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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee for Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) is a government founded not for profit Committee that was notified in 2004 and operates under the Chairpersonship of Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid. The Committee's work is undertaken under the Legal Aid Office project (CWP-LAO). The 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.
- to reduce the burden on and de-congest the overcrowded and under-resourced prison system.

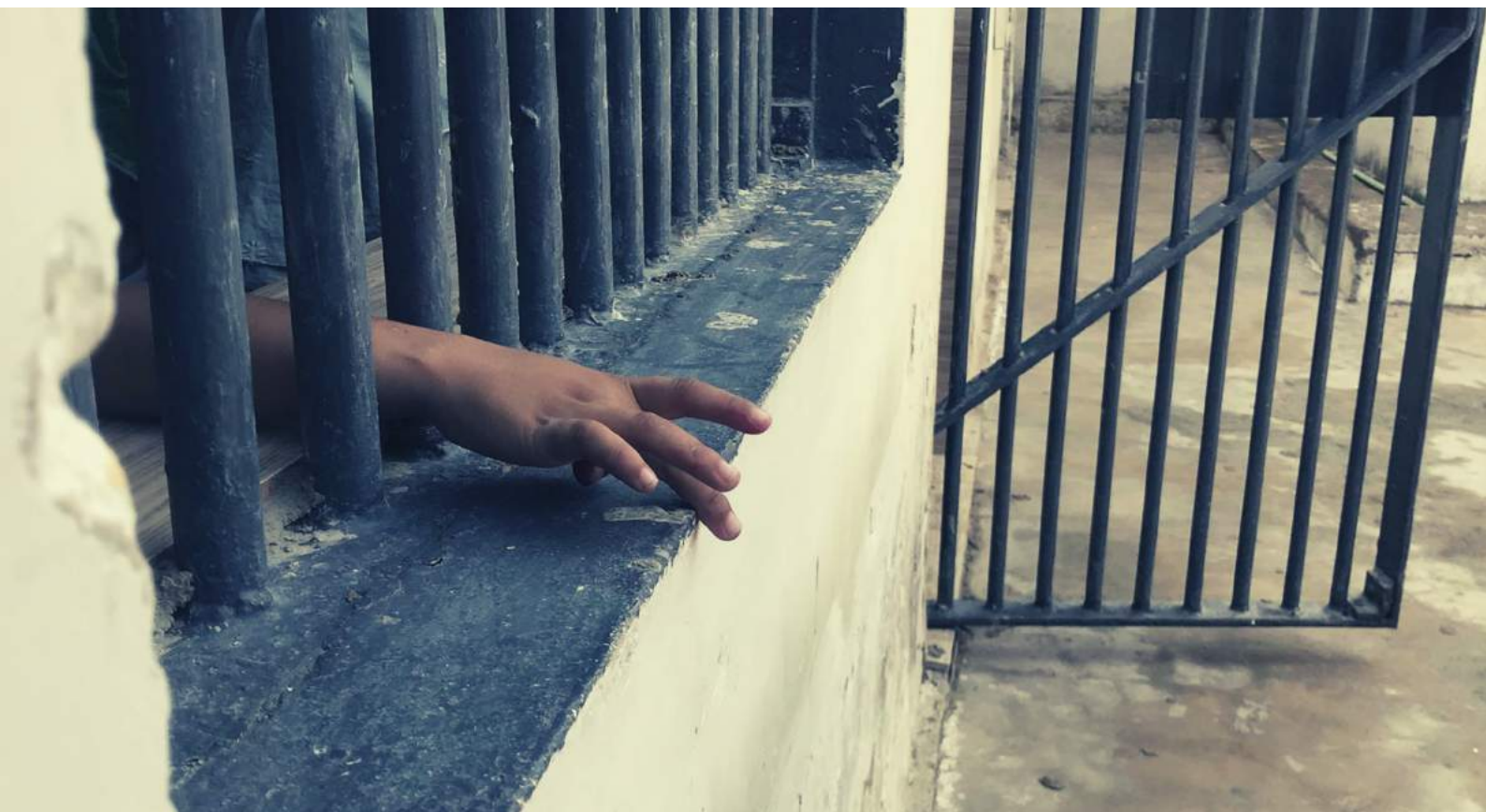
The CWP-LAO seeks to support Sindh's criminal justice system by advocating for speedy trials and case resolutions on behalf of under trial prisoners. This, in turn, reduces the burden on and de-congests the overcrowded and under-resourced prison system. The CWP-LAO with the support of the Home Department, Government of Sindh provides its services to prisoners in 14 adult male prisons and four juvenile prisons and one remand home facility in Sindh.

