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Together into 2026: Strengthening Hope and Justice.

As we step into 2026, I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, partners, and supporters who continue to stand with SHARP in advancing human rights and justice.

This year, SHARP renews its commitment to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable, strengthening access to justice, and promoting dignity, equality, and compassion across Pakistan. With collective effort and shared resolve, we will continue to respond to emerging challenges, expand our impact, and work toward a more just and humane society. I look forward to another year of meaningful collaboration and positive change.

Situation Summary (Pakistan & Afghanistan) & Urgent Humanitarian Appeal

The continued forced return of Afghan refugees during the peak winter months has deepened an already severe humanitarian and protection crisis in both Pakistan and Afghanistan. In the prevailing tense political environment, Afghan refugees—many of whom have lived peacefully in Pakistan for decades—remain among the most vulnerable populations. Increasingly, returns are not voluntary but driven by strict enforcement measures, leaving families with little time to prepare, dispose of assets, or secure safe alternatives.

As of January 2026, the situation has been further aggravated by the harsh winter season, with freezing temperatures, limited shelter, and severe shortages of food, heating fuel, and basic services. Families returning to Afghanistan are being forced to rebuild their lives from zero in a country they left 30–40 years ago—one that continues to face economic collapse, restricted livelihoods, fragile governance structures, and overstretched humanitarian capacity.

In Pakistan, reports received by SHARP indicate that refugees—particularly undocumented individuals and those with expired documentation—continue to face evictions, mobility restrictions, arbitrary detentions, and pressure from landlords following administrative instructions. Women-headed households, children, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected. Winter evictions have left many families temporarily sheltering in open areas, overcrowded spaces, or makeshift accommodations, exposing them to extreme cold and health risks.

In Afghanistan, the protection risks faced by returnees have multiplied during winter. SHARP continues to receive information indicating harassment, intimidation, family separation, and human rights violations against deported individuals. Access to shelter remains critically limited, with many families residing in tents or unfinished structures without adequate insulation, heating, or winterized support. Livelihood opportunities are scarce, and humanitarian assistance remains insufficient to meet the growing needs.

A major concern remains the absence of an independent, structured protection monitoring mechanism inside Afghanistan to track the safety, dignity, and well-being of forcibly returned refugees. There is no systematic process to document rights violations, verify protection incidents, or ensure sustained follow-up and referrals. This lack of oversight leaves returnees invisible, unprotected, and without recourse.

Two years ago, SHARP proposed the establishment of Protection and Reintegration Support Centers to monitor returnee conditions, document violations, provide psychosocial support, and coordinate referrals with humanitarian and protection actors. At the time, this proposal did not receive the necessary attention. Today, as the risks feared by refugees prior to deportation have materialized—particularly during the winter emergency—the urgency of this initiative has become undeniable.Call to ActionIn light of the escalating winter crisis, SHARP urgently calls upon UN agencies, international donors, humanitarian partners, and relevant authorities to support the establishment of well-resourced Protection and Reintegration Centers in Kabul, Jalalabad, and Kandahar.

These centers should prioritize:

- Registration and documentation of protection incidents and grievances, ensuring returnees have a safe channel to report concerns
- Independent monitoring of human rights violations affecting forcibly deported families
- Robust referral pathways for health, shelter, legal aid, livelihoods, and psychosocial support
- Reintegration assistance, particularly for families receiving little or no support upon arrival
- Prevention of irregular re-migration, which exposes families to exploitation, trafficking, and further harm.

Without immediate and coordinated action, thousands of vulnerable women, children, and men will remain exposed to severe protection risks during the winter months, with many compelled to attempt dangerous irregular movements in search of safety and survival. Proactive investment now is not only a humanitarian imperative—it is essential for protecting human dignity, upholding international principles, and contributing to long-term regional stability.

SHARP remains steadfast in its commitment to stand with refugees and to serve as a voice for their rights at every critical moment.





SHARP held a hybrid coordination meeting with UNHCR colleagues, including Ms. Nurul Rochiyati, Ms. Ghazala Mirza, and Mr. Khurram Siddiqui, to review the evolving protection landscape and align strategic priorities for 2026. Led by SHARP CEO Mr. Mudassar and Project Director Mr. Aatif Afzal, the discussion focused on the continuation of Reception Desk Centre (RDC) operations, protection monitoring and mapping, and sustaining the TBB program as a viable livelihood solution for refugees.

Both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening complementary pathways through innovative, largely online outreach approaches. SHARP's nationwide presence and trained MHPSS professionals were recognized as key assets. The meeting concluded with consensus on enhancing community engagement, mitigating protection risks, strengthening coordination with police and judiciary, and adapting programming to ensure sustained, rights-based protection for refugees and vulnerable communities.



