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*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). The CWP-LAO seeks to support Sindh's criminal justice system by advocating for speedy trials and case resolutions on behalf of under trial prisoners this, in turn, reduces the burden on and de-congests the overcrowded and under-resourced prison system which aligns with the Government's priority areas under the Rule of Law Roadmap. The CWP-LAO with the support of the Home Department, Government of Sindh provides its services to prisoners in 14 adult male prisons, 4 juvenile facilities and one remand home facility in Sindh. (Coverage of women prisons is funded by the Women Development Department and not part of the scope of the report). (Notification of CWP attached hereto as Annexure-A)*

During the fiscal year from 1st July 2020– 30th June 2021, due to the COVID outbreak, closures of government departments, suspension of access to prisons and suspensions in routine court proceedings and associated delays in release of funds ; variances in targets have resulted. However the CWP- LAO team has tried its level best to adapt its mechanisms and procedures to remain operational whilst at the same time being responsible for the health of its staff and ensuring a do-no-harm policy vis-à-vis its beneficiaries i.e. prisoners.

The achieved progress is summarized as follows:

- **1,155** Bail orders were granted to inmates (achieving **81.97%** of its annual target).
- **2,733** Vakalatnamas were signed and filed in courts (achieving **118.2%** of its annual target)
- **2,224** Cases were disposed of through judicial orders (achieving **209.61%** of its annual target)
- **3,940** Interviews were conducted with prisoners , including the provision of on-the-spot legal advice provided to **1,818** prisoners (achieving **120.15%** of its annual target).
- **1,174** Legal aid clinics were conducted (achieving **88.53%** of its annual target).
- **39** Prisoners were provided with surety amounts for their release.
- The CWP-LAO organized **60** Paralegal sessions with convicts in Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Hyderabad and Central Sukkur.
- **1,494** Under-Trial Prisoners (UTPs) have been given basic legal awareness by trained Convicts i.e. Paralegals.
- CWP-LAO placed **18** visibility boards of CWP-LAO performance updates in adult and YOIS prisons in Sindh.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **60** Free Legal Aid & Advisory Camps were conducted in **19** Prisons across Sindh with advocates giving topic-specific free legal advice to **1,660** UTPs and convicts.
- Refurbishment work for the Paralegal Room in Central Prison Hyderabad was completed.
- **175,000** Masks, **4,000** liters of hand sanitizers, **1000** pairs of gloves, **810** bottles of Dettol Liquid, **2,500** Hand wash, **15,000** antibacterial Soaps **40** thermal Scanner and protective equipment were provided to all Prisons of Sindh through a partnership with the Legal Aid Society.
- **2,500** IGG tests were conducted among prisoners, prison and Medical Staff to conduct a first ever seroprevalence survey on COVID in prisons.
- An online training session was conducted on the mental health of prisoners with juvenile prison staff of Hyderabad The session was attended by **25** participants from Juveniles Prisons from Karachi and Hyderabad.
- On **September 10th, 2020**, the annual performance review meeting of CWP was held at the Home Department
- **1, 240** Hospital bed sheets were distributed in 14 adults and 4 juvenile Prison hospital facilities in Sindh in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society.
- **8** Coordination meetings were held with prison officials of concerned prisons of Hyderabad Region. These meetings aimed to discuss the continuation of legal aid services with COVID SOPs.
- A **progress review meeting** was held on 28th January,2021 in the office of Inspector General Prisons Sindh, Mr. Kazi Nazeer Ahmed, and was attended by members of the CWP.
- A one -day training on **“Sindh Prisons and Corrections Services Rules, 2019”** was organized on 29th March 2021 with the objective of engaging 23 CWP-LAO lawyers on one platform to ensure they are aware of new legislation.
- A data collection exercise aimed at gauging the current surface area of sports facilities in **24** prisons of Sindh was conducted between 1st January 2021 and 23rd January 2021 by the CWPLAO team, with the support of our team advocates.
- IEC material for the Convict Paralegal Reference guide was revised, developed and published.
- The **Sindh Prisons and Correction Services Rules, 2020** was designed and published.
- One -day training of Senior Prison official/staff of all Sindh Prisons were held in Karachi on 12 June, 2021 an engaging 25 Prison executive staff (Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent).
- A one day's workshop on “Interpersonal Skills & Conflict Resolution” was held with 20 Juvenile inmates on 21st June, 2021.



*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 amounts for underprivileged prisoners. In response to the outbreak of COVID and for further prevention and control measures, the prison administration suspended visits and contact with friends, families, legal representatives, and there was also reduced transportation to courts for trials since March 2020. Given a decline in Covid-19 cases in Pakistan, Prison Visits resumed on 8th September, 2020 and courts resumed on 25th July, 2020 with redefined SOPs and consent of Prison authorities. As a result, the Committee's ability to take on new cases, file more bail applications, and dispose of existing cases has been severely affected in the second and third wave of corona pandemic however the work continues in line with SOPs.*

## **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 CWPLAO'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 at 14 adult male facilities and 4 YOIS facilities of Sindh. After the intensification in covid cases in the second wave, we had restricted the legal aid clinics from 9th Nov,2020 in the concerned prisons of Karachi Region to minimize risks to staff and prisoners These Prison visits resumed on 14th December, 2020. Following the intensification of covid cases in the third wave of coronavirus, all Prison visits were restricted by the Prison Department however CWP-LAO obtained special permission through the notification by I.G to resume visits on 19th May 2021.

During the project cycle of the reporting year (July 2020 - June 2021),

CWP-LAO team of advocates organized a total of **1,174** clinics (achieving **88.53%** of the annual target)

## **Free Legal Aid Services**

CWP-LAO advocates provide two kinds of free legal aid services: legal advice and legal representation. Advocates take up cases of prisoners who approach them for their services and provide legal representation in court. They also provide regular updates to prisoners on their cases and ensure prisoners are aware of laws, procedures and other legal information relevant to their cases with the ultimate aim of empowering them to make informed decisions. CWP-LAO lawyers also conduct Legal Aid Clinics and interviews with new UTPs and other prisoners to provide them on the spot legal advice on an immediate basis or provide their legal information and advice at a later stage.

During the project cycle CWP – LAO advocates conducted **3,940** interviews with inmates, including the provision of on-the-spot legal advice to **1,818** (achieved **120.15%** of the annual target)



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CWP-LAO advocates represented and filed a total of **2,733** Vakalatnamas (Achieving **118.2%** of the annual target) in courts during the project cycle. The target could not be achieved due to the COVID outbreak which suspended the Prison activities and court proceedings.