During the project cycle from 1st July 2019– 30th June 2020, the CWP- LAO team has fulfilled all of its targets which were projected until March 2020. After this, due to COVID outbreak, closures of government departments, ensuring delays in release of funds and suspension of access to prisons, variances in targets resulted.

The achieved progress is summarized as follows:

- **997** Bail orders were granted to inmates (achieving **110%** of its annual target).
- **2,455** Vakalatnamas were signed and filed in courts (achieving **80%** of its annual target)
- **2,023** Cases were disposed of (achieving **81%** of its annual target)
- **3,727** Interviews were conducted with inmates, including the provision of on the spot legal advice to **1,583** prisoners (achieving **62%** of its annual target).
- **1,267** Legal aid clinics were conducted (achieving **75%** of its annual target).
- **26** Prisoners were provided with surety amounts.
- The CWP-LAO organized 123 Paralegal sessions with convicts in Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Hyderabad and Central Sukkur.
- **1966** Under-Trial Prisoners (UTPs) have been given basic legal awareness by trained Convict Paralegals.
- Successfully placed 18 visibility boards of CWP-LAO performance updates in adult and YOIS prisons in Sindh.
- **38** Free Legal Aid & Advisory Camps in 19 Prisons across Sindh were organized by CWP-LAO advocates giving topic-specific free legal advice to 1,115 UTPs and convicts.
- **223** 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.
- Data collection exercise was conducted to verify the current legal identity status of **3,991** Adult Prisoners in Central Prison, Karachi.
- A CNIC camp was organized by NADRA in the Central Prison, Karachi. In the first phase, NADRA obtained and processed **94** applications for renewals of CNICs.
- One day friendly cricket match was organized in YOIS, Hyderabad.

- Data collection exercise was conducted to verify the current legal identity status of **951** Adult Prisoners in Central Prison, Hyderabad.
- The Paralegal Room was re-inaugurated at the Central Prison, through which distributed **15** appreciation certificates among the paralegals.
- Inauguration Ceremony in CWP-LAO Office in Dadu.
- CWP-LAO organized a two-day training of CWP-LAO lawyers, 36 LAO Lawyers and **3** M & E officers engaging to be one platform.
- CWP-LAO was organized an event “Reimagining Justice: Legal Empowerment in Sindh.” On 8th November, 2019 at T2F, Karachi.
- Welfare Drives in YOIS Prison Hyderabad, conducted through which **18** juveniles provided winter jackets & Geyser item was included.
- **1860** Masks, **550** (250 ml) bottles hand sanitizers, **744** soaps, **1,150** pairs of gloves and protective equipment provided in Adult & Juveniles’ Prisons of Sindh.



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. Due to the outbreak of COVID and for the prevention and control of the spread of the pandemic in prisons, restrictions were placed on visits of lawyers since March 2020. 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.

Legal Aid Clinics

Legal Aid Clinics are held regularly in the prisons for deserving and needy Under Trial Prisoners (UTPs) implicated in petty offences. The objective of legal aid clinics is to provide an introduction to 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 such services. The clinics are organized twice a week in most prisons with new and old UTPs. During the project cycle of the reporting year (July 2019 - June 2020), CWP-LAO team of advocates organized a total of **1,267** clinics (achieving **75%** of the annual target)

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.

CWP-LAO lawyers also conduct Legal Aid Clinics and interviews with new UTPs and discussions with other prisoners to provide them on the spot legal advice or provide the legal information advice at a later stage.

During the project cycle CWP-LAO advocates conducted **3,727** interviews with inmates, including the provision of on the spot legal advice to **1,583** (achieved **62%** of the annual target).

CWP-LAO advocates represented and filed a total of **2,455** Vakalatnamas (Achieving **80%** of the annual target) in courts during the project cycle. The target could not be achieved due to COVID outbreak which suspension of Prison activities and court proceedings.

Resolution of Cases

CWP-LAO advocates had the following successes during the project cycle: **2,203** cases were disposed of out of which, **1,204** cases (**59%**) were acquittals on merit; **518** (**26%**) were convictions on merit or by pleas of guilt, and **120** (**6%**) cases were transferred to private advocates and **181** cases (**9%**) were disposed of on other grounds (proceedings were stopped, cases were compromised, probation, Vakalatnama withdrawn, accused absconded). **799** Bail applications were granted to inmates.

