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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 Chairperson-ship 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 Home Department (HD) and Women Development Department (WDD), Government of Sindh for provision of legal aid and rehabilitation services to fourteen adult male prisons, five juvenile prisons, one remand home and five women prisons across Sindh.

During the project cycle from 1st July 2018– 30th June 2019, the CWP- LAO team has had the following successes:

- **1,877** Legal aid clinics were conducted (achieving 110 % of its annual target of 1700).

- **4,498** Interviews were conducted with inmates, including the provision of on the spot legal advice to 1,581 prisoners (achieving 135 % of its annual target of 4500).
- **2,802** Vakalatnamas were signed and filed in courts (achieving 96.6 % of its annual target of 2900).
- **895** Bail orders were granted to inmates (achieving 149 % of its annual target of 600).
- **2,531** Cases were disposed of (achieving 110 % of its annual target of 2300).
- **42** Prisoners were provided with surety amounts.
- **111** Free Legal Aid & Advisory Camps in 25 Prisons across Sindh were organized by CWP-LAO advocates giving topic-specific free legal advice to 2,113 UTPs and convicts.
- Five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on the “Prison Paralegal Program” for CWP-LAO staff was organized. The ToT created 21 trainers who went on to provide training to prisoners in the chosen districts.
- Paralegal Certificates Award Ceremony events were organized in Women Prison Karachi, Central Prison Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur, through which 98 successful participants of the “Paralegal Graduate Course” were awarded with certificates.
- The CWP-LAO organized 164 Paralegal sessions with convicts in Women Prison Karachi, Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Hyderabad and Central Sukkur.
- **2,353** Under-Trial Prisoners (UTPs) have been given basic legal awareness by trained Convict Paralegals.
- **44** women were engaged in weekly sewing classes in Women Prison Karachi & Hyderabad. These provide a recreational and employment activity for women inmates, allowing for income generation inside and eventually outside of prison.
- **20** children in prison with their mothers are receiving pre-primary education in CWP – LAO’s Early Learning Centers (ELCs) in the Women Prison in Karachi and Hyderabad.



- CWP-LAO organized a Six-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on the “Prison Paralegal Program” for Prisoners. In the second phase of the Prison Paralegal Trainings, 98 convicted inmates were trained as paralegals in Women Prison Karachi, Central Prison Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur.
- Short video documentary of ELC Karachi & Hyderabad was completed.
- Children Play Rooms in Women Prison Sukkur & Larkana were established in January, 2019.
- A two day’s workshop of “Anger Management & Conflict Resolution” was held with 10 mother inmates on 26th November, 2018.
- A One day orientation seminar on “District Oversight Committees for Prisons of Karachi” was organized by CWP-LAO in collaboration with the Home Department and Sindh Prison Department, Government of Sindh.
- **4** trainings of Prison official/staff were held in W.P and Y.O.I.S Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur & Larkana engaging 40 prison constables (female and male).
- **60** women inmates were provided mental health services in partnership with Sehat Kahani in Central Prison for Women, Karachi.
- Welfare Drives in Remand Home, Y.O.I.S and Women Prison routinely conducted through which 131 (85 Women & 46 Juvenile) inmates and juveniles provided clothes & food items were in Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana.
- **15** children in Remand Home Karachi were interviewed and assessed for legal aid and representation services from the Government of Sindh in a free Legal Aid Camp. Sports kits and clothing items were also donated during the visit.
- **337** juveniles in YOIS Karachi have and are continuing to receive basic training of football under training and supervision in partnership of Karachi United Football Club (KU) as a form of rehabilitation.

- A two day Football Tournament was organized jointly by CWP-LAO and KU between the juvenile inmates an outside football team at YOIS Karachi on 12-13 February, 2019.
- The data collection of Profiling Women & Juveniles from 8 prisons was completed.
- This profiling draft highlights the socio-demographic variables of and crime patterns amongst the women prisoners in all (four) women prisons in Sindh.
- IEC material for prisoners and their rights was developed and published and distributed.
- CWP-LAO updated its Quarterly Progress visibility boards in CP-Karachi, WP- Karachi, DP-Malir and YOIS Karachi.
- CWP-LAO successfully expanded the Legal Aid Office network in District Dadu in January 2019. CWP-LAO is now providing free legal aid and advisory services in District Prison Dadu and Mirpurkhas. Lawyers team of LAO conduct weekly visits to provide the free legal aid services and legal representation to the UTPs / Convicts.
- The Sindh Prisons and Correction Services Act, 2019, which was drafted by a committee of which CWP-LAO was a part of, was passed which includes specific reference to added protection and safeguards of female prisoners and separate confinement of mothers in prisons.



