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Situation Update — January to December 2025

Throughout 2025, the national protection landscape continued to be shaped by the implementation of the Illegal Foreigners' Repatriation Plan (IFRP), under which Afghan nationals — including long-residing refugee and migrant families — faced sustained uncertainty, distress, and a persistent risk of arrest, detention, eviction, involuntary return, and family separation. Returns and deportations occurred in multiple phases across the year, affecting both urban and rural communities and reshaping social and economic stability for thousands of households.

Many refugee and migrant families experienced heightened mobility restrictions, increased surveillance, and an everyday fear of movement. In the absence of secure alternatives, a number of families reported pressure to self-return, often under conditions of financial insecurity and limited access to legal recourse. Communities also faced loss of livelihoods, housing instability, rising rental insecurity, and disruption of education and psychosocial well-being — particularly among children and women.



Households that had lived in Pakistan for decades — including second- and third-generation Afghan children — were among those affected. A significant number of returnees departed with minimal assets, documentation, or reintegration support. Many reported trauma and distress associated with sudden displacement, disconnection from long-established community networks, and uncertainty regarding safety, services, and livelihoods upon return.

Women and children remained disproportionately impacted throughout the year. Female-headed households, widows, adolescent girls, and survivors of gender-based violence experienced increased protection risks during relocation and transit, reliance on negative coping mechanisms, barriers to safe reporting, and limited pathways to legal assistance. Psychosocial distress, fear, and exposure to trauma further compounded vulnerability.

Children — particularly working children, out-of-school children, and unaccompanied adolescents — faced elevated risks of economic exploitation, child labour, trafficking, unsafe movement, interrupted learning, and erosion of identity and social belonging. Persons with disabilities, elderly individuals, and chronically ill persons encountered additional hardship due to mobility constraints, limited transportation support, and restricted access to essential services during relocation or enforced return processes.

Toward the end of the year, severe winter conditions further compounded humanitarian vulnerability, especially among households in temporary shelters, informal settlements, and low-income rental housing. Families reported difficulty securing winter clothing, blankets, heating, and insulated shelter. Many were forced to make difficult trade-offs between winter needs, food, rent, or transportation to access services. For families in transit or preparing for departure, winter exposure significantly heightened protection, health, and psychosocial risks.





Despite these pressures, refugee and migrant communities continued to demonstrate resilience and social solidarity. However, the combined effects of IFRP-related uncertainty, economic hardship, social stigma, and fear of detention intensified protection needs throughout 2025. The evolving context underscored the importance of sustained humanitarian engagement, legal assistance, psychosocial support, protection monitoring, winterization-sensitive aid, and coordinated action with state and non-state stakeholders to safeguard dignity, rights, and safety.

Afghanistan: At the same time, the situation in Afghanistan became increasingly critical, with large numbers of people returning amid harsh weather conditions and overstretched infrastructure. Many returnees — particularly those who had lived outside the country for decades — faced substantial reintegration barriers, including restricted access to basic services, legal protection, shelter, and sustainable livelihoods. There remains a pressing need for an accessible grievance-registration mechanism and a structured referral and case-coordination system to ensure timely and appropriate assistance.

In response to these emerging gaps, SHARP proposes a comprehensive intervention in Afghanistan that strengthens referral pathways, clarifies institutional roles and responsibilities, enhances coordination with service providers and government authorities, and expands access to legal protection and psychosocial support for refugee and returnee communities. SHARP remains firmly committed to supporting affected populations and continues to seek strategic partnerships with donors and humanitarian actors to operationalize this initiative and extend meaningful, rights-based assistance to Afghan communities in urgent need of protection and social support.

SHARP Response — 2025

Throughout 2025, SHARP implemented a holistic, protection-centered response across multiple regions of Pakistan, prioritizing legal aid, access to justice, psychosocial well-being, community engagement, and institutional capacity-building.

Legal Aid, Casework, and Protection Assistance

SHARP provided free legal aid and legal representation, detention-risk assistance, documentation guidance, case follow-ups, and referrals to protection, health, and psychosocial services. Reception Desk Centers and field teams served as frontline access points for information, grievance redressal, confidential counselling, and case management — particularly for women, children, survivors of GBV, and at-risk migrants.



Psychosocial Support and Well-Being

Recognizing the emotional and psychological burden of displacement, SHARP strengthened psychosocial first aid, trauma-informed counselling, and referral pathways for advanced MHPSS support, with a focus on child- and women-centered case-handling approaches. Special attention was given to returnee families, widows, child-headed households, and survivors of violence or exploitation.

