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Editorial

We are pleased to welcome you to 4th issue of our e-Newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Capacity Building events

In the last Quarter of this year, total 14 trainings were organized by SHARP-Pakistan in Punjab, Sindh

and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in which 09 were for Police officials while 04 were Public Prosecutors and Lawyers including one for Media personnel. The Participants of these trainings were capacitated on the topics of refugee and human rights and the current legal status of refugees in Pakistan with the aim to well equipped them regarding international instruments that ensured the rights of human beings including refugee rights as well as to reduce illegal detentions and police harassment.

The Police Officials and lawyers appreciated very much these interventions that made clear their concept on International Instruments on rights of people especial marginalized segments of the society and recommended such types of informative events that would help them in serving the people and the envisions of human rights friendly society. The following below table shows the training details:

Sr. No.	Date	Participants' Department	Total Participants	Location
1	15/11/2016	Police	35	Sirthari Model police station Charsadda
2	22/11/2016	Police	22	TMA hall, District Haripur
3	26/11/2016	Police	38	Police Line Jauharabad ,Khushab
4	29/11/2016	Police	48	Conference Hall, DPO Office ,Sheikhupura
5	30/11/2016	Police	22	Shelton Rezidor Hotel,Peshawar
6	3/12/2016	Police	32	Deewan-e-Saeed Hotel, Jhelum
7	08/12/2016	Police	27	Summer Inn Hotel,Buner ,KPK
8	10/12/2016	Police	50	DRC Hall Timergara, Lower Dir
9	13/12/2016	Police	60	Police Training school Turo, Mardan
10	27/10/2016	Public Prosecutors	34	Hotel Regent Plaza Karachi
11	1/12/2016	Public Prosecutors	24	Swat Continental Hotel
12	20/12/2016	Lawyers	35	Shelton Green Hotel Peshawar
13	22/12/2016	Lawyers	48	Shin gar Restaurant Chakdara Lower Dir
14	5/10/2016	Media Personnel	17	Affaq Hotel Haripur
Total			492	

Introduction

Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid (SHARP) is a Non-Profitable, Non-Political and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

It has been striving for a human rights friendly Pakistan since 1999. Vulnerable fragments of society are the primary beneficiaries of its operations including legal protection, advocacy, community services, capacity building, emergency response etc. IDPs, women, juvenile delinquents, street children, prisoners etc are main beneficiaries of its work in different thematic areas including Protection, Child Protection, Emergency Response, Advocacy, Education, Infrastructure development, health, and other rights based approaches throughout the country.



Haripur



Karachi



19 Legal Camps

In the last three months of 2016, 19 legal camps were conducted by SHARP-Pakistan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Total 1198 individuals participated in these legal camps with their gender break of 602 males and 596 females. In these events, different issues were highlighted by the participants, which included information on VRC, COI information including issues related to PoR cards. The participants were counseled by the SHARP-Pakistan team on the above-mentioned queries.



Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)

13 FGDs were organized by SHARP-Pakistan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the period of Oct. to Dec-2016. The topics of SGBV, GBV, BIAs and BIDs were focused in the activity. Total 245 individuals attended the discussions in which there were 80 males and 165 females.

Trainings for SHARP-Pakistan Staff

SHARP-Pakistan' Staff were capacitated on the topic of code of conduct to keep high values in their working environment in Islamabad, Lahore, Mianwali and Karachi while the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa team was trained on SGBV, Child Protection, Community based protection, International Protection and Advocacy techniques with the aim to build their capacity in the above-mentioned topics that would help them in the field to identify vulnerable cases along with that provision of psychosocial support and legal assistance to them.

Participatory Assessment (PA)

Staff members of SHARP-Pakistan attended training on Participatory Assessment (PA) in UNHCR Islamabad office and after that training as part of the multi-functional team, to assess the need of person of concern. PA exercises were conducted in Attock, Mianwali, Lahore and Karachi along with UNHCR Team.



APS Peshawar Attack 2014

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In solidarity with APS Peshawar affectees, SHARP-Pakistan displayed banner in major cities on 16th December. The banners had messages showing solidarity towards the parents, teachers and affected families and demanded an end to terrorism in the country.



