PROJECT ON

“Supporting Women to Join Law Enforcement and Judicial System in Sindh”

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Preface

Supporting Women to Join Law Enforcement and Judicial System in Sindh is a one year project of Legal Rights Forum under the Gender Equality Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial assistance of USAID. It is an internship program to train and develop professional legal skills in final-year women law students and fresh women law graduates so that they could become Future Women Rights Defenders and combat Gender-Based violence and raise their voice in seeking justice and promoting human rights.

In first quarter of this project selection of 40 internees has been completed from Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur. In the first phase LRF conduct the Pre Internship Learning Assessment Survey from these selected internees to identify the problems and changes in the field of law facing by the women fresh law graduates. Furthermore, LRF recognized the key issues of gender discrimination in the legal fraternity and judiciary. Finally it presents way forwards conclusions and recommendations for training of legal professional skills of women fresh law graduates and final year law students.

Malik Muhammad Tahir Iqbal
Project Manager
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I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the people who have been instrumental in the successful completion of this quarter.

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Introduction of the project

Aurat Publication and Information Service Foundation is implementing a five year USAID supported Gender Equity Program in collaboration with The Asia Foundation. The program aims at advancing women’s human rights and empowerment in pursuance of the gender polices and aims of the government of Pakistan, Under GEP, a series of sub grants will be awarded to public and private sector entities with the objective of effecting real behavioral change and contributing to a productive discourse and gender equality debate within Pakistan.

Legal Rights Forum is a capacity building, advocacy and legal aid Organization. LRF has been awarded a one sub grant in Sindh under GEP. According to this program these sub grants have been given to different local organizations other provinces i.e. Sindh, Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhton Khawa and two grants were given to the Punjab province. The main purpose of these sub grants is: “Supporting Women to Join Law Enforcement and Judicial System”. It is an internship program to train and develop professional legal skills in final-year women law students and fresh women lawyers so that they could become Women rights defenders and combat Gender-Based violence and raise their voice in seeking justice and promoting human rights.
In the first phase of the project, LRF's Project Managing Committee (Malik Muhammad Tahir Iqbal, Safiuddin, Mahmood Ahmed, Yasmeen and Mrs. Saima) arranged pre-orientation meetings with different stakeholders such as Honorable Chief Justice of Sindh High Court, Mr. Justice Musher Alam, President Supreme Court Bar Association, Mr. Yaseen Azad, President High Court Bar Association, Mr. Anwar Mansoor Khan, vice-Chairman Sindh Bar Council, Mr. Iftikhar Jawaaid Qazi, Member Education Committee of Sind Bar Council, Mr. Hanif Kashmiri, Principle S.M Law College, Mr. Khursheed Hashmi, Barrister Shahida Jalmel, Professor S.M. Law College, Dean of Law Faculty Federal Urdu University, Dr. Justice Ghouse Mohammad, Urdu University Professor Tahmeena Gul, Professor Abdul Maroof Khan, Principle Islamia Law College, Mr. Moin Azher Siddique, Professor Akmal Waseem of Hamdard Law College, General Secretary of Karachi Bar Associations, Mr. Haider Imam Rizvi, General Secretary of Malir Bar Association, Mr. Khalid Mehmood, President Hyderabad Association Muhammad Nisar Ahmed Durani, District and Sessions Judge Hyderabad Mr. Fahimuddin Sadiqi, Additional Sessions Judge Hyderabad Mrs. Amina Nazeer Ansari, Member Managing Committee Hyderabad Bar Association Ms. Sana Memon, Principal Govt. Jinnah Law College Hyderabad Mr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Professor Nasra Shaikh, Principal Govt. Islamia Law College Hyderabad Professor Ahmed Ali Shaikh, President Sukkur Bar Association Mr. Shafqat Rahim Rajpoot, Joint Secretary Muhammad Zafar Ahmed, General Secretary
High Court Bar Association Sukkur Mr. Qurban Ali Malio, District and Sessions Judge, Mr. Saleem Jan Mazari, Family Judge Sukkur Mrs. Salma Phalphoto. A pre-orientation meeting was also arranged in Agha Badar-e-Alam Law college at Sukkur with final-year female law students, whereas in Sindh law college Hyderabad, Jinnah law college Hyderabad, Sindh Muslim Law College, Federal Urdu Law Department Karachi, Hamdard Law College Karachi, Dada Bhai Law College Karachi, Islamia Law College Karachi, introductory pamphlet sand brushes for aspirant final year law students were distributed individually. Many students showed their interest in the aforesaid internship program. They expressed their views that the program is not only ground-breaking but also better-structured for students to hone their legal professional skills.

In this pre-orientation meeting, PMC briefed them about aims and objectives of the project and discussed the importance of the project. Every one of them appreciated the project and assured their active participation in this regard.
The advertisements of this internship project had been published in National newspapers, magazines and High Court Cause List of Karachi. Besides the project was also highlighted through pamphlets, emails, website pop-ups and broachers. Postal letters were also written and mailed to all bar associations of Sindh province.

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Karachi Bar Association appreciates efforts made for the training of fresh law graduates

Haider Imam Rizvi,
General Secretary Karachi Bar Association

Legal Rights Forum with the collaboration of Karachi Bar Association had arranged an Orientation meeting with the fresh law graduate at Ladies Bar Room of Karachi Bar Association on 23 November 2011. This Orientation meeting was arranged under the Gender Equality Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial assistance of USAID. The main purpose of the workshop was to motivate the fresh law graduates to join law enforcement and judicial system of Sindh. In this Orientation workshop, the General Secretary of KBA, Mr. Haider Imam Rizvi said that KBA welcomed all the efforts made for the training of fresh female law graduates. He further said that LRF team had been playing its due
role for the training of young lawyers for four years and this program will also be helpful for those fresh women lawyers who were seeking to polish their professional legal skills. He said that the program would also be a benchmark like previous ones. In this workshop, Malik Tahir Iqbal, Project Manager, elaborated the program benefits and said that women lawyers and fresh advocates faced lot of hurdles in their way of legal practice and the training program would be helpful in overcoming hurdles. Replying to a query, He said that 40 internees would be selected from Sindh province and they would also be paid per monthly stipends. In the end of the conference, Mr. Haider Imam Rizvi assured his full cooperation in making the program successful practically. This introductory workshop was attended by the members of Managing Committee of KBA, Miss. Farhana Advocate, Shazia Manzoor Mughal, Seema Khan, Yasmeen Nawaz, Safiuddin Awan and 175 female's advocates.

Malir Bar Association plays its role in the training of new advocates

Especially female advocates
Mr. Khalid Mahmood GS Malir Bar Association

Legal Rights Forum with the collaboration of Malir Bar Association had arranged an Orientation meeting with the fresh law graduates at Ladies Bar Room, Malir Bar Association Karachi on 24 November 2011. This Orientation meeting was arranged about the project “Supporting Women to join law enforcement and judicial system in Sindh” under the Gender Equity Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial assistance of USAID. The General Secretary of MBA Mr. Khalid Mahmood said that MBA played its role efficiently for the training of advocates especially women advocates. “This program will not only trained profession legal skills but also support financially them. MBA will always support LRF” said Mr. Khalid Mehmood. In this Orientation workshop, the project manager, Malik Muhammad Tahir Iqbal described the salient features of the project and said that professional training would be given by holding mock courts during internship.
period. This introductory workshop was attended by Mr. Mehmood Ahmed Advocate, Mr. Shoiab Safdar Ghumman Advocate, Safiudin Awan Advocate, Naeem Arian Advocate, Rahib Lakho Advocate, Miss Yasmeen Advocate, Huma Farooq Advocate and 30 other women advocates and fresh law graduates.

There should be adequate management for research and training for women lawyers in Hyderabad District Bar Association

Said by Nisar Ahmed Durrani,
President Hyderabad Bar Association

Legal Rights Forum with the collaboration of Hyderabad Bar Association had arranged an Orientation meeting with the fresh law graduates at Ladies Bar Room Hyderabad Bar Association on 1st December 2011. This Orientation meeting was arranged regarding the project "Supporting Women to join law enforcement and judicial system in Sindh" under the Gender Equity Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial assistance of USAID. In this Orientation Workshop, MR. Nisar Ahmed Durrani, President Hyderabad Association, addressed women lawyers, in his address; he said that there was a need for adequate management of research work and professional legal training in HYDERABAD DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION. He also said that women lawyers should also play their role in positive manner. He said that they needed to work hard in this regard. In the workshop, Malik Tahir Iqbal thanked President HYDERABAD DISTRICT
BAR ASSOCIATION and his committee for their cooperation in respect of introducing the project at HYDERABAD DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION. In his briefing to the women lawyers, he said under this project they would become more professional legal experts. He hoped that such trainings would be able to perform their role as human rights workers and women rights defenders. He further said that they (internees) would also be able to play their role in the making of proactive policy at the Bar level. There will be mock courts, physical visits besides monthly stipends for their financial support. This orientation workshop was attended by Miss Sana Memon Advocate Member Managing Committee of Hyderabad Bar Association, Miss Shabana Jatoi Advocate High Court, Mehmood Ahmed Advocate, Shoiab Safdar Ghumman Advocate, Rahib Lakho Advocate, and other 120 advocates.

There are many women advocates in the interior Sindh but due to improper environment and lack of opportunities, these women face a lot hurdles and ultimately drop out to focus on their family lives

**Mr. Rana Shafqat Rahim Rajput,**
**President Sukkur Bar Association.**

Legal Rights Forum with the collaboration of Sukkur Bar Association had arranged an Orientation meeting with the fresh law graduate at Ladies Bar Room Sukkur Bar Association on 2nd December 2011. This Orientation meeting was arranged regarding the project “Supporting Women to join law enforcement and judicial system in Sindh” under the Gender Equity Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial support of USAID. In this Orientation workshop, Mr. Rana Shafqat Rahim Rajput President Sukkur Bar association said that there were number of women advocates in interior Sindh but due to improper environment and lack of opportunities, such women advocates faced a lot of hurdles and ultimately leave the field and prefer to sit at homes unwillingly. He hoped that the project would provide opportunity to fresh
women law graduates to learn practically professional legal skills. He said that Sukkur District Bar Association would assure its cooperation in that regard. The project manager, Malik Muhammad Tahir Iqbal, conducted orientation session of the project and said that the project would build their capacity and train them to learn skills. He emphasized that his organization needed cooperation of the internees. The workshop was attended by Zafar Ahmed, Joint Secretary Sukkur Bar association, Naeem Arian Advocate, Shoiab Safdar Ghomman Advocate, Safiuddin Advocate, and 25 other women advocates.

**Women law students studying in Law Colleges sit at home after post-graduation due improper opportunities**

*Mr. Imtiaz Soomro,*  
*Principal ADB Law College*

Legal Rights Forum with the collaboration of ABD Law College had arranged an Orientation meeting with the final year law students at Library ABD law college Sukkur on 2nd December 2011. This Orientation meeting was arranged regarding project “Supporting Women to join law enforcement and judicial system in Sindh” under the Gender Equity Program of Aurat Foundation with the financial support of USAID. In this Orientation workshop, Mr. Imtiaz Soomro said that women law students after their post-graduation sit at home due to improper opportunities. A few years ago, girl students were not permitted to attend college at
functions by their families. But now the situation had improved due to awareness. The project manager thanked Mr. Imtiaz Soomro for writing letters to girl students and advocates which had recently completed their post-graduation and left the field due to improper environment. He also gave a brief introduction about the project and said that project would provide an opportunity to learn professional legal skills besides providing financial support to the internees in the shape of stipends. In the end of workshop, the principle assured his cooperation in holding mock court trials for the internees. This orientation workshop was attended by Mr. Safiudin Advocate, Mr. Shoiab Safdar Advocate, Syed Shafat and 45 other law students.
After the Pre-orientation meetings and Orientation workshops, LRF had received 150 application forms from across Sindh by fresh female law graduates and final-year law students. After the scrutiny of the applications, 107 candidates were short-listed for interviews. The interview -call letters were sent through courier services. The interview date was fixed in Karachi on 23-24 December, in Hyderabad on 28 December and Sukkur, 29th December 2011.

To make the selection of internees transparent, the candidates of Karachi were divided into four groups and a neutral penal of senior lawyers and law experts conducted the interviews of candidates. Similarly in Hyderabad and Sukkur, an impartial panel of senior lawyers and expert legal practitioners were formed in order to hold interviews.

Interviews of Internees at Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur

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Interview in Karachi

On 23, 24 December 2011, interviews were conducted in Karachi. The first penal was headed by Former Federal Law and Human Rights Minister, Barrister Shahida N. Jamel, Former General Secretary of Karachi Bar Association and Member Sindh bar Council, Mr. Nadeem Qureshi, Director Academy for Legal Research and Skills Development of LRF, Mr. Shoaib Saadhar Ghumman. The second penal was headed by the newly elected General Secretary of KBA, Mr. Khalid Mumtaz, and newly elected joint Secretary of KBA, Miss Shazia Manzoor Mughal Advocate, Legal Expert Mrs. Shazia Ahmed Hanjrah and Mr. Rahib Lakho Advocate, President LRF Karachi conducted interviews. 50 candidates attended the interview session 20 internees were selected.

The candidates showed their confidence in the penal and members of interview team and participated in the interviews with great enthusiasm. During the
interview, they expressed their feelings that this internship program would reduce gender discrimination in the law enforcement department and judiciary. They also said that if they received proper training and good opportunities, they were capable of proving themselves as better policy makers, human right activists, women rights defenders, prosecutors and judges.

**Interview in Hyderabad**

On 28 December 2011, in Hyderabad the interview Committee was headed by the President Hyderabad Bar Association Nisar Ahmed Durrani Advocate and other members of interview committee were Member of Hyderabad Bar Association, Miss Shabana Kausar Jatoi Advocate High Court, Malik Tahir Iqbal CEO LRF, and Mr. Rahib Lakho. The committee conducted interviews. Interviews were conducted in the office of the President Hyderabad Bar Association. In this interview session, not only women from Hyderabad but also from Mirpurkhas, Kotri, Nosheroeroze, Nawab Shah, Jamshoroo and belonging to many other districts actively participated. There were 38 candidates in the interview session. It proves that given proper training, environment and information about legal fraternity, they can work in a better manner for human
rights and gender justice. Out of 38 candidates, 11 internees were selected. Most of them had a childhood dream of becoming expert legal practitioner or competent judge. During the interview session, these candidates also discussed the domestic violence, gender discrimination and gender-based violence cases in Sindh. The interviewees said that due to lack of information and lack of women advocates in the law enforcement department and judiciary in Sindh, critical issues were sidelined. Many of the cases go unreported and women are murdered in the name of honor frequently. They appreciated the internship program and women participation in law enforcement agencies and the judiciary.

Interview in Sukkur

On 29 December 2011, in Sukkur interview secession was conducted. The sessions was presided over by the president of Sukkur Bar Association, Mr. Shafqat Rahim Rajpot Advocate and attended by Miss Gulnaz Afshan Mirza Advocate High Court, Mr. Tahir Iqbal Advocate High Court and Mr. Shoaib Safdar Ghomman. There were total 19 candidates who attended the interview session out of which 9 internees were selected. During the interviews, these candidates discussed many issues of women from interior Sindh. Before the interviews, they said that such program would give them opportunities for the first time to participate and play their role in the Bar policy. This program will also benefit the women of interior Sindh in seeking gender justice and gender equality. Their voice would be heard and their problems would be solved in a more adequate manner. Some of the candidates demanded that the ambit of this program should be extended to other districts of Sindh as well because there was a need for such innovative program there.
Panel Expert views regarding internees

Fresh law graduates have enthusiasm but they need to be imparted professional legal skills

_Barrister Shahida N Jamel,_
*Former Federal Law and Human Rights Minister of Pakistan*

The President of Karachi interview penal committee, Barrister Shahida N Jamel, Former Federal Law and Human Rights Minister of Pakistan said after the interview session that she was happy to see the confidence and enthusiasm in the new comers of legal profession. They have the potential but need to be trained properly.