Winterization and Seasonal Response

During late 2025, SHARP integrated winterization-sensitive protection actions by prioritizing vulnerable winter-affected households in referrals, supporting coordination on shelter and health risks, and advocating for winter clothing, blankets, and heating support for children, elderly persons, female-headed households, and families in informal settlements.

Capacity-Building and Institutional Coordination



Throughout the year, SHARP engaged law enforcement agencies, judicial actors, prison authorities, government departments, civil society, and community stakeholders through targeted capacity-building initiatives. Trainings strengthened knowledge on international protection, prevention of arbitrary detention, survivor-centered services, trafficking and child-protection safeguards, and rights-based policing and decision-making.

Community Engagement and Risk Awareness



SHARP advanced community information sessions, protection risk communication, engagement with women's and youth groups, and early-warning case identification through focal persons — supporting trust-building, safe disclosure, and timely referrals for individuals at risk of detention, exploitation, or violence.

Protection Outlook — 2026

The protection environment in 2026 is expected to remain complex and dynamic, shaped by policy developments, economic pressures, documentation constraints, and continued return movements. Anticipated risks include heightened vulnerability among migrants and returnees, ongoing risks of detention and family separation, reduced livelihood opportunities, and increased exposure of women and children to GBV, trafficking, and exploitation, alongside psychosocial distress linked to uncertainty and displacement. At the same time, opportunities exist to strengthen coordinated protection responses, expand institutional capacity-building, reinforce survivor- and child-sensitive case management, scale up protection monitoring and digital safety mechanisms, and enhance seasonal risk preparedness.

SHARP will continue prioritizing people-centered protection, enhanced legal aid, psychosocial well-being, safe referral pathways, strategic advocacy, and cross-provincial and cross-border coordination — reaffirming its commitment to dignity, resilience, and rights-based protection outcomes for refugees, returnees, and vulnerable migrants in 2026.









SHARP wrapped up 2025 on a high note with an inspiring two-day All-Staff Capacity Building Workshop on the Evolving Protection Environment, PSEA, and Team Building, serving as the year's grand finale for learning, reflection, and team growth. The workshop energized participants, strengthened collaboration, and reaffirmed SHARP's unwavering commitment to people-centered protection.

SHARP Chairman, Syed Liaqat Banori, graced the sessions and commended the team's dedication, recognizing their vital contributions in achieving SHARP's objectives throughout the year. This year-end workshop not only celebrated learning and professional development but also showcased the collective spirit, resilience, and teamwork that drive SHARP's mission forward.








INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

#MYGREAT STORY





SHARP Celebrates UN Migration Day 2025: Building Hope, Resilience, and Inclusion

SHARP proudly commemorated **UN Migration Day 2025** with a vibrant and meaningful celebration that brought together migrant families, children, civil society representatives, humanitarian partners, and protection stakeholders. Aligned with this year's global theme, **"Migration in a Changing World: Building Hope, Resilience, and Inclusion,"** the event served as a powerful platform to honor the resilience, contributions, and voices of migrant communities.

The celebration brought together creative, educational, and psychosocial activities in a safe and inclusive space, including art and drawing competitions, awareness booths, cultural performances, open-mic storytelling, children's activities, and a Hope Messages Wall sharing messages of solidarity and unity. A highlight of the event was the cake-cutting ceremony led by migrant children, symbolizing diversity, hope, and togetherness at the heart of a more inclusive migration future.

Speaking at the event, **Chairman SHARP, Syed Liaqat Banori,** appreciated the collective spirit and emphasized the human dimension of migration:

"Today we celebrate the courage, resilience, and contributions of migrant communities. Migration is not only a journey across borders—it is a journey of hope, dignity, and dreams for a better future."

Highlighting SHARP's protection-centered approach, Project Director ICT, Mr. Aatif Afzal reaffirmed the organization's commitment to promoting safe, dignified, and inclusive migration by strengthening trust and meaningful engagement among migrants, authorities, and host communities. SHARP sincerely thanks migrant families, community members, UN partners, civil society, and stakeholders for their meaningful participation, reaffirming its commitment to rights-based migration governance, inclusion, and migrant protection.



SHARP, in collaboration with IOM Pakistan and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy (KPJA), brought together judicial officers for a dynamic two-day consultative workshop on “International Protection, Legal Framework, and Durable Solutions” at KPJA, Peshawar, reinforcing its dedication to human rights and justice.