### ***Resolution of Cases***

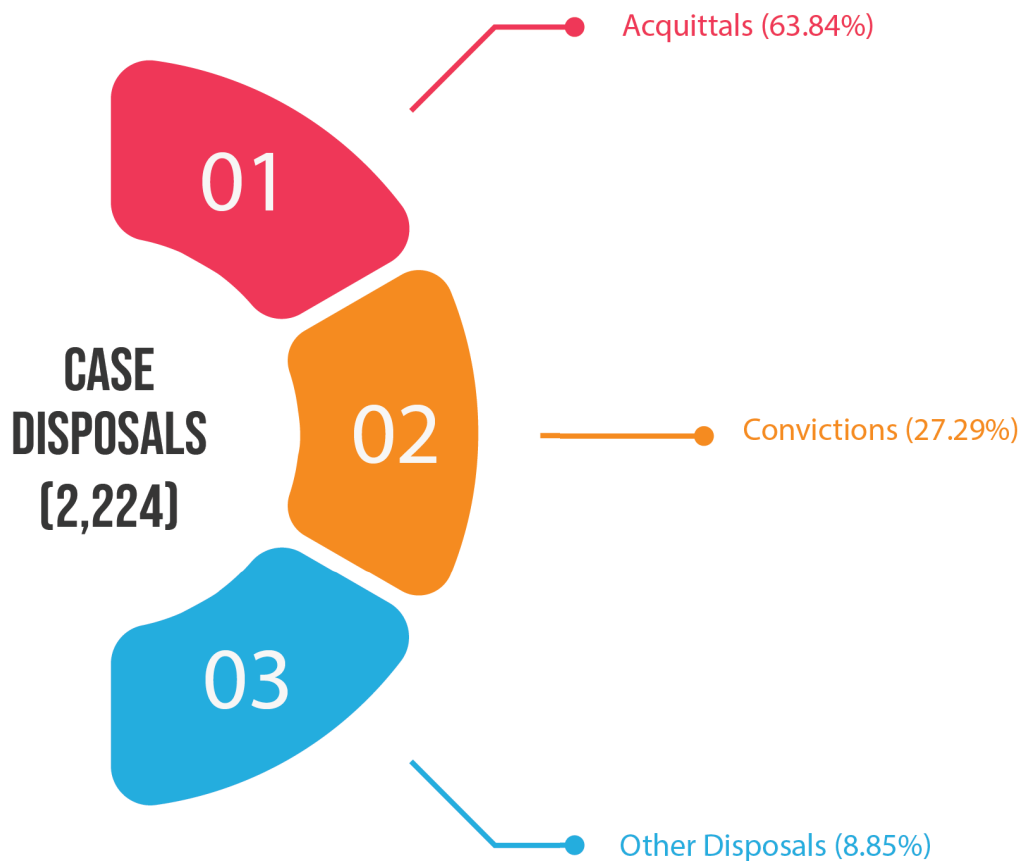
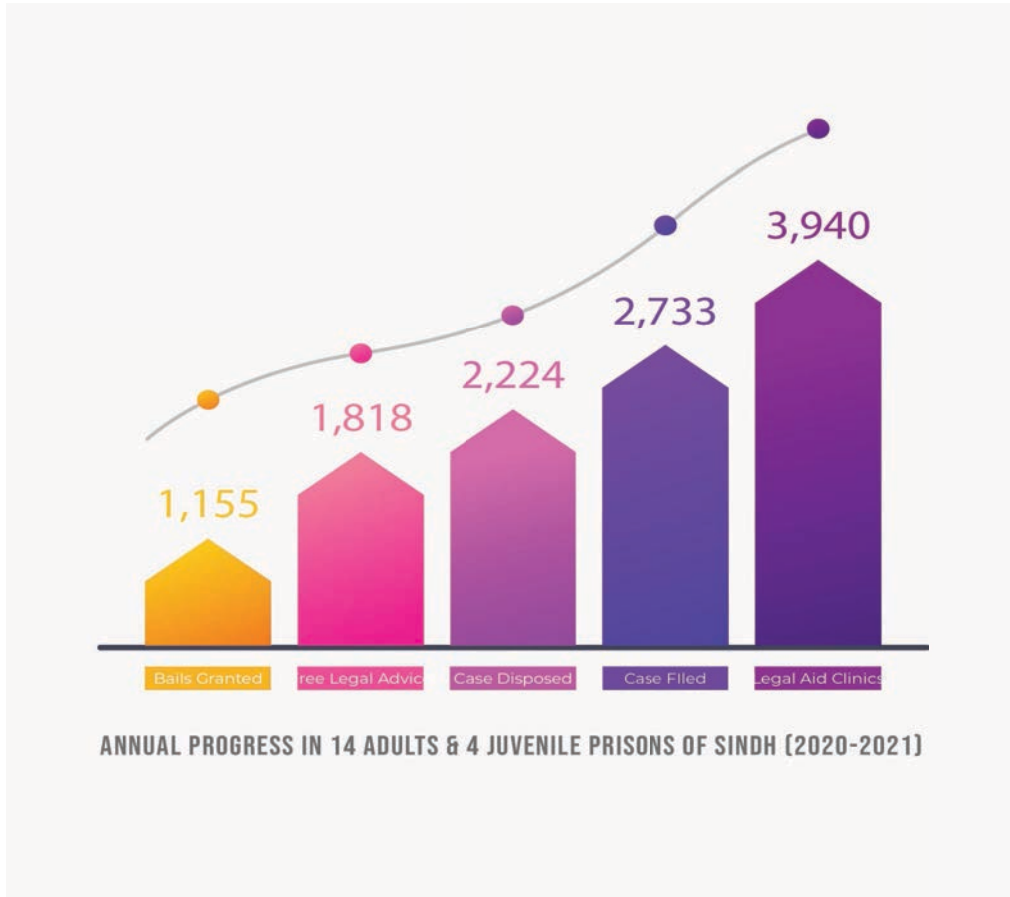
CWP-LAO advocates had the following successes during the project cycle: **2,224** cases were disposed of out of which, **1,420** cases (**63.84%**) were acquittals on merit; **607** (**27.29%**) were convictions on merit or by plea of guilt, and **197** cases (**8.85%**) were disposed of on other grounds (proceedings were stopped, cases were compromised, probation, Vakalatnama withdrawn, accused absconded). **1,155** Bail applications were granted to inmates.

### ***Free Legal Aid & Advisory Camps***

CWP-LAO plays a critical role in disseminating information on rights, access to justice services, and access to benefits on COVID-19 response. During the second & third wave of pandemic these camps were conducted with the safety guidelines/SOPs and the CWP- LAO team took maximum measures in prisons to effectively control risks of infection spread to ensure these hazards and risks cannot cause harm to prisoners. The objective of these camps is to provide basic legal aid to prisoners in conflict with the law, from the entry into the justice system at the police station through the prosecution department, the trial process in court, and prison if a person is remanded or is serving a sentence. We also spread awareness about the rights and responsibilities of users of the justice system and disseminated multi-format IEC materials to inform

prisoners about the newly notified Prison rules 2020 and the availability of mechanisms for access to justice, and inform prisoners of their eligibility for support, legal aid and social services that interface with justice systems.

**1,660** UTPs and convicts benefited from these camps in the current reporting year.



CASE DISPOSALS IN 14 ADULTS & 4 JUVENILE PRISONS OF SINDH (2020-2021)



*CWP-LAO recognizes that there is a lack of facilities available for new UTPs and other prisoners, which limits their 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.*

### **Prison Paralegal Program**

The Prison Paralegal Program has responded to this gap by training convicts as paralegals, who assist in running information sessions in their prisons. The primary intention behind this is to create a sustainable mechanism of legal awareness within the prison. The convicts are provided training and resources for this purpose, and in turn, are rewarded by remissions and a sense of purpose and fulfilment. For incoming prisoners, there is a readily available resource within the prison that can provide basic legal information. With the spread of COVID-19 in Pakistan, Prisons across the country were promptly ordered to suspend their regular Court visits, rehabilitation activities, and visitation for the safety of Prisoners and Prison Staff. In the previous quarter, given a decline in Covid-19 cases in Pakistan, Prison activities gradually resumed, and classes run by paralegal convicts restarted on 8th September, 2020 with redefined SOPs and consent of the Prison authorities. Paralegal classes are adhering to social distancing and safety protocols. Due to the new wave of COVID 19, paralegal classes in C.P Sukkur resumed on 6th March, 2021.

### **Prison Paralegal Sessions**

The CWP-LAO completed **60** Prison Paralegal Sessions with new inmates of C.P Karachi and C.P Sukkur, and **9** selected Convict Paralegals conducted legal literacy sessions & successfully provided legal awareness to **1,494** new UTPs who had recently been admitted to prisons This was done through two Sessions a week in C.P Karachi and once a week in C.P, Hyderabad and C.P, Sukkur.

### **PPE drive and Serology Testing for Seroprevalence Survey of COVID-19 in Prisons of Sindh**

CWP - LAO in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society, devised an initiative to provide immediate assistance to the prisons with the provision of essential PPE and in collecting data to understand prevalence rates of COVID-19 within Prisons. The aim of devising a strategy for antibody testing was to determine the prison strata's exposure to the virus. The seroprevalence study analyses how many Prisoners and Prison Staff were getting exposed to the virus and how many of them acquired immunity.



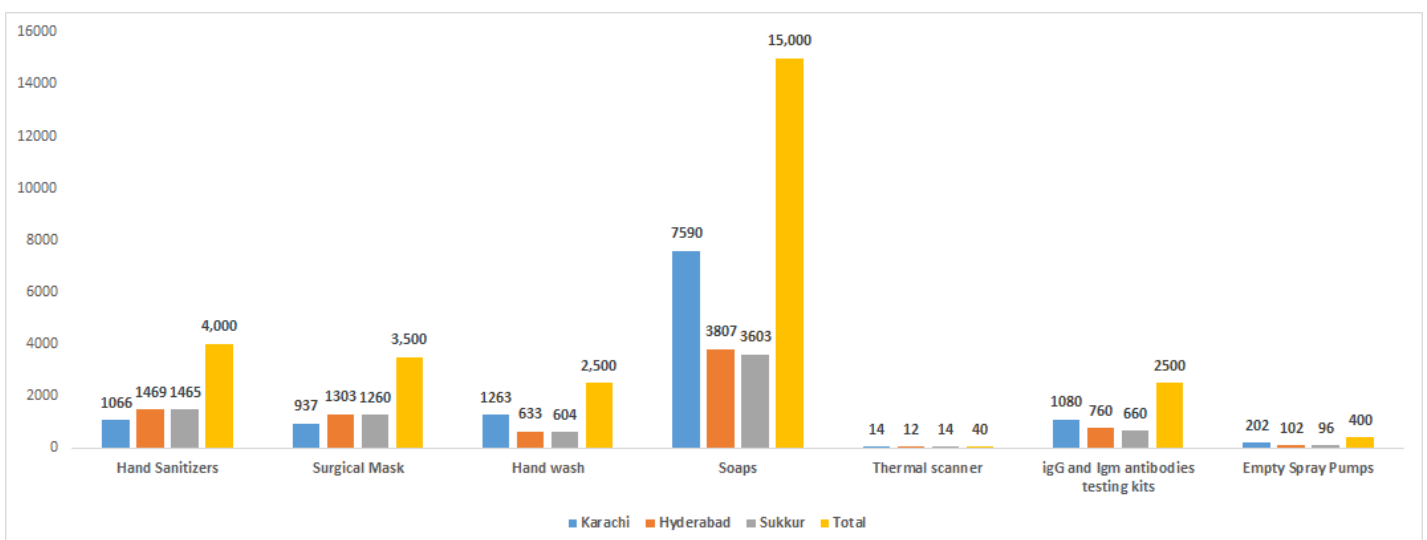
As the deployment of PPE and testing of prisoners was scheduled range wise (Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur), three separate range wise trainings were conducted for prison medical staff of prisons in the relevant ranges. These sessions were used to review the existing SOPs and explain the value and limitations of rapid testing. The training sessions were divided into two phases. In the first phase (13 to 15th July 2020), the training consisted of concerned prison medical staff of Women & YOIS, Central and District Prison of Malir- covering Karachi Range.

In the second phase, (23rd to 28th July 2020) the training sessions included Prison Medical Staff in the concerned Prisons of Hyderabad and Sukkur Region. Each training session was followed by a mini-camp in which Rapid Corona testing was performed according to the existing inmates' strategy lead by Nawan Labs and CitiLab/ Advanced Lab.

The following quantities of PPE equipment for deployment in all **24** prisons in **Sindh**:

- Hand Sanitizer: **4,000** liters (Quick-drying, 99.99% Sterilization, 70 percent alcohol)
- Surgical Mask: **3,500** pieces
- Hand Wash: **2,500** (Anti-Bacterial 250 ML)
- Antibacterial Soaps: **15,000** (Anti-Bacterial soap 100gm)
- Thermal Scanners: **40** (Temperature Range 32-42.9C)
- Dettol: **810** liters
- Igg & Igm anti bodies rapid testing Kits: **2,500** (Approved By Singapore HSA TGA, NMPA , CE)
- Gloves: **1,000** pair of gloves
- Empty Spray Pumps: **400** (2 liters plastic spry pumps)

As a result of the training given to medical officers, these tests were conducted by prison medical staff themselves in the 13 prisons and with CWP-LAO assistance in the remaining prisons. A total of **2,500 tests** were conducted for over 3 weeks. Local and international media extensively highlighted the initiative in Sindh Prisons.



### ***CWP-LAO's Annual Progress Meeting***

On September 10th, 2020, the annual performance review meeting of CWP was held at the Home Department. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Muhammad Usman Chachar, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, and Government of Sindh. The key performance measures were discussed by the Secretary to the CWP, Ms. Haya Emaan Zahid for the previous year. The highlights of the achievements in the last year during the unprecedented condition of COVID outbreak:

- **4,917** male prisoners and **756** female and juvenile prisoners were provided with legal information and advice
- **2,231** male prisoners and **299** female and juvenile prisoners were provided with legal representation in courts
- **2,076** cases were disposed of through court orders.
- **1,012** bail applications were filed and granted for male, female adult prisoners and juvenile prisoners.

The meeting was attended by I.G Prisons, Sindh, DIG Prisons range of Hyderabad and Sukkur, Special Secretary Sindh Prisons, Additional Secretary of Women's Development Department and Secretary CWP LAO.



### ***Online Training for Mental Health for Prisoners***

CWP-LAO with the support of Sehat Kahani organized an online training session for the

Sensitization of Prison staff towards the Mental Health needs of Prisoners 4th August, 2020. Prison staff can play a vital role in the prevention of mental ill-health and can improve prisoner well-being as part of their regular work. The way staff treat and interact with prisoners can prevent, cause or exacerbate mental ill-health. Whilst staff cannot control the numbers of people entering prison with mental health conditions. Our Prison staff already do such an incredible job in this space with relatively little specific mental health training. With the rate of mental health incidents continuing to rise in our community it is more important than ever to ensure our prison staff is better equipped with the skills required to respond more effectively.

During the session, Prison Staff also highlighted the issues of the psychosocial needs of prisoners with mental health conditions, and how to communicate with them. The training focuses on encouraging mental health promotion for both prisoners and staff and breaking down the stigma and discrimination related to mental ill-health. The session was attended by 25 participants from Juveniles Prisons from Karachi and Hyderabad.

### ***Coordination Meeting with Prison Officials of Hyderabad Region***

CWP-LAO's litigation team arranged a meeting with Prison officials 7th to 11th October, 2020 in 8 Prisons of Hyderabad Region. (Central Prison Hyderabad, Women & YOIS Prison Hyderabad, Special Prison Nara Hyderabad, Central Prison Mirpurkhas, District Prisons Sanghar, Nausheroferoz and Dadu Prisons. The main purpose of these meetings was to strengthen coordination between the two sides and also to understand Covid challenges prison administration faces to develop a more pro-active and effective response approach in providing services with safety measures for prisoners. During the visit, the team received 25 requests for the free representations, Surety/ fines and appeals from High court and supreme courts.



### ***Distribution of Bedsheets in Hospital facilities in Prison***

The provision of health care in prison must also align with the specific needs of the prison population. The prison itself cannot cater for all the possible health-care needs of prisoners. In the absence of a specialized service, CWP-LAO trying to fill up these gaps, in cooperation with competent prison authorities, to Support catering arrangements (for PPE equipment's) and conditions of hygiene (cleanliness of clothing and bedding etc). CWP-LAO handed over 1,240 hospital bed sheets for the prison health facilities across Sindh. We always dedicated to improving the living condition of prisoners despite the onset of the current pandemic.



### ***First Committee Meeting on Juvenile Reform***

On December 9th, 2020 in order to reform the juvenile correctional facilities in Sindh, a meeting was organized by the Inspector General Sindh Prisons & Correction Services with the members of constituted committee. This meeting aimed to discuss the existing juvenile prison nomenclature as per law and to evaluate a move to Borstal School Model or Juvenile Rehabilitation Centers. The Prison Department desires to revamp YOIS through the special trainings a proposed change in uniforms of Prison staff members.

The Committee members emphasized that the Rules of the Juvenile Justice Act should be enacted so that the Sindh government can formulate this law and bring it forward in the formalizing structure. The meeting was attended by DIG Prisons of Karachi, Senior Superintendents, C.P Mirpurkhas, Senior Superintendents, C.P Karachi, Superintendent, D.P Nausheroferoz, Member of the Sindh National commission on the Rights of Child and Secretary CWP-LAO.

### ***Progress Review Meeting with Inspector General Prisons***

A progress review meeting was held on January 28, 2021, at the office of Inspector General Prisons Sindh Mr. Kazi Nazeer Ahmed and representatives from the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP). Barrister Haya Emaan Zahid (Secretary CWP) presented the litigation performance from July to December 2020, highlighting the 500+ acquittals on merit and disposals of over 1,000 cases in courts, during which free legal aid was provided by the Government's Committee. This was followed by a detailed discussion on the mechanisms for expansion in services and the implementation of the new prison laws. Mr. Kazi Nazeer appreciated the efforts of CWP and encouraged the team to carry on efforts for the provision of legal aid services in prisons.

### ***Engagement of Stakeholders of CWP-LAO & Sustainability of Relationship***

Forming, strengthening, and maintaining good relationships between relevant stakeholders is essential to ensuring genuine stakeholder participation and engagement. For this purpose, on 4 March 2021, the committee for the CWP-LAO organized a dinner at Moven Pick Hotel, Karachi, for the concerned officials from the Home Department, Sindh Prison Department and Audit general Department.

The Dinner was commenced by introductory remarks of the Guest of Honour, Secretary Prison, Mr. Sohail Ahmed Qureshi. This was followed by the Secretary CWP-LAO, Ms. Haya Emaan Zahid, underlining the nature work for the committee and declaring an open welcome to guests to visit CWP-LAO head office to explore our services in the Sindh Prisons. Following the introduction and welcome speeches, members of the relevant Delegation of Department had the opportunity to socialize with a broad range of guests, informally exploring guests' interests, and networking with others. The dinner was set for about 30 guests in an outdoor area of the restaurant, bearing in mind the COVID-19 restrictions.



### **One Day Training of CWP-LAO Lawyers**

Staff training and career development for any organization play a vital role in the development of its human resource capabilities and the resulting improvement in service delivery standards. CWP believes that basic legal awareness and sensitization towards rule of law is something that should not only be directed towards enhancing the competencies of its staff but to every citizen which in a way leads towards legal empowerment of the entire nation. Following this principle, the CWP ensures that legal awareness is an integral part of the training curriculum for its team, along with all associated staff involved with prison management in Sindh. For the same purpose a one-day training for CWP lawyers across Sindh was held on March 29, 2021.

This capacity-building session aimed at polishing the understanding of the lawyers on the new legal system introduced by the Sindh Prisons and Corrections Services Act 2019, along with the revision of Sindh Prison Rules 2020. Participants were trained on cross-examination skills using facts and figures, and unique challenges that they face in the courts with a view to assisting them gain the confidence of the clients, and communicate more effectively within the courts and prisons. With the development of new tools, cross-examination & communications skills, and additional knowledge, the lawyers will be able to better approach the problems that they face during prison management. The training also shed light on how to manage relationships, atmosphere, and codes within the prison.

The training was graced by the participation of Mr. Munawar Shah (Senior Superintendent C.P. Mirpurkhas), Mr. Mehmood Akhtar Qureshi (Senior Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan), and Mr. Mohammad Shahid Shafiq (District Session Judge & Senior Faculty Member of SJA). Sessions were also led by Ms. Hira Saleem, Superintendent C.P. Mirpurkhas, Mr. Mehmood Akhtar Qureshi; Senior Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan; and Mr. Mohammad Shahid Shafiq, District Session Judge & Senior Faculty Ms. Sana Sharif and Ms. Jawziya Zaman of the CWP. The training concluded with remarks from Justice (R) Arif Hussain Khilji, who provided his valuable insights, appreciated the work done, and persuaded the lawyers to remain committed to the services they provide in order to maintain and improve the legal services which the CWP provides.



### ***Mapping Exercise for Provision of Financial and Technical Assistance to Enhance Sports Infrastructure in Sindh Prisons and Correctional Facilities***

The CWP-LAO team, with the support of Sindh Prison department, conducted a mapping exercise, which identified existing sports infrastructure and facilities, particularly vacant spaces (ground surface area) in Prisons and Correctional Facilities across Sindh. Mapping survey was initiated by CWPLAO on 1st January 2021 and was completed on 23rd January 2021. The ultimate aim of this exercise was to provide recommendations regarding the development of space, where available, into sports areas in order to ensure the welfare and rehabilitation of prisoners, and highlight all requirements and potential challenges in the development of the aforementioned sports areas. Through this preliminary finding, CWP-LAO requested that the Honorable Secretary Sports consider developing a Sports for Development curriculum for prisoners across Sindh.

### ***Installation of CWP-LAO Visibility Boards***

In order to create greater awareness of the vast work being done by CWP-LAO and to ensure transparency and accountability, a visibility board was designed to display CWP-LAO's Annual progress and free legal aid clinics schedule within the prisons. The CWP-LAO installed 18 visibility boards in 18 Prisons of Sindh, the majority of which are installed in the entrance/main area of the prisons.

### ***One Day Workshop for Juvenile Prison in YOIS Hyderabad***

A one-day workshop on "Interpersonal Skills and Conflict Resolution" was organized for Juvenile prisoners in YOIS Hyderabad on 21st June 2021.

This Workshop aims to explore helping youth identify social persuasion techniques and respond more effectively to social influences to use tobacco and other drugs. Specifically, youngsters learn and practice how to turn persuasion tactics around for prosocial aims. This workshop also discusses the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 as well as the specialized needs and vulnerabilities of the juvenile population.

The workshop was attended by (24) juveniles and 4 Prison Officials inmates from YOIS Hyderabad. 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 and understanding establish confidential, close and friendly relationships among other inmates. Also enhance to develop a need and readiness for improving communicative abilities of juvenile inmates.

The Lead Trainer of the workshop was Mrs. Mahrukh Iftikhar (Consultant Clinical Psychologist) with the support of litigation Manager, CWP-LAO Advocate Mr. Habib Jiskani.





### ***One Day Training of Prison Staff on Sindh Prisons and Correctional Services Rules***

CWP-LAO believes that legal awareness and sensitization towards rule of law should be an integral part of the training curriculum for all law enforcement professionals. A greater need was realized to improve capacities and to reflect on the major changes in New Sindh Prisons Rules.

To this context, the Committee of the Welfare of Prisoners-Legal Aid Office organized a one-day training for Sindh Prison Officials on the 'Sindh Prisons and Corrections Services Rules, 2020' on June 12, 2021, at Pakistan Society for Training & Development (PSTD) in Karachi. Alongside the new mechanisms for prison administration, the training also shared light on several important topics such as rules for Admission of Prisoners, their authorized absence, Early Discharge from prison, prisoners' wellbeing, and Rehabilitation, along with general rules relating to prison duty officers.

The day was graced by the presence of IG Prisons Sindh Mr. Kazi Nazeer Ahmed, Mr. Munawar Shah (Senior Superintendent Central Prison Mirpurkhas), Ms. Sheeba Shah (DIG Women & Juvenile Prison, Karachi), with outstanding participation from the 25 of executive staff (Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent) from the Sindh Prisons across Sindh.



We hope that this training brought substantial learnings to the participants, and would help them to be better equipped with the new Prison law & regulations. At the end of the training session, The Chairman CWP-LAO Justice (R) Nasir Aslam Zahid was also given the certificate for participants.

### ***Re-inauguration of Prison Paralegal Room in Central Prison Hyderabad***

Inauguration Ceremony of Paralegal Class in C.P Hyderabad the Paralegal Room was re-inaugurated at the Central Prison, Hyderabad on 25th June, 2021 by DIG Prisons Hyderabad Mr. Muzaffar Alam Siddiqui. The prison has a fully functional prison paralegal service which provides legal awareness to new prison admissions in a sustainable and supervised manner. It is one of the rare examples of legal empowerment in which literate convicts are trained to be able to provide legal awareness and information to other prisons. In the closing ceremony, Superintendent, Mr. Zia ul Hassan distributed appreciation certificates among the paralegals. They emphasized on the role of Paralegals to sustain the concept of legal empowerment among the under-trial prisoners and also appreciated the efforts for their legal aid immense support.



### **Asim**

Asim is a 27-year-old man who was wrongfully charged with murder. He was arrested in April, 2015 and spent 5 years at the Central Prison in Karachi in wait for justice to be served. Asim had no previous criminal record and fell victim to the false charges levelled against him by shop tenants who refused to pay their rental dues to him and his father. Asim belongs to a very poor family and was not in a position to engage a private advocate to fight his case. His father, a retired pensioner, requested the CWP-LAO to provide legal aid in early 2019 after he was referred to the CWP by Madadgar. Mr. Habib Jiskani from CWP took Asim's case and aggressively pursued it in court. A judgment was announced in his favour on 31st August, 2020 pronouncing Asim innocent. Asim was extremely grateful for the zealous advocacy of CWP-LAO on his behalf and plans to restart his life where he left of helping his ageing father and providing for their family.

### **Ghulam Qadir**

Ghulam Qadir is a 40-year-old man who was implicated in multiple offences of theft, robbery and intoxication due to caste-based enmity with the Rind community. He has 1 daughter and 7 sons who are all minors and depend on his meagre earnings as a small-time farmer. He requested CWP-LAO for legal aid and Mr. Majid Ali proceeded in his cases on an urgent basis and

through his extra efforts ensured witnesses attended hearings. The case was concluded and the first verdict of an acquittal was delivered on one charge on 15-2-2020. Due to COVID-19, judicial work remained suspended however with courts working again Majid has continued to follow up and appear in the cases and the remaining two charges were also addressed through disposal orders on 12-9-2020 resulting in the acquittal of Ghulam Qadir. He is very thankful to the CWP who appeared for him like a bright flame in his dark life.

### **Ali Asghar**

29-year-old Ali Asghar was accused by the police of allegedly being in possession of drugs and was confined in the District Prison in Dadu. He came from a poor family and the case against him was fabricated by relatives due to a matrimonial dispute. Mr. Fahad Dawachh Advocate of the CWP-LAO represented him successfully and pursued the case examining all witnesses that appeared before the Court. Final arguments were heard on the same date on which the statement of accused was recorded and Ali was acquitted.

### **Muhammad Haneef**

M. Haneef, aged 40, spent three months in Central Prison, Mirpurkhas, The police malafidly arrested him for no reason and implicated him in



a false case of Narcotics (475 gram charas) which he didn't commit. He belongs to a very poor family who survived based on his daily wages earned as a manual laborer. The family had no resources to engage a private advocate to represent the case. The case against Haneef was fabricated and had no merit. CWP- LAO advocate M. Touseef Chandio proceeded the case on 19-10-20 on the request of the Additional District Judge, Tando Allahyar when the case was at a stage of Evidence and CWP-LAO advocate started to take efforts for the acquittal of the client. After receiving police papers, he filed power on behalf of him on the same date of hearing. All prosecution witnesses were examined in one day and statement of accused recorded and final arguments heard meanwhile CWP-LAO lawyer further argued that the case was concluded from the evidence witnesses, and there are huge contradictions in the version of complainant. As a result, the court announced its Judgment with the acquittal of accused on the same date, since the CWP- LAO advocate was engaged for only one day. Finally, M. Haneef was released from the curse of criminal litigation and he paid immense thanks to CWP-LAO Advocate and his family appreciated the work of CWP-LAO Team.

### **Azeem**

Azeem, 23 years old, was languishing in Central Prison -Karachi for two and a half years. The accused was convicted by the court under the charge of attempt to murder and police encounter. The judgment which provides for a maximum sentence of 10 years. As he belongs to low socioeconomic status and was not in a position to hire a lawyer he tried to proceed in court on his father informed CWP-LAO that the police dragged his son from home and demanded illegal gratification which was not paid to them which is why he was kept at the police station for two days in illegal confinement and after that, he was falsely involved in the charges.

He has requested that CWP-LAO advocate Mr. Habibullah Jiskani represent him in court for his defense. The judgement was announced, his sentence was reduced as already undergone and a fine of 20,000 rupees was imposed. As a result, his eight years of sentence were reduced by the efforts of CWP-LAO's lawyer. His fine amount sum of rupees 20,000/ was also paid by CWP/LAO.

### ***Probono Partnership Success***

Probono Partnership Success: The accused in this referral case was sentenced for committing the offence of robbery and committing murder under section 392, 324,353/34 of the PPC in 2019. He was sentenced to 7 years of rigorous imprisonment with a fine of PRs. 50,000. He had no counsel to represent him before the bench of the honorable Sindh High court. He filed an appeal on his behalf to the court. He had no access to information regarding his case nor did he have any finances to hire a private advocate. In this state of utter despair, his matter was taken up by CWP-LAO who referred it to one of their trusted pro bono partners, Shah & Sarki Barristers & Advocates to appear in the appeal. The incident allegedly took place at a famous mall in Karachi as per the complainant who contended that the three accused persons were armed with weapons and snatched cash mobile phones. They complained to the police on 15 and once the police reached the mall the accused started firing at them. As a result of the firing, one accused sustained a leg gun shot. The police arrested the three accused along with weapons and the purported looted case property. It is pertinent to mention that the IO was unable to collect CCTV footage of the entire incident despite CCTVs being installed all across the mall. It was also interesting to note neither complainant nor police sustained any injuries. The incident took place inside the shop however no damage was found. A material witness of the prosecution side who was an employee of the complainant was given up by



the prosecution which created serious doubts in the prosecution's story. Police used official weapons in the encounter but the same was not sent for FSL. As per the medical report, the injuries shown were not the result of the weapons seized. The appeal was allowed on 11th December, 2020 giving the benefit of the doubt in favour of the accused. After his acquittal, he was very happy and satisfied with such dedicated assistance and pro bono counselling by CWP-LAO.

### ***Rajab Ali***

Rajab Ali aged 22, spent six months in Central Prison Karachi. He was earlier implicated in a false theft case by the police for an unrecovered item. From the story narrated by Rajab and corroborated by CWP- LAO lawyers, the case against Amir was fabricated and had no merit. Rajab was arrested laobased on an FIR registered by senior police officials. On 09-09-2020, after duty, as he was going back home, police stopped and searched him, and upon finding nothing on him, brought him to the police station and falsely implicated him in this case. Rajab Ali did not know why police foisted theft case upon him, and claimed to be innocent. Ali belongs to a very poor family, and as a daily wage worker, earns a monthly income of around Rs. 15000. Rajab was unable to afford a lawyer and was advised to confess to his crime in exchange for a reduced sentence. CWP-LAO advocate Mr. Munawar Hussain represented him in the court as his defence and filed his Vakalatnama on 13-10-2020. At the time of charge framed, he did not plead guilty; therefore, the case was shifted to evidence stage. D/C examined 5 prosecution witnesses and found contradiction among statement of all five witnesses, with all five witnesses being police officers (a clear violation of section 103 Cr.P.C). Contradictions of witnesses created serious doubt in the case, and case property was highly doubtful. Examination in chief of the complainant also did not support this case. From the Perusal

of the entire evidence, it transpired that the prosecution had completely failed to prove the charge against him, and the contradictions shattered the story entirely. The court acquitted the accused from the charges on 15 February 2021. He was very grateful for the assistance of the Legal Aid Office and has now reunited with his family.

### ***Waseem Dilshad***

Waseem Dilshad a juvenile under 18 years of age belonged to a very poor family and was working as a laborer in a bike mechanic shop. He was earning Rs. 300/- per day. According to Dilshad, on 2nd March 2020, while he was sitting in the street with his friends, he was arrested by the rangers and handed over to police. At this stage, the police demanded some money as gratification, which he denied giving. The police lodged a false and fabricated FIR against him and implicated him under charges of illegal weapons possession. Mr. Waqar Ali Mallah, Advocate of Legal Aid Office interviewed Dilshad on 5th March, 2020 and took on his case. His vakalatnama was filed in court on 12th March 2020. Case proceedings started and challan was submitted on 7th May, 2020. The charge was framed on 4th September 2020, and a total of three Prosecution Witnesses were identified in this case at the evidence stage, with all three witnesses being police officials. However, during proceedings, only two prosecution witnesses appeared and one witness, who was also the investigation officer of the case, remained continuously absent. By using discretionary powers, court closed the prosecution side on 12th January, 2021. After closing the prosecution side statement of record, and after assessing the statement of the accused and evidence of the 2 Prosecution Witnesses, the court concluded the case and acquitted the accused from all charges on 12th January, 2021. The case took a total of 10 months to conclude. Dilshad is extremely happy with the services he has received from CWP-LAO.

### ***Amanullah***

Amanullah has been incarcerated for two and a half years under the offence of Daicoty in the Central Prison of Karachi. He belonged to a poor family and was the only source of income for his old mother, with barely enough earnings to cover day-to-day expenses. Due to her old age, Amanullah's mother faced difficulty in meeting him on court dates and had filed an application regarding the pendency of the suit for a long period, however, this did not aid in proceeding his case any further. Moreover, Amanullah's mother was not in a position to engage any private Advocate in his case and, therefore, required free legal representation. Upon Amanullah's mother's request, the cases were taken to CWP-LAO Advocate Ms. Paras Magsi who applied section 265 k and argued on the delayed proceedings, raising concerns that no Prosecution Witness had been examined. Within a month, prosecution witnesses, which had not been coming to court since 2018, were called in. The judge recognized that the charges against Amanullah were false and acquitted him on 5-1- 2021. Amanullah has reunited with his mother since.

### ***Umair Khan***

Umair Khan is 30-year-old man belonging to an underprivileged family. Prior to his incarceration, he was the bread earner for his family and worked as laborer at a dairy farm. He was arrested by the police from a street where an influential property owner and a local sheikh were engaged in a physical conflict. Police arrested him on identification of the property owner and booked him in a false case of police encounter. Our advocate interviewed him and a vakalatnama was filed at his request, as he could not engage private counsel for representation of his case before the concerned court. Mr. Samiullah Shaikh, Advocate of Legal Aid Office filed the vakaltnama

on 1st March 2021, and challan was submitted on the same day. This enabled the case to move to the evidence stage where a total of 4 prosecution witnesses were examined and statement of the accused was recorded. After completion of proceedings, entire record such as the challan, evidence, statement of the accused and final arguments of both sides were assessed by the court and it was found that prosecution had failed to prove their case, with not even a single allegation being proven in proceedings. This led to the acquittal of the accused from the false charges on 13th March 2021, by extending the benefit of doubt u/s 265-H(I) Cr.P.C. It took only three weeks to conclude the matter and accused was released. Had the CWP- LAO advocate not taken this matter up, the accused would have faced imprisonment of up to 10 years. After his release, Khan was extremely grateful to the CWP-LAO and the Sindh government for their support.

### ***Hammad***

Hammad is a 17-year-old boy who had been wrongfully charged with unlicensed weapon. He was arrested on 2nd March, 2020 and spent ten months at the YOIS facility in Karachi. Hammad had no previous criminal record and fell victim to the false charges levelled against him while he was sitting in a street with his friends. He was arrested by the rangers and handed over to the police, who demanded some money as gratification. Upon their refusal to pay this amount, the police lodged a false and fabricated FIR against him and implicated him under charges of an unlicensed weapon. Hammad belonged to a very poor family and was not in a position to engage a private advocate to fight his case. He requested the CWP-LAO to provide legal aid in early 2020. His case proceedings started shortly after. There were three Prosecution Witnesses in this case and all three witnesses were police officials. However, during proceedings, only two

prosecution witnesses appeared while one witness, who was also the investigation officer in the case, remained continuously absent despite several notices issued by the court. By using discretionary powers, court closed the prosecution side on 12th January 2021. After closing prosecution side, statement of Hammad was recorded and he was acquitted from all charges as the prosecution had completely failed to prove a single allegation against him. A judgment was announced in his favour on 12 January 2021. It took 10 months to conclude Hammad's case. Upon his acquittal, Hammad praised the work of Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid and the Sindh Government.

### ***Muhammad Hassan***

Mohammad Hassan is 40 years old. His family includes his father, his wife, and their two daughters, all of whom depend on him for their income. His family is extremely poor and he is the sole bread earner, working as farmer on daily wages prior to his incarceration. On 11th February 2021 while he was going back home from work, he was stopped by the police who conducted a body search on him and found nothing. The police then demanded illegal gratification but he refused. On his refusal, the police arrested him, brought to the police station, and lodged an FIR against him, accusing him of selling drugs. Advocate Ms. Noreen Noor Mohammad, on her visit to Special Prison Nara, Hyderabad, conducted his interview filed a Vakalatnama on 3rd March, 2021 upon his request. At the stage of framing of charge, Hassan did not plead guilty and requested for case proceedings. DC received police papers on same day. On next date of hearing, all prosecution witnesses were present along with relevant documents and their evidence was recorded on same day. After that, the statement of accused was recorded then final arguments were heard.

After completion of all proceedings, court assessed entire record of the case and reached the conclusion that all police record and evidence of the witnesses were full of contradictions. Court announced verdict and Hassan was acquitted on 10th March 2021. It took only one hearing to conclude the case and accused was freed from all false charges.

### ***Muhammad Ashraf***

Mohammad Ashraf is a 36 years old man implicated in a multiple offence illegal weapon, false and fabricated case of an attack to murder on police party. He has 1 daughter and 03 sons all are minors, by profession, he is a labourer. He belongs to a poor family; he was the only main earner for his ailing parent and hardly covered to day-to-day expenses, He has requested to CWP-LAO advocate to represent him in court for his defence. CWP-LAO advocate Mohammad Toseef proceeds his cases on an urgent basis vakaltanama was filed on 22nd March, 2021 and made extra efforts in Challan submission and copies supplied to other side and case moved to evidence stage. After proceedings concluded, the court has gone through the entire record of the case such as challan, evidence, statement of accused and final arguments of both sides assessed by the court and huge contradictions have been found in prosecutions witnesses' a statement so prosecution completely failed to prove their case, even a single the allegation was not proved in proceedings. Ashraf acquitted from the false charges on 29th March, 2021, by extending the benefit of the doubt. He is very thankful to CWP who appeared for him like a bright flame in his dark life, in the end, he said he will always remember the disinterested services of CWP advocate now he is again leading a life along with children. If CWP-LAO would not take his case, then he would face imprisonment for a term that may extend to 14 years plus a fine.

### ***Faisal***

Faisal aged 16 years and was incarcerated at Remand Home, Karachi. He was among 5 brothers and 1 sister and was working as a tailor master and residing at Zia Colony. He belongs to very poor family background. He was arrested on the allegation of snatching a mobile phone which he purchased from one of his friends but he was unaware of the fact that the mobile phone was snatched from someone. During regular prison visit our advocate Ms. Mehwish Naz interviewed him and Vakalatnama was taken at his request as he was financially very weak and could not be able to engage a private advocate.

Vakalatnama was filed on 27th November, 2020, and proceedings commenced. Challan was submitted and copies supplied to the other side and the case moved to charge framed. While charge was framed by the court Faisal was not pleaded his guilt and the case moved to the evidence stage.

The CWP- LAO lawyer determined that all three witnesses mentioned in Faisal's case were police officers. There was total 3 PWs in this case out of which only 1 witness examined and the other two were been constantly absent. ADPP requested the court to grant time for presenting the remaining two witnesses before the court on which defense counsel argued that both witnesses are remaining absent for a long time so the court must take action against this negligence. By using suo-moto powers court closed the prosecution side. Statement of accused recorded and then final arguments heard.

After the proceedings concluded, the court conducted an assessment of the entire case record and found a huge contradiction in the prosecution side such as examination-in-chief, evidence etc, which lead to the acquittal of the Faisal from the false and fabricated charges by the extending benefit of the doubt.

Before engagement of CWP- LAO advocate, he was incarcerated for 4 months and 7 days, but after power filed by our advocate it took only 2 months to conclude this case.

If CWP -LAO would not take his case, then he would face imprisonment for a term which may extend to 10 years or fine or both. After release he was very happy and praised the work of CWP-LAO services.

### ***Rao Junaid***

Rao Junaid was living happily with his family. On 7th January, 2021, while he was going for some work on his friend's bike police stopped him and asked for documents which he was not able to produce then police arrested and booked him in this false case of bike robbery. Our advocate Ms. Mehwish Naz interviewed him and Vakalatnama was taken at his request as he was financially not stable and could not engage private advocate. Vakalatnama was filed on 13th January, 2021, and proceedings started. Challan was submitted on 23rd January, 2021, and copies supplied to the other side and the case moved to charge framed. While charge was framed by the court Junaid was not pleaded his guilt and also court observed that the investigation and evidence of the case were much doubtful and the case was not maintainable thus defense counsel argued and filed application u/s 249-A which empowers the magistrates to use discretionary powers. By using these discretionary powers to acquit the accused person at any stage, court acquitted him from the false and fabricated charges on 27th January, 2021.

Before the engagement of CWP-LAO's advocate he faced imprisonment of 7 days, but after power filed by our advocate it took only 14 days to conclude this case. If CWP-LAO would not take his case, then he would face imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years or fine or both. After getting acquitted from the curse of criminal charges he was quite happy.



*Development and publication of research and Information, Education & Communication (“IEC”) material is an integrated objective of the Project. This has assisted in a greater analysis of the impact of communications on the prison system and criminal justice system and their mechanisms. IEC material contributes to the legal empowerment of prisoners through the dissemination of information amongst inmates on prison rules, prisoners’ rights and fundamental rights provided under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*

### **Research Launch Event**

The launching for CWP-LAO studies was planned for April 2020 and has been rescheduled for next fiscal year due to the situation of COVID. The launch will be rescheduled once the situation permits and with the go ahead of the Additional Chief Secretary.

### **Development of Training Material on New Prison Rules**

CWP-LAO firmly believes that basic legal awareness and sensitization towards rule of law should be directed not only towards enhancing competencies of its staff members, but towards every citizen of the country which, in turn, will contribute towards legal empowerment of the entire nation. Following this principle, the CWP ensures that legal awareness is an integral part of the training curriculum for its team, along with all associated staff involved with prison management in Sindh. In order to do so, we have prepared training material pertaining to Admission, Authorized Absence, Admission & Visitation, Early Discharge, Rehabilitation & Wellbeing of Prisoners and general rules relating to prison officers and staff. We are aware that it is the people working in these prisons that are key to delivering desired changes and are working towards building their capacities to implement these changes by providing them with comprehensive trainings.

### **Designing & Publishing New Prison Law & Rules**

The Sindh Prisons and Correction Services Act, 2019 was successfully passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 17th May 2019. CWP-LAO remained a part of the Government Committee along with the Prison Department and was involved in the redrafting of the Prison Rules. Upon the request of I.G Prisons, CWP has successfully the designing and publishing of New Prison Rules after the consent of Sindh Prison Department and Ministry of Law Department.

### **Revision of IEC Material of Prison Paralegal Program**

CWP-LAO has successfully developed, revise, and print Information, Education and Communication materials (IEC) to raise awareness regarding the adoption of Paralegal Program interventions implemented by CWP-LAO. The specialty of this guide is that it mentions the techniques on practical bases using various learning methods like games, role-plays, simulation, exercise, and group activities. The guide also contains content relevant to basic knowledge of the law, prison rules, criminal law & different stages of a trial. We seek to incorporate major changes of the Sindh Prisons and Correctional Services Act 2019 within the paralegal teaching curriculum.



RESEARCH  
PUBLICATIONS

*Following are the challenges CWP-LAO faced during the implementation of the Project*

- During the third wave of COVID, suspension of and restrictions on activities in prisons resulted in the inability to achieve litigation targets.
- Delays in release of funds resulted in operational delays.
- The CWP-LAO team frequently visits Prisons, courts, and Prison premises. They have a higher risk of contracting COVID and spreading this at the workplace. Regular monitoring and randomized testing is needed.



# CHALLENGES



MOST IMMEDIATE

NO. HD(PRS-1)/7-2/2003  
No.  
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH  
HOME DEPARTMENT

Karachi, dated the 21-01-2004

To,

The Inspector General of Prisons,  
Sindh, Camp Office @ Karachi.

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE  
INSIDE CENTRAL PRISON KARACHI

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Sindh Governor's Secretariat letter No. GS/20-80/2003 (SO-11)/09 dated 5.1.2004 and a copy of this department's Office Memorandum of even number dated 21.01.2004 in this regard, which are self explanatory.

2. The Governor's Secretariat has directed for establishment of office of the committee inside Central Prison, Karachi. In this regard, please refer your consent as conveyed vide your letter No BB-1/5870 dated 11.12.2003.

3. It is requested to please make necessary arrangements accordingly

( SHAHZAD RIND )  
SECTION OFFICER (PRISON-1)  
FOR ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (HOME)

A copy is forwarded for information to:-

1. Mr. Justice (Retd) Nasir Aslam Zahid, Chairman.
2. The Advocate General Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Deputy Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi with reference to his letter No. GS/20-80/2003(SO-11)/09 dated 5.1.2004.
4. The Deputy Secretary (Prisons) Home Department, Sindh, Karachi
5. P.S to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Home & Coordination.
6. P.S to Additional Chief Secretary (Home)

( SHAHZAD RIND )  
SECTION OFFICER (PRISON-1)  
HOME DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATIONS:  
ANNEXURE-A







No.SO(Prison-I)/HD/ 11-27/10  
**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**  
**HOME DEPARTMENT**  
 Karachi dated May 02, 2011  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

In continuation of this Department's Office Memorandum bearing No.HD(Prison-I)/7-2/2003, dated 21.01.2004, the name of 'Committee for the Welfare of Women Prisoners' is hereby renamed as 'Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners' keeping in view the expansion in scope of the Committee to include juvenile and adult male prisoners. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

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|-----|---|----------|
| (1) | Justice (Retd.) Nasir Aslam Zahid           | Chairman |
| (2) | Advocate General, Sindh                     | Member   |
| (3) | Deputy Secretary (Prisons), Home Department | Member   |

2. Terms of referenced for the Committee are as under :-

- (i) To work for the purpose of streamlining procedures and improving conditions of the jails.
- (ii) To assist in proper management of prisons in Sindh.
- (iii) To provide legal assistance to juvenile, male and female prisoners.
- (iv) To hire services of lawyers for the purpose of legal assistance to prisoners.
- (v) To work for welfare of women prisoners and their children living with their mothers in the jails.

*Muhammad Prinddin*  
**HOME SECRETARY**  
**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

No.SO(Prison-I)/HD/11-27/2010,

Karachi, dated: 03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2011

A copy is forwarded to :

- ✓ 1. Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid, Chairman, Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners, Karachi
2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi
3. Secretary to Government of Sindh, Law Department, Karachi
4. Advocate General, Sindh, Karachi
5. Provincial Police Officer, Sindh, Karachi
6. Inspector General of Prisons, Sindh, Karachi
7. All Superintendent of Prisons in Sindh
8. Deputy Secretary (Prison), Home Department
9. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Sindh.

*Shafi Uddin*  
 4/5/2011  
**(SHAFI UDDIN)**  
**SECTION OFFICER (PRISONS-I)**





GOVERNMENT OF SINDH  
HOME DEPARTMENT

**NOTIFICATION**

NO. HD/SO/(PRS-I)/10-01/2016: In a review of this department's office Memorandum bearing No. SO/(Prison-I)/HD/11-27/2010 dated 04.05.2011 and office Memorandum bearing No. HD/SO/(PRS-I)/11-11/2010 dated 0.07.2010, the Committee for Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) is hereby re-constituted for a period of two years with immediate effect. The revised composition and TORs of Committee are as under:-

i)	Justice (Retd) Nasir Aslam Zahid	Chairman
ii)	Inspector General of Prisons Sindh	Member
iii)	Additional Secretary (Prisons), Home Department Government of Sindh	Member
iv)	Additional Secretary, Women Development Department Government of Sindh	Member
v)	Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (entire new Region)	Member
vi)	Director, Women Development, Sindh	Member
vii)	Barister Haya Farhan Zahid (Legal Expert nominated by the Chairman)	Secretary Member

**2. TORs:**

The Committee shall perform the following role / functions:-

- (i) To provide legal awareness and legal empowerment to prisoners.
- (ii) To provide free legal aid, advice and assistance to prisoners.
- (iii) To work for the welfare of juvenile prisoners, women prisoners and children living with their mothers in prisons, in the areas of education, health, rehabilitation and livelihood support.
- (iv) To review laws, rules, regulations and policies related to prisoners and suggest repeal, amendment or new legislation if needed.

GAZI SHAHID URVEZ  
HOME SECRETARY SINDH

NO. HD/SO/(PRS-I)/10-01/2016

Karachi, the dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi
2. The Secretary Finance Department Government of Sindh
3. The Secretary Women Development Department
4. The Accountant General Sindh, Karachi
5. The Chairman, Members, Committee for Welfare of Prisoners (CWP)
6. The Inspector General of Prisons, Sindh, Karachi
7. PS to Minister for Law & Prisons Sindh
8. PSO to Home Secretary, Sindh.
9. PS to Special Secretary (Prisons) Home Department



GAZI SHAHID URVEZ  
HOME SECRETARY SINDH

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# Prison Paralegal Program



PICTURE  
GALLERY



## Distribution of Hospital Bedsheets





# Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment





# One Day Training of CWP-LAO Lawyers





## Engagement with Stakeholders of CWP-LAO for Sustain Relationships





# One Day Training of Prison Officials on Sindh Prisons & Correctional Services Rules





# Re-inauguration of Prison Paralegal Room in Central Prison Hyderabad





# One Day Workshop for Juvenile Prison in YOIS Hyderabad





# Mapping Exercise to Enhance Sports Infrastructure in Sindh Prisons and Correctional Facilities

