

Sahil Report Exposes Urgent Need for Child Protection Measures

**Islamabad, 29th Feb,
2024 (XY):** The National
Commission for Human
Rights (NCHR) has released
the 'Cruel Numbers 2023'

report, revealing that 4,213 children experienced various forms of abuse in Pakistan during the year.

The information gathered by Sahil, a non-profit organization focused on child protection, points to a concerning daily average of 11 cases, underscoring the urgent requirement for thorough measures.

The findings of the report also highlight a disconcerting gender disparity, with a majority of victims being female. Additionally, the report discloses a distressing detail that even children aged 0-5 have encountered sexual abuse, bringing attention to the vulnerability of the youngest members of society.

Perpetrators primarily included acquaintances, relatives, family members, strangers, and women abettors. Punjab reported 75% of the cases, highlighting regional concentration.

NCHR Chairperson Rabia Javeri Agha expressed grave concern, emphasizing the lack of a national action plan by the Government of Pakistan.

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