**Minutes of Joint Networking Meeting**

**DLAC-LRF, Hyderabad**

**Background:**

The basic purpose of Joint Networking Meetings is to promote and support developing partnerships and expanding networks among Dastageer Legal Aid Center (DLAC) WSO, Faisalabad, Rights Based Organizations and other relevant stakeholders of the district. The interaction will ensure collaboration, coordination and establishing networks for workers of human rights.

**Participants of the Meeting:**

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| S# | Name of the Person | Organization | |
| 1 | Mr. Tahir Malik | LRF | |
| 2 | Mr. Javed Siddique | Hayat-e- Nau | |
| 3 | Rabia Saima | CIDP | |
| 4 | Pervaiz Khokhar | National Commission for Justice and Peace | |
| 5 | Muhammad Saleem Abbasi | CC DLAC yderabad | |
| 6 | Najma Khuro SIP | HR Cell GIG | |
| 7 | Mr. Nauman Hafeez | TAF Islamabad | |
| 8 | Manzoor | Counselor DLAC | |
| 9 | Ms. Shagufta | INP Islamabad | |
| 10 | Malik Gaffar | SDA | |
| 11 | Shan Segal | CPCL Hyderabad | |
| 12 | Darul Aman Hyderabad | 03013538564/ 0229239275 |
| 13 | Fahmida Channa | Green Words | |
| 14 | Quratain Shah | Women complaint Cell Hyd | |
| 15 | Mohd Asif | Voice President Hyd Bar | |
| 16 | Mr. Salahuddin Arain | Advocate Penal | |
| 17 | Ms. Malika | Social Welfare Officer Hyd | |
| 28 | Ms. Rafia Bangash | ABAD | |
| 19 | Sohail Seddique | PFF | |
| 20 | Haseen Musrat | Women Action Forum | |
| 21 | Abdullah Abro | Admin DLAC Hyderabad | |
| 22 | Lala Abdul Haleem Shaikh | HRCP | |
| 23 | Mr. Khuram Usman | INP Islamabad | |
| 24 | Ms. Tabasum Rani | Advocate | |

**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

**Key Discussion Points:**

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

1. Participants were briefly introduced about legal rights forum (LRF) and access to justice (A2J) program for vulnerable populations in Pakistan. Goal of the project, A2J geographic outreach, Dastageer Legal Aid Center Operational Structure, DLAC level of responsibilities, DLAC Services Available, