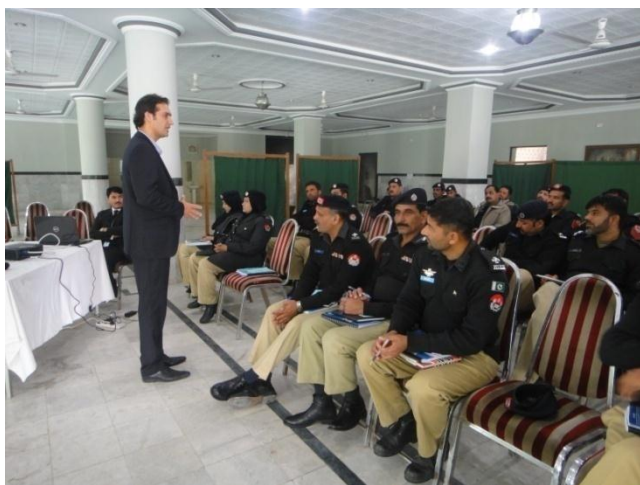




## Capacity building interventions of SHARP-Pakistan for Police Officials

SHARP-Pakistan is striving for friendly Human Rights Pakistan. Achieving this vision, its professional human rights experts having vast competencies in the above-mentioned topic, are putting their efforts every day to arise a sense for human rights rich society in its people. Law enforcing agencies, lawyers, law students, Prosecutors and Judiciary play a vital role in advance societies in ensuring human rights to common person. SHARP-Pakistan has been traditionally arranging capacity-building initiatives for law enforcing agencies lawyers, law students, Prosecutors, community elders/representatives and Judiciary for seventeen years in Pakistan. Sensitization played an integral role in accomplishing the desired goals of the programme and for this purpose SHARP-Pakistan maintained close coordination with the law enforcement agencies particularly the police and the FIA to ensure that the refugees are not illegally detained and harassed. It also organizes training sessions for this audience group to sensitize them on human rights and refugee rights under international law and the significance of the “Principal of Non-Refoulement” is highlighted for humane treatment of refugee at the hands of law enforcers. SHARP held coordination meetings and organized sensitization sessions with the relevant stakeholders and the government line departments to ensure the effective and humane treatment of refugee while taking into account the age, gender and diversity (AGD) context.

In 2016, seven police trainings have conducted for police officials in Rawalpindi, Lahore, Mianwali, Karachi, Peshawar, Haripur and Buner. Total 206 police officials were trained by SHARP-Pakistan in Rawalpindi, Lahore, Mianwali and Karachi. Out of 206, the gender breakdown is 195 are male and 11 are female trained police officials of rank of Moharar, Head Constables and Constables, ASI, SI, Inspectors SHOs, IOs and DSPs. Along with Human Rights and Refugee Rights, Foreigner’s Act.1946 and other Government notifications were also given space in the agenda for sensitization trainings.



Mr. Yasir Ayaz Khan delivered his session in the Police training at police line Rawalpindi on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 by introducing United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and its mandate in Pakistan. He stressed on Refugee laws need to be understand by police and told to trainees what are the rights of refugees and the obligations of refugees as well as the host countries. It was to them that the UNHCR’s mandate is to provide protection to refugees and to find durable solutions for them. The

principle of non-Refoulement was explained in a very easy way that made the clear the concept of trainees on the topic.



Group photo at the end of Police Training conducted at Police Line in Mianwali City on 3rd March-2016

Mr. Hakim Naul, DSP Legal delivered his session on the topic of Foreigner's Act 1946 in the Police training at police line, district Mianwali on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 and briefed the participants about the Meaning, Scope and purpose of Foreigner Act, 1946 and elaborated different Section of Laws. He explained definition clause of the Foreigners Act as well as explained important section of Foreigner Act 1946. It was cleared to trainee that it is not implemented on registered Afghans in Pakistan because their Proof of Registration







Card has been extended till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 which makes their stay in Pakistan is legally till the date.



Group photo at the end of Police training at police training college Chung, Lahore on 9th March, 2016



Ms. Ghazala Mirza gave a presentation on the topic of "Refugee Rights, International protection and the Legal Status of Afghans in Pakistan ". She elaborated the Mandate of UNHCR/SHARP, definition of Refugees and their rights, International Protection, 1951 Convention, 1967 Protocol, Role of UNHCR in protecting the refugees and Due process of law. She further told the audience that Mandate of UNHCR is to provide international protection to refugees and to seek durable solutions for refugees by assisting Governments to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees or their integration within new national communities.



Mr. Muhammad Mudassar Javed, Project Director, SHARP-Pakistan completed his session on the topic of Human rights and his organization struggle for human rights friendly Pakistan at police Training College Chung Lahore.

Mr. Muhammad Younas Sahibzada, Head of UNHCR Karachi office, elaborated in details the refugee rights and status of Afghan refugees in Pakistan at Police Training in Karachi on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. He told that in principle, the rights and physical security is assured to a recognized refugee in many countries however, in Pakistan, the situation is different because it is not signatory to refugee laws and have not made yet any National refugee laws. The refugees are being managed under the ad-hock administrative arrangements/agreements between Govt. of Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNHCR. (Tripartite Agreement)



**Appreciation for SHARP-Pakistan by Chief Guests on the completion of sensitization trainings**





Ms. Ambreen Ali, ASP Rawalpindi, graced the event of sensitization training for police officials at Police line, Rawalpindi on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 as a chief guest. She also acknowledged the services of SHARP/UNHCR, and encouraged the participants by admiring their participation in this training. She further addressed the participants of training that they should memorized the learned knowledge regarding human and refugee rights and Foreigner's act 1946 and should be implemented in future while performing their duties.



Mr. Sarfaraz Khan Virk, DPO Mianwali appreciated the efforts of SHARP-PAKISTAN for conducting sensitization training for police officials in Police line Mianwali on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016. He said that these Police Officers after the completed training would be better able to provide services to the Public at large as now they have equipped with the various National and International instruments relating to the Human and Refugees issues. Further, he briefed the participants about the legal status of Afghan Refugees in Pakistan. He emphasized that Government of Pakistan has extended the validity in respect of PoR cards till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. He directed to the concerned Police Officials not to harass and registered cases under Foreigners Act, 1946 against Afghan Refugees having valid PoR Card issued from NADRA, Pakistan. Mr. Sarfaraz went on to say that Police Officers must know their responsibilities while dealing with public at large. He stressed to perform their obligations honestly. At the end, he thanked all the participants' and the SHARP management for the training workshop.



Chief Guest Mr. Khalid Saeed (DSP) graced the closing session of the workshop as Chief Guest. He diligently observed the entire workshop, appreciated, and congratulated the SHARP-Pakistan for arranging such a wonderful awareness session for the Police officials. He shared his personal experience and briefed that such intellectual programs should be promoted for the progress of the entire society. He said that this is the responsibility of all stakeholders of the society to work together for the betterment and uplift of the vulnerable segments of the country. He said that no one is ready to stand up for his own rights or for rights of other people. Anyone who passes by a situation where someone else's rights are being violated and that person is very well observing the entire scene, does not make an effort of raising voice or does not even make an effort of helping the other person. He further briefed that these workshops must be conducted not only to give awareness to the common person but also to inform officials about their basic rights.



Chief Guest Mr. Usman Ijaz Bajwa, SSP Operations, Counter Terrorism Department Karachi thanked the SHARP and UNHCR for conducting sensitization training for police official in Karachi on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 with also highlighted the role and responsibilities of law enforcement agencies specially the police officials who owed big responsibility to make the society crime free and to play their positive role for maintaining the peace in this crucial time of Pakistan. He appreciated the hard work of police and was expecting that we all will continue to play our positive role in

eradicating the crimes from the society and making our country a peaceful place for all.

It was recommended by the police participated in these trainings that this kind of initiatives should be taken on more traditional basis which benefits both society as well as police department".



SHARP-Pakistan office in Haripur organized one-day sensitization workshop with group of 27 police officials including SHOs & Muharars on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Ashiana Hotel, Mansehra. Ms Sonia Shamros ASP participated as chief guest, Mr.Taimor Khan Field assistant, UNHCR and District Administrator Naeem shah also participated in the activity.





SHARP Mardan office organized one day sensitization workshop with group of 30 police officials including SHOs, DSPs & Muharars of 10 police stations of district Bunir on 22nd March 2016 at Dagar. Mr. Ghulam Habib participated as chief guest on behalf of DPO, Mr. Khalid Hamdani. Mr. Nasir Jalil, protection associate represented UNHCR and informed the participants about international protection and refugees rights.



This year Police training was conducted by SHARP-Pakistan in Peshawar and police trainees are receiving certificates on the completion of trainings.