Fresh law graduates are enthusiastic and have the leadership qualities but need to learn more legal profession skills

_Mr. Khalid Mumtaz,_
*General Secretary of KBA.*

The newly elected General Secretary of KBA, Mr. Khalid Mumtaz was also impressed by the transparent procedures for selection of right candidates for internship. He appreciated LRF for conducting such transparent and merit-based interviews.

He said that he realized during the interviews that women fresh law graduates of KBA were more confident than their male counterparts but need to learn more legal profession skills. They are enthusiastic and have the leadership qualities.
The women coming in the field of law very enthusiasm but they face lot of problem at the end mostly they left the field heartedly and lose their hops

Mrs. Shazia Hinjrah
Legal Expert

The member of interview panel, Mrs. Shazia Hinjrah said that she realized that fresh law graduates and final year law students were confident and they had the hunger for knowledge. LRF provided a unique opportunity to female law graduates and final-year girl students because when such fresh laws graduates pass out they find no proper way for learning legal practice and face lots of problems. And lastly, they leave the field, disappointed. But with this program, they can find their way to a successful legal career.

The future of women advocates of KBA is bright

Miss. Shazia Manzor Mugal
Joint sectary of KBA

The another member of interview penal and newly elected Joint sectary of KBA, Miss. Shazia Manzor Mugal said that the initial period for women advocates is very difficult. There are number of problems usually faced by them, therefore, most of them leave the field but today she saw the signs of change. After this interview session, she said that she felt that future of women advocates of KBA is bright.

The women fresh law graduates from interior Sindh are ambitious and motivated

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Durrani
President of Hyderabad interview panel

The President of Hyderabad interview panel, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Durrani Advocate said that the women belonging to interior Sindh are more motivated as compared to others. There are many women law students studying in different law colleges and many of them get license for legal practice but due to inadequate opportunities and improper environment, they get disheartened and leave the field soon. This internship is a hope for all those women who want to play their role in judiciary and law enforcement agencies.
Fresh law graduates are facing professional challenges but are ambitious about their future and they have need to encouragement and such programs can be helpful

*Mrs Sabana Kausar Jatoi, Advocate of High Court*

Mrs Sabana Kausar Jatoi said that in the past women advocates were only used as voters in the bar elections but today women advocates are facing professional challenges bravely but are ambitious about their future. Therefore they need encouragement and such programs can be helpful. The number of women law students and women advocates is increasing day by day but the matter of fact is that they get the degree and license but due to improper professional skills they cannot survive in the field as lawyers as they do not get proper professional training by bar councils, bar associations and law Colleges. This grey area was identified and lack of training facilities was only felt by LRF.

Fresh laws graduates are support their families financially in a better way and also play their role in promoting women rights

*Rana Safqat Rahim Rajpot, President Sakkar District Bar Association*

Rana Safqat Rahim Rajpot said that after interviews of the fresh women law graduates and final year-law students, he realized that such women were very ambitious and knowledgeable. There is only need to guide them towards a proper path and with the help of professional legal training, not only can they support their families financially in a better way but also play their role in promoting women rights. It will also help in increasing their number in the legal fraternity so that they can help solve family disputes in the courts and in this way women can be prevented from decision taken in illegal Jirgas.

The Women advocates of Sindh should come to the forefront for Human Rights Advocacy

*Nadeem Qureshi, Former General Secretary KBA and Member Sindh Bar Council*

The member of interview penal Mr. Nadeem Qureshi said that only women advocate can raise voice for women rights. They should come to the forefront for Human Rights advocacy. Especially, they should build up strong networks. I can say with confidence after this interview session that these women law students are very enthusiastic and have high ambitions.
A Pre Internship Learning Assessment Survey at Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur

A Pre-Internship learning assessment Survey has been completed successfully from the 40 selected internees (fresh law graduate and final year law student) from Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur.
A 40 future women rights defender has been selected from Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur. These selected internees have been starting their nine month (January 2012 to September 2012) internship period with selected law firms in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur.

