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Executive Summary

The Committee for Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) is a government founded not for profit Committee that operates under the Chairpersonship of Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid. The Committee's work is undertaken under the Legal Aid Office project (CWP-LAO). Its primary objectives include: to provide free legal aid and representation to underprivileged prisoners, especially women and juveniles across Sindh; to work for the welfare of prisoners and improve prison living conditions; and recommend policy reforms to support Sindh's criminal justice system and to reduce the burden on and de-congest the overcrowded and under-resourced prison system.

The CWP-LAO is funded by the Women Development Department (WDD), Government of Sindh for provision of legal aid and rehabilitation services to four juvenile prisons and four women prisons across Sindh; and by Home Department, Government of Sindh for provision of legal aid and services to twelve adult male prisons across Sindh.

Under WDD funding during the period of 1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018, CWP-LAO achieved the majority of its targets for this project cycle. In some cases, it exceeded the targets. Certain activities could not be completed due to non-release of the 4th tranche of payment amounting to PKR [*]. The overview of the successes and gaps during the project cycle are presented below.

During the project cycle, 1st July 2017– 30th June 2018, CWP- LAO has had the following successes in four juvenile and four women prisons:

- **469 (236 in Women Prisons and 233 in Juvenile Prisons) legal aid clinics** (i.e. visits for interviewing and screening inmates for legal aid and assistance) were conducted which is 156% of the annual target of 300.
- **455 interviews (222 women and 233 Juveniles)** were conducted with inmates, which is 228% of the annual target of 200.
- **285 (83 women and 202 Juveniles) Vakalatnamas were filed** in courts which is 143% of the annual target of 200.
- **267 cases (69 cases of women and 198 of juveniles) were disposed** during the project cycle of the project which is 267% of the annual target of 100. Of these 92 (35%) were acquitted on merit; 61 (23%) were convicted on merit or by pleading guilty; 89 (33%) were transferred to private advocates; 25 (09%) were disposed of on other grounds (proceedings were stopped, cases were compromised, probation, vakalatnama withdrawn, accused absconded etc.).
- 84 inmates (26 Women and 58 Juvenile) have been **granted bail**.
- **Surety amounts were provided** for 7 women and juvenile inmates on a needs basis
- CWP-LAO organized 08 **Paralegal Training Sessions** with 26 convicted women inmates of Women Prison Karachi. From these, 04 women were selected as paralegals who have thereafter conducted legal literacy sessions with 56 new jail admissions under the supervision of CWP-LAO advocates and will continue to provide legal awareness in a sustainable manner.
- 10 trained convict paralegals were given **15 days special remission** by IG Prisons after completion of the complete Paralegal Training Course.

- The **adult literacy classes** in Women Prison Karachi were run in collaboration with “Society for the Advancement of Health, Education, and the Environment (SAHEE). 50 female prisoners were taught basic reading and writing skills.
- The **sewing classes** in Women Prison Karachi continued to take place, which provide a recreational and employment activity for women inmates, allowing for income generation inside and eventually outside of prison. At present, **34 women are engaged in weekly classes.**
- The CWP-LAO established a **sewing room and sewing classes** in Women Prison Hyderabad in June 2018.
- The interventions of the **CWP – LAO’s Early Learning Centres (ELCs)** in Women Prison Karachi and Hyderabad continue. Currently, 20 children who accompany their mothers inside prison are getting basic pre-primary education inside these prisons.
- CWP-LAO in partnership with Sehat Kahani is **providing mental health services** for 50 women inmates in Central Prison for Women, Karachi.
- CWP-LAO team conducted two days **Prison official/staff training in Central Women and Juvenile Prisons Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana** engaging 40 prison constables (25 female and 18 male) working in juvenile and women prison facilities.
- CWP - LAO with the partnership of Karachi United Football Club (KU) has continued **football training** for juveniles in YOIS Karachi as a form of rehabilitation. 29 children are currently receiving basic training of football under training and supervision of KU coaches.
- CWP- LAO and Karachi United organized a friendly **football match** between the juvenile inmates at YOIS Karachi on 12 November 2017 and with an outside football team on 13 February 2018.
- CWP-LAO established a **Gymnasium in Women’s Prison Karachi** for purposes of physical recreation and health of women prisoners. A teacher will be hired in the next project cycle who will conduct classes twice a week with prisoners and constables.
- A **study on mental health of women prisoners** was conducted which will be launched in the next project cycle.
- The data collection of **Prison Conditions Survey** of 20 prisons was completed in which all 04 women and 04 juvenile prisons in Sindh were covered. This data has been analysed and shared with IG Prisons, who has followed up individually with each prison on good practices and gaps identified.
- **IEC material** for prisoners and their rights was developed and published and distributed.
- **Paralegal Baseline Survey** was conducted in Women Prison, Karachi to assess the legal knowledge of intended trainees of the paralegal sessions, to allow for a programme assessment in the next project cycle.

