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Striving for a Human Rights friendly Pakistan





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2020 witnessed biggest challenge of the century in shape of pandemic 19 which shaken the entire world for the whole year. This not only disturbed the social life of the public globally but also severely affected the world economy as well. A large number of people lost their lives due to this deadly virus and expected to remain effective for long. The year passed with restraints, bans, lockdowns and social distancing which ruined business, tourism and income resources particularly the people with low income or daily wagers remained the victims of all the restrictions. Government of Pakistan compensated some part of the underprivileged population by giving them financial assistance but still a large population became vulnerable in the country. Due to lock downs and restricted production hampered the supply chain at national and international level also effected demand and supply which created the price hike and unavailability of essential items. In short, this disastrous year will be remembered for long.

Pakistan has been generously hosting millions of Afghan refugees on its soil from last four decades but due to Covid-19 situation and economic unpredictability they became more vulnerable and the Govt. of Pakistan was not able include them in assistance package due to fragile economy and sudden economic crunch therefore, their miseries remained more than the local population. UNHCR appeared to help some most needy refugees and helped them financially to sustain in the crisis. But when we evaluate the general vulnerability with assistance packages it was much meager than the actual need. It is not only Pakistan but almost the entire world is facing similar crisis and so for unable to cope with the crisis. We expect that some remedial efforts will be introduced to lesser the effects of the virus and to get back to normal again in near future.

In this year SHARP had elections of its executive council wherein all the members of general council unanimously trusted me again as the chair of the organization. The outgoing chair Mr. Arif Khan Advocate served the organization with all its professionalism and dedication and gratefully nominated me for the next term and in all the global crisis SHARP could manage to change of command as per democratic norms and procedures and electoral guidelines of the organization. I am sure with all my capable team in organization and management we all will serve with all our commitment and dedication particularly in this hard time. I am grateful to my council members for their trust and honor of providing opportunity to serve, SHARP as chair, management for all its professional services to target communities including refugees and prisoners, women, girls and children. I am also obliged to all donors, well-wishers and friends for their encouragement and support. I am grateful to UNHCR for all their 22 years long support to SHARP which loudly speaks the level of trust between the two partners serving together for protection of refugees in Pakistan.

Long Live Pakistan.

Kamran Babar CEO



EXCLUSIVEMESSAGE

The year 2020 has been immensely challenging, to say the least. The story of 2020, is that of our response to the ongoing challenges that we continue to face. Time and again we witnessed the resilient and adaptable nature of the human rights defenders in the face of the pandemic. We don't accept this challenging environment as the new normal, but we do acknowledge the need to develop ways to achieve our goals within it.

In these times of the pandemic, our organization managed to keep up with all its projects and delivered their best, in all areas of project intervention. All targets were timely achieved and the needs of all the refugees were met without any delay. We kept our presence everywhere while strictly following Government SOPs against COVID-19. We offered and worked together with our partners on new ideas and strategies, while being compliant with government regulations against COVID-19, to keep the work going for the persons of concern and have their issues resolved at the earliest.

Despite the challenges, all SHARP offices performed vigilantly throughout the year by reaching out to the refugees and helping them in their legal matters through legal counselling, aid and assistance, and similarly helped in matters concerning their status, identity cards, and other relevant issues. Moreover, we conducted research and huge surveys to update the existing statistics, facts and figures.

The concerned communities and the partnerships we have, has helped us by showing the strength of their potential in 2020. Together, we were visible and we increased our cooperation in endorsement, capacity building, and in protection by setting the stage to meet the challenges we face.

We have been able to accomplish this and more, thanks to the work, energy and commitment of our management and staff, and the enduring professional relationships we have fostered with our partners. Our work is possible thanks to our partners and the organizations who believe in us and who continue to have trust in our mission. It is this great combination that makes our organization's accomplishments possible, and it is our honor to be part of this incredible community.