## LEGAL AID

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 a legal aid clinic 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 in most prisons with new and old UTPs. During the project cycle of reporting year (July, 2018 - June, 2019), CWP-LAO's team of advocates organized a total of 1,877 legal aid clinics (achieving 110 % of the annual target of 1700)

### 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.

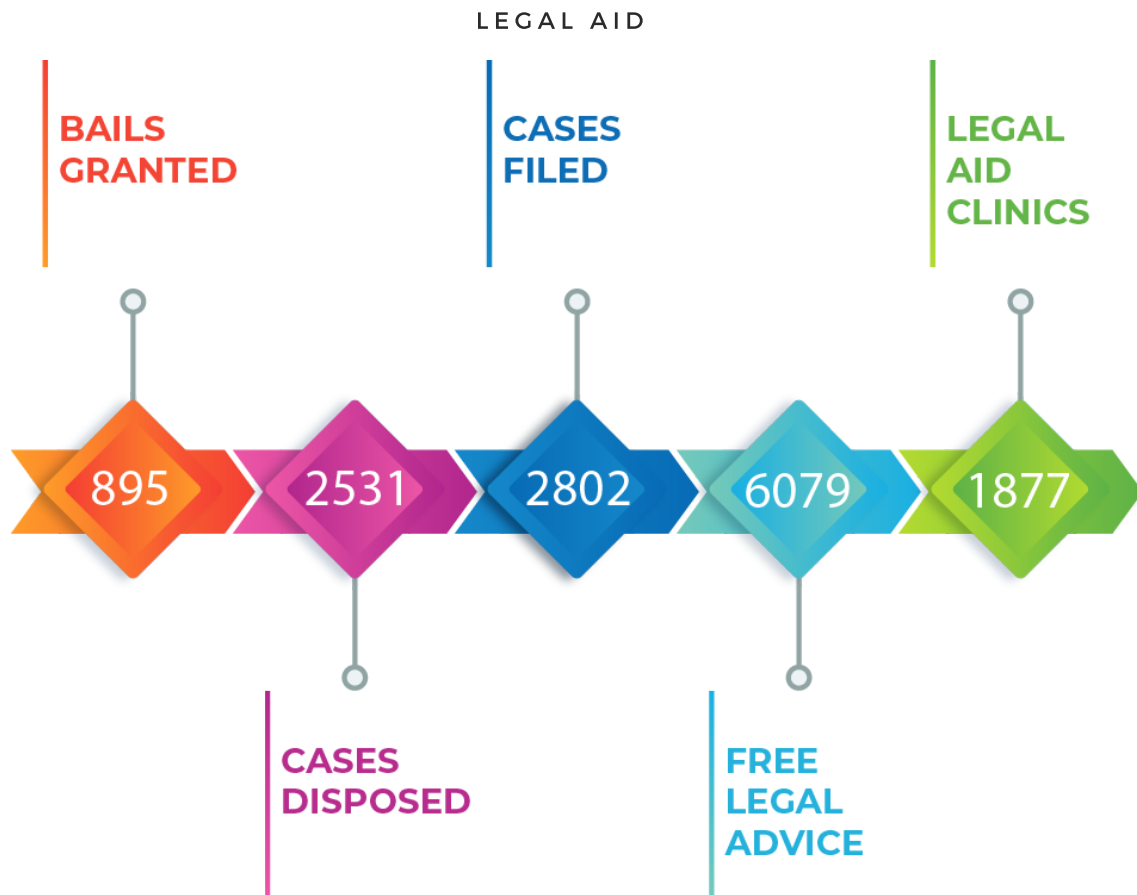
They also ensure the prisoners are aware of laws, procedures and other legal information relevant to their cases to allow for prisoners to be more empowered and so that they are able to take more informed decisions on their cases. During the project cycle CWP-LAO advocates conducted 4,498 interviews with inmates, including the provision of on the spot legal advice to 1,581 (achieved 135 % of the annual target)

CWP-LAO advocates represented and filed a total of 2,802 inmate's vakalatnamas (Achieving 96.6% of the annual target) in courts during the project cycle. The target could not be achieved due to delays in receiving the final tranche which slowed down operations.