During the project cycle, 1st July 2017– 30th June 2018, CWP- LAO was unable to fulfill the following activities from the workplan due to the non-release of the 4th tranche of budget and efforts will be made to complete these in the next project cycle:

- Establishment of children’s playrooms in Sukkur and Larkana;
- Impact Assessment of the Early Learning Centres in Karachi and Hyderabad;
- Seminar launching research studies conducted in this project cycle.

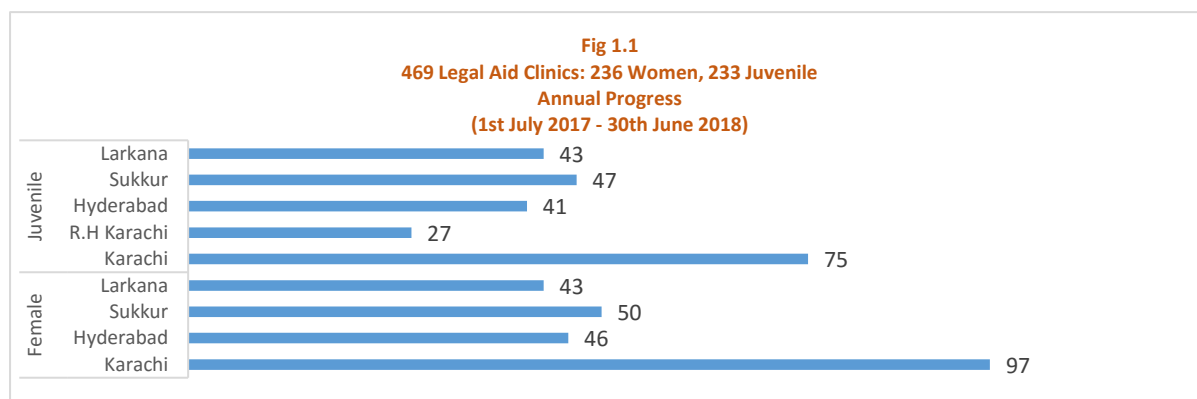
Legal Aid

CWP – LAO provides legal representation and support services in the four women and four juvenile prisons of Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana. Prisoners are provided legal aid, services and facilitation through the activities of legal aid clinics; conducting interviews of inmates; provision of free legal advice; provision of free legal representations in courts; and provision of surety amount for underprivileged prisoners.

Legal Aid Clinics

Legal Aid Clinics are held regularly in the prisons for Under Trial Prisoners (UTPs). The objective of legal aid clinics is to provide an introduction to the basic legal information required by the UTPs and to introduce CWP-LAO's free legal services for poor and underprivileged inmates if any of them wish

to use their services. The clinics are organized twice a week with new and old UTPs in four juveniles and four women prisons of Sindh. CWP-LAO's team of advocates organized a total of **469 (236 in Women Prisons and 233 in Juvenile Prisons) legal aid clinics** (156% of the annual target of 300). (Fig. 1.1).



Free Legal Aid Services

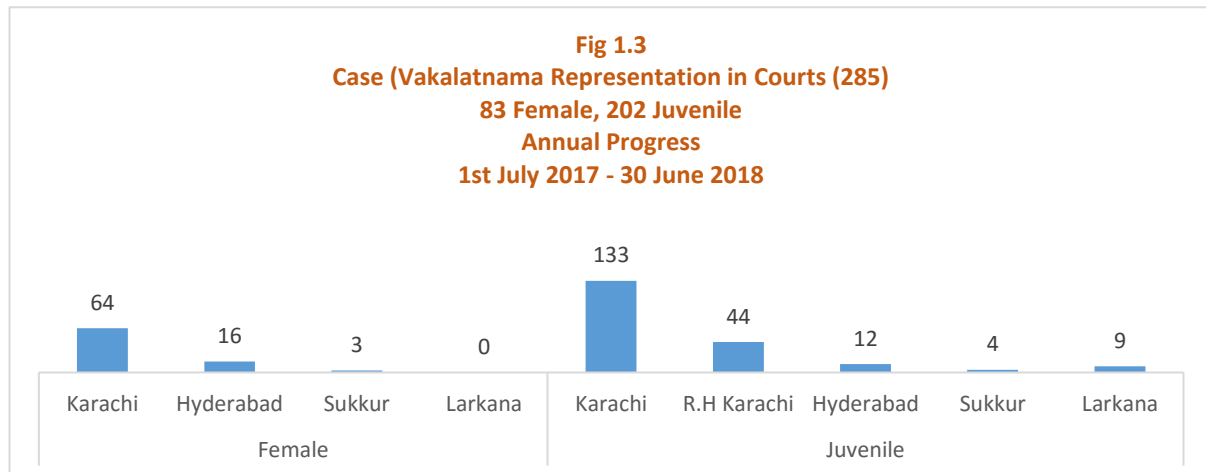
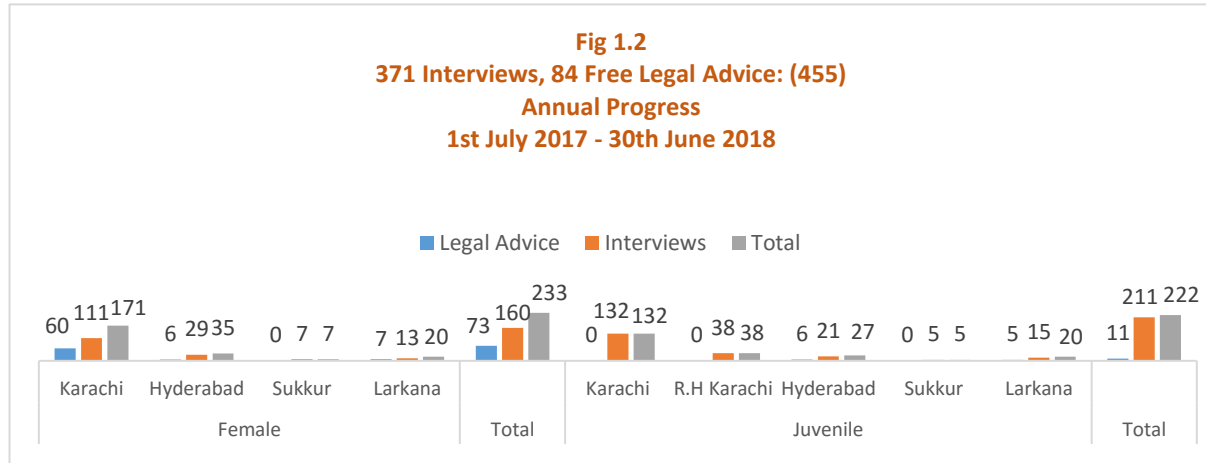
The CWP-LAO advocates provide two kinds of free legal aid services: legal advice and legal representation. The advocates take up cases of prisoners who approach them for their services and represent them in the court. Thereafter, they provide regular updates to prisoners on their individual cases. They also ensure that prisoners are aware of laws, procedures and other legal information relevant to their cases to allow prisoners to be more empowered so that they are able to take more informed decisions on their cases. CWP-LAO lawyers also conduct Legal Aid Clinics and interviews with new UTPs and hold interactive discussions with prisoners to provide them on the spot legal

advice or provide them with required legal information at a later stage.



During the project cycle CWP - LAO advocates conducted a total of **455 interviews (222 women and 233 Juveniles)** (228% of the annual target of 200.) (Fig. 1.2). CWP-LAO advocates represented and filed a total of **285**

(83 women and 202 juveniles) inmate's Vakalatnamas and represented them in courts during the project cycle (143% of the annual target of 200) (Fig 1.3).



The Case Study of Humera Afzal (release on bail)

Humera had been in prison for four months due to charges of robbery. Before her arrest she also used to work in a garment factory where she earned 10 thousand rupees a month. Her husband worked as a daily laborer. They have a three-year-old son who suffers from severe respiratory problems. Humera, along with a friend of her husbands were arrested by the police at a juice shop that they happened to be at by chance. They claim they were arrested by the police to increase the number of arrests made by the police and fill up the police mobiles.

After Humera's arrest, she was kept in police lock up for a period of 7-days at Shahr e Noor Jahan Police Station. The police filed a FIR of recovery of one knife in her purse and a second case for resisting arrest/police encounter, both of which she claims are completely false.

Due to the loss of her job and poor economic status, she was unable to afford the cost of a private lawyer. The CWP-LAO lawyer took up her case. She was given bail in both cases for a total of Rs. 3 lakhs, which given their economic conditions, she was unable to afford. Through the efforts of the lawyer, her bail was reduced to 1 lakh and 50 thousand in one case and reduced from 1lakh to 80 thousand rupees in the other case. CWP-LAO will be providing her bail under its project. The process of approval of bail is currently in process, but it is estimated that she will be released on bail shortly.

Success Story: The Case Study of Afsheen Amir

Afsheen Aamer has been incarcerated for three years. Prior to arrest, she worked for cutting and cropping in a local company of her area and her monthly earning was a meagre 5000 rupees a month. She was arrested under the charge of murder of her 7-year-old son. The case was filed against her by her in-laws. Afsheen had 5 children with her first husband, the eldest one is a 16 year old daughter and the youngest a 7-year son, whose murder she was accused of.

Upon the death of her first husband, Afsheen was forcefully married off by her in-laws to a man who was a drug addict. The marriage lasted 4 months. The house that Afsheen lived in was the property of her first husband, a part of which she and her children are entitled to as part of their inheritance. Her in-laws wanted sole ownership of the property. They tried to make her leave the house after her second marriage but she refused.