16 Days of Activism 25 Nov- 10 Dec, 2016

The 16 Days of Activism begins on 25th November on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10th International Human Rights Day. A global campaign to raise awareness about violence against women and its impact on a woman's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being.

Islamabad

AWARENESS WALK

SHARP-Pakistan organized an awareness walk from Super Market to Press Club Islamabad on 8th December, 2016 in which representatives from Civil Society Organizations, INGOs, UN, EU and foreigner delegations in Pakistan, Afghan Refugee male and female students participated in that walk.

The participants of the awareness walk were holding play cards and banners on which awareness messages were written regarding elimination of gender based violence and promoting women and girls rights.



MIME AND DEBATE COMPETITION

A MIME and Debate competition was organized on 6th December at I-12 Afghan Community school in Islamabad. The Mime was performed by Afghan Students of "Shaheed Wali Khan school" and "Khurasan high school". Judges of this activity appreciated performance of both groups. A debate/poem competition was also organized for the Afghan community students Children in their refugee languages. Ms. Mushayyadah Gul (UNHCR) judged them and announced 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and distributed prizes among them.



Lahore

AWARENESS RAISING SESSION

SHARP-Pakistan organized an "Awareness raising Session on Education and Health Hygiene" for the Afghan under the 16 days activism theme in Lahore on 6th December, 2016. The theme for year 2016 was "Healthy Relationship at Home, in Schools and in Community". Dr. Mateh Ullah from Punjab Institute of Cardiology delivered a lecture on Hygiene. He expressed that If you want to minimize your risk of infection and also enhance your overall health, these basic personal hygiene habits needs to be followed including bathe regularly.

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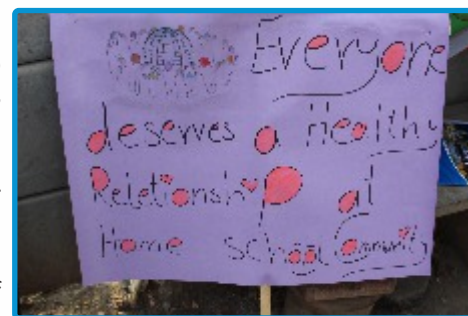
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ART COMPETITION

An Art Competition was organized on 30th November, 2016 in the vicinity of Gujranwala, Punjab for Afghan national students who are living as refugee in Pakistan. The art competition was conducted between male and female students from classes 1st standard to 4th standard.

Children were of the view that study atmosphere should be made compatible to their environment so that they can get education easily. As end of the event, the organizers thanked the children to be a part of the competition and appreciated their work and prizes were distributed along with certificates among all the participants to appreciate the good and innovative work of the children.



Karachi

COUNSELING SESSION ON HEALTH/ HYGIENE & GBV

SHARP-Pakistan organized one-day counseling session for Afghan Women on the topic of Health/Hygiene and Gender Based Violence in Karachi on 1st December, 2016 in which 35-40 Afghan Women of different age groups participated. For the convenience of Afghan females pick and drop was provided to them from their residence to the venue of the session. Dr. Madeeha, Psychologist from Dow Hospital was invited to deliver session on Health/Hygiene and gender based violence. Both Dr. Madeeha and Dr. Huma Jamal from SHARP-Pakistan with assistance of interpreters delivered their session to give awareness to Afghan females on the importance of Hygiene in our daily life and how can they protect them self and their children from chronic diseases. The session was very interactive, the participants were given opportunity to clear their understanding completely on the agenda topic including questions and answers session.



1-DAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

SHARP-Pakistan organized a football match among refugee at Gharib Nawaz Ground in Karachi on December 10th. Four teams including one Afghan, one Somali and other two of Pakistani locals participated in it. The Final match was played between Pakistani and Afghan Refugee, which was won by Afghan Refugee team. At end of the ceremony, shields were distributed to winner and runner up teams along with cash prize to winning team.



Mianwali

DEBATE AND DRAWING/ FACE PAINTING COMPETITIONS

SHARP-Pakistan/ALAC-III team organized debate competition among Students under 16 days of activism at Government Hamid Saif Shaheed High School, Tola Mangali, District, Mianwali.

