



GENDER JUSTICE THROUGH MUSALIHAT ANJUMAN PROJECT
BALOCHISTAN

5th Provincial Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting

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Minutes of Meeting of the 5th PSC GJTMAP Balochistan

Gender Justice Through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMAP) envisaging a multi-stakeholder Project Steering Committee PSC, mandated to approve and monitor the Project's annual work plan and to perform overall coordination met under the chairmanship of Secretary LG/Chairman PSC. List of participants is attached.

The proceeding as per agenda are minuted below:-

Commencement/Introduction:

The meeting formally commenced with the recitation of versus from the Holy Quran by Capt. @ Javed Khan, PPM – GJTMAP, Balochistan followed by introduction of the participants.

Opening Remarks:

The Chairperson/Secretary, Local Government & Rural Development Department (LG&RDD), Government of Balochistan (GoB) in his opening remarks welcoming the participants observed that as far he was conversant the promotion of ADR through an institutional framework from the forum of Musalihat Anjuman under the BLGO, 2001 was of vital importance. In this regard UNDP's support coupled with implementation strategy adopted for effective delivery of relief to the Committee through the institution was appreciable.

Overview of the Agenda:

Secretary Local Board/ Provincial Project Director (PPD) GJTMAP, Balochistan welcomed the Chairperson on assumption of Office as Secretary, LG&RDD, GoB and apprised about the objective of the Steering Committee meeting particularly in the context of progress of intervention in the five selected Districts and the Annual Work plan.

Project Progress 2008 / issues:

Detailed presentation by PPM on the Project implementation, progress focused on the following:

- Project background Its goal, objectives, duration, budget & management mechanism
- Progress 2008 as per Project objectives:
 - i. **Constitution and mobilization of the MAs in all UCs in the project districts** followed by Orientation workshops for the nazims, Councilors & Secretaries union councils on project concept and methodology completed.
 - ii. **MAs capacity built to dispense gender justice at the community level:**
 - Based on the modules developed by MASS trainers for the members of UCs, MAs on gender and legal literacy in Ziarat, Loralai and Gawader, completed. Consequent impact in settlement of cases was as under :

Sr. No	Quarter	No. of Cases Received by MAs	No of Cases Solved
1	Jan. - Mar.	24	22
2	Apr. - Jun.	55	39
3	Jul. - Sep.	32	31
4	Oct. - Nov.	79	63
5	Grand Total	190	128

- iii. **Partnerships b/w judiciary, police and MAs for accountable, fair and equitable dispensation of justice:**
 - Sensitization Workshops on violence against women for the elected representative conducted at Quetta, Lasbella, Loralai, Gawader and Ziarat.
 - Awareness raising about functioning of MAs and ADR mechanism conducted at district, Tehsil and UC level through MAJA.
 - District Judiciary Orientation workshops on ROBs GJTMAP presided by Mr. Justice Kalash Nath Kohli BHC conducted. Impact visualized in referral of 111 cases to MAs by Judiciary.
- iv. **Community Advocacy for legal rights of Women and Men's role in ending violence**
 - Workshops at the Project districts for the women councilors, elected members, bar, police and representatives of SW&WD on women legal rights to inculcate the concept of violence and highlight men role in ending gender violence imparted to 1140 trainees.

Observation/Suggestion:

JS (Dev.), MoLG&RD/NPD GJTMAP expressed concern on the quantum of MA cases and stressed for more vigorous awareness campaigns so that more people were benefited from quick dispensation of justice methodology.

Mr. Maqbool Lehri, City Nazim, Quetta suggested to follow footsteps of the developed nations by devising a policy making it obligatory for the Judiciary to refer cases to MAs to promote community based ADR mechanisms, Thus saving court time in petty matters and overcoming pendency/reducing work load besides appreciating its cost effectiveness.

The police support to MA was appreciated but its trickling down to the grass root level, i.e., at police station was felt lagging and this required impetus, DIG Police assured of his full support and that of his Department. He emphasized need for further simplification/specifying of matters to be brought within the ambit of MAs as this will facilitate in easy referral of cases to MAs.

Award of incentive to MA members was discussed at length. Majority of the members endorsed the proposal except MS. Bushra Hassan, M&E Specialist – GSP who dissented on the pretext that UNDP discouraged incurrence of any recurring expenditure which is not inline with the Project Document. Therefore, this had to be catered by the GoB. Representative of P&DD, GoB added being cost sharing partner there appeared no objection provided PSC endorses it. Since the accord had a country wide implication consensus was to place the matter in the ensuing meeting of the NSC for a decision.

NPM GJTMAP appreciated GJTMAP Balochistan team's efforts and supported NPD's proposal for more invigorative awareness raising campaign/trainings specific to Project issues and objectives. He shared FPMU efforts for further up scaling of the Project and about Court Annexed ADR review Committee. He also supported the suggestion of incentive yet it will be appreciable to get an endorsement for its country wide application from NSC.

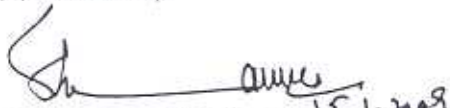
Annual Work Plan:

The annual work plan 2009 less award of incentive based on the project objectives with an outlay of Rs.16.978 million through cost sharing agreement executed between GoB and UNDP was approved.

Concludingly Secretary, LG&RDD, GoB/Chairman PSC specially thanked Honorable Justice Kalash Nath Kohli, BHC and IGP Balochistan for their invaluable support to the Project and the District Nazim, Ziarat for his support and initiative to allocate Rs. 5000 for each UC of District Ziarat out of Zila Government's Budget, conversely this could be quoted as an example for other districts of the project to follow as such efforts could facilitate in ascertaining ownership and sustainability to project activities. The PSC also decided to ask the district governments (Project District) to allocate at least Rs. 5000 for each UC of the respective districts for the working of MAs.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Approved by:



Chairperson PSC/Secretary
LG&RDD, GoB, Quetta.