SHARP hosted a coordination meeting with the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) and Justice Project Pakistan (JPP) at its Islamabad office to enhance alignment and collaboration on EU Delegation–supported Rule of Law and justice interventions.

Chaired by CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed and attended online by PD-KP Ms. Memoona Batool and Legal Manager Mr. Manzoor Ali, the meeting focused on strategic alignment with EU priorities, sharing best practices, ensuring thematic convergence, and establishing practical coordination mechanisms. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to rights-based, people-centered justice initiatives, highlighting SHARP's ongoing dedication to partnership, collective impact, and advancing access to justice across Pakistan.







SHARP CEO Mr. Mudassar Javed and the SHARP program team held productive meetings with humanitarian and development experts to advance organizational growth and support for vulnerable communities. The first meeting with Ms. Rehan Yaqoob, Incharge Shelter Home at the Ministry of Human Rights, focused on addressing violence against women and implementing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) programs at the Family Protection and Rehabilitation Center. The second meeting with Ms. Amna Saleem, Business Development Executive at Apex Consultant Inc. and Fulbright alumna, explored innovative program design, resource mobilization, and potential collaboration on youth initiatives and capacity building. These engagements underscore SHARP's commitment to strong partnerships and rights-based protection.

SHARP participated in the National Workshop on Partnerships and Sustainability in PVE, organized under the UNODC–NACTA Programme with EU support. PD-ICT Mr. Aatif Afzal presented SHARP's AMANKAAR (Performers for Peace) initiative, highlighting youth-led arts and community engagement to counter violent extremism.

Participants also viewed SHARP's Amankaar documentary, showcasing its impact and sustainability potential. The workshop, attended by 32 CSOs and graced by NACTA National Coordinator Mr. Jawad Ahmad Dogar, emphasized the vital role of civil society and partnerships in long-term PVE efforts.

SHARP remains committed to inclusive, community-driven peacebuilding across Pakistan.





SHARP's Peshawar team, led by Ms. Memoona Batool Khan, Project Director KP, held key meetings with senior Khyber Pakhtunkhwa officials to discuss initiatives aimed at advancing prisoners' welfare and broader human rights protection.

In an introductory session with Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. Rehan Gul Khattak, SHARP shared plans for legal aid, rehabilitation, and rights-based support for inmates. The meeting, attended by senior officials including Ms. Haleema Iqbal (DIG Headquarters), Mr. Amin Shuaib (DIG Judicial & Security), and Mr. Najam Hussain Abbasi (DIG Finance & Planning), emphasized the importance of close coordination and collaboration to ensure effective implementation of these initiatives.

Following this, a productive discussion with Mr. Ghulam Ali, Director General (Law & Human Rights), KP, highlighted the human rights landscape in the province, with a focus on prisoners' rights, access to legal safeguards, and improving prison conditions. Both sides recognized the vital role of civil society in complementing government efforts, with Mr. Ghulam Ali appreciating SHARP's contributions to prisoners and vulnerable communities. As a token of appreciation, Ms. Memoona presented a souvenir to acknowledge his commitment to human rights.

These engagements reinforce SHARP's ongoing commitment to prisoner welfare, rights-based support, and constructive government–civil society partnerships for stronger human rights protection across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



SHARP convened its monthly review and planning meeting at the Head Office in Islamabad in a hybrid format, chaired by Mr. Aatif Afzal, Project Director ICT. The meeting assessed 2025 programmatic achievements, recognized teams for meeting annual targets despite operational challenges, and set strategic priorities for January–June 2026.

Discussions focused on ALAC and RDC performance, with consensus to prioritize protection monitoring, protection mapping, and strategic litigation in 2026. The meeting concluded with clear action points: immediate rollout of protection mapping, strengthened coordination with police and judiciary, and submission of six-month work plans, reaffirming SHARP's commitment to rights-based protection and access to justice.





SHARP protection team in Karachi hosted child protection case management representatives from SPARC to strengthen existing referral pathways in light of current field challenges. The discussion focused on identifying bottlenecks in reporting processes and reaffirming the commitment of both organizations to adhere to standardized communication protocols for case referrals.

Representatives from both organizations also exchanged views on the prevailing protection environment and explored opportunities for enhanced collaboration to ensure timely, effective communication and service delivery.





With gratitude, SHARP bids farewell to Ms. Sheeza Ramzan for her invaluable contributions over nearly two years. Her dedication in financial and administrative management strengthened our programs and inspired teams.

At SHARP, our people drive change, and we wish Ms. Sheeza every success as she embarks on her next chapter.

Closing Note:

Together, we are shaping a safer and more inclusive society. Thank you for being part of SHARP-Pakistan's vision of peace and protection.