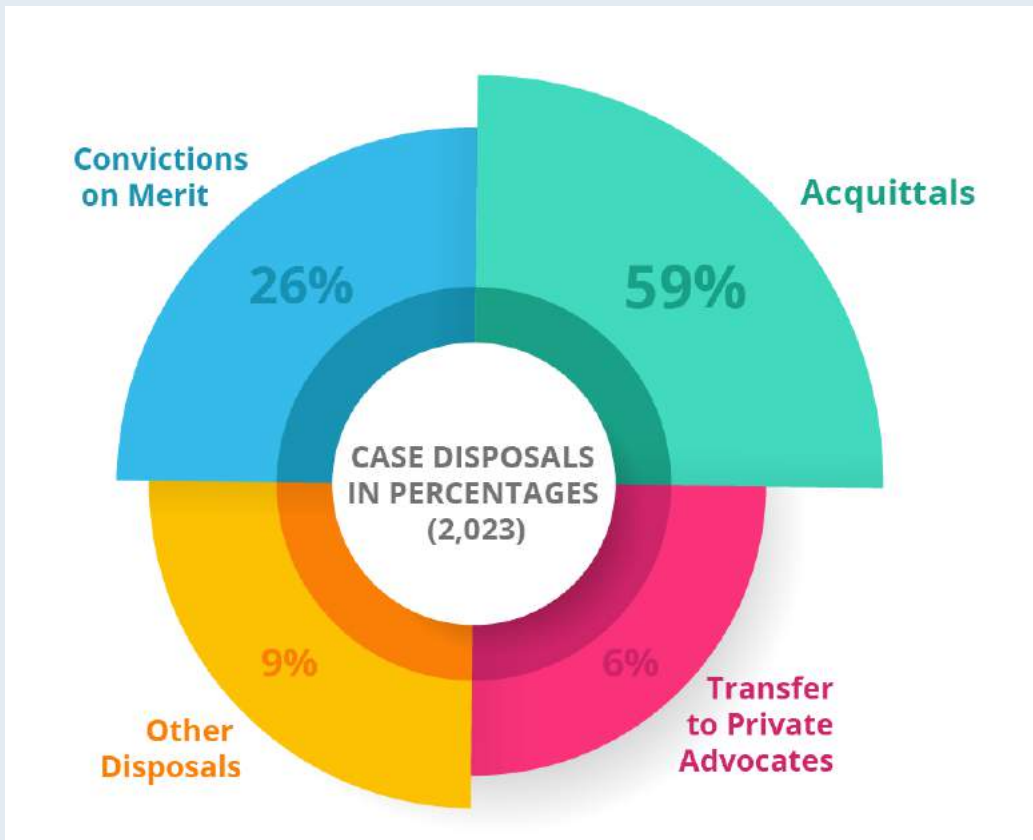
Free Legal Aid & Advisory Camps

CWP-LAO conducts Free Legal Aid and Advisory Camps in 19 Prisons across Sindh. The objective of the legal aid and advisory camps is to provide more 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 with the objective of legally empowering them. **1,115** UTPs and convicts benefited from these camps in the current reporting year.

LEGAL AID



Annual Progress in 14 Adults & 4 Juvenile Prisons of Sindh (2019-2020)



Case Disposal in Percentages in 14 Adult & 4 Juvenile Prisons of Sindh (2019-2020)



CAPACITY BUILDING

CWP-LAO recognizes the lack of facilities available for new UTPs and other prisoners in terms of having 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 and reform process.

Prison Paralegal Program

The Paralegal Program, recognized the world over as a first of its kind, is continuing and under Home Department' support in Central Prison Karachi, Central Prison Hyderabad and Central Prison Sukkur. The program aims to train convicts as paralegals. These Paralegals have delivered basic legal information to other inmates, particularly new UTPs. The program was initiated with the identification of inmates fulfilling the necessary qualifications to become potential "Paralegals" who are then a further source of legal knowledge and information for incoming UTPs. The process of selection of convicts was carried out on a standard prescribed criterion.

14 convicts were nominated and trained to be prison Paralegals. The trained Paralegals have also received 15 days special remission in their sentence granted at the discretion of the I. G Prisons.

Prison Paralegal Session

The CWP-LAO completed 123 Prison Paralegal Sessions with new inmates in C.P Karachi, Hyderabad, and Sukkur based on paralegal material developed by the CWP-LAO. The 14 selected Convict Paralegals conducted legal literacy sessions and successfully provided legal awareness to 1,966 new UTPs who was recently 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.



Safety equipment // PPE distributed among prisoners

In between March - April, 2020, CWP-LAO in partnership with the Legal Aid Society donated Safety equipment to reach out to approximately **1,300** prisoners.

The donated items included : **1860**-masks, **550** (250 ml) bottles hand sanitizers, **744** soaps, **1150** pairs of gloves and protective equipment to prisons in Khairpur, Sanghar and Nausheroferzo and Juvenile's facilities in Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana, to minimize risk of infection inside prisons.

International Engagement

Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners- Legal Aid Office (CPW-LAO) nominated two Program team members of the organization to participate in the workshop on “Paralegal Approach: Learning from Different Countries” at Kathmandu, Nepal from 16-18 December 2019. This exposure and experience widened the horizons of the team and their understanding of successful paralegal approaches being used in various countries across the world. It provided new ideas to the mainstream in the ongoing paralegal program of CWP-LAO and beyond. The objective of the workshop was to learn from one another’s experience and gain a deeper understanding of paralegal approaches to create an opportunity for learning through an exchange of experience and ideas,

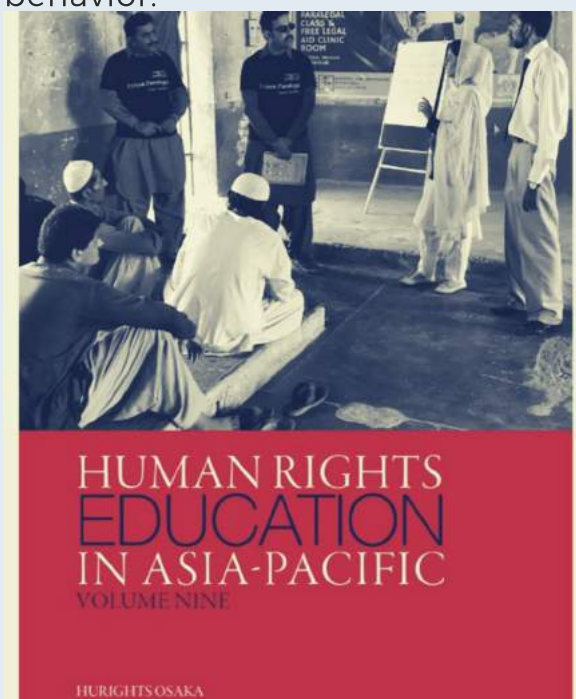


also provided an opportunity to rethink and further improve and strengthen our prison paralegal program in Sindh. There were many takeaways from this workshop, including inspiration and commitment to work harder to make our paralegal program more effective, efficient and productive.

Success Story: International Recognition

The CWP-LAO’s prison paralegal program was published in the journal in Human Rights Education in Asia-Pacific—Volume Nine. The article is accessible at <https://www.hurights.or.jp/archives/asia-pacific/section1/2019/11/volume-nine.html> In the last few years, The prison paralegal program has achieved a great deal of sustainability by employing three specific non-monetary measures. The program relies on volunteer paralegals selected from convicts that participate in the CWP-LAO legal awareness programs and meet specific criteria related to education and communication abilities, nature of offences, time remaining in prison, and willingness to participate.

The CWP-LAO prison paralegal program is convict led and convict run with support provided by lawyers that volunteer their time in addition to their legal duties. The program also aims to motivate paralegals by helping them appreciate the importance of assisting new entrants into prison by relating to their own experience of first arriving at the prison. And finally, participation in the prison paralegal program also results in the paralegal receiving a reduction in their sentence through the use of a legal provision in the prison rules that allows the prison administration to provide remission in punishments based on good behavior.



Acknowledgement of the CWP-LAO Services across 18 Prisons in Sindh

CWP-LAO has installed visibility boards in 18 prisons with the support of the Prisons Department. The boards provide basic information on visit days and timings of lawyers and mention specific legal services and recreational and rehabilitative interventions. The boards also summarize past achievements.

Two –Days Training for CWP-LAO Lawyers

CWP-LAO successfully organized a two-day training and team building session for LAO Lawyers and 3 M& E officers on 20th -21st December, 2019 in Karachi. 36 attendees were engaged at this session. The aim of the training was to explore and share values with team members. The sessions included a human impact segment in which each district office shared experiences from the cases they have handled and a conclusion and reflections session by Chairperson Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid, also encourage to ending 2019 on a high note with a resolve to improve the legal aid and legal empowerment work across 25 prisons in Sindh.

Football Training YOIS Prison Karachi

The CWP – LAO in partnership of Karachi United Football Club (KU) has continued football training camps for juveniles in YOIS Karachi. The camps are organized twice a week to engage juveniles in a healthy recreational activity and allow them to learn essential life skills such as team building, leadership, sportsmanship, discipline and hard work. Released juveniles from the YOIS are connected with KUs regular training camps organized in Centers of Excellence spread across the city. These classes have been successfully running for two and a half year. A total of 223 juveniles enrolled in football camps during the project cycle from 1st July 2019 – 30th July 2020.