The workshop, attended by Chief Guest Mr. Jahanzeb Shinwari, Director General KPJA, and SHARP Chairman Mr. Liaqat Banori, offered a comprehensive platform to enhance judicial understanding of protection-related jurisprudence. Sessions covered human and fundamental rights, international protection, durable solutions, citizenship laws, and the Foreigners Act, led by experts from SHARP, UNHCR, and the legal community.

The closing highlighted the importance of rights-based judicial decision-making, with Mr. Shinwari praising the workshop's contribution to professional growth, and concluded with certificate distribution and exchange of commemorative shields, celebrating collaboration and mutual commitment to justice.













Under the project “Provision of Free Legal Aid Services to Displaced Afghan Nationals in Pakistan,” SHARP's Protection Project team conducted a two-day Capacity-Building Workshop for Public Prosecutors from Punjab in Islamabad. The workshop focused on human rights, international and national legal frameworks, the legal and policy context for displaced Afghan nationals, ethical prosecution practices, court procedures, and the role of prosecution within the justice system, including trafficking in persons (TIP).

Chairman SHARP, Syed Liaqat Banori, opened the workshop by emphasizing that a fair and humane justice system must be rooted in knowledge, empathy, and responsibility, highlighting that capacity-building of prosecution officers strengthens legal processes and safeguards human dignity.

The sessions were facilitated by SHARP's expert legal and protection team, including Project Manager Ms. Huma Aziz, Senior Protection Legal Experts Ms. Aneela Sarfaraz and Ms. Shandana Afridi, and SHARP lawyers Ms. Gul-e-Khuban, Mr. Muhammad Tariq, and Mr. Muhammad Waqas, alongside Additional Prosecutor General Rai Akhtar Hussain.

Project Director–ICT, Mr. Aatif Afzal, in his closing remarks, reiterated SHARP's commitment to people-centered justice, coordinated protection responses, and empowering justice actors through interactive discussions, group exercises, and practical learning. This workshop reflects SHARP's ongoing dedication to strengthening the capacity of legal professionals and promoting ethical, inclusive, and rights-based justice across Pakistan.





















Dialogues on Humanity: Celebrating Art, Compassion, & Humanitarian Values

SHARP leadership joined the opening ceremony of the "Dialogues on Humanity" art exhibition, jointly organized by the Embassy of Switzerland in Pakistan and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The event offered a vibrant platform for meaningful exchanges, creative ideas, and networking among the diplomatic corps, CSO representatives, and humanitarian leaders.

CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed and PD-ICT Mr. Aatif Afzal represented SHARP, engaging with the Swiss and Austrian Ambassadors, the Head of ICRC, and other colleagues to discuss ways to promote humanitarian principles and collective action.

The exhibition showcased unique artistic perspectives aimed at fostering empathy, solidarity, and awareness of humanitarian challenges. SHARP remains committed to supporting initiatives that inspire dialogue, strengthen humanitarian values, and build a more just, humane, and dignified future for all.



SHARP is honored to have participated in the Independence Day Reception of Finland in Islamabad, graciously hosted by the Ambassador of Finland, Mr. Hannu Ripatti, and Mrs. Veronica Ripatti. The event brought together diplomats, government officials, development partners, and civil society leaders to celebrate Finland's rich history, democratic values, and global commitment to peace, equality, and innovation.

CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed represented SHARP, engaging in meaningful dialogue and strengthening ties with key stakeholders. The reception provided an invaluable platform for fostering partnerships, promoting collaboration, and exploring initiatives that advance humanitarian protection and community well-being. SHARP extends its heartfelt congratulations to the people of Finland and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Embassy in promoting shared values and impactful initiatives.



To strengthen ethical, survivor-cantered return and reintegration in Pakistan, IOM Pakistan, in collaboration with the British High Commission, conducted a two-day capacity-building training for survivors of modern slavery and vulnerable migrants. SHARP was represented by Ms. Hina Saleem, Media and Communication Coordinator, and Mr. Usman Zahid, M&E Officer, who actively participated and contributed meaningfully to the knowledge exchange, reinforcing SHARP's commitment to protection, rights-based approaches, and migrant empowerment.

The sessions covered core protection principles, TIP/SMO, reintegration approaches, case management, coordination mechanisms, and OST. This UK-supported initiative also strengthened inter-agency coordination, technical capacities, and sustainable referral pathways, bringing together representatives from the British High Commission, IOM UK, and selected international NGOs for collaborative learning.

In his address Mr. David Barlow, Second Secretary (Migration), emphasized the importance of coordinated, survivor-centered approaches and the UK's commitment to ethical return, reintegration, and protection for vulnerable migrants and survivors of modern slavery. In his closing remarks, SHARP CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed thanked IOM, facilitator Mr. Shahnawaz, and all partners for their collaboration, reaffirming SHARP's commitment to migrant protection, strengthened migration governance, and combating human trafficking through rights-based, coordinated strategies.







SHARP participated in the National PSEA Action Planning Workshop, organized under the UN Country Team's collective commitment to strengthening the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) framework in Pakistan. Our Project Director-ICT, Mr. Aatif Afzal, and incumbent AHMR, Ms. Anila Kanwal, attended the two-day workshop and actively contributed to discussions, group work, and planning exercises focused on reinforcing accountability, safeguarding, and survivor-centered protection mechanisms across the humanitarian and development spectrum. The annual workshop brought together UN agencies, partners, and civil society organizations to review progress under the 2025 PSEA Action Plan, identify gaps, and set priority actions for 2026. Key inter-agency documents, including the Draft Pakistan Guidance on the UN Victim Assistance Protocol and the Draft UN Common Assessment SOPs for Pakistan (UNPP users), were also validated during the event.

SHARP remains committed to supporting inter-agency efforts that ensure safe, accountable, and dignified access to services for all and to upholding the highest standards of protection against sexual exploitation and abuse.

SHARP attended the inauguration of the new USEFP building in Islamabad, marking 75 years of promoting education, exchange, and U.S.–Pakistan cooperation. The new facility stands as a hub to support students, strengthen academic exchanges, and deepen people-to-people ties between both nations.

During the ceremony, Mr. Mudassar Javed, CEO SHARP along with Ms. Hina Saleem, Media and Communication Coordinator held a productive engagements with senior U.S. Embassy and USEFP officials—including Mr. Andy Halus (Minister Counselor for Public Diplomacy), Ms. Sherry Keneson-Hall (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs), Dr. Peter K. Moran (Executive Director, USEFP), and Ms. Karina Keating (Branch Chief, Office of Academic Exchange Programs)—discussing shared priorities in education, academic exchanges, and people-to-people cooperation.

Discussions cantered on shared priorities in education, scholarship opportunities, exchange programs, and future avenues for collaboration. The event reflected the strong and enduring partnership between Pakistan and the United States in advancing academic excellence, cultural understanding, and youth empowerment.









SHARP conducted two one-day capacity-building workshops at the National Academy for Prisons Administration (NAPA), Lahore, for 65 Warders and Probation Officers. The workshops were inaugurated by Dr. Javed Iqbal Khokhar, Deputy Director NAPA, who emphasized that correctional institutions must uphold justice, discipline, and human dignity. The sessions, led by SHARP Project Director–ICT Mr. Aatif Afzal and Senior Protection Legal Experts Ms. Aneela Sarfraz and Mr. Azeem-us-Shan, focused on national and international human rights and migrant protection frameworks, particularly for displaced Afghan nationals, using interactive discussions and case-based learning.

Mr. Afzal highlighted that equipping prison personnel with practical knowledge strengthens professionalism, legality, and compassion in their engagement with vulnerable populations. SHARP thanks NAPA for its support and facilitation in promoting ethical and humane prison practices.



SHARP Protection Team conducted a two-day capacity-building workshop for 20 Public Prosecutors in Lahore, reinforcing knowledge on human rights, international legal frameworks, and the protection of displaced Afghan nationals. Project Manager Ms. Huma Aziz welcomed participants and highlighted SHARP's mandate, while Mr. Aala Imran (Advocate) presented on human and fundamental rights. Protection Paralegals Ms. Ayesha and Mr. Anwar Shah covered international frameworks for forcibly displaced persons, Ms. Mahdia Maqbool and Mr. Muhammad Usman addressed the Foreigners Act, 1946, and Senior Protection Expert Mr. Rana Azeem discussed legal, administrative, and policy frameworks for Afghan nationals in Pakistan.

Chief Guest Mr. Syed Farhad Ali Shah, Prosecutor General Punjab, commended SHARP's efforts in promoting human rights awareness and distributed certificates, reaffirming his support for continued collaboration.



SHARP, under the project “Provision of Free Legal Aid Services to Displaced Afghan Nationals,” successfully conducted two Capacity Building & Sensitization Workshops with police officials at the DPO Office, Attock. Workshops aimed at enhancing understanding of human rights, refugee rights, ethical law enforcement, and protection needs of vulnerable and displaced Afghan nationals.

SHARP held one-day capacity building & sensitization workshop on human rights and humanitarian law at the DPO Office, Attock, engaging 35+ police officials. The sessions, facilitated by PD-ICT Mr. Aatif Afzal and SHARP's legal and protection team focused on national and international human rights frameworks, refugee rights, deportation regulations, and ethical policing. The workshops highlighted the police's vital role in ensuring justice, dignity, and humane treatment for all, including displaced Afghan nationals. Special thanks to our distinguished chief guest DSP Mr. Saeed. This initiative strengthened referral pathways, informed policing, and protection for vulnerable communities.

One-day capacity building workshop at the DPO Office, Attock, with 42 police officials to enhance understanding of human rights, refugee protection, UN conventions, ethical policing, and the needs of vulnerable Afghan nationals. The sessions opened with interactive introductions and New Year reflections, with SHARP CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed highlighting the importance of informed, compassionate law enforcement. Project Manager Ms. Huma Aziz and SHARP's legal and protection team—Mr. Salman, Ms. Ayesha, Ms. Suharwardia, Mr. Aimal, and Mr. Mujahid—led practical, case-based discussions. DPO Sardar Mavarhan Khan attended as Chief Guest, distributing certificates and commending SHARP's efforts in rights-based policing and community protection.







SHARP's Protection Project conducted a capacity-building workshop for DBA Timergara lawyers on National and International Human Rights and International Protection. The session was facilitated by Field Manager Ms. Farhat Bibi, with active participation and guidance from Mr. Shah Faisal, Mr. Zakir Khan, and Mr. Muhammad Karim. The workshop reinforced collective efforts to advance human rights, justice, and protection for all.

SHARP's Protection Project organized a Capacity Building Workshop for 52 lawyers of District Nowshera, emphasizing professional development and inclusive participation. Mr. Hamid Latif, Protection Officer, opened the session with SHARP's mandate, followed by Mr. Amir Hamza from a UN partner highlighting collaboration opportunities. Key sessions covered human rights, IHL, constitutional protections, and refugee protection frameworks.

We were honoured by the presence of: Mr. Mian Arshad Jan, President District Bar Nowshera (Chief Guest); and Mr. Fawad, General Secretary District Bar Nowshera (Guest of Honor). Mr. Mian Irshad Advocate appreciated SHARP's efforts and emphasized the importance of such professional learning opportunities for the legal community. At the closing, Ms. Memoona Batool Khan, Project Director SHARP KP, expressed gratitude to the Bar leadership and participating lawyers. The workshop concluded with the distribution of certificates by the Chief Guest.







SHARP conducted a comprehensive Reception Desk Center (RDC) Staff Refresher Training in Peshawar, aimed at strengthening staff capacity in ethical conduct, legal awareness, well-being, safety, and accountability. The training opened with welcome remarks by Ms. Memoona Batool, Director KP, setting the tone for continuous learning and professional growth.

Key sessions included the Code of Conduct and Fraud Prevention, facilitated by Mr. Faizan Ali Khan, Assistant Protection Officer (UNHCR), reinforcing ethical standards and integrity. Ms. Laila Ikram, Psychologist at SHARP, led engaging sessions on stress management, self-care, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and Psychological First Aid (PFA), underscoring the importance of staff well-being. Security and safety protocols were covered by Mr. Saud Afridi, Security Manager, and Mr. Manzoor Ali, Manager Legal – SHARP, delivered in-depth insights on International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law, International Refugee Law, and CEDAW.





Standing United Against Gender-Based Violence: SHARP's 16 Days of Action Across Pakistan

For sixteen days, SHARP stood united with communities across Pakistan to challenge silence, confront inequality, and take collective action against Gender-Based Violence. Through sustained awareness, education, and empowerment initiatives, SHARP reaffirmed its commitment to creating safer, more inclusive physical and digital spaces for women and girls.