**SELECTED INTERNEES FROM KARACHI**

- NAHEED HAIDER
  - Fresh Law Graduate
- FOZIA ASLAM
  - Fresh Law Graduate
- SANA SALEEM
  - Student, Hamdard School of Law
- SONIA JAWAID
  - Fresh Law Graduate
- TANSEERA YAQOOB
  - Fresh Law Graduate
- AKBARI BANU
  - Student Govt. Islamia Law College
CONTINUED...... FROM KARACHI
SELECTED INTERNEES FROM HYDERABAD

NAZIA ABREJO
Fresh Law Graduate

SAFA HISBANI
Fresh Law Graduate

SEEMA MAGSI
Student Sindh Law College

WAFA AFZAL
Student University of Sindh

HASSINA KANWAL
Student University of Sindh

ROZINA QAMBRANI
Fresh Law Graduate

ATIA KAUSAR
Fresh Law Graduate

YASMEEN BEGUM
Student Sindh Law College

TABASSUM RANI
Fresh Law Graduate

SHAISTA SHAH
Fresh Law Graduate

HIRA AZMAT
Fresh Law Graduate
SELECTED INTERNEES FROM SUKKUR

SAFIA BANO  
Fresh Law Graduate

SALMA KHAN  
Student ABD Law College

AMBREEN SIDDQUI  
Fresh Law Graduate

AMBER IQBAL  
Fresh Law Graduate

HUMA  
Fresh Law Graduate

NOMEETA GUL  
Fresh Law Graduate

RABIA KANWAL  
Student ABD Law College

FARZANA KHOSO  
Student ABD Law College

SADAF FATIMA BHUTTO  
Student ABD Law College
## Selection of Target Group

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![Bar chart showing the selection of target group by city and applications received](chart.png)
About Legal Rights Forum

Legal Rights Forum is a capacity building, advocacy and legal aid not-for-profit non-governmental organization. Founded in 2007, since its inception LRF is working for the capacity building of law students and fresh law graduates. It is consisting of a pool of pro bono lawyers who extend pro bono services for promoting rule of law, human rights, good governance, and democracy in Pakistan. LRF fellows are also provides pro bono legal services to the deserving and needy victims. The rationale behind inception of LRF was that investments in social sector cannot resurrect the system alone unless rule of law was strengthened. LRF is working towards highlighting anomalies in prevailing discriminatory legislative frameworks in relation to the women and children's rights. It wants to promote gender equality and eradicate gender-based discrimination so that the policies of the state become gender-responsive. LRF has been hosting many seminars, workshops, focus group discussions on the afore-mentioned subjects in which eminent lawyers, jurists, government ministers, functionaries and honorable judges of the superior courts spoke about ways and means to eradicate abusive practices from the society.

Expertise

Academy for Legal Research and Skills Development: Quality Legal Research and capacity-building of fresh law graduate is primary objective of the Academy. Academy regularly conducts training programs and hones professional skills through workshops, seminars, consultation for human rights activist, law personals, defense-lawyers and police officials. ALRSD is also providing paralegal trainings for worker, non worker, women teachers, local politicians and young female students. These paralegal trainings will provide women's basic legal information about human rights, women's rights, right of marriage, right of divorce, right of inheritance in property and way of registration of FIR. ALRSD has been trained 374 lawyers across Pakistan who is now working with LRF as fellows and are promoting LRF mission. LRF has also given paralegal training to 25 worker and non worker women in Sindh.

Legal Aid Program: Under the Legal Aid Program is providing pro bono legal assistance to the deserving, marginalized and needy citizens. Specifically, LAP works to guarantee all citizens have the right to competent legal representation and the right to a fair trial. LAP also provides pro bono legal assistance to governmental and nongovernmental organizations LAP has been providing pro bono legal assistance to more than 3570 deserving victims' nationwide.

Advocacy and Awareness Program: The lack of information and knowledge about their rights is a major factor for continuing abuses and violence. Advocacy and awareness raising campaign is a powerful instrument for social change and eradication abuse and violence. LRF use all means of communication for advocacy and awareness.