During the course of her second marriage, her husband would beat her and her children up regularly. In particular, he would beat her and the children up when he demanded money for drugs and she did not have any. Due to shame, she did not tell anyone of his cruelty and violence. One day, when Afsheen was not giving him money for drugs, he hit her seven-year-old son with a cable wire injuring him severely on his head and two days later the son passed away in hospital.

Afsheen's in-laws from the first marriage gave a statement to the police that the accused and her husband murdered their grandson. The husband escaped after the death of the son while Afsheen was arrested. Afsheen has been in jail since then. Her in-laws placed her children in Edhi Home and sold the property in question and kept the money. The children have constantly stated that they were witness to the fact that she did not kill her son. They have been unable to see their mother in the three years she has been in prison.

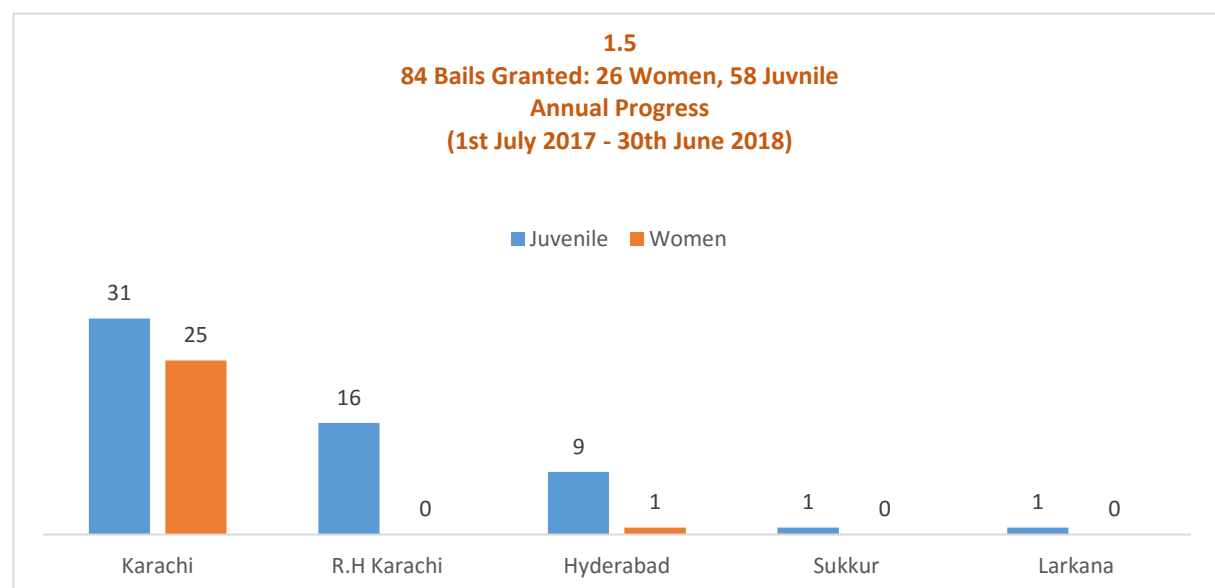
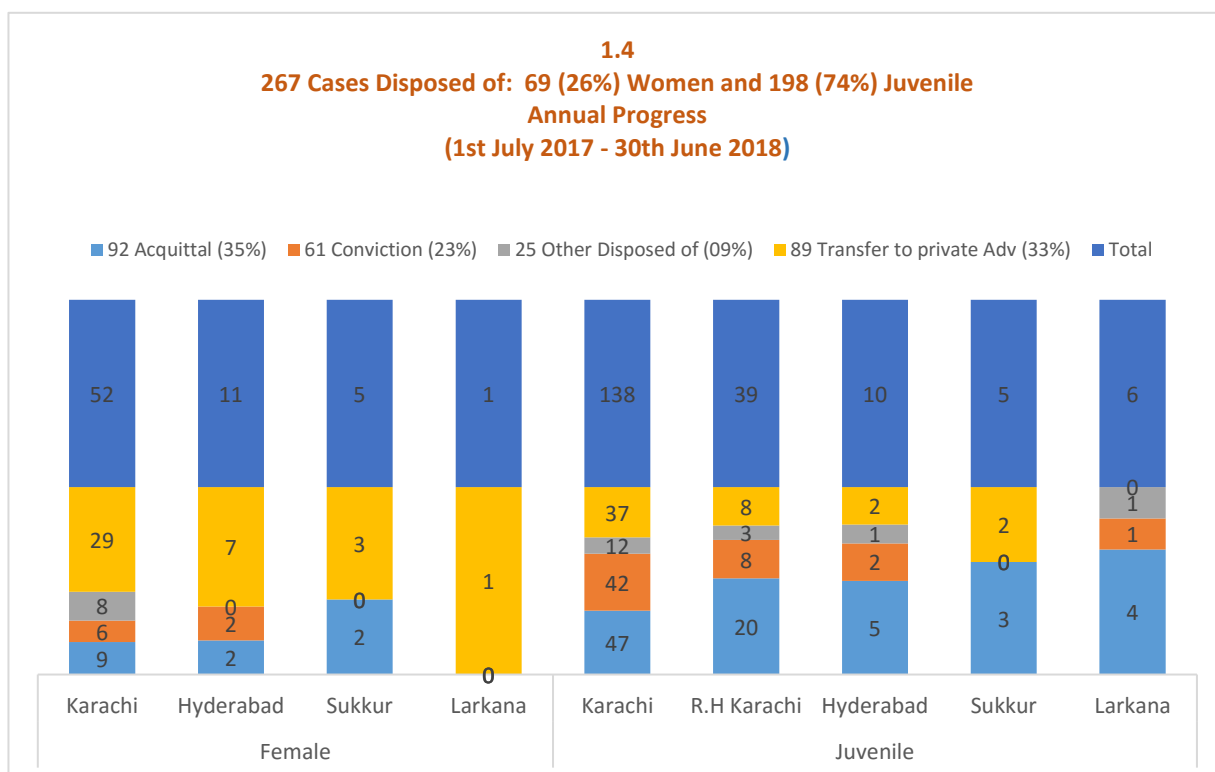
She has no kin who had been willing to file a petition for her to attain justice. The CWP-LAO lawyers heard her story and took up her case and have represented her in court. The lawyers were able to gather the relevant evidence, in particular a falsified nikkahnama created by her in-laws which excluded her and her children from inheritance.