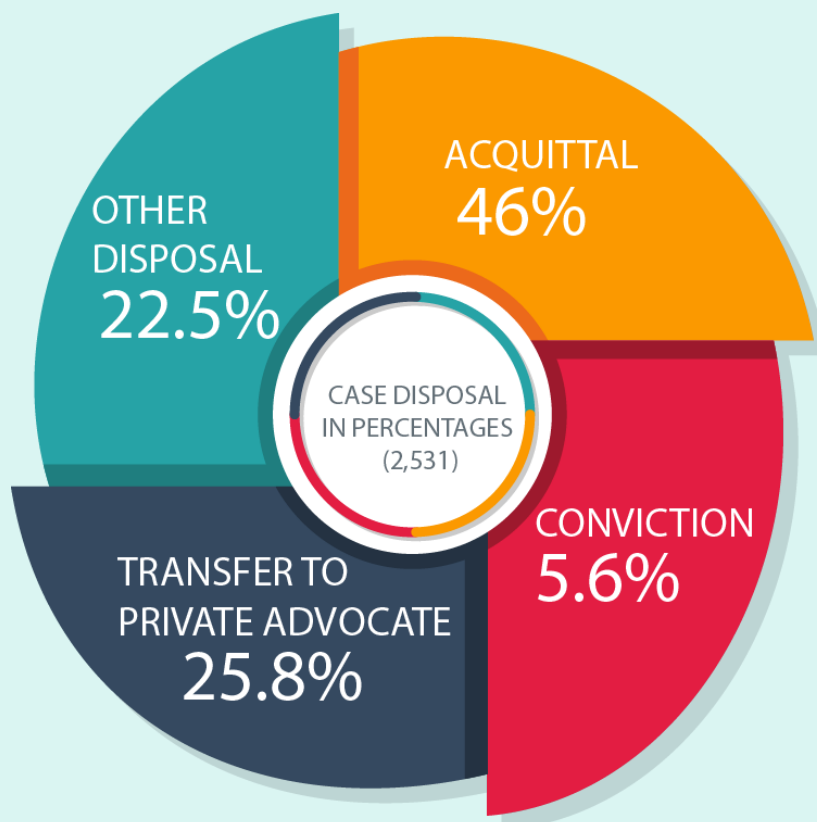
### Resolution of Cases

CWP - LAO advocates had the following successes during the project cycle: 2,531 cases were disposed of (Fig 1.4) out of which, 1164 cases (45.9%) were acquittals on merit; 654 (25.8%) were convictions on merit or by pleas of guilt; and 570 (22.6%) cases were transferred to private advocates and 143 cases (5.7%) were disposed of on other grounds (proceedings were stopped, cases were compromised, probation, Vakalatnama withdrawn, accused absconded); 895 bail applications were granted to inmates.





Annual Progress in 14 Adult, 08 Women & Juvenile Prisons of Sindh (2018-2019)



Case Disposal in Percentages in 14 Adult, 08 Women & Juvenile Prisons of Sindh (2018-2019)



## 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 2018–30th June 2019) CWP-LAO engaged with inmates in 25 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 Program

CWP-LAO recognizes that there is a lack of facility available for new UTPs and other prisoners to have access to regular and basic legal information. CWP-LAO also believes that enhancing the legal empowerment of prisoners and their welfare is a part of their rehabilitation process.

The Prison Paralegal Program has responded to this gap by training convicts as paralegals, who assist in running information sessions in their prisons. The pilot program 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 mechanism of legal awareness within the prison through the training of convicts as paralegals. 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)**

WP-LAO successfully organized a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on the “Paralegal Program” for CWP-LAO staff. The ToT created 21 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 on legal rights, remedies and procedure.

The sessions were based on modules developed for this training of: interactive learning methodology and understanding the purpose of legal empowerment. The entire training modules used a prescribed set of 8 lesson plans.



### **Prison Paralegal Training**

Based on a pre-established criterion, interest and ability, convicts fulfilling the necessary qualifications to become potential paralegals were trained by CWP-LAO advocates in Women Prison Karachi, Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Sukkur and Central Prison, Hyderabad. The legal awareness program, through modules of eight training sessions i.e. a total of 16 hours, was conducted which included topics of constitution, fundamental rights, criminal law, criminal procedure, family law and inheritance, probation and parole. Every session was organized with role play activities to understand case histories as well as skills on conducting exercises of interactive teaching among the participants.



The criterion for paralegals included the need to have a minimum education of middle level, must not be involved in heinous crimes, shall have conviction for up to 7 years and should be willing to carry out the program voluntarily. CWP-LAO successfully organized 2nd batch of Six-day Training of Prison Paralegal Program in WP- Karachi, CP-Karachi, CP-Hyderabad and CP-Sukkur for CWP-LAO staff. 98 convicts were trained in various aspects of criminal law procedure, the constitution and prison rules and regulations. Of these, 28 convicts were chosen as trained paralegals to continue teaching and offering advice to new UTP.



### Prison Paralegal Sessions

The CWP-LAO completed 164 Prison Paralegal Sessions with new inmates of WP- Karachi, C.P Karachi, Hyderabad, and Sukkur based on paralegal material developed by the CWP-LAO. The 20 selected Convict Paralegals conducted legal literacy sessions & successfully provided legal awareness to 2,352 new UTPs who were recently admitted to prisons. This was done through one to two Sessions a week in W.P Karachi, C.P Karachi and once a week in C.P, Hyderabad and C.P, Sukkur.



### **Distribution of Food items & Jackets among Paralegals in C.P Karachi, Hyderabad & Sukkur**

CWP-LAO has distributed food items & Paralegal Jackets to the 30 selected Convict Paralegals in C.P Karachi, Hyderabad & Sukkur. The initiative of distribution Paralegal Jackets was taken in order for them to feel positive and to have a sense of accomplishment being a trainer in this Program.



### **Briefing of CWP-LAO to WDD Minister**

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners-Legal Aid Office (CWP-LAO) representatives conducted a meeting with WDD Minister Ms. Shehla Raza on 24th September 2018. The aim of this meeting was to describe the on going CWP-LAO and Women Development Department project activities before the WDD Minister.

### **Free Legal Aid and Advisory Camps**

During the reporting period July -2018 to June -2019 the CWP-LAO initiated 111 Free Legal Aid and Advisory Camps in 22 Prisons across Sindh. The objective of the Legal Aid & Advisory Camps is to provide detailed legal information to both UTPs and convicts on issues highlighted by them or to a specific target group with regards to laws applicable specifically to them. 2,113 UTPs and convicts participated in these Camps. CWP-LAO's team of advocates Conducted sessions included topics of constitution, fundamental rights, criminal law, criminal procedure, family law and inheritance, probation and parole. And thereafter provided one on one legal advices to 147 UTP's and 405 UTP's got legal aid assistance to those who request it.

### **One day orientation session “District Oversight Committees for Prisons of Karachi”.**

Sindh Prison Department, Government of Sindh with the collaboration of CWP-LAO organized a one-day orientation seminar on “District Oversight Committees for Prisons of Karachi” on 8th December 2018. The objective of this seminar was to provide a networking and introductory session for the committee members, to lay the foundations of coordination and to provide a collaborative platform for the oversight work that lies ahead.

The Honorable Minister for Prison Mr. Nasir Hussain Shah; Mr. Muzzafar Alam Siddiqui, Inspector General Prisons of Sindh; Mr. Kazi Kabir, Secretary of Home Department; Ms. Sheeba Shah, Superintendent Women Prison; Mr. Gul Mohammad Shaikh, Superintendent YOIS participated in the event.



### **Women Day Celebration in Women Prison Hyderabad**

The CWP-LAO in collaboration with Women Development Department and Sindh Prison Department celebrated International Women’s Day in the Hyderabad Women’s Prison. The aim was to focus on innovative ways in which gender equality and economic empowerment can be promoted, particularly in the areas of social protection, access to justice, and sustainable livelihoods. Jail officials and CWP-LAO field teams were present for this celebration.



### Prison Officials Training

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 until the CWP-LAO project cycle 2018-2018. CWP-LAO continued this direct engagement 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 Training in Women's Prisons, Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana. A total of 40 prison constables (12 female and 28 male) who had not been trained by CWP-LAO previously, were engaged in enhanced sessions on Constitution of Pakistan and Fundamental Rights, Gender Issues, Probation, Parole,

Prison Rules, Family law and Criminal Law procedures. The training were conducted on March 25th to April 23, 2019.