Theme of debate competition was "Healthy relationship at home, Schools and Community". Chief Guest of the day was the Mr. Gulab Khan, Head Master of Hamid Saif Shaheed High School Tola Mangali. Total eight teachers and 40-50 both local and Afghan students of class 9th and 10th participated in the event. This platform provided recreational opportunities to enhance meaningful participation of refugee students in positive society building.

Judges of the event appreciated the efforts of students and prizes were distributed among students who performed well and exhibited their talent.

Face painting & Drawing Competition was organized among Students on 8th December at Al-Suffa Public High School, dilewali, in Mianwali. Ms. Ayesha Principal of Al-Suffa Public High School was Chief Guest of the event. 9 teachers and 25 to 30 local and Afghan boys and girls students participated in the event in which 20 both local and Afghan students took part in the competition to exhibited their skills and abilities. Prizes were distributed among the first 3 position holders to encourage them for their struggle.



Peshawar

FOOTBALL MATCH

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Kohat

A Similar activity was conducted at DLG Boys Schools at Ghulam Banda Kohat. Afghan students actively participated in the competitions and looked enthusiastic. School teachers and guests appreciated the activity that not only raised awareness regarding the event but also left positive impact on the minds of students due to healthy competitions.



Haripur

SHARP-Pakistan with university students, faculty members and administration set up a peace walk inside the university and large number of students and other faculty members participated in walk for peace and freedom. All participants promised to eliminate violence in any shape from the society, by promoting such like activities which enhance peace, love, prosperity and freedom in society. Through this walk not only the message of peace was spread but also a great liaison was built among the SHARP team and university students, faculty and administration.



Abbotabad

A friendly cricket match was organized by SHARP-Pakistan with District Bar Abbotabad and was held at Abbotabad Cricket stadium. Charts and play cards were placed to highlight messages on importance of 16 days of activism.



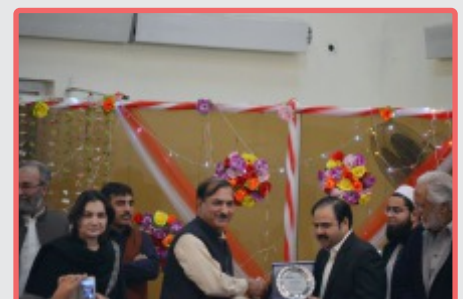
International Day of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)



Another event was organized in collaboration of Directorate of Social Welfare & Acted International to celebrate International day of persons with disabilities at Special Education Complex Hayatabad Peshawar. Event included naat, skit/drama, songs and dance competition.

Frightened, confused, angry are just some of the things you might feel watching a loved one become consumed by addiction. Showing love to these people and to communicate with them can make positive changes in their condition. SHARP-Pakistan organized an event with drug addict patients of

DOST welfare foundation (Rehab center) at Sukoon Kor#2 Warsak Road Peshawar to raise awareness of the positive impact of rehabilitation of these marginalized people in these centers.



Meeting with Full Bright Scholars

Two full bright scholars Mr. Fredrick Rooney and Mr. Renaldo visited SHARP-Pakistan's Islamabad office on 27th December, 2016 where they met the Alac and programme teams. They were accompanied by three members of Peace and Justice Network, a non-profit organization working in Islamabad.

It was a consultation meeting regarding discussion of overall situation in Pakistan in the context of politics and Rule of Law. The scholars were keen to study and compare the legal, justice and political systems of Pakistan, Afghanistan and India.



Key Findings - for month of Oct-Dec 2016

During the months Oct-Dec 2016, SHARP-Pakistan provided legal assistance to Persons of Concern, intervened at police stations for arrest/detention cases of Afghan refugees, provided in-house and out-of-court services as well as counseling over telephonic helplines. Some important figures for this time period's efforts by SHARP-Pakistan team are as follows:

ICT, Punjab, AJK & Sindh

New Arrests

190

Court Interventions:

90

Advice, Counseling and Assistance cases: **721**

Help line calls received and responded: **1,694**

Person trained (Law Enforcement personal/ lawyers/ judiciary): **152**

182 registered Afghans were released from police stations and prisons of country

KPK

Advice, Counseling and Assistance cases: **5334**

Court Interventions: **93**

Released without being charged: **192**

Help line calls received and responded: **1810**