explored, 31st March 2016 DAILY DAWN
- How often do Pakistani women get harassed on public transport? You would be surprised. 22 March 2016, Dawn Karachi
- When will Pakistani men stop harassing women on buses? IMRAN NABI, 12th MAY 2016 DAILY DAWN
- Three years on, activists demand end to Perween Rahman’s murder case cover-up By Zia Ur Rehman, 14th March 2016 Daily Dawn
- Urban dilemma: ‘DHA City’s failure to account for maids will lead to katchi abadis’ 9th January 2016, DAILY TRIBUNE

Facts & Figures (monthly facts sheet)

URC compiles a monthly newsletter “Facts & Figures” (both Urdu & English). The Newsletter contains selected news clippings and articles on urban issues. During current reporting period (January – June 2016) six more issues of this newsletter were circulated.

10.0 Documentation

News Clippings
Major articles under each heading have been compiled into dossiers (sorted and separated heading-wise files) and updated up to June 2016. URC has been collecting news clippings and articles and providing facilities for different cross sections of the society since 1991. Mainly researchers, students, journalists, academicians, institutions and libraries purchase these clipping files.
The news clippings from Daily Jang, Daily Express, Daily Dawn, The News and Express Tribune are being collected. The news clippings are being collected on the following subjects:

- Transport and Traffic Management
- Housing & Land Management
- Health
- Education
- Environment
- Economics
- Law & Order
- Lyari Expressway
- Eviction and Encroachment
- Beaches, Parks and plantations
- Water Supply
- Sewerage
- Solid Waste Management, Electricity,
- CDGK & Local Body System and
- Urban Services

A list of all documentation is available at URC.

URC Library

The URC library has more than 5,000 government reports, books, research papers, magazines and newsletters on urban issues in general and on Karachi in particular. The researchers, students, journalists, community activists and training groups widely use URC library facilities.

Website

URC web is extending the outreach of its information dissemination. The web address is www.urckarachi.org. The website is being updated on a regular basis.

URC on face book

URC circulates current information and news clippings on city development through face book page on regular basis.

URC block on Tumblr blog

URC is posting all news articles and updates related to its work on tumblr page. The link is http://urckhi.tumblr.com/
# BUDGET & EXPENDITURE (2015 -2016)

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## URC RECEIPTS (JULY 15 - JUNE 16)

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Eviction and Housing Rights

The forced displacements are becoming a major threat for the poor communities in the city. Over 1000 houses were demolished in the last few months.
URC organized lecture series for the students. The objectives of these lectures were to develop orientation of the youth on urban issues
Youth Training Program

The students from department of Development Studies of NED University are presenting their work at URC office.
Forum on Public Transport Issues and Green Line Bus Rapid Transit System was held on 11th August 2016 at Department of Architecture and Planning (DAP) NED University. The forum was organized with the collaboration of the DAP, NED University
URC forum on displacement of poor communities along with Gujjar Nallah was held at URC office. The forum was organized with the collaboration of Orangi Pilot Project (OPP).
Forum on socio, economic and political situation of Pakistan was held on 1st April 2016 at URC office. The forum was organized with the collaboration of National Organization for Working Communities (NOW Communities).
URC forum on Road Accidents was held on 18th May 2016 at URC office
URC forum on Role of Karachi in Naval Mutiny of 1946 was held on 30th March at URC office. This forum was organized with the collaboration of Perween Rehman Lecture Series.
Forum on Justice for Perween Rehman was held on 13th March 2016 at PMA house. This forum was organized with the collaboration of Perween Rehman Lecture Series
The 41st meeting of the Community Development Network (CDN) was held on 16 and 17 January at OPP office.
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Sindh Chapter of Pakistan Civil Society Forum meeting was held in Hyderabad
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Pakistan Civil Society Forum’s national chapter meeting was held in Islamabad
URC is conducting a survey of government schools run by Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC)
The council members are reviewing the activities of the Urban Resource Centre (URC)
List of publications and documentation available at Urban Resource Centre:

Some Recent Publications:

- Responding to the transport crisis in Karachi, by URC with Arif Hasan and Mansoor Raza working paper published International Institute for Environmental Development (IIED), July 2015
- The Pedestrian Bridges of Karachi, by Mansoor Raza working paper published by Urban Resource Centre (URC), October 2015

Proceeding of the forums:


Some other recently published forums proceedings:

- Control and contestation of space and emerging safety and security issues in Karachi by Dr Noman Ahmad
- An over view on shrinking transport facilities in the city, by Mr. S Irshad Hussain Bukharai,

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- Weaponization and its impact on violence by Mr. Naeem Sadiq
- Karachi Mass Transit – An overview by Mr Rashid Mughal
- The drainage system of Karachi – Major issues and a way head Rs. 50/-
- Karachi: Demographic trends - social and political Implications Rs. 50/-
- Sindh Local Government Act 2013 - An Overview Rs. 50/-
- A Research Study on Road Accidents in Karachi – Causes and Impacts Rs. 50/-
- The Goths of Karachi and their regularization process. Rs. 50/-
- Flood and after: an Overview of the Flood Situation in Sindh by Arif Hasan Rs. 50/-
- The Post Flood Relief Program of Sindh Government by Taj Haider Rs. 50/-
- Report of the Task Force on Urban Development by Arif Hasan & Dr. Noman Ahmed Rs. 50/-
- Problems of Street Children by Mr. Rana Asif Habib Rs.50/-
- Karachi Transport Management - current situation and a way forward by Dr. Waheed Uddin Rs.50/-
- Karachi Sewerage Improvement Plan S-III Rs.50/-
- Role of water Tankers in Karachi Rs.50/-
- Water Supply in Karachi: Situation/Issues, Priority issues and Solutions. Rs.50/-
- Active Organized People – Sustainable Development Rs.50/-
- Gutter Baghicha by Nisar Baloch, Rs.50/-
- Electricity Crisis in Karachi by Prof. Mohammad Noman Rs.50/-
The case studies of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are available as separate publications:
Case studies of 50 Community Based Organizations are available at URC office library with the price tag of Rs. 50/- for each copy.

Case studies of the following community organizations (CBOs) were printed:

i. Al Rakhshi Welfare Services
iii. Anjuman Imdad Bahimi Kohi Goth
iv. Social Welfare Association Junejo Town
v. Welfare Association Talent Citizen Human Rights (WATCH) for special persons
vi. Insaf Welfare Trust
vii. Al-Barka Welfare Trust
viii. Anjuman -e- Itehad Sajidi Balochan Welfare Association
ix. Kashmir Mujahid Colony Residential Welfare Society
x. Dream Foundation Trust
xi. Anjuman Warper Social Welfare Association
xii. Fikar-e-Nau Welfare Society
xiii. Rifa Development Organization
xiv. Moria Khan Goth Welfare Association
xv. Slummer Welfare Organization
xvi. Gulshan-e-Bakhtawar Welfare Society
xvii. Anjuman Falah-o-Bebood, Chaman Iqbal Colony
xviii. Muzzaffarabad Welfare Society, Muzzafarabad Colony

The case studies of the settlements are available in Urdu as separate publications:

i. Case Study of Gharibabad Colony Rs. 50/-
ii. Case Study of Allah Wali Colony Rs. 50/-
iii. Case Study of Madhu Goth Rs. 50/-
iv. Case Study of Kashmir Mujahid Colony Rs. 50/-
v. Case Study of Old Sleeper Quarters Rs. 50/-
vi. Case Study of Pahr Gunj Rs. 50/-
vii. Case Study of Umer Colony No. 2 Rs.50/-
viii. Case study of Umer Farooq Town Rs.50/-
ix. Case study of Wahid Colony Rs.50/-
x. Case study of Awami Colony Rs.50/-
xi. Case study of Kausar Niazi Colony Rs.50/-
xii. Case study of Umer Colony No. 1 Rs.50/-
xiii. Case study of Hasan Aulia Village Rs.50/-
xiv. Case study of Chaman Iqbal Colony Rs.50/-
xv. Case study of Bilawal Jokhio Goth Rs.50/-
xvi. Case study of Moria Khan Goth Rs.50/-
xvii. Case study of NTR Colony Rs.50/-
xviii. List of Goths (villages) in Karachi Rs. 50/-

Facts & Figures (monthly facts sheet)
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Appendix:
News clippings and articles year wise files are now available from Jan 1992 up to Dec 2015.

1. Traffic & Transport Management
2. Housing & Land Management
3. Health
4. Education
5. Environment
6. Economics
7. Law & Order
8. Lyari Expressway
9. Eviction and Encroachment
10. Beaches, Parks and plantations
11. Water Supply
12. Sewerage
13. Solid Waste Management
14. Electricity
15. CDGK & Local Body System
16. Urban Services
17. Floo