**Minutes of Meeting**

**Dastageer Legal Aid Center-MRDO, Jacobabad**

**Under “Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Pakistan”**

Minutes of the Joint Network meeting held on 18th March, 2015, at Peace by Youth Conference Hall Jacobabad to share the progress update of the Dastageer Legal Aid Center-MRDO, Jacobabad with other Rights Based Organizations (RBOs). The meeting was organized to discuss and develop ways to increase & strengthen the coordination and collaboration among these organizations within the district.

**Background:**

The main purpose of network meeting is Indorse a strong referral mechanism and sort-out issues through discussion challenges faced by organizations that are focused on thematic areas of GBV, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities. Suggestions from the organizations on how to overcome those issues. We may also motivate the organization to refer the communities they work in towards legal aid center to increase relevant legal aid beneficiaries The agenda point with a Charter on Justice includes the idea where a document/ statement in writing may be developed by the consent of all Rights Based Organizations in the district who want to actively work on access to justice programmed.

**Participants of the Meeting:**

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| S. No. | Name of Participant | Organization |
| 1 | Altaf Magsi | Root Work Foundation |
| 2 | Hidayatullah Lashari | LEADER Organization |
| 3 | Mahmood Odhano | SAFWCO Jacobabad |
| 4 | Nadeem Bahrani | SAP- PK |
| 5 | Muhammad Azam Daudpoto | Community Development Foundation |
| 6 | Rizwan Abbasi | Root Work Foundation |
| 7 | Ghulam Mohammad Soomro | Pirbhat Jacobabad |
| 8 | Mohammad Iqbal Naich | HANDS Jacobabad |
| 9 | Muhammad Tayyab | Peace by Youth |
| 10 | Khalida Soomro | Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women Center |
| 11 | Malik Khurram | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 12 | Shagufta Aziz | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 13 | Saima Soomro | Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women Center |
| 14 | Hayat Jamali | RSWDO |
| 15 | Zaffar Khalil | General Secretary DBA |
| 16 | Tariq Ali | CASWA Jacobabad |
| 17 | Khadim Hussain | Aas Research Foundation |
| 18 | Muhammad Muslim | CDNO |
| 19 | Nisar Ahmed | PY |
| 20 | Khair-u-Nisa | DLAC- MRDO Jacobabad |
| 21 | Gul Buledi | DLAC- MRDO Jacobabad |
| 22 | Izhar Ahmed | PY |

**Agenda of the Meeting:**

Following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

**Agenda Item 1:** Progress Update by DLAC

**Agenda Item 2:** Improve/ increase coordination among Rights Based Organizations in District on Access to Justice Project

**Agenda Item 3:** Strengthening Referral Mechanism

**Agenda Item 4:** Issues/ Challenges of organizations working on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Minorities and GBV and suggestions to overcome them

**Agenda Item 5:** Charter of Justice for Protecting Rights

**Agenda Item 6:** Action Points for future meetings

**Proceedings/Key Discussion Points:**

**Agenda Item 1:** Progress Update by DLAC

1. Gul Buledi, DLAC Coordinator initiated the meeting by welcoming and introduction of the participants. In his presentation he explained the services that are being provided at DLAC including 24/7 toll free helpline number, legal assistance, court representation and psychosocial support. He further shared the progress in terms of number of court cases (27) with resolved cases as 18 and number of people accessing center through helpline (60) or walk-in (116).

**Agenda item 2, 3 & 4:** Improve/ increase coordination among Rights Based Organizations in District, strengthening referral mechanism and Issues/ Challenges of organizations working on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Minorities and survivors of GBV and suggestions to overcome them

1. Rizwan Abbasi from Root Work Organization suggested that DLAC may distribute pamphlets/ IEC material through organizations present in the meeting in their working villages for awareness and information sharing of Access to Justice Project.
2. Khalida Soomro, Women Protection Center Jacobabad, assured of her complete support of the center. She also offered services in any regard for the beneficiary on behalf of Protection Center saying that they are available for the betterment and empowerment of the beneficiary.
3. Nisar Gorshani from Peace by Youth, stressed the need to develop a mechanism for continuous coordination of all organizations working on human rights in the district.
4. It was agreed unanimously to develop a district level justice cluster of the organizations working on human rights and call it **“Human Rights Cluster”**. It was also agreed and to develop its protocols and mechanism in the next meeting.
5. Tariq Chandio from CASWA and Azam Khan Community Development Foundation CDF, shared both organizations has been affiliated with DLAC Jacobabad as Support Organizations and would continue their support of the center.

**Agenda Item 5:** Charter of Justice for Protecting Rights

1. It was highlighted that the ultimate goal of the coordination through these meetings is to have all organizations working on human rights at a central point together to develop a Justice cluster of the district. The organizations will develop through collaborative efforts some action points to be agreed upon by all to enhance/ improve access to justice in the district

**Action Points:**

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| **Action(s) Required** | **Responsibility** |
| Provide IEC material to organizations present in the meeting to be distributed in their communities | DLAC & other organizations of the district |
| Develop organizations’ profile and matrix of all organizations of district Human Rights Cluster | MRDO-Rights Based Organizations |
| Next Joint Networking Meeting will be organized at LEADER Organization | LEADER & DLAC |