SHARP-PAKISTAN TEAM LEADERS

Team Leaders of the year 2020 are as follows:



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Mudassar Sanghaira
Director



Adv. Memoona Batool Khan Project Director KPK



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SHARP-PAKISTAN

Society for Human Rights and Prisoners' Aid (SHARP) is a non-profitable, non-political and non-governmental organization (NGO), registered in 1999, with the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies, Islamabad Capital Territory under Registration and Control Ordinance 1961 (XLVI of 1961). Its registration number is VSWA/ICT/300. Since then, SHARP is striving for a human rights friendly Pakistan by working for well-being of vulnerable segments of the society through advocacy, community services, capacity building, emergency response to refugees, extremely vulnerable women, juvenile delinquents, street children, prisoners etc.

SHARP's thematic areas include protection, child protection, emergency response, education, Human Trafficking and health care throughout Pakistan.

With its head office in Islamabad, SHARP has liaison and field offices in Lahore, Karachi, Mianwali, Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Haripur and Timergarah.

SHARP concentrates on the promotion of human rights and access to justice through developing linkages and narrowing the gap between the deprived segments of society and government institutions such as Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), Judiciary, Police, Lawyers and Government Departments.

Our Mission

SHARP aspires to pursue its humanitarian vision through partnerships with like-minded humanitarian community, both national and international, protect and empower the marginalized and deprived communities in a bid to garner a socially just and enabling society.

Our Vision

SHARP envisions a human rights friendly Pakistan in discriminative of caste, creed, color, sex, ethnicity and nationality.

Our Goals

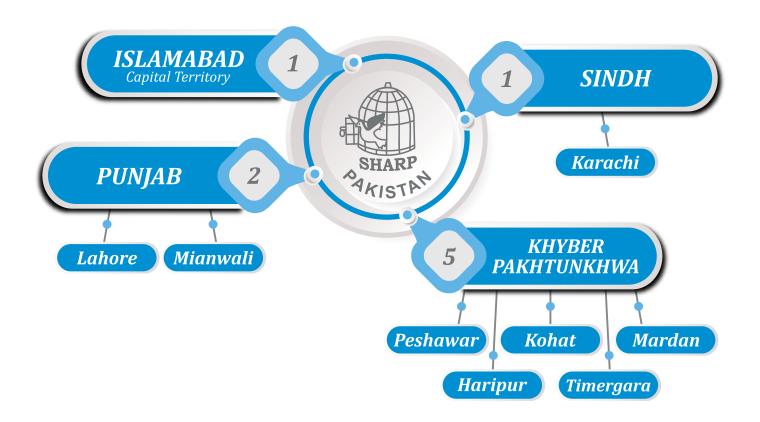
Our prime goal is to eradicate injustice from the society by raising awareness on and promotion of human rights with special focus on refugees, prisoners, victims of trafficking and other highly vulnerable population.

Our Objectives

- To Increase awareness on human rights;
- Legal empowerment, aid, assistance and legal reforms;
- Promotion of child protection and juvenile justice;
- Support formal and informal access to justice;
- Promotion of positive social behavior by encouraging health, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) education;
- Promotion volunteerism through meaningful youth participation;
- To develop human capital through formal and informal education, skill development and vocational trainings;
- To strengthen the emergency response through DRR and effective DRM
- To eradicate human trafficking / smuggling issues

Geographical Outreach

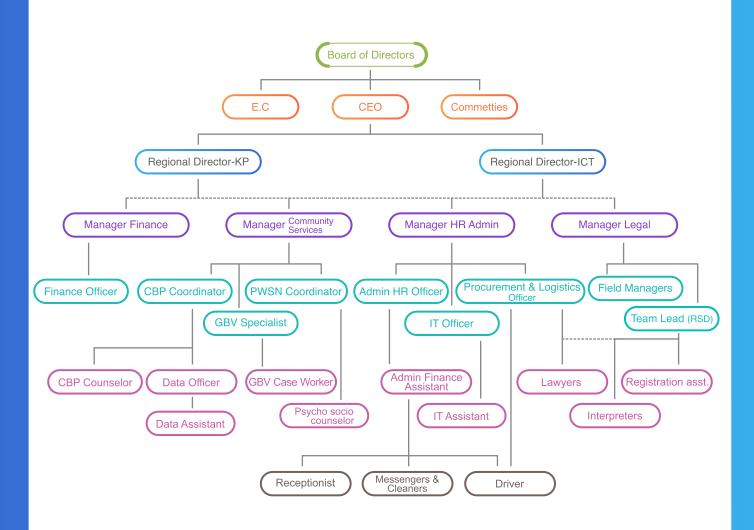
SHARP is currently implementing its projects in ICT, Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) provinces with support from UNHCR through field offices shown in the map below. The ICT office oversees operations in Islamabad Capital Area, Rawalpindi, Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), Punjab and Sindh.





Governance and Management

SHARP-Pakistan's Organizational Chart



SHARP-PAKISTAN



Bonn
International
Center for
Conversion
(BICC)



Islamic University Islamabad

(IUI)



United
Nations High
Commissioner for
Refugees
(UNHCR)

Protection to Asylum-Seekers and refugees: Punjab, Sindh, ICT & AJK (UNHCR)



TRAFIG: Transnational Figurations of Displacement (EU Funded)

Legal assistance to Afghan Refugees and asylum seekers, community services including Community Based Protection (CBP), Person with Specific Needs (PWSN), awareness rising on GBV and life skills trainings and KP (UNHCR)

Prisoners •

SHARP is the only registered organization in Pakistan bearing title of Prisoners` Aid. SHARP-Pakistan always' remained available to help support poor prisoners for protection of their legal rights. SHARP-Pakistan free legal aid center established in courts Islamabad is fully supporting people in legal assistance under the supervision of the Secretary General of SHARP- Pakistan, Mr. Hazrat Ali Advocate High court. The center has the support of Mr. Miswani Advocate, joint secretary. SHARP- Pakistan is extremely grateful to the lawyer's community Islamabad and its Attorneys of Human Rights for actively support deserving Prisoners and victims of Human Rights violations in different areas of Pakistan.

Child Protection

Juvenile delinquency is a global phenomenon and is ubiquitous in both developed and developing countries.

In Pakistan juvenile delinquency is rising and needs immediate attention. There is a juvenile specific legal framework in Pakistan (JJSO), which lays down the foundation and guiding principles to deal with the juvenile offenders. SHARP has undertaken the responsibility to prepare youth for future roles, especially peace, safety and dignity.

Human Trafficking

SHARP has been working for the elimination of human trafficking and in the past contributed not only awareness campaign for safe migration but also practically got involved in rule making of the Human trafficking ordinance 2002.

SHARP is one of the organizations actively involved in combating human trafficking issues at local and international level with ICMPD, IOM and other organizations

Youth Empowerment

Young people gain the ability, authority and agency to make decisions and implement change in their own lives and those around them.

Youth empowerment is often addressed as a gateway to intergenerational equality, civic, engagement and democracy building. Therefore, many national and international government agencies and nonprofit community-based organizations provide programs centered on youth empowerment. SHARP has made it its core program area.

Protection

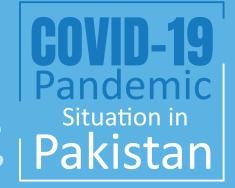
Pakistan is home to approximately 1.4 million protracted registered refugees, with an estimated 0.33 million unregistered migrants from Afghanistan. Such a huge population needs to be dealt with in a systematic and organized manner.

SHARP-Pakistan supports government in resolving and mitigating complex issues of this vulnerable community.

Education -

Education is the fundamental right of every individual and becomes even more important when displaced from the comfort and protection of one's home. Children are the worst victims who are caught up in a protracted emergency situation. The misery undermines their future if they are deprived of fundamental right to education.

SHARP in view of resources constraints for formal infrastructure, provides informal way of education to refugees and local both in the form of refferrals and social support.



The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating and tens of millions of people are at risk of falling into extreme poverty.

The COVID-19 pandemic in Pakistan is part of the ongoing pandemic of corona virus disease. The virus was confirmed to have reached Pakistan on 26 February 2020, when two cases were recorded (a student in Karachi who had just returned from Iran and another

person in the Islamabad Capital Territory). On 18 March 2020, cases had been registered in all four provinces, the two autonomous territories, and Islamabad Capital Territory. The government announced lockdown in the month of April on 14 April 2020. The general lockdown was extended for another two weeks until 30 April 2020 and that continued till the fasting month of Ramadan and it continued till end of the year in different areas as a smart lockdown.

In Pakistan, the first wave of COVID-19 began in late May 2020, peaked in mid-June when daily new confirmed case numbers and daily new death numbers reached high points, then ended in mid-July. The first wave was marked by a low death rate and passed very suddenly as case and death rates began to drop very quickly after peaking. After the first wave, Pakistan's COVID-19 situation subsided daily new death numbers and testing positivity rates in the country stabilized at low levels. Cases and deaths began rising again, though, in early November 2020, culminating in the country's second wave. This wave was low in its intensity, mainly affected the southern province of Sindh, and peaked in mid-December 2020.

SHARP team faced COVID-19 as one of the biggest challenges in implementation of its planned activities, as lockdown halted the activities and strict SOPs crimpled down all the plans. Situation of fear and uncertainty was prevailing all over the world but as the situation got better, SHARP formulated its strategy to go with planned activities in the prevailing situation by practicing the strict SOPs.

Due to COVID-19 situation, SHARP management developed COVID-19 strategy in line with the government directions to working in bio-secure environment by keeping their employees' and refugees health & safety as a priority. When lock down was normalized, offices were reopened following the strict SOPs and all the set targets of 2020 were achieved.

Covid-19 restricted the mobility of not only host communities but also the refugees due to which the arrest and detention of refugees had marginally decreased but issues related to livelihood opportunities were putting refugees at more risk as they were asking for cash/food assistance on regular basis. SHARP teams kept updating UNHCR through daily situation reports collected from communities. SHARP teams collected data of the most vulnerable refugees families and UNHCR started cash-based interventions to help the most destitute with the help of SAFRON and Pakistan Post office but there is much more needs to be done.



Now is the time for global solidarity and support, especially with the most vulnerable in our societies, particularly in the emerging and developing world. Only together can we overcome the intertwined health and social and economic impacts of the pandemic and prevent its escalation into a protracted humanitarian and food security catastrophe, with the potential loss of already achieved development gains.

SHARP Pakistan is playing its due role on all fronts including Protection, Youth Empowerment, Child Protection, Education and Legal Assistance to the needy and poor segment of the society. It is also striving to create awareness amongst the people about their Legal Rights through monthly publications with the support of Lawyers, Intelligentsia and Academician.

The core area in which SHARP Pakistan operated and continued its efforts in 2020 are given below which will be taken up one by one in the succeeding pages:

- A) Legal Assistance Program, Prisoners` Aid
- B) RSD and Assistance to Person of concerns
- C) Youth Empowerment, Education and Community Services
- D) Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
- E) Strengthening Concepts of Human Rights and Capacity Building Programme
- F) Women Empowerment and Awareness
- G) Other Activities
- H) Summary in Graphics/Statistics of SHARP's Performance in 2020

A) Legal Assistance Program and Prisoners' Aid

SHARP has managed to create closer ties with the refugees communities and relevant stakeholders in various parts of the country. Legal Aid & Legal Assistance are two of the most important programs under the ambit of SHARP. Through these, SHARP has not only been able to establish close contact with the refugees population but is an important protection outreach and networking tool. The number of persons of concern assisted stands eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty-six (18,256) at the end of December 2020.

Advice and Legal Aid Centre (ALAC) are the first point of contact in the field for the refugees. SHARP teams are functional round the clock and are regularly approached, in person and through helpline, for issues related to all forms of basic.

ALAC assistance is provided to POR cardholders, mandated and registered refugees through the following: legal interventions at police stations upon arrest/detention; court representation when persons of concern are unduly charged under the Foreigners Act/other preventive laws and for civil/family/tenancy cases; legal advice through indoor counseling, helplines and legal sessions; and out-of-court/office legal assistance.

During the reporting period SHARP remained in close coordination with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR), Chief



Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CCAR), Law Enforcing Agencies (LEAs) and other NGOs. It regularly participated in UNCHR protection meetings and CCAR meetings to discuss the field issues and challenges identified in the refugees community during implementation phase. Several meetings have been conducted with multiple NGOs to develop referral mechanism so that those cases can be referred which falls beyond SHARP's mandate. SHARP also remained in close coordination with education department, prosecutors, judiciary, NADRA, Proof of Registration Card Modification (PCM) Centres and health departments for the facilitation of refugees.





- SHARP-Pakistan undertook considerable amount of work on account of Arrest and Release cases in 2020. SHARP provided aid to only those refugees who had valid documents and were legally residing in Pakistan. In 2020, around 1036 individuals directly benefitted from the SHARP's legal aid.
- SHARP provided 9545 Legal Advice & Counselling and 578 Legal Assistance to refugees in their visit to SHARP offices or meeting out of office. Most of the cases were related to Proof of Registration (PoR) cards, police harassment followed by repatriation and other legal matters.
- SHARP's helpline numbers provide support and assistance to refugees round the clock. In 2020, SHARP facilitated a total of 14,904 calls through helpline. These included issues related to PoR cards, VolRep information and procedures, minor registration, police harassment/extortion, admission issues, rent disputes, death or birth certificates, support for financial and medical etc.

B) Initial Screening Form (ISF) and Assistance to Persons of Concern

SHARP-Pakistan's Registration Center is the first contact point for the asylum seekers and refugees who wants to get the protection of UNHCR. When refugees approach the SHARP-Pakistan's registration centers, they are thoroughly facilitated, counseled and provided with all sorts of advice and assistance.

RSD for the purpose of international protection is one of UNHCR's core programs.

SHARP assisted UNHCR in 2020 on following points:



SHARP sensitized refugees communities on various issues to make them informed so that they could take timely decisions during their stay in Pakistan as well as about their voluntary repatriation. Legal Advice and legal assistance both cater to the needs of all the vulnerable refugees in a holistic manner and in integrated fashion to complement the activities of UNHCR and other Partners.

During the year 2020, SHARP provided phone helpline assistance to refugees to enable them to seek help and advice on the spot such as at their camps, homes, hamlets and/or streets etc. The phone number is widely circulated among the refugees. SHARP's lawyers' provided counseling to 4774 refugees through helpline number, 9545 persons of concern through assistance to walk-in clients at offices. The information sought was mostly regarding repatriation, PoR Cards, legal documentation and procedure to follow for asylum.

Legal Camps & Shura Meetings: Legal camps and Shura Meetings remained one of the most important and effective tools to address the problems of the refugees. SHARP project teams conducted more than 38 legal camps, 145 legal awareness sessions and 86 Shura meetings with refugees at various locations of project intervention. SHARP approached refugees communities through these meetings at their door steps. It is highly convenient for those refugees who cannot travel, for multiple reasons, to the offices of SHARP to share their issues and seek information.







C) Youth Empowerment, Education and Community Services

Like previous year, SHARP remained engaged with the communities through all possible means. SHARP convened debates, seminars, workshops and game activities to create tolerance, mutual respect, and assistance and desired values. These activities help in making them responsible citizens so they can participate in the community building for the betterment of future generations.



This year SHARP provided services to the people with specific needs. UNHCR and other partners referred cases on regular basis and SHARP provided different kinds of assistance to them during the year. Depending upon the nature of assistance needed, support was provided to persons of concern in the form of non-cash assistance, subsistence allowance, one-time allowance, medical assistance, transport allowance etc.



Similarly, support was also provided to refugees in different incidents of fire and eviction, as and when required. During the year, many such incidents took place and SHARP teams remained promptly engaged.

Community Awareness Sessions

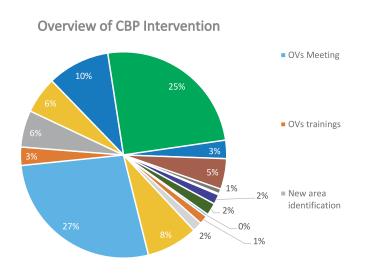
Different Community awareness sessions were conducted by the CBP-teams and Outreach Volunteers (OVs) in their respective clusters to enhance social protection, outreach communication, encouraged and strengthened hundreds of Afghan women, men and children for sustainable solutions in the context of protracted protection risks. Major topics covered during the sessions were:

- POR card modification
- Extension of Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) by GOP
- COVID-19 awareness session
- Legal Service
- Health and hygiene promotion sessions
- Child protection
- Sexual and Gender-Based Violence The person with specific needs





Referrals: The OVs have been reporting cases of medical, legal, CP, GBV and documentation including loss and modification in PoR cards, other documentation cases to CBP team which has been regularly referred to SHARP-Pakistan, PCM center, SGBV & CP specialist and other service providers for further assistance OVs of each cluster have been assisting the community in response to the police harassment, illegal arrest & detention and have been referring cases to their supervisors and SHARP-Pakistan services.





D) Child Protection and Juvenile Justice

SHARP performed two major activities that included SGBV prevention and response and Child Protection Component. Under SGBV, underlining the theme SGBV prevention and response, team conducted awareness





raising campaigns, community training for refugees and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). Since SHARP is a signatory to International Child Convention (ICC) it always focuses on collaborative efforts to work with relevant institutions to ensure protection of children in the society.

E) Strengthening Concepts of Human Rights and Capacity Building Programme

One of the main strengths of SHARP is to build the capacity of stakeholders including Police, Judiciary, Public prosecutors and General public, media and Line departments. The main purpose of such activities is to develop harmonious working relations with concerned officials and to give orientation on Human Rights,

refugees Rights, International Protection, Stress Management, and GBV related issues. The other important aspect of these trainings/capacity building is to update the stakeholders with recent development about refugees and Government policies/notifications.





Capacity building and Awareness raising of Stake holders

• Police Trainings: SHARP-PAKISTAN regularly organizes sensitization and awareness raising trainings workshops for Judiciary, Law Enforcement Agencies i.e. Police and FIA officials, Public Prosecutors, Lawyers, CSOs, Media and law students on diverse topics; through this initiative SHARP-Pakistan has capacitated over 516 officials on human and refugee rights, human trafficking and smuggling in context of national and international laws, conventions and commitments. The purpose of these trainings is to provide officials with different knowledge and skills and make the conscientious for ensuring rights to individuals and build peaceful society in which they live happy and dignified life. In order to sensitize Police

officials, UNHCR and SHARP team organized one day training workshop on "Human rights and refugee rights in ICT, Punjab, KPK and AJ&K.





Consultative Sessions with Publics Prosecutors: Capacity building sessions are valuable for lawyers and
public prosecutors for better understanding of services and assistance of the refugees. During the year
2020, 02 workshops were conducted to sensitize the participants on refugees protection their rights and
government agreements.





Legal Aid and Advice provided:

Legal teams are the first point of contact in the field for the refugees; they are repeatedly approached on issues related to basic assistance including PoR related issues, eviction, police harassment, Voluntary Repatriation, tenancy and other issues such as shelter, medicines, financial assistance or nutrition etc.

Arrest and Detention:

In year 2020, SHARP teams in ICT, Punjab, KPK and Sindh released 659 refugees without being charged. The number of Release without Charge (RWC) has increased in comparison of previous years due to various sections imposed by security agencies in different districts.

Legal Aid and Court representation:

There also has been an upward trend in arrest of refugees who are charged under Section 14, Foreigners Act, 1946 and other preventive Laws such as 55/109,107/151, 144/188 Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) and 10 RRBA during course of work. Legal teams have developed a strong network to facilitate those refugees who are having documents and residing legally in Pakistan. During the reporting period, the number of Court cases

increased due to strict security situation, especially during the first half of the year, but due to the efforts of teams through capacity building/orientation session with Police, Lawyers, Public Prosecutors and Judiciary, those arrested were discharged/bailed out after timely court interventions. Teams represented 377 refugees in Court of Law.

Advice/Counselling and Legal Assistance:

The main indicator through which maximum number of person of concerns are connected with SHARP teams, is to provide legal advice/ counseling and assistance regarding services and other issues related to PoR cards, Country of Origin information, procedures and legal documentation including birth certificate, marriage certificate, lost cards VolRep info, tenancy etc. During the reporting period SHARP facilitated a total of 9,545 refugees through advice, counseling. Another 578 refugees were facilitated through Legal assistance.

SHARP has been maintaining helpline numbers in all offices ICT, Punjab, KPK and Sindh Helpline numbers have been distributed among refugees during regular interaction and field visits to provide an easy access in case of emergency. Legal teams also placed posters in prominent places (refugees villages, courts etc.) carrying helpline information. During the year SHARP facilitated a total of 14,904 calls through helpline.

TRAFIG:

Displacement is normally regarded as a temporary phenomenon. Yet, more than 13 million people—two thirds of 20 million refugees worldwide have been in exile for long periods of time without any prospect of return, resettlement or local integration. The number of internally displaced persons who cannot return is unknown. Both groups find themselves in protracted displacement.

In W5, the team collected 63 semi-structured interviews and 17 expert interviews were conducted. SHARP team conducted quantitative survey with 300 respondents from Lahore 75, Islamabad 75, Karachi 75 and Peshawar 75. In addition, 07 biographic interviews are conducted. It was good interaction of researchers and refugees in COVID-19 situation. Good level of trust and rapport has been developed and it was great learning to be in touch when refugees are in tough situation. They shared their personal experiences and difficulties faced, during this interaction.

Other Activities

International Women's Day

Celebration of International Women's Day 2020

International Women's Day is celebrated each year on March 8, to raise awareness about women's rights throughout the globe. Initially, it was celebrated as working women's day but gradually with further awareness, it became a symbolic day for rights of the women. The theme for International Women's Day (8 March) 2020 was, "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights". The theme is aligned with UN Women's new multigenerational campaign, Generation Equality, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platforms for Action. In this regard, SHARP field offices and LOP organized different activities.



World Refugee Day

1. World Refugee Day 2020 - Painting competition:

On World Refugee Day, the art competition was organized by the SHARP offices to encourage young refugees to express their thoughts and imagination on canvas during this pandemic. The theme for the competition was "Everybody Counts" where the participants had to illustrate the current situation due to COVID-19 through their paintings.



2. The Head of the UNHCR sub-office in Peshawar, Mr. Bernard Inkoom, awarded the winners with cash prizes and certificates.

3. Radio Program

In June 2020 SHARP team did a Radio Program regarding refugees status and Covid precautionary measures in context of celebration of World Refugee Day.

Sixteen Days (16) of Activism

SHARP teams have arranged various activities to celebrate 16 Days of Activism. Details are:-

SHARP celebrated Global 16 Days Campaign by organizing virtual awareness sessions with persons of concern. We worked closely with partners and allies to demand action & accountability from governments. The purpose behind this campaign was to create awareness among women about gender based violence and about their rights. We conducted 4 virtual sessions in Islamabad, Lahore, Mianwali and Karachi. In this campaign we organized session with refugees and stake-holders regarding Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect, Open Discussion Forum with Lawyers, NGOs and Media Staff Members and Seminar/Dialogue/Discussion Forum.

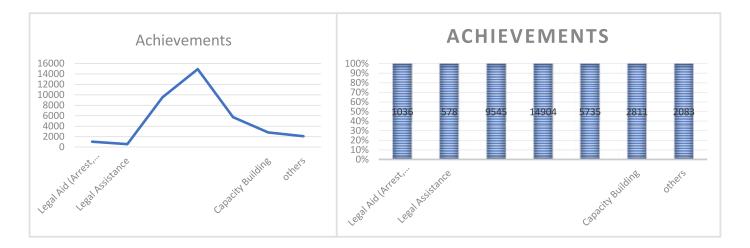


SHARP Peshawar had organized an event at Urban community NishatMill to celebrate 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence. The key message of the activity was that "All forms of SGBV can be prevented if we practice accountable & equitable roles within the community".

Summary in Graphics/Statistics of SHARP's Performance in 2020

During the year 2020, SHARP facilitated around 18256 direct beneficiaries.

- Legal Aid (Arrest, Release and Court Cases) = 1,036
- Legal Assistance = 578
- Legal Advice and Counselling = 9,545
- Counselling via Helpline = 14,904
- Shura Meetings and Legal Camps = 5,735
- Capacity Building = 2,811
- Others = 2,083



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Organizational development is one of the priority areas of SHARP-Pakistan. This year the following items contributed to the organizational development.

Staff Capacity Building Trainings

SGBV Case Management

SHARP Staff have attended a three days training (6-8 October 2020) on <u>SGBV Case Management</u> arranged by UNHCR Sub-Office Peshawar. The core objective of the training was the Development of basic concepts on SGBV and case management for the case workers, Introduction of the SGBV response and prevention SOPs and using of different tools such as PNA, IRF etc. The three-day training covered the important topics such as basic concepts of SGBV, Steps and principles of case management and the introduction to SGBV SOPs and different tools to be used in case management.

EMAP Training

EMAP is a one-year primary prevention intervention created by the International Rescue Committee (IRC). It provides staff in humanitarian settings with an evidence-based curriculum and field-tested approach for engaging men in transformative individual behavior change, guided by the voices of women. The EMAP framework, accountable Practice, provides a method and structure for honoring women's leadership and developing male engagement in a way that improves, rather than endangers, the lives of women and girls.

During the Year 2020 two SHARP staff members were trained as trainers on EMAP in a 15 days training program arranged by IMC.

ToT of Adolescent Girls

15 staff members were trained as master trainers on Adolescent Girls Manual on LSBE (Life Skill Based Education). Further trainings will be provided to identified community groups of adolescent Girls.

PSEA

The involvement of humanitarian workers in acts of sexual exploitation and abuse is a grave violation of our responsibility. For this purpose SHARP staff members were trained for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and also guided on Standard operating procedures in place for submission and receipt of complaints, reporting, investigation and victim assistance.

SUCCESS STORIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Support students in getting admission in Different institutions

The refugees approach Legal teams for help in getting admissions in Government as well as private institutions / University/ Colleges of KP. SHARP teams successfully resolved the issue and safe the future of many students in year 2020. A Few instances of the legal interventions can be seen at Charsadda, Upper Dir, Malakand and Swabi where refugees were assisted in getting admission.

The SHARP-Peshawar provided legal assistance to a refugee student, who wanted to take admission in the F.Sc (Pre-Medical) discipline in Government Post Graduate College Charsadda, which was denied to him. Team conducted meetings with the Principal and Director Higher Education for this purpose. Initially the officials were reluctant to grant admission to the refugees as they held that the PoR card of the refugee has expired on 30/12/2015 and also the extension of validity notification has expired on 30th June, 2020 and no further extension notification has been issued by the Govt. Team also provided copy of the latest notification to the Director, hence, the Director issued a letter to grant him admission in the Government College. Similarly, Timergara team has assisted 03 refugees in education issue, whose admission was denied by the school administration. The team organized meeting with the school Head Teacher Mr. Ibad Sb. He was briefed about the their rights and their access to education in Government schools. He was told that if they need any verification or other information regarding their admission, the team will provide. They School administration completed the documentation of all the three children and granted them admission. Likewise a refugee was helped in Malakand region by conducting several meeting with the Director Admission and convinced him about the concern he had about the refugee current living status in Pakistan and the expiry of his PoR card after which he approved admission of the concerned student in pharmacy department. Lastly, a refugee from Chota Lahore district Swabi who was facing an issue in admission in a university of Swabi. They approach SHARP team to help them in their admission in the said University. In this regard team conduct two meetings with university registrar. Registrar office communicated that as per rules of university academic council NOC from interior ministry office is required for refugees admission in university. Academic council members agreed that said students must apply through concerned Commissionerate in the University of Swabi. The students later got the NoC from CAR and were granted admission.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Acronym	Abbreviation
ALAC	Advice and Legal Aid Centre
CAR	Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees
CP	Child Protection
DiREC	Displacement and Return Executive Committee
SAFRON	Pakistan Ministry of States and Frontier Regions
GBV	Gender Based Violence
LEAs	Law Enforcement Agencies
PoR	Proof of Registration
PoC	Person of Concern
PWSN	Person with Specific Needs
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
LFA	Logical Framework Approach
OVs	Outreach Volunteers
BIA	Best Interest Assessment
MoRR	Minister of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR)
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
BIAs	Best Interest Assessments
FGDs	Focus Group Discussions
RSD	Refugee Status Determination
RST	Resettlement
SGBV	Sexual & Gender Based Violence
SoPs	Standard Operating Procedures
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
USD	United States Dollar
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBP	Community Based Protection
CP	Child Protection
DFID	Department for International Development
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
ICMC	International Catholic Migration Commission
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ISF	Initial Screening Form
IRC	International Rescue Committee
NADRA	National Database & Registration Authority
PCM	Proof of Card Modification
PDMA	Provincial Disaster Management Authority
PoC	Person of Concern
PoR	Proof of Registration
PWD	Person with Organista Nanda
PWSN	Person with Specific Needs
RSD	Refugee Status Determination
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Corporation
UNHCR	United Nations Commissioner for Refugees
VRC	Voluntary Repatriation Centre





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