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PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

DURATION: HALF YEAR

FROM 1st July 2014 to 31st December 2014

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Project Introduction:

SHARP proposed one year project for the welfare and development of juvenile prisoners in central prison Peshawar and Central prison Haripur which was in furtherance of a pilot project implemented by SHARP-Pakistan in year 2012-13, and requested Federal Foreign Office, Embassy of Germany to extend their support for this initiative.

The project comprised of different components such as need-based renovation of facilities for Juveniles, educational and health and hygiene kits to Juveniles, Provision of legal aid to juveniles in central prison Peshawar and Haripur, establishment of skill training labs in both jails, holding advocacy and lobbying on/for prison reforms, mass media awareness campaign on/for the rights of juvenile inmates and capacity building of stakeholders on child protection and juvenile justice system, were carefully designed by keeping the needs of the juveniles in mind.

Following the targets of building local capacity for sustainability, SHARP decided to work in collaboration with different institutions like; Inspectorate of Prisons, Home and Law Departments, Directorate of Probation and provincial child protection commission, instead of working directly in the target population. SHARP has worked very closely with these institutions and provided consistent technical support and assistance, training, capacity building and monitoring and evaluation.

So far project has gained well recognition among the decision makers and provincial government. Promotion of juvenile justice system ordinance and establishment of enabling environment for juveniles in Prisons by SHARP are well acknowledged and appreciated by Chief Minister KPK, Advisor to Minister on prisons KPK, I.G prisons KPK and law Minister KPK.

Project Goal:

Overall goal of the project is **“To promote measures for the welfare of Juveniles in Prisons of KPK particularly Central Prison Peshawar and Central Prison Haripur”**

Objectives:

1. To promote enabling environment for Juveniles in Central Prison Peshawar and Haripur.
2. To build capacity of the stakeholders on Human rights, Child rights/protection and Juvenile Justice System.
3. To carryout advocacy and sensitization for the rights of Juveniles and Prison reforms.

Objective 1: To promote enabling environment for Juveniles in Central Prison Peshawar and Haripur

Enabling environment for the juveniles is a matter of great significance for the welfare of Juvenile and promotion of beneficial, sustainable and effective juvenile justice system in the country. It refers to the set of interconnected activities undertaken for the betterment of

Juveniles such as legal assistance, development of physical infrastructure, provision of education, taking care of health and hygiene conditions and vocational training skill labs etc. To promote enabling environment for juveniles in central prison Haripur and Peshawar Sharp-Pakistan performed the following activities.

- a. Need-based renovation of facilities to Juveniles in Central prison Haripur and Central prison Peshawar.
- b. Provision of 200 educational and health & hygiene kits to Juveniles of Central Prison Peshawar and Central prison Haripur.
- c. Establishment of skill training labs in two jails.
- d. Provision of legal aid to Juveniles in 100 cases.
- e. Provision of Non-formal education to Juveniles
- f. Celebration of Universal Children's day.

Objective 2: To build capacity of the stakeholders on Human rights, Child rights/protection and Juvenile Justice System

Juvenile justice system constitutes a list of important stakeholders who are in dire need of getting educated regarding National and International instruments concerning Human rights, Child rights and especially Juvenile justice system ordinance 2000. Trainings for all these concerned stakeholders will result in effective implementation of JJSO 2000 in KPK. Sharp-Pakistan proposed training for all the relevant stakeholders for achievement of this objective.

- a. Trainings of Jail staff and Police Officers
- b. Training of Probation Officers.
- c. Training of Civil society representatives, Government officials, Lawyers and Journalists.

Objective 3: To carryout advocacy and sensitization for the rights of Juveniles and Prison reforms

Pakistani prisons are vastly overcrowded, leading to tremendous challenges in prison management. The problem of overcrowding directly affects the prison management's ability to categorize and separate high and low risk prisoners due to which Juveniles are suffering immensely. Particularly in KPK, there is no Borstal institution for juveniles despite of the presence of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Borstal institution bill 2012 provided for the establishment and regulation of Borstal Institutions in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. To advocate and sensitize the rights of juveniles and Prison reforms Sharp-Pakistan has undertaken following activities:

- a. Advocacy on/for prison reforms and Borstal act through holding two provincial conferences of stakeholders and legislators.
- b. National conference on Prison reforms.
- c. Sensitization of community, rights-holders and stakeholders at large through effective media campaign for the rights of Juveniles.
- d. Street theatre and Publication of IEC Material

Project Activities:

Sharp-Pakistan has divided these activities in two halves through the work plan. Each half consists of period of six months. Below are the achievements of SHARP in the first half of the project that was started from 1st July 2014 and ended on 31st December 2014.

Objectives and Achievements

Objective 1: To promote enabling environment for Juveniles in Central Prison Peshawar and Haripur

A. Need-based renovation of facilities to Juveniles in Central prison Haripur and Central prison Peshawar.

In first half of the project Sharp-Pakistan in accordance with the work plan for the project concentrated on Central prison Haripur for need-based renovation of facilities and signed a commercial agreement with contractor for the renovation of Haripur prison that includes (I) 200 Roof top of Juveniles barracks and Veranda surfacing with Plaster and Mud (II) Repairing of all windows of Juvenile Barracks (III) Repairing of 12 Washrooms and Toilets with Installation of Tiles, Electricity and White wash (IV) Installation of 4 Water tanks (V) Installation of 2 Geezers for warm water (VI) Widening, repairing and replacing of main gate of Juvenile barracks and installation of new gate with the flags of Pakistan and Germany and Logos printed on it (VII) Widening and white washing of allocated room for computer lab (VIII) Repairing of swings in Female Juveniles section (IX) Safe Electricity wiring of Juvenile section.

This renovation work was successfully completed in the month of December. Renovation of facilities in central prison Peshawar will be done in next half of the project.



Juvenile sector before renovation



Juvenile sector after renovation

B. Provision of 200 educational and health & hygiene kits to Juveniles of Central Prison Peshawar and Central prison Haripur.

Society for Human Rights and Prisoners' Aid (SHARP) in collaboration with the Federal Embassy of Germany handed over the 200 Health & Hygiene kits and sports items for Juvenile detainees to IG Prisons in the month of October which were subsequently distributed to the Juveniles of both jails in different events. Besides this SHARP also designed and distributed non-formal educational kits to the Juveniles of both jails.



C. Establishment of skill training labs in two jails.

As told earlier, Sharp-Pakistan focused on central prison Haripur in this half of the project. In this regard SHARP has established a fully equipped computer lab in Central Prison Haripur for development of computer skills of Juveniles. Skilled training lab will be established at Central Prison Peshawar in the second half of the project.

D. Provision of legal aid to Juveniles in 100 cases.

During First half of the project, SHARP-Pakistan provided legal assistance to 53 Juvenile cases in total, 45 cases in Peshawar and 8 cases in Haripur district.

In Peshawar district 45 cases were disposed off which resulted in the release of 45 Juveniles on Bail while in Haripur jail legal assistance was provided in 8 cases in which 3 cases resulted in the release of 20 Juveniles on Bail and 5 cases are still under trial.

E. Provision of Non-formal education to Juveniles.

SHARP-Pakistan is providing non-formal Education to 105 Juveniles in Peshawar and 28 juveniles in Haripur jail since the start of the project. Literacy teacher were hired by SHARP-Pakistan in this regard who are conducting the classes daily in both jails.



F. Celebration of Universal Children's Day

Society for human rights and Prisoner's Aid (SHARP) organized an event on 20th November 2014 at Central prison Haripur to celebrate Universal Children's day. The event was comprised of two phases. In first phase SHARP conducted a cricket match among the juveniles of central prison Haripur while in second phase a program consisting of different skits, quizzes, speeches and competitions was arranged. All the program activities were performed by Juveniles. Mr. Qasim khan Khattak Minister for Prisons was the chief guest in the event and Mr. Kifayatullah Khan I.G Prisons and Mr. Khalid Abbas Superintendant Central Prison Haripur were the Guests of Honor. Event was well acknowledged by the prison department and considered as one of the best event in Prison premises.



Objective 2: To build capacity of the stakeholders on Human rights, Child rights/protection and Juvenile Justice System.

A. Training of jail staff and police officials

Total 8 capacity building training sessions have been organized. 2 in-house trainings for Jail staff of both central prison Peshawar and central prison Haripur, 1 training for Jail staff of all district jails and one for Police officials were conducted. Almost 180 officials have been trained through these training workshops so far and it brought good understanding about the problems being faced by the juveniles in jails.

Despite the current high security risks in KPK province due to the ongoing insurgency between Army and terrorists organizations, it is a success of SHARP to convince the Police and Prisons authorities for facilitating capacity building sessions on provincial level. All these training workshops were designed according to the classification of stakeholders and focused on Human rights, Child rights and protection and Juvenile justice system in Pakistan.



B. Training of Probation Officers

Sharp-Pakistan conducted one day training workshop for all Probation officers in KPK to create awareness, sensitize and build capacity of all probation officers in KPK on International and National Instruments concerning the Child Rights and Juvenile Justice. The program comprised of Inaugural/Introduction session, two lecture sessions, one on the topic of Child protection system of KPK in compliance with UNCRC and International Human rights law and one on Implications and effectiveness of JJSO 2000, token of thanks from Advocacy Coordinator SHARP and concluding remarks from the Chief Guest Mr. Haji Abdul Haq, Advisor to Chief Minister KPK. One training workshop for Probation officers will be conducted in second half as well.



C. Training of Civil Society Representatives, Government officials, lawyers and journalists

Sharp-Pakistan conducted one day training workshop for civil society representatives, government officials, lawyers and journalists to create awareness, sensitize and build capacity of all probation officers in KPK on International and National Instruments concerning the Child Rights and Juvenile Justice. The program comprised of Inaugural/Introduction session, two lecture sessions, one on the topic of Child protection system of KPK in compliance with UNCRC and International Human rights law and one on Implications and effectiveness of JJSO 2000, token of thanks from Chairman SHARP and concluding remarks from the Chief Guest Mr. Imtiaz Shahid Qureshi, Law Minister KPK. One training for above mentioned stakeholders will also be arranged in next phase.



Objective 3: To carryout advocacy and sensitization for the rights of Juveniles and Prison reforms

A. Provincial Stakeholders' conference on Prison Reforms and Borstal Act

In accordance with the work plan, Sharp-Pakistan will organize two provincial stakeholders' conference on Prison reforms and Borstal Act in the next half.

B. National Conference on Prison Reforms.

In accordance with the work plan, Sharp-Pakistan will organize a National conference on Prison reforms and Borstal Act in the next half.

D. Media campaign on/for the Rights of Juveniles.

Sharp-Pakistan initiated an effective Media campaign to sensitize the community, rights-holders and stakeholders at large scale. In this regard Sharp-Pakistan disseminated information on Universal Children's day through Banners with the quotes written for the rights of Children which were displayed in the cities of Islamabad, Haripur and Peshawar. SHARP also delivered a message on Universal Children day that was published in the daily newspaper "The News" and also broadcasted messages on Radio. Sharp-Pakistan also published a news supplement in daily news paper "The News" on 30th December 2014 which enclosed messages from Chief Minister KPK, German Ambassador, Chairman SHARP, Advisor to C.M on prisons, Inspector general (Prisons), Appreciation letter from Minister of Law KPK and highlights of Sharp-Pakistan previous and ongoing project in Central prison Peshawar and Haripur. The news supplement can be accessed at <http://e.thenews.com.pk/pindi/12-30-2014/page22.asp> . Sharp-Pakistan will also conduct a radio program for the rights of juveniles in next half of the project.

E. Street theatre and Publication of IEC Material

Sharp-Pakistan used Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material to strengthen & support advocacy campaign in Peshawar and Haripur. Information Education and Communication (IEC) material were used as supporting tool. There were three key objectives of producing IEC material; to promote behavioral changes, to persuade jail staff, judiciary and policy makers to take steps and initiate policies that will ensure the legislation on/for juveniles and to enhance knowledge of public on rights of juveniles and children.

Therefore, specific Information, Educational and Communication (IEC) material developed and printed for juveniles in shape of posters, booklet and brochures. This IEC material highlighted the project objectives, rights of juveniles, responsibilities of stakeholders and framework on/for prison reform in KPK. SHARP facilitated prison, police and probation departments and provided them printed copies of Probation and Juvenile Justice Ordinances (both in Urdu and English) for better understanding on the legal documents.

Sharp-Pakistan will organize a Street theatre for effective advocacy on Juvenile Justice System and Child rights in next half of the project.