

Project Brief

Gender Justice Through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMAP)

Project Goal:

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

Objectives:

- Constitution and mobilization of the Musalihat Anjumans in all Unions Councils in the pilot districts (under Section 102, LGO 2001).
- Musalihat Anjuman’s capacity built to dispense gender justice at the community level through Musalihat Anjuman Support Services (MASS)
- Partnerships between judiciary, police and Musalihat Anjuman for accountable, fair and equitable dispensation of justice.
- Community Advocacy for legal rights of Women and Men’s role in ending violence (MAJA).

Scope:

The project would cover all union councils of eight districts during the first Phase (2004-06) and another twelve districts in the second phase (2007-2001). A province wise detail of districts is as follows:

Province	Phase I	Phase II
Balochistan	Lasbela, Quetta	Gwadar, Loralai, Zhob
NWFP	Abbottabad, D. I. Khan	Kohat, Mardan, Swat
Punjab	Attock, Bahawalpur	Jhelum, Mianwali, Multan
Sindh	Dadu, Shikarpur	Jacobabad, Mirpurkhas, Nawabshah

Budgets:

The Project is being co-financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE) through grant resources amounts in two phases.

Phase I: US\$ 1.546 million for two years (2005 – 06).

Phase II: US\$ 7.44 million for five years (2007 - 11).

Project Execution:

- Ministry of LG & RD will be the Executing Agency in close collaboration with UNDP and the Ministries of SW & WD, Law, NRB, Provincial Governments, etc.;
- A Project Management Unit (PMU) to be established at the Federal level and in all four Provinces in the LG&RD Ministry and Departments, respectively;
- The LG & RD Ministry & Provincial Departments to notify a National Project Director and Provincial Project Directors, respectively and provide office space for the Project related staff and notify NSC/PSC's;
- The LG & RD Ministry will dedicate & commit resources towards the strategic objectives and activities of the programme; &
- The Project will be implemented through grant resources for which the UNDP guidelines (as per PCOM approved by EAD) shall be followed for utilization of funds, for recruitment and Project procurements relevant committees have been notified as per PCOM

Project Steering Forums:

- **National Steering Committee:** Secretary MoLG & RD (Chairperson); National Project Director (Secretary); Members include: Ministries of SW & WD, Law, Justice & Human Rights, NRB, UNDP, Provincial Secretaries LG & RD, 1 rep from each Provincial MASS, Zila Nazim's pilot districts, Reps of Law Enforcing Agencies and National Project Manager - GJTMAP.

- **Provincial Steering Committee/s:** Secretary LG & RD Dept. (Chairperson), Provincial Project Director (Secretary), Members include: SW & WD, Law Departments, Zila Nazim's, Police, & DCOs of pilot districts, 2 reps from MASS and MAJA with 1 Rep from MA from each of the pilot districts
- *Strategic issues from the NSC presented to the GSP steering forum chaired by EAD*

Project Outputs and Activities:

- ***“Constitution and mobilization of the Musalihat Anjumans in all Union Councils in the pilot districts”***
 - Management capacities of the LG & RD built (PMUs established)
 - District mapping and selection of two districts per province carried out
 - Draft Rules of Business for MA agreed upon by stakeholders and receive final approval
 - MA's established in pilot districts in all four Provinces
- ***“Musalihat Anjumans capacity built to dispense gender justice at the community level”***
- A network of NGOs (having demonstrable track record in legal rights awareness) strengthen MAs established, i.e. Musalihat Anjuman Support Services (MASS)
- Formal agreement reached with the training Directorates of LG & RD Departments for carrying out capacity building activities. TNA for MA/mentors and development of training modules
- MA members, capacity built on LGO 2001, gender sensitization and issues of gender violence
- Union administration trained in ensuring office/institutional support to MA
- ***“Partnerships between judiciary, police and Musalihat Anjuman for accountable, fair and equitable dispensation of justice”***
 - Musalihat Anjuman Justice Advocates (MAJA) supports and monitors MA performance to ensure fair dispensation of justice

- Networks with district level bodies and judiciary including Criminal Justice Coordination Committees and Bar Associations established and to minimize the menace of gender violence.
- Awareness raised about the effective role of MAs through MAJA.
- **“Community Advocacy for legal rights of Women and Men’s role in ending violence”**
 - Legal based and gender rights material published and distributed.
 - District level forums involving judiciary and elected representative to advocate and role of men in addressing gender violence.
 - District specific advocacy strategy for safeguarding women rights launched.

Progress:

- 468 MAs/MJs formed at Union Council level in all eight Phase I districts (Lasbela, Quetta, Abbotabad, D. I. Khan, Attock, Bahawalpur, Dadu and Shikarpur) and under process at twelve Phase II districts (Gwadar, Loralai, Ziarat, Kohat, Mardan, Swat, Jhelum, Mianwali, Multan, Jacobabad, Mirpurkhas and Nawabshah);
- District mapping exercise to establish benchmarks in Pilot Districts completed;
- Draft Rules of Business (RoBs) for MAs, developed through a consultative process and Provincial inputs, have been cleared by the National Steering Committee on 28th November 2005 and are in the process of being notified by the respective Provinces *(Already printed in official gazette in NWFP and Balochistan, vetted by Law Dept. in Punjab & sent for approval by Chief Minister in Sindh)*;
- Capacity building of MA members/ local councilors/ Police and bar councils is being undertaken;
- Proposal for up-scaling of the Project up to 2011 and an additional twelve districts (total 20) has been signed between Ministry of Local

Government and Rural Development and UNDP CO, and endorsed by EAD.

- Project & MAs monitoring and reporting system and Project Website is finalized and put in place for a regular reporting system from UC level to District, Province and National levels