The campaign concluded with an impactful awareness session on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) at Divisional Public School and College, Rawalpindi. The session brought together students, educators, and SHARP's protection team to address emerging digital risks and promote safe, responsible online behavior. Principal Ms. Samina Khan appreciated SHARP's efforts to equip young people with practical knowledge to recognize, prevent, and respond to digital violence. The ceremony was formally concluded by Project Director Mr. Aatif Afzal, who reaffirmed SHARP's commitment to youth empowerment, digital safety, and the elimination of all forms of Gender-Based Violence.

SHARP extended the 16 Days of Activism across Lahore, Mianwali, and Karachi, engaging diverse communities through focused awareness and dialogue. In Lahore, refugee and host community members participated in an empowering session highlighted by a symbolic cake-cutting led by young refugee girl Jaslin Singh, alongside practical guidance on digital safety and cybercrime laws shared by subject experts. Simultaneously, ALAC-III conducted an interactive awareness session with female school teachers in Mianwali, focusing on GBV, digital violence, and online safety measures.

In Karachi, refugee and Pakistani women came together at the SHARP Office for a session under the theme “UNITE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls,” with discussions on digital safety, legal frameworks, and violence across the life cycle, attended by Commissioner (CAR Sindh) Mr. Qaimuddin and UNHCR's Ms. Malika Ahsan. Collectively, these initiatives underscore SHARP's strong commitment to raising awareness, empowering communities, and advancing collective action to prevent Gender-Based Violence across Pakistan.





In a step toward greater collaboration and community impact, SHARP CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed and the Program Team held a strategic coordination meeting with Mr. Waqar Haider Awan, CEO CHRS. The discussions explored future avenues to enhance joint efforts in advancing human rights, protection services, and community support initiatives. The meeting highlighted a shared commitment to creating sustainable partnerships that strengthen service delivery and support mechanisms for vulnerable communities.

SHARP looks forward to translating these discussions into meaningful actions for collective progress.

SHARP Lahore celebrated Christmas with joy and camaraderie, honoring our long-standing colleague Mr. Shoukat Maseeh, whose 16+ years of dedication inspire us all, and welcoming the youthful energy of Mr. Rahul, who brings positivity and warmth to the team every day.

The celebration was a heartwarming pause for our hardworking Lahore team, who have been tirelessly managing multiple activities, executive engagements, and protection initiatives. Moments of togetherness like these strengthen bonds, boost morale, and remind us that compassion and unity make our mission even more resilient.

Merry Christmas to all our colleagues, partners, and friends celebrating this day of joy and togetherness with us!





In a lively celebration of Children's Day, our Kohat Child Protection Team brought together nearly 100 children and community members at Gamkol Child Friendly Spaces, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter and excitement. Five female Child Protection Committee members and the Community Mobilizer from the Community Development Unit (CDU) joined the festivities, adding warmth and encouragement to the day.

The event featured a variety of fun and engaging activities that kept the children actively involved, while thoughtful gift distributions added extra delight, making the celebration truly memorable and reinforcing SHARP's commitment to the joy, safety, and holistic development of every child.



SHARP joined the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025 in Karachi, represented by Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain (RDC In-Charge), Mr. Illam Uddin Rahimoon (Area Coordinator), and Ms. Nudrat Nazir (PCM Supervisor), in an event organized by IOM Pakistan with the Disabled Welfare Association.

The commemoration highlighted inclusion, accessibility, and empowerment through a panel discussion on disability-inclusive societies, inspiring success stories, musical performances, and an art exhibition by Persons with Disabilities. Commissioner CAR Sindh, Mr. Qaim Uddin, emphasized that true social progress begins with equal access and dignity for all. The program concluded with certificates and closing remarks by Mr. Adeel Ahmed Sheikh, Protection Field Coordinator at IOM, reaffirming the collective commitment to building inclusive, disability-responsive communities.



In a continued effort to strengthen legal awareness and protection within refugee communities, SHARP ALAC team conducted a one-day legal camp at the urban refugee cluster in Tajabad, Peshawar. Led by lawyers Mr. Rahat Pervaiz, Mr. Sufyan Khan, Ms. Hina Mukhtiyar, and interpreter Ms. Naheeda Kareger, the session provided essential guidance to refugees seeking clarity on their rights and available support. A total of 53 participants—including 32 men and 21 women—participated in the discussions.

The team addressed pressing concerns faced by the community, including ongoing arrest and detention issues, the status of PoR cards after expiry, the future situation of asylum seekers, apprehensions related to a potential new phase of IFRP, and the progress of pending asylum cases with UNHCR.