### Kits Distribution Football Camp

Enrolled juveniles were provided football kits and shoes on 5th December 2018. *Connecting with Ex-Juvenile Prisoners outside Prison* CWP- LAO has also focused on fulfilling of the mandate of assisting juveniles with their reintegration post-release. A former juvenile inmate Imran Azeem, after his release from YOIS Prison Karachi joined the KU football club in his own local area for further improvement of physical skills.

### **Football Training YOIS Prison Karachi**

The CWP - LAO in partnership with 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 two year. A total of 337 juveniles have been enrolled in football camps during the project cycle from 1st July 2018 - 30th June, 2019. Currently 39 participants are currently enrolled in the YOIS camp.

### **Football tournament Event in YOIS Prison.**

A two days "YOIS Football Tournament" was organized on 12-13th Feb, 2019 to promote sports among prisoners. A football match was played between the YOIS Karachi Prison Team and Karachi United Football Club Team.

This tournament has provided a platform for juvenile prisoners to enhance their social & intellectual skills, moral values, personality progress and character appeal inside in prison. Both teams performed well and the juvenile prisoners exhibited great sportsmanship. The YOIS Karachi Prison team won the football match. Mr. Muzaffar Alam Siddiqi, I.G Prisons Sindh, Justice (R) Nasir Aslam Zahid, Chairman CWP-LAO, Alia Shahid, Secretary Women Development Department, and DIG Qazi Nazeer Ahmed distributed the trophies among winning team & runner up team. The Chairperson CWP-LAO, Justice (R) Nasir Aslam Zahid presented shields to our Guests of Honor. They also appreciated the efforts of Prisoners, coaches, prison administration on conducting a successful tournament.

### **Early Learning Centers (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 2018 – 30th June 2019), a total 35 children attended the ELCs in Karachi and Hyderabad. Currently, 20 children (ELC Karachi 09 and 11 ELC Hyderabad) are receiving basic pre-primary education. The ELC holds quarterly Parent-Teacher 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 learning's of children, such as behavioral and social development.

During these assessments, mothers of the children and prison staff mothers review the results of their children learning progress and advice for their improvement.

### **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 "Children Day" in ELC, Karachi, "Plantation, and Earth & Kite" in ELC, Karachi, Sweet, Spring & Clown day, In ELC Hyd. Independence Day at ELCs Karachi and Hyderabad.

### **Two days' workshop with Mother Inmates**

A two days' workshop on "Anger Management & Conflict Resolution" was organized for mother prisoners in CP Karachi on 26th and 27th November 2018. The objective of the workshop was to develop the confidence levels, enhance skills to communicate in a positive manner of mother inmates during the harsh time of incarceration.



The workshop was attended by (10) mother inmates from Women Prison Karachi. The specific objective of the workshop to better understand the concepts of anger management and conflict resolution techniques and strategies. They learned to identify and label challenging emotions such as frustration, anger or distress, including discover ways to effectively communicate anger and other negative feelings. The workshop covered various topics such as tracing common anger & frustration, understanding children behavior, causes of children anger and resolving conflict step between children. The Lead Trainer of the workshop was Ms. Mehnaz Mehmmod (Education Expert) with support of Mrs. Mahrukh Iftikhar (Consultant Clinical Psychologist).

### **Short video documentary of ELC Karachi & Hyderabad**

CWP-LAO made a short video documentary of ELC Karachi & Hyderabad. The aim of this is to gather the various element of different stories from different parts of the prison to be able to demonstrate the success of this initiative. This has been viewed nationally and internationally and is available online.

### **Annual Progress Review Meeting Advisory Committee Members (ELC)**

A progress review meeting was held with the Advisory Committee Members of ELCs (Karachi & Hyderabad) on 15th July, 2019, at Head Office CWP-LAO. The meeting was chaired by Executive Director CWP-LAO; respected senior Advisory Members along with ELC Teachers & Program Team participated in the meeting and presented their schools' progress. The core objectives of the meeting were to review the progress, capacity building of teachers and academic status of the ELCs. Further, proper development of curriculum and lesson plans and their timely implementation in the ELC were also highlighted along with plans to enhance teacher's training and capacity building. The Advisory members offered a platform for ELC representatives of various kind of support to interact and share best practices in quality assurance with each other.



### **Play rooms inaugurated in Sukkur & Larkana**

The CWP-LAO, WDD and the Sindh Prisons Department inaugurated play rooms in Women Prison Larkana and Sukkur on 23rd Jan, 2019. The facility is for the children under the age of 9 years, residing inside the prison with their incarcerated mothers, deprived of basic necessities for children inmates. Women Development Department, Social Welfare Department and government officials participated in this event.