The CWP-LAO lawyer has presented the false copy of her Nikkah Nama before the Judge and based on this the fact and other supporting evidence, the judge recognized that false charges were levelled against her in order to take over her property. As a result of the tireless efforts of the CWP-LAO lawyers, Afsheen was acquitted of all charges and able to meet her children again and is currently trying to raise enough money to be able to provide a home for her children.

Resolution of Cases

CWP - LAO advocates had the following successes during the project cycle: **267 (69 cases of women and 198 cases of juveniles) cases were disposed of** (267% of the annual target of 100) (Fig 1.4). Of these 92 (35%) were acquitted on merit; 61 (23%) were convicted on merit or plead guilty; 89 (33%) were transferred

to private advocates; 25 (09%) were disposed of on other grounds (proceedings were stopped, cases were compromised, probation, vakalatnama withdrawn, accused absconded, release on probation). **84 inmates (26 women and 58 juveniles) have been granted bail** (Fig 1.5) and 7 women and juveniles in need were provided surety amounts for their bails.



Capacity Building

CWP-LAO believes that enhancing the legal empowerment of prisoners and ensuring their welfare is a part of their rehabilitation process. During the reporting project cycle (1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018) CWP-LAO engaged with inmates in four juvenile prisons and four women prisons across Sindh through a series of interventions and activities aimed at improving their mental and physical capacities and living conditions. These have been summarized below.

Prison Paralegal Programme

The Prison Paralegal Programme recognizes that there is a lack of facility available for new UTPs and other prisoners to have access to regular and basic legal information. The Prison Paralegal Programme deals with this gap by training convicts as paralegals, who

assist in running information sessions in their prisons. The pilot programme is being conducted in Women Prison, Karachi, and under Home Department funding in Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Hyderabad and Central Prison Sukkur.

The primary intention of this is to create a sustainable method of information dissemination within the prison. The convicts are provided training and resources for this purpose, and in turn are rewarded by remissions and the sense of purpose and fulfillment. For prisoners, there is a readily available resource within the prison to provide them basic legal information.

Paralegal Training of Trainers (TOT)

CWP-LAO successfully organized a four days Training of Trainers (ToT) on the “Paralegal Program” for CWP-LAO staff. The ToT created 20 trainers who went on to provide training to prisoners in the chosen districts. The training provided the trainees with training skills and



substantive knowledge on legal empowerment of prisoners and on legal rights, remedies and procedure.

The training program comprised of a four-day training. The sessions were based on modules developed for this training which focused on interactive learning methodology and understanding the purpose of legal empowerment. The training modules used a prescribed set of 8 lesson plan. Every session was organized with role play activities to understand case histories as well as developing skills on conducting exercise of interactive teaching among the participants.

Prison Paralegal Trainings

Based on a pre-established criterion, interest and ability, convicts (and in some cases UTPs) fulfilling the necessary qualifications to become potential “Paralegals” were trained by CWP-LAO advocates in Women Prison Karachi. The legal awareness programme was conducted through modules of eight training sessions i.e. a total of 16 hours, which included topics of constitution, fundamental rights, criminal law, criminal procedure, family law and inheritance, probation and parole.

