



GENDER JUSTICE THROUGH MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN PROJECT
BALOCHISTAN QUETTA

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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE GENDER JUSTICE THROUGH MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN PROJECT, UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & RURAL
DEPARTMENT HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Introduction to Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman (GJTMA) Project

Background of the Project:

Keeping in view the increased incidences of violence against women, the Ministry of LG&RD with the technical and financial (grant) assistance of UNDP and co-sponsorship of Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD) has initiated a two years pilot project titled 'Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman (GJTMA)'.

Goal of the Project:

"To assist women and other vulnerable sections of society in improving their conditions through safeguarding and promoting their rights and lawful entitlements.

Objectives of the Project:

The long term objective of this project are aimed at poverty alleviation by promoting gender equality and justice and assisting the country in achieving the Millennium Development Goal to Promote gender equality and empowerment of women.

During the short term, the project has the following key objectives:

- Constitution and mobilization of the MAs in all UCs in the pilot districts;
- Capacity building of MAs through Provincial level network of Government and CSOs, etc. called Musalihat Anjuman Support Services (MASS) to dispense gender dispensation of justice; &



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- Community level advocacy for legal rights of Women and Men's role in ending violence justice at the community level;
 - Build partnerships between judiciary, police and MA for accountable, fair and equitable

Management of the Project:

Provincial Project Management Unit's (PMIJ) have already been established at the LG&RD Deptt, GoB.

Vision of the Project:

Aim of the pilot phase is to consolidate the results of the pilot phase to up- scale the project in future to all over (Balochistan) Pakistan in order to provide easy and quick access to justice to the vulnerable and weak sections of the society.

Oversight, monitoring & Coordination Mechanism:

The project provides coordination forum in the shape of Provincial Steering Committee (PSC), which shall monitor the implementation and coordinate efforts. The PSC GJTMA Project Balochistan has been notified with the guidance & cooperation of worthy Secretary LG& RD Department GoB/chairman PSC. Balochistan has taken the initiative for holding the first GJTMAP PSC meeting in Pakistan.

The meeting began with the recitation of Holy Quran. The Chairperson welcomed the participants in the 1st PSC meeting and congratulated the participants on the initiative been taken for holding the first PSC Steering Committee meeting of GJTMAP (in Pakistan). The participants were further apprised that the 1st meeting is very important in the history of GJTMA Project because with the input / approval of this meeting MASS will take its shape and the selection of pilot district would be approved by the forum. All the participants introduced

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themselves. The Provincial Project Manager, Gender Justice Through Musalihat Anjuman with the permission of chairperson gave a detailed briefing / presentation regarding the Project and explained the following point in specific after the Project presentation:-

1. **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC).**

The Provincial Project Manager GJTMA highlighted that the PSC has a pivotal role in the Project implementation and apprised the members that at Provincial level implementation of the project shall be guided and monitored by Provincial Steering Committee.

The composition of PSC was deliberated upon and the forum was informed that with the approval of MASS by the PSC, the membership / nomenclature of PSC will be completed. Subsequently with the facilitation of PSC & MASS, MAJA formation will take place.

The PSC will consist of the following:-

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| 1) | Secretary, LG&RDD | Chairman |
| 2) | Representative from SW &WDD, GoB | Member |
| 3) | District Nazim of the two pilot districts (Quetta and Lasbella) | Member |
| 4) | District Coordination Officers of the two pilot districts. | Member |
| 5) | Representative from the Police Department. (Quetta and Lasbella). | Member |
| 6) | Two representatives from MASS (Musalihat Anjuman Support Services) | Member |
| 7) | Two representatives from MAJA, (Musalihat Anjuman Justice Advocate) | Member |
| 8) | One Representative from MA (Musalihat Anjuman). | Member |



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The PSC will responsible to:-

- Monitoring the progress of the project activities
- Approving the procurement activities
- Reviewing the consultant reports and decisions regarding allocation
- Utilization of project funds on the basis of competitive performance amongst the Pilot districts / Musalihat Anjuman
- PSC shall also be responsible for the formation of MASS and
- Facilitate the establishment of MAJA at the District level.

2. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The mechanism was discussed at length in the meeting and participants felt satisfaction at the monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the Project.

3. FORMATION OF MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES (MASS)

The Provincial Project Manager explained the formation, composition and function of MASS in detail and cleared queries raised in this regard.

In this connection the participants were apprised by the PPM about the efforts rendered for identifying such (as per requirement) NGO with the help of SW & WDD, LG & RDD and the Project Unit. A list of short listed NGOs was presented and all the members agreed and appreciated the efforts in this respect and approved the formation of MASS in principle and asked the PPD/PPM for completion of formalities in this regard.

4. ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN JUSTICE ADVOCATE (MAJA).

The constitution, composition and R.R of MAJA were discussed and the participants were apprised of the importance of MAJA. The importance and role



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of PSC and MASS in the formation of MAJA was also highlighted. The PSC members appreciated the work done in this regard and offered every possible help to the project in the formation of MAJA.

5. OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL WORK PLAN / DISTRICT MAPPING.

The over view of annual work plan / district mapping was carried out by the PPM. The Provincial Steering Committee approved the selection of the districts after thorough deliberation and discussion and also Okayed the annual work plan and felt satisfaction of the activities planned in the Annual Work Plan.

Action Points:

The PSC recommended (the suggestion from the rep of Police Department GoB) for the better and efficient working of MAs that the scope of work of MAs must be identify, which was identified as:

Abuse

Violence

Waling

The PSC also recommended representation from Law Department in the PSC.

The PSC recommended a suggestion from the representative of Police Department that decisions of MAs should be registered in the nearest Police Station to use the Police Department influence in the better / positive way.



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The PSC also recommended a suggestion from the representative of Social Welfare and Women Development Department that the representation should also be given to legislatures of the Province especially female Member of the Provincial Assembly.

As any other point out of agenda, the PSC recommended for better coordination and efficient working of the project, an input in the shape of district office which should consist of at least one staff member. The PSC felt that in case of non availability of project staff the project will not be that much effective and productive as expected.

The PSC also endorsed the idea of outsourcing the project activities to different CSOs working in the same sector leaving the monitoring, implementation, coordination and supervision to the PMU, implementing partners and UNDP.

Regarding the composition of MASS the PSC recommended that:
Representative of Law should also be on board.

The participants recommended more women representation in MAs and when it was shared with the participants that Balochistan has already recommended that one out of the three members of MA shall be a female but even then they recommended minimum two representatives (fifty fifty ratio) to end their hesitation/reluctance being lonely in the forum).

The forum also recommended some suitable financial support to the member of MASS, MAJA & PSC as well as resources for their Capacity building.

The PSC also recommended interaction amongst provinces by orientation visits, to be on the same wavelength.

Referring to composition of MAJA the participants also recommended Levies personals (Peculiar to Balochistan), District Police complain authority, and district public safety Commission and Insaaf Committee rep should also be on the network of MAJA.

The PSC recommended Nazim instead of Naib Nazim and the EDO Revenue instead of EDO Community Development for the forum of MAJA.



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Since Directorate of Literacy has been merged in SW &WD department so there is no need of Literacy rep in MAJA.

Referring to the role of MAJA participants recommended that monitoring role should be given to Insaaf Committees and not to MAJA.

For efficient working transportation, telephone and some refreshment facilities for MASS and MAJA should be provided.

The forum also recommended some suitable financial support to the member of MASS, MAJA & PSC as well as resources for their Capacity building.

At the end all PSC members were agreed upon and appreciated the agenda of the Project and offered their fullest support and cooperation for the Project.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by chair.