### **Sewing Classes in Women Prison Karachi & Hyderabad**

Sewing classes are the most popular activity in Women Prison, Karachi and Hyderabad which provides not only a constructive recreational activity for women inmates and but also allows income generation in and outside of Prison. At present, women inmates are engaged in weekly classes. The Trainers have been conducting weekly classes and currently, a total of 44 students (30 women in Karachi 14 in Hyderabad) are enrolled in Sewing Classes provided by CWP-LAO.

### **Mental Health Counseling**

CWP-LAO, in partnership with Sehat Kahani (S.K), initiated an assessment of the mental health of women in Women Prison, Karachi. As part of this Program, a psychologist visited twice a week and provided counseling to women inmates. A Psychiatrist also visited when necessary. S.K continued to provide psychotherapy and counseling sessions & psychiatric evaluation assessment to 50 inmates. After the extension of this Program, 10 new inmates were assessed and counseled through individual sessions. The renewal of the Project was approved and the psychologist started her sessions. 30 women inmates (previous Project Cycle – August 2018 to December 2018) were counseled and 20 new inmates were assessed. Depression, anxiety, stress, social withdrawal, feelings of helplessness, low mood, temper outbursts, agitation were major findings of this evaluation assessments. The new inmates taken in this tenure showed symptoms of sadness, crying spells, feelings of helplessness and hopelessness. On the request of the Superintendent of the Women Prison, Karachi S.K conducted exclusive sessions with individuals who were in dire need of counseling and regular follow-ups were also taken from them.

### **Free Legal Camp & Items distribution in the Remand Home Karachi**

May 9th, 2019: Justice Nasir Zahid, Chairperson of the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners along with Mr. Ghanwar Leghari, Secretary Prisons, and Home Department visited the Remand Home, Karachi where incarcerated children below the age of 15 reside. The aim of this visit was to conduct interviews and assess for legal aid and representation services from the Government of Sindh. The Sports kits and clothing items were also donated. Prison administration appreciated the efforts of CWP-LAO & Government of Sindh for their immense support. As a result of this camp, 9 children were released from the custody by providing the amount of bail.



### **Labor Day Celebration in C.P Hyderabad**

CWP-LAO celebrated Labor Day with all the hardworking prison officials of C.P, Hyderabad and organized a cake-cutting ceremony. The aim of this initiative to tribute the hardworking prison officials. CWP-LAO strongly believes that the prison official's contribution to this state institution is indeed praiseworthy. Superintendent, C.P, Hyderabad, Mr. Zai-ul-Rehman joined hand to cut the 'Labour Day' cake.



### **Quality Assessment of Prison Paralegal Program**

The CWP-LAO believes that the quality and effectiveness of the Prison Paralegal Program (e.g., lawyers & Prison Paralegal) depends on the qualifications and experiences of the paralegals. The success of the Prison Paralegal Program relies on paralegals who are well trained and experienced,



and effective at communication and supervision. In this regard, CWP-LAO conducts Quality Assessments (FGDs & KIIs) with trained convicts as paralegals, who thereafter run Legal Information Sessions in their Prisons (C.P, Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur). The aim of these assessments is to closely monitor the quality and effectiveness of these paralegal services.

### **Repatriation of Sri Lankan Fishermen**

CWP-LAO on 11th June 2019, successfully assisted with the repatriation of five (5) Sri Lankan fishermen. These Prisoners were arrested by the Pakistan Navy, who while fishing landed in sea border of Pakistan. These fishermen were handed over to Sindh Police and FIR was lodged under section 3 and 4 of Foreigner Act, 1946 and section 3 and 9 of Fisheries Act, 1897. They were remanded to District Prison Malir, Karachi on 09-05-2019. During the Legal Aid Clinic conducted by CWP-LAO lawyers, five (5) Sri Lankan Prisoners' vakalatnamas were taken as per CWP-LAO procedure on 28-05-2019.

With the efforts of LAO-CWP lawyer, the matter was successfully disposed of on 11-06-2019. As these individuals pleaded guilty, Judicial Magistrate released them and stated their incarceration period as undergone.





## 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.

### Warm Clothes Distribution

Warm clothes including sweaters and other such items were distributed to 24 inmates at the Women and Juvenile Prisons in Sukkur. This need was identified when several underprivileged prisoners were unable to afford warm clothes to combat the cold winters, leaving them vulnerable to exposure and illness.

CWP-LAO took an initiative to support several of these under-privileged persons to attempt to reduce their suffering. CWP-LAO field team and prison officials were also present at the time of distribution.



### **Distribution of Food & Clothes in Women Prisons & Y.O.I.S**

CWP-LAO firmly believes that people in prisons are human beings like everyone else and, therefore, CWP-LAO during Ramadan conducted a welfare drive where food and clothes were distributed to incarcerated women and juveniles. The CWP-LAO received a generous amount of donations from individuals. The donation included Eid clothes and food items which were distributed in Women Prison and Y.O.I.S in Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana.



### **Hygiene Kits Distribution in Women & Juvenile Prisoners**

A learning from the Prison Survey 2017-2018 was the lack of hygiene and the need of prisoners for hygiene related goods. Accordingly, with the assistance from generous donors, CWP-LAO distributed hygiene kits comprising of soap bathing & washing kits for those Women Prison and Y.O.I.S in Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana. The aim of this initiative was to help and provide basic necessities to the incarcerated individuals.







## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Development and publication of research and IEC material is an integrated objective of the proposed 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 among inmates on prison rules, prisoners' rights and the fundamental rights.

### **Dissemination of IEC Material**

CWP-LAO has developed a set of four brochures of IEC Material based on prison rules, the right of remission, right of appeal and the right of the meeting was handed over and distributed in 25 Prisons across Sindh. This IEC material was distributed to inmates during the legal awareness sessions and advisory camps.

### **Draft and Amendment of Prison Law and Rules**

CWP-LAO is part of the Government Committee along with the Prison Department and Sindh Judicial Academy which worked on revising the prison law. During the 4th Quarter, with joined efforts, The Sindh Prisons and Correction Services Act, 2019 was successfully passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 17th May 2019. Currently, CWP-LAO is in the process of redrafting Prison Rules.

### **Profiling of Women Prisoners & Juveniles across Sindh**

CWP-LAO decided to conduct a mapping of 30% of the population of incarcerated women and juveniles in Sindh. The mapping seeks to provide an overview and understanding of not just the crime, but also of the offender. Through developing criminal and offender profiles, it intends to identify any patterns and trends in criminality and criminal behavior to support the GoS in identifying how and where to focus on, in order to work towards elimination of crime.

The data collection process was completed in THE 3rd Quarter of the project cycle and the report was written and finalized in the 4th Quarter of the project cycle.

### **Rehabilitation Policy**

In the previous Project Cycle (2017-2018), CWP-LAO conducted a study on Rehabilitation Policy and Practice in Sindh Prisons. A major finding and recommendation in that study was the need for a cohesive rehabilitation policy for prisons across Sindh. In order to draft this policy, a mapping of the offenders was necessary. Thus, CWP-LAO has started literature review for the rehabilitation policy, which will be strengthened upon the finalization of the profiling, as noted above. CWP-LAO is currently conducting research for this policy. Desk review will be conducted in the upcoming Project Cycle (July 2019 to June 2020).



## CHALLENGES

Challenges to the implementation of the project.

### **Challenges to the implementation of the project include the following:**

- The CWP- LAO advocates are made to wait for some time for the arrival of UTPs to participate in legal aid clinics which means that fewer inmates are interviewed and assessed for legal aid due to the short window between end of court hours and the end of visitation timings in prisons.
- Cancellation of activities often occur due to security reasons or jail visits of Government Officials and Judges.
- The delay in release of funds result in hindering operations which has impacted certain targets.





# PICTURE GALLERY





# POLICE OFFICIALS TRAINING IN WOMEN PRISONS HYDERABAD, SUKKUR AND LARKANA







# PRISON PARALEGAL PROGRAM







# CLOWN DAY IN ELC HYDERABAD







# EARTH AND KITE DAY IN ELC KARACHI







**FREE LEGAL  
CAMP & ITEMS  
DISTRIBUTION;  
SPORTS  
ACCESSORIES IN  
REMAND HOME  
KARACHI**







**DISTRIBUTION OF  
FOOD & CLOTHES  
IN WOMEN  
PRISONS &  
Y.O.I.S**







# FREE LEGAL AID AND ADVISORY CAMPS IN ADULT PRISONS



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