The criterion for paralegals included the need to have a minimum education of middle level, must not be involved in heinous crimes, convicted for at least 7 years and should be willing to carry out the program voluntarily. A batch of 26 women inmates was selected in Central Women Prison, Karachi and trained on 08 days prison paralegal course and

awarded with certificates of paralegal graduate courses.

Representation of CWP-LAO at New York University, School of Law

The New York University School of Law during its annual conference titled 'Reimagining Justice: Realizing Human Rights through Legal Empowerment' in New York, highlighted the CWP- LAO as a unique public private partnership case study example which defies barriers to accessing justice for prisoners and provides lasting change for the most vulnerable and marginalized people. Barrister Haya Zahid, Executive Director, CWP-LAO, member, CWP, represented the Committee at the conference.



Prison Paralegal Sessions

Following the Paralegal training CWP-LAO organized another two-day training on interactive methods with 10

paralegals who were selected to run Paralegal Sessions with other prisoners. These paralegals conduct weekly awareness sessions for all new entrants in to the prison under the supervision of CWP-LAO lawyers. They have conducted 10 such sessions for 56 old and new inmates. All new arrivals now attend a 2-

hour legal awareness session that covers fundamental rights, criminal trial and sentencing and prison rules. Paralegals also connect prison inmates with legal advice and legal aid providers and other state and non-state service providers.

International Recognition

The CWP-LAO's prison paralegal program was shortlisted as a finalist from over 200 applications from around the world for the Grass Roots Justice project for the Nomboniso Nangu Maqubela Memorial Prize for Scale and Sustainability. The CWP-LAO prison paralegal programme is featured on the Namati website and is accessible at: <https://www.justiceprize.org/scale--sustainability.html>

The prison paralegal program has achieved a great deal of sustainability by employing three specific non-monetary measures. The program relies on volunteer paralegals selected from convicts that participate in the CWP-LAO legal awareness programs and meet specific criteria related to education and communication abilities, nature of offenses, time remaining in prison, and willingness to participate. The CWP-LAO prison paralegal program is convict led and convict run with support provided by lawyers that volunteer their time in addition to their legal duties.

The program also aims to motivate paralegals by helping them appreciate the importance of assisting new entrants in to prison by relating to their own experience of first arriving at the prison. And finally, participation in the prison paralegal program also results in the paralegal receiving a reduction in their sentence through the use of a legal provisions in the prison rules that allows the prison administration to provide a remission in punishments based on good behavior.

Prison Officials Trainings

The prison officials are often the first point of contact and information for prisoners. Prison officials, particularly female prison officials have rarely or never been provided proper training on prison laws, rules, the Constitution, and other relevant laws. The majority of female prison officials, it was revealed, had never received training of any sort. CWP-LAO directly engaged with prison

officers working in women and juvenile prison facilities by building and developing their professional capacities.



CWP-LAO believes that these trainings will directly contribute towards the better treatment of female prisoners and will assist in their ultimate rehabilitation.

CWP - LAO team organized Prison Officials Trainings in Women's Prisons, Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana. A total of 43 prison constables (25 female and 18 male) engaged in sessions on Constitution of Pakistan and Fundamental Rights, Gender Issues, Probation, Parole, Prison Rules, Family law and Criminal Law procedures.

The Early Learning Centre (ELC)

The interventions of the CWP – LAO's Early Learning Centers (ELC) in women prisons Karachi and Hyderabad aim to neutralize the prison environment, normalize the living experiences of children incarcerated with their mothers in prisons, and help them to re-integrate with society after their release. Imparting education among children through learning methods customized to the prison context, the ELC provides its services to children between the ages of 2 to 9 who are currently studying or studied at the pre-primary level. During the reporting period of project cycle (1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018), a total 35 children attended the ELCs in Karachi and Hyderabad. Currently, 20 children (13

Success Story: Ray of Hope

Children inside the prison with their incarcerated mothers are hidden victims. Many find themselves deprived of free life and education. Education for children residing in prison is a means of rehabilitation, providing distraction and building their capacity within prison, reducing anti-social behavior and allowing them to re-enter the outside world on an equal footing upon their release.

Amana Javeed (9 years old) and Adil Javeed (6 years old) were two beneficiaries of the ELC. They studied at the ELC in prison. Upon the release of their mother, both children were enrolled in school in classes appropriate to their age group.

If the children had not received education in prison, they would have not been able to join school at the appropriate level. However, due to their education in ELC, they were able to immediate re-entry into school without losing their opportunities for learning and greater chances of reintegration into society.

ELC Karachi and 07 ELC Hyderabad) are receiving basic pre-primary education.

The ELC holds quarterly meetings with the mothers of the children. The objective of the parent-teacher meeting is to share the learning progress of the children, and to discuss the factors which can affect



learnings of children, such as behavioral and social development.

During these assessments, mothers of the children and prison staff mothers review

Establishment of Children Play Rooms

Children under the age of 9 years, residing inside the prison with their incarcerated mothers are deprived of basic necessities. The children populations in Karachi and Hyderabad required a full-time ELC. In Sukkur and Larkana, where the population of children has been extremely low, it was decided Children's Play Rooms would be established to allow space and toys for children's recreation. Due to the non-release of the 4th tranche, these play rooms could not be established in this project cycle. They will be established in the next project cycle.

Football training YOIS Prison Karachi

The CWP – LAO in the partnership of Karachi United Football Club (KU) has continued football training camps for juveniles in YOIS Karachi. The camps are organized twice a week to engage juveniles in a healthy recreational activity and allow them to learn essential life skills such as team building, leadership, sportsmanship, discipline and hard work. Released juveniles from the YOIS are connected with KUs regular training camps organized in Centers of Excellence spread across the city. These classes have been successfully running for one year. A total of 55 juveniles enrolled in football

the results of their children learning progress and advice for their improvement.

camps during the project cycle from 1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018. Currently 29 participants are enrolled in the YIOS camp.

Football Matches YOIS Prison Karachi

Two football matches were organized by the CWP-LAO in collaboration with the

Prisons Department and KU and supported by the WDD, Government of Sindh. The first event was organized between the football teams of YOIS on 12 November, 2018, and the second was a friendly Football Match between the YOIS Football team and Karachi United Old Golimar Centre was organized on February 13th 2018.



The second football match was attended by Justice (R) Nasir Aslam Zahid, the Minister Law and Prison Sindh, Mr Zia Ul Hassan Lanjar, Sports Minister, Mr.Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, Inspector General Prison Sindh, Mr. Nusrat Mangan, Superintendent Women Prison Ms. Sheeba Shah, Superintendent YOIS, Gul Mohammad Shaikh, and team members

of Karachi United. At the end of the match, Trophies and Medals were distributed among the winning and runner up teams of Karachi United Old Golimar and the team of the juvenile inmates respectively.

Adult literacy classes

The adult literacy classes in Women Prison, Karachi initiated in collaboration with Society for the Advancement of Health, Education, and the Environment (SAHEE). The basic purpose for these classes is to impart basic education among prisoners, who are illiterate, to learn the basic words and language concepts that build and support communication, enjoyment and information exchange. This also supports laying down the foundations for their empowerment and can help in reducing poverty and crime.

50 female prisoners were registered and attended classes for the learning of their basic reading and writing skill. The classes comprised of 400 hours of training with female prisoners through 5 classes a week and 02 shifts per day.



Mental Health for Women Inmates

CWP-LAO, in partnership with Sehat Kahani (SK), an NGO that provides healthcare to inaccessible and underserved communities, conducted a mental health needs assessment of women inmates in Women Prison

Karachi in the previous project cycle i.e. May-June 2017. As a follow up to this assessment, CWP-LAO advertised for an organization to provide mental health services for women prisoners in Karachi Central Prison. SK was again selected to provide these mental health and psycho support services to women inmates.

SK conducted orientation session with Prison Matrons. Psychologists conduct visits twice a week and provided counselling to 50 women inmates. A psychiatrist visits twice a month, or when necessary. From 1st April 2018 – 30th June 2018, SK will organize a total of 32 mental health clinics with 50 women inmates and prescribe medicine to those women who are diagnosed to require further treatment after these sessions.

Sewing Classes at Women Prison Karachi Prison

Sewing classes are a popular activity and provide a constructive recreational activity for women inmates, whilst also allowing for income generation in and outside of prison. At present, 30 women are engaged in weekly classes.

WOW Festival

Women of the World Festival: With the collaboration of South Bank Centre, the Women of The World (WOW) festival was organized in Karachi, Pakistan from 2-3 December 2017 at Alliance De Française Karachi. CWP-LAO participated in WOW event and promoted and sold the handicraft items prepared by women prisoners in Women Prison Karachi. All profits with the women who made the handicrafts.

Establishment of Sewing Center in Women Prison Hyderabad

CWP – LAO in collaboration with Women Development Department established the Sewing Center in Women Prison Hyderabad, through which 30 women inmates shall learn the skills of tailoring from a teacher. The sewing center is equipped with 10 sewing machines and other relevant basic equipment.

International Women Day

CWP-LAO in collaboration with UN Women Pakistan, Women Development Department and Sindh Prison Departments commemorated

International Women's Day in Karachi's Central Women's Prison, with a focus on amplifying the voices of women in prisons. On this occasion, women inmates presented a theatrical performance by female prison paralegals on legal empowerment at the Karachi Women's Prison.

Establishment of Computer Lab in YOIS Hyderabad

A computer lab was established in the juvenile detention facility in Hyderabad in October 2017. Through this initiative the government assists juveniles by providing them with IT skills so that they are able to use the internet and other computer and technical skills to potentially enhance their professional capacity post incarceration.