Documentaries screening on the second Floor (T2F)

CWP-LAO organized an event “Reimagining Justice: Legal Empowerment in Sindh.” On 8th November, 2019 at T2F, Karachi. The event encouraged discussion and dialogue about law, justice, and legal empowerment.



CWP-LAO presented its work on legal empowerment through four short video documentaries, followed by a panel discussion on each documentary. The goal of this event was to engage with civil society and to familiarize them with the concept of legal empowerment and creative ways of engaging with the law that transcend formal judicial processes. In a country where formal law is increasingly seen as a tool of oppression rather than liberation, CWP-LAO believes it critical to broaden citizens’ understandings of alternative ways of utilizing the law and shifting the focus from formal processes to communities who are routinely denied justice.

Friendly Cricket Match YOIS Prison Hyderabad

A friendly cricket match was organized by CWP-LAO in collaboration with the Prisons Department and supported by the Home Department, Government of Sindh. The objective of the cricket match was to improved confidence, self-esteem among the juvenile inmates and this initiative will also help to reduce anxiety amongst them. The match between the YOIS teams Hyderabad Qalandars and Hyderabad Noble was held at the Youthful Offenders Industrial School (YOIS), Hyderabad on Saturday, 30th November 2019.

Data collection Exercise in Central Prison Karachi

The CWP-LAO team, with the support of our prison paralegals, conducted a data collection exercise from 16th to 29th September 2019 regarding the current status of legal identification of adult prisoners in Central Prison Karachi. The aim of this exercise to identify the current status of NIC registration of confined prisoners for Pakistani nationals to ensure compatibility and recognition in C.P Karachi;



also to strengthen the prison paralegals' capacity to continue serving as a source of valuable information to inmates, as well as a means of coordination between inmates and prison administration. CWP will use the data collected and continue to liaising with Government authorities (NADRA) on proposed NIC registration Camps in Central Prison Karachi to solicit their support. **3,991** people were reached out to and screened from **53** Barracks/Cells. A total of **876** applications on NIC related matters have been received from different categories of identified prisoners.



NADRA CNIC Camp in Central Prison Karachi

On 9th December 2019, the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) held a Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) Camp in the Karachi Central Prison to assist prisoners with obtaining their computerized national identity cards. National Identity Cards Registration drive was conducted on the request of Sindh Prisons Department, Government of Sindh. Mr. Ghanwar Ali Leghari, Secretary Prisons visited the camp. During the camp, **94** applications of the prisoners were processed. Such The urgent need for prisoners to obtain identification documents was identified earlier this year by the CWP-LAO. Through the Prison, Paralegals identified prisoners who are prevented from participating in fundamental citizenship rights because they



Data Collection Exercise in Central Prison Hyderabad

In the Second Phase, The Sindh Prisons Department conducted a similar data collection exercise from 30th December to 17th January 2020 in the Central Prison, Hyderabad.

The CWP-LAO Paralegals teams interviewed 1,800 above prisoners and a total of 951 requests for identity documents were received.

We request that another legal identity drive be organized in which NADRA officials visit the prison premises and set up a camp to assist prisoners in obtaining their NICs. We suggest that this camp be undertaken at the Central Prison in Hyderabad. This initiative is needed on an urgent basis as incarcerated individuals who will be released back into society require ID cards to enroll in education, obtain employment, open bank accounts, and a whole host of other activities that are essential for their rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Inauguration Ceremony in CWP-LAO Office in Dadu

CWP-LAO celebrated the first anniversary of its district office on 23rd November in Dadu. The aim of this activity was to encourage the Dadu team in CWP-LAO, as well as to reach out to relevant stakeholders in the region. The event was attended by the Additional Sessions Judge Mr. Muhammad Pirzado, Superintendent District Prison Dadu Mr. Shahab Siddiqui, ASP Dadu Mr. Aneel Haider, President of the Bar Association Dadu Mr. Abdul Rasool Abbas and Principal Dadu Law College Mr. Shafi Muhammad Memon and litigation team of CWP-LAO.

Inauguration Ceremony of Paralegal Class in C.P Karachi

The Paralegal Room was re-inaugurated at the Central Prison, Karachi on 19th February 2020 by IG Prisons Mr. Nusrat Mangan and Chairperson for the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid. 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. Mohammad Hussain Sahito 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.

One day In-house Financial Training for Non-Financial Managers

In-house training was arranged for the non-financial managerial staff of LAO-CWP on 14th Feb-2020 to improve efficiency and productivity of staff and to hone the skills and knowledge base of team members in terms of managing financial resources.





SUCCESS STORIES

Financial Assistance

Rafique, a twenty-six-year-old, had been jailed in Dadu's District Prison for two-and-a-half years. He was convicted for causing hurt/injury and is a typical example of how the criminal justice system discriminates against the poor, Rafique was ordered to pay an amount of **Rs. 100,000/-** as compensation, barring which he would have to spend another three years in prison. Rafique comes from an extremely impoverished background and was unable to furnish this amount. CWPLAO conducted a background check and placed this amount with the court to secure Rafique release.

Najeebullah He has been incarcerated for three years in the Central Prison in Karachi. In April 2016, under the charge of illegal weapon possession the judgment (which provides for a maximum sentence of 14 years) was convicted with five years rigorous imprisonment along with the fine amount. As he belongs to low socioeconomic status and was not in a position to hire a private lawyer he preceded in his case. He requested CWP-LAO advocate to file an appeal for his defence. After three months and sixteen days, his appeal was allowed and Judgment was announced in his favour and the case was disposed of. As a result, two years of the sentence were reduced by the efforts of CWP-LAO's lawyer.

Muhammad Moosa, was convicted for an arms-related offence under Section 23(1)-A of the Sindh Arms Act. He was sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 20000/- in default. The convict belongs to a very poor family and was not in a position to engage a private advocate to fight his case. On his request, CWP-LAO filed a vakalatnama for his case, and in early 2009, an appeal was filed. Ensure the administration of speedy justice, and finally, due to CWP-LAO advocate's efforts, a judgment was announced in November 2019. The appeal was allowed and a release order issued. The client was extremely grateful for the zealous advocacy of CWP-LAO on his behalf.

50-year-old **Mr. Abbas** was accused of committing theft and was incarcerated at the Central Prison in Karachi. CWP- LAO's Advocate filed his bail application which was granted with the sum of rupees 5,000. Mr. Abbas was unable to arrange this amount and continued to languish in prison. Lawyer pursued his case and sought non-bailable warrants against all witnesses who would refuse to turn up to court thereby protracting the trial.

All witnesses were examined and after final arguments, a verdict in favour of Mr. Abbas' innocence was pronounced and he was able to go home to his family.

Legal Assistance

Shahrukh was convicted for seven years by a lower court for attempt of robbery. He was incarcerated in Central Prison in Karachi. Before arrest, he was working as a labour in Karachi and earned 15,000 rupees a month. LAO-Advocate successfully filed an appeal in the High Court. After filing Vakalatnama within four months and 20 days his appeal was allowed. As a result, Shahrukh was acquitted and has been able to return home to his loved ones who can tend to him now.

Jumah Khan was arrested on October 2018 and was housed in the Remand Home for a narcotics possession-related offence. He had a private advocate represent him in his case, and was released on bail soon afterwards. Unfortunately, he was arrested again while he was out on bail, and upon his return to the Remand Home, his case was taken up by a CWP-LAO advocate. Both his cases were transferred to

a model court. In his second case, evidence proceeded rapidly witnesses were examined, the chemical report was produced, and statement of the accused was taken all in one day, and the client was acquitted on the same day. He was also acquitted in his first case soon afterwards, due to the efforts of CWP-LAO advocate.

In February 2019, during an advocate visit to the central prison, Karachi, CWP-LAO advocate met **Naveed Zaman** who informed the advocate that he belongs to a very poor family and was residing with his mother before being arrested, because his father had contracted a second marriage and was living separately. Because of his dire financial situation, he could not afford a lawyer to represent him for his criminal case. CWP-LAO advocate immediately took his case and filed a successful bail application on his behalf. Then, witnesses were examined and in October 2019, the judge found the accused innocent of all charges and acquitted him. His bail bond was cancelled and surety was discharged.

Mr. Rind is a 30-year-old sole breadwinner of his family with ailing parents whose needs he is responsible for. He was arrested on the charges of possessing narcotics and an FIR was registered against him under the Control of Narcotics Substances Act. Mr. Majid Ali Arain, an advocate of the CWP- LAO proceeded with his case and filed a vakalatnama along with a bail application which was granted in the sum of rupees 20,000. Mr. Rind submitted the amount and was released on bail due to the efforts of the LAO Advocate. After the usual investigation process, the charge was framed and Mr. Rind pleaded not guilty. When the matter was fixed for final arguments the court becomes vacant and the lawyer filed a transfer application on 21-1-2020 which was allowed on 27-1-2020. Arguments were heard and the accused was eventually acquitted. On the day of his acquittal, Mr. Rind was relieved and was thankful for the efforts of the CWP- LAO Advocate who appeared on every hearing date and did not ask for any adjournment.

Mr. Ali who is 22 years old was arrested on the charges of selling and making wine. Mr. Noman Mabqool, an advocate of the CWP- LAO proceeded with his case and filed a vakalatnama on behalf of Mr. Ali. Once the legal process was complete and the accused record his statement he was pronounced as being innocent and was acquitted. On the day of the announcement of the acquittal, Mr. Ali was grateful for the timely and free legal assistance he was provided with by the CWP-LAO as he did not have any income or any means to engage a lawyer.

Salman Mosa from age 23, spent two months in Landhi Prison for the charge of unlicensed weapon of a crime he didn't commit. His belongs a very poor family to have survived based on daily wage labour, they cannot resource to the private advocate to represent the case of his son. When the case in the knowledge of CWP-LAO team exonerated him completely, they had one mission: to give underprivileged prisoners to re-entering society, and the opportunity to regain the dignity to rebuild their lives.

Advocate CWP-LAO filed his bail application which was granted with the sum amount because from an impoverished background he was unable to furnish this amount In current situation of covid crisis, The hardest part about the litigation team to serving time is figuring out what to do when they get out for prisoners. CWP_LAO has submitted this surety amount On 24-4-20 with the court in order to secure Salman release. Finally has now been reunited with his family.



RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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 and data on the prison system and criminal justice system and its 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.

Dissemination of IEC Material

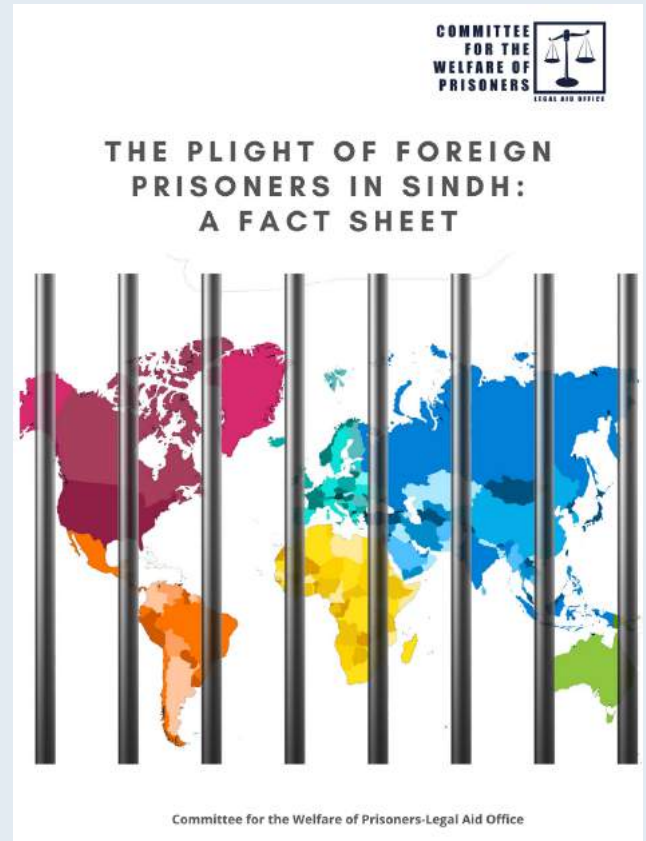
CWP-LAO has developed a set of four brochures of IEC Material based on prison rules, the right of remission, right of appeal and the right of the meeting was handed over and distributed in 18 Prisons across Sindh. This IEC material was distributed to inmates during the legal awareness sessions and advisory camps.

Draft and Amendment of Prison Law and Rules

The Sindh Prisons and Correction Services Act, 2019 was successfully passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 17th May 2019 with drafting support from CWP-LAO. CWP-LAO also assisted with the drafting of reform, rehabilitation and welfare related chapters of the Prison Rules which were notified in May 2020.

The Plights of Foreign Prisoners in Sindh Prisons

In March 2020, CWP-LAO completed a Fact Sheet and short video for stakeholders in the justice sector regarding the plight of foreign prisoners languishing in Sindh’s jails. The Fact Sheet provides a brief overview of the legal framework that governs the movement and stay of foreign nationals in Pakistan and discusses some of the practical obstacles that impede their access to their legal rights. It is vital that the two governments work together to coordinate efforts to ensure that this vulnerable group is afforded legal protections and sent home to their loved ones as soon as possible. The Fact Sheet contains a list of recommendations and observations for the Government and other stakeholders as a starting point for engaging not only the relevant authorities in Pakistan, but for building linkages with state and non-state actors in neighboring countries working on similar issues with respect to Pakistani prisoners abroad.





CHALLENGES

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

Challenges to the implementation of the project include the following:

- Suspension of all activities in Prisons due to COVID-19 outbreaks.
- Delays in release of funds resulted in operational delays.
- Due to the current situation custody is not being produced by Jail authorities therefore main cases are not proceeding only bails applications have been filed and processed.



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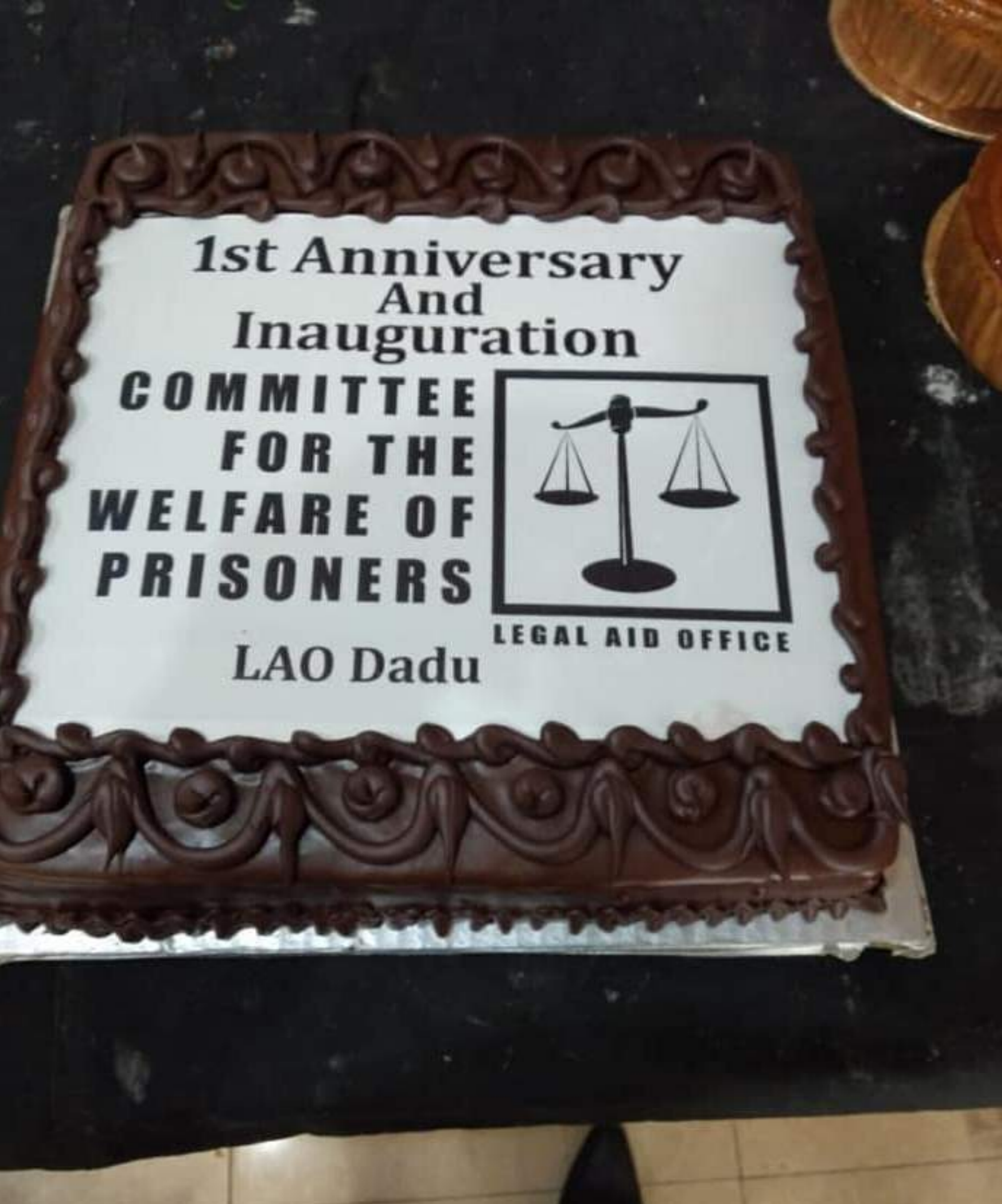
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