**Minutes of Joint Networking Meeting**

**TLSP, Karachi**

Minutes of the Joint Network meeting held on March 19, 2015, at Mehran Hotel Karachi to share the progress update of the centers with other Rights Based Organizations (RBOs) and discuss and develop ways to increase and strengthen coordination and collaboration among these organizations within the district.

**Background:**

The main purpose of the Joint Network Meetings with stakeholders including Rights Based Organizations, Bar Associations, and relevant government departments including Social Welfare Department, Women Shelter Homes, Bail-ul-Maal, and Zakat & Ushr etc. was to have their support for access to justice program in the districts.

**Participants of the Meeting:**

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| Participant name | Organization |
| 1. Javed Rais | D.W.A |
| 1. Lal Muhammad | D.W.A |
| 1. Dr. Waqas Javed | Life Care Foundation |
| 1. Muhammad Owais | Laksoft |
| 1. Faizan U Ddin | D.W.A |
| 1. Avinash Hari | UMID |
| 1. Nabeel Shaukat | NOWPDP |
| 1. Nabila Aslam | ASWOS |
| 1. Nazakat | SAAZ |
| 1. Zeeshan Sarshar | ASWOS |
| 1. Usama Shaukat | ASWOS |
| 1. Safina Javed | Peace And Development Organization |
| 1. Seema Maheshwary | Binte Fatima Shelter Home |
| 1. Younus Bandhani | Baanhn Beli |
| 1. Abdur Rahim Moosvi | Lyari Community Development Project |
| 1. Saleem Michael | Catholic Church |
| 1. Shah Rehman | WATCH |
| 1. Rehem Dil Khan | WATCH |
| 1. Sumaira Malik | Be Invision |
| 1. Javed Haleem | Be Invision |
| 1. Nauman | The Asia Foundation |
| 1. S. Tasnim | JDC |
| 1. Safiudin Awan | The Law Society Pakistan |
| 1. Shagufta Aziz | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 1. Khurram Malik | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 1. Ishrat Sultan | Dastageer Legal Aid Center Karachi |
| 1. Asma Afzal | Dastageer Legal Aid Center Karachi |
| 1. Adeel Ahmed | Dastageer Legal Aid Center Karachi |

**Agenda of 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

**Key Discussion Points:**

Agenda Item 1:

* The meeting was initiated by introduction of *Access to Justice* Project. Center coordinator Ishrat Sultan briefed about *DLAC’s* structure and services. Updated progress was discussed along with importance of referral mechanism in this project.

Agenda Item 2-5:

* The participants appreciated the project and DLAC’s initiative. One minute of silence was observed by the participants before starting discussion to condemn *yuhana-abad*’s incident.
* Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani’s judgment on minorities’ rights was discussed and it was stressed by the participants that there is a strong need to implement that judgment.
* The participants agreed unanimously that the society as a whole needs to change its perceptions. Recent incidents are a result of intolerance and lack of acceptance. Segregation in society resulted has also resulted in violence and extremism.
* The participants from organization working on rights of persons with disabilities pointed out that disability lies in basic infrastructure. The buildings are not made accessible for all including majority of government departments, private institutes and educational institutions. This results in many of the persons with disabilities in missing out on many of the facilities available.
* It was suggested to utilize social media in generating awareness about the center and to create a closed group Facebook page of the organizations to ensure security.

**Action Points:**

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| **Action(s) Required** | **Responsibility** |
| Coordination with selected participants for sustained and effective operation of network | Center Coordinator |
| Formation of closed network group on social media which can be used as a forum and information portal of the district | Center Coordinator |
| Development of a resource directory of organizations | Center Coordinator |