Improving Living Conditions

Decent living conditions and access to necessities of life inside the prison is the basic fundamental right of prisoners. CWP-LAO distributes goods as per a needs assessment of four women and juvenile prisons of Sindh. In addition to this, efforts are made to improve the living conditions through activities to break the monotony and supporting improvement of the physical health of the inmates.

Establishment of Gymnasium Facility in Women Prison Karachi

The establishment of a gym inside the Women Prison Karachi is one of the key rehabilitation steps that not only improves the physical health conditions of women inmates but can also provide an additional measure of reducing stress and anxiety among women inmates.



Provided with basic physical fitness equipment's, the gym will also have a gym instructor who is to be hired in the next project cycle and will run classes twice a week in the prison gym.

Celebration of Special Days and Events

Celebration of events and occasions is an important part of rehabilitation to allow prisoners a break from monotony, a reason to celebrate and stay connected

with events in the outside world. CWP-LAO celebrated several events in different prisons during the project cycle, particularly with children. This includes "Orange Day" in ELC, Hyderabad, "Red Day" in ELC, Karachi, Independence Day at ELCs Karachi and Hyderabad.

Eid was also celebrated in Women & YOIS Prison Larkana & Women Prison Sukkur. The programmes were attended by CWP-LAO staff, all prisoners in Women Prison and YOIS and the prison staff and was enjoyed immensely. Women prisoners and children also received Eid gifts from CWP-LAO. Prisoners and prison staff cut an Eid cake and sang different songs.



Research & Publication

Development and publication of research and IEC material is an integrated objective of the project. This has assisted in a greater analysis and data on the prison system and criminal justice system and its mechanisms. IEC material contributes to the legal empowerment of prisoners through dissemination of information amongst inmates on prison rules, prisoners' rights and the fundamental rights.

Dissemination of IEC Material

The awareness of inmates through the publication and dissemination of IEC material was one of the most important parts of the program towards the legal awareness of inmates. A set of four brochures based on prison rules, the right of remission, right of appeal and the right of meeting were handed over and distributed in Central Women Prison and YOIS Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana.

Prison Conditions Survey

The data collection of annual prison conditions survey of 20 prison was completed which included the 04 women and 04 juvenile facilities in Sindh. The data was collected based on pre-prepared tools including an observational survey, interview questionnaire and semi-structured focus group discussion questionnaire. For this purpose, Superintendents, prison officials and prisoners were all included in data collection, alongside observations of the CWP-LAO staff.

The data was collected by CWP-LAO staff between February – April 2018. It was collated, analyzed and presented to the CWP in April 2018. The main findings of the survey on each individual prison were shared with IG Prisons, who has met with

individual Superintendents and provided feedback and follow-up.

Paralegal Baseline Survey

A paralegal baseline survey was conducted in Women's Prison Karachi to identify the current knowledge base of trainees. This baseline will provide the measurable standard for a project assessment of the paralegal programme to be conducted in the next project cycle.

Research on Mental Health of Women in Women Prison Karachi

Based on the Sehat Kehani assessment conducted in May-June 2017, a research study was conducted on the mental health of women in Women Prison Karachi. The finalized report will be shared with the Committee within the coming month.

Sehat Kahaani conducted a psychiatric assessment of all women inmates within Karachi Women's Prison. The psychiatric assessment was conducted using M.I.N.I International Neuropsychiatric Data collection was conducted with a sample of 140 females (132 inmates and 8 prison guards) in June 2017. This data is being used to quantitatively analyze the to:

a) Describe the state of mental health in Karachi women's prison (using descriptive statistics)

b) Illustrate relationships between mental health and various variables (using a logistic regression analysis)

c) Contribute to the literature on mental health and gendered pains of imprisonment

d) Develop strategies/recommendations for policy and practice.

This study will contribute to the literature on the gendered pains of imprisonment and connect gendered dimensions of confinement to preliminarily test confinement and/or deprivation theory within a cross-cultural context. This study will help

inform CWP-LAO's programmatic activities and build recommendations for public policy in prison services.

Research Launch

Due to the lack of release of the 4th tranche, the Research Launch could not be held. It will now be held in the next project cycle (July 2018 – June 2019).

Draft and Amendment of Prison Law and Rules

The process of analyzing the existing prison law and rules and international laws was completed. CWP-LAO is part of the Government Committee along with the Prison Department and Sindh Judicial Academy which is in process of re-drafting the Prison law and Rule

Challenges

Challenges to the implementation of the project include:

- CWP- LAO advocates are made to wait for some time for the arrival of UTPs to participate in legal aid clinics in the prisons, limiting their interaction time with them;
- Delay in the sharing the lists of convicts by the Prisons for the selections of paralegals;
- Cancellation of activities due to jail visits of government officials and or security reasons;
- Delay in release of funds resulting in delay of activities, particularly in the first two quarters; and
- The non-release of the 4th tranche of funding