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Sindh Population Minister Mir Mumtaz Hussain Jahkrani has pledged his government's proactive role in promoting family planning for a progressive and prosperous nation

He shared these views while addressing the participants of a walk organised at Sea View on Tuesday in connection with World Population Day. The day is celebrated across the globe with the aim to sensitise the masses about the concerns of rapidly increasing world population and educate them about family planning and other measures to mitigate the effects of population explosion.

A press release said the walk, organised by the Sindh Population Welfare Department, drew people from all walks of life, including members of the civil society, health providers and managers, youth organisations, People's Primary Healthcare Initiative, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, and Family Planning Association of Pakistan.

The minister appreciated the constructive role being played by the civil society in creating awareness of population-related issues, such as gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

Civil society representatives were from Sukh Initiative, Jhpiego, DKT, Aahung, AKU, Aman Foundation, Marie Stopes Society, Green Star Social Marketing, HANDS, HP+ and Health Communication Component of JHUCCP.

Linking poverty to poor the state of health care, education and unemployment, other dignitaries and speakers underscored the importance of the day and called for collective efforts to mitigate the effects of rapid population growth and poverty. They said that due to excessive population in the country, women suffered the most and that they needed to be empowered to take decisions in their best interest.

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