



**GENDER JUSTICE THROUGH MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN PROJECT
BALOCHISTAN QUETTA**



Pakistan

**Minutes of the
2nd Provincial Steering Committee meeting
of the Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman project,
held on March 9, 2006 at 1100 hrs.**

The Provincial Steering Committee met under the Chairmanship of Secretary Local Government & Rural Development Department GoB on March 9, 2006 in his capacity as Chairman Provincial steering Committee.

- Proceeding commenced with the recitation of versus from the Holy Quran.

Introduction of the members was followed by opening remarks from the Chair who welcoming the participants highlighted the objectives of the meeting. He asked the Provincial Project Manager (PPM) to initiate discussion on the agenda as deliberated bellow:-

Item No. 1 (Presentation on the Project)

The PPM apprised that the project implementation has already commenced and majority of the stakeholders were aware of the project methodology but since a few of the members had newly joined therefore for their appraisal /update a brief presentation on the project was made. The PPM informed that Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMA) was an outcome of an exercise titled Social Audit against Women (SAAAW) conducted by the Ministry of Women Development through CIET aiming.



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

The PPM further elaborated that Project goals were designed to be achieved through the following objectives:-

- Constitution and mobilization of the MAs in all Union Councils 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; &
- Community level advocacy for legal rights of Women and Men’s role in ending violence at the community level and
- Build partnerships between judiciary, police and MA for accountable, fair and equitable justice.

Functioning of the different fora and their administrative set up at the national, provincial, district and union level and the role of MASS and MAJA were also highlighted.

The participants were also updated about status of Rules of Business for functioning of the Musalihat Anjumans which had been submitted to the Chief Executive of the Province soliciting approval and were likely to be promulgated within the next couple of days (Now Promulgated on March 25, 2006).



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About formation of ICs and MAs in the pilot districts the PSC was informed that so far 51 ICs/MAs and 18ICs/MAs had been constituted out of 67/22 UCs of Quetta and Lasbella respectively ensuring female representation.

Agenda Item No .3 (Approval of Annual work plan and Priority matrix for the year 2006)

Work plan worth US\$ 205883, for the year 2006 was presented. The work plan encompassing Priority Matrix was explained in detail by the PPM. The Steering Committee approved the work plan with assurance from the members of their support in execution of the planned activities.

Agenda Item No .4 (Approval of SAPR 2005)

The PPM presented the SAP2005 and highlighted salient features of the report. Appreciating the contents of the report the Committee with a consensus of opinion accorded endorsement.

Agenda Item No .5 (Support from Prov & Districts Govts. To MAs)

The efforts put in by the provincial and Districts governments of both the pilot Districts for implementation of the project were lauded. The PPM pointed out that since the project had embarked on physical implementation through formation of MAs, therefore for their strengthening and enhancement of visibility, resources were badly required. It was explained that in order to overcome the budgetary constraint the project would be providing the required support provided the Districts/Union administration also incorporated a matching grant for promotion of MAs in their respective budgets. It was decided that the District Nazim shall ensure that the required provision was reflected in the budgets of the respective Union councils.

Agenda Item No .6 (Approval of MASS & MAJA QWP)



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The PPM presented the Quarterly Work plan of MASS & MAJA for the first Quarter of 2006, which after thorough discussion was approved.

Agenda Item No .7 (Approval of Project Web Site)

The Project Web site was explained in detail by PPM. He explained that through this medium the required information in the context of the project would be easily accessible. The PSC appreciated PMU's efforts and accord approval for the site.

Agenda Item No .8(Publication of Project News letter

The PPM highlighted about importance of Project News letter and updated about the progress and the manner news letter in English and Urdu were planned to be disseminated.

On conclusion of the agenda the floor was opened for discussion inviting suggestions from the members for the better implementation of the Project. The District Nazim City Government Quetta stressed that the role of Police was vital for project. He emphasized that if the Police support was whole heartedly extended any hurdle in implementation of the project could be effectively encountered. The opinion of Nazim was seconded by the DCO Quetta and other participants. District Nazim also suggested nominations of DIGs of Police deptt of both the pilot districts members of PSC. Endorsing the recommendation it was decided that IGP Balochistan would be requested for according consent/approval for the recommended nomination for PSC.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair and lunch for the PSC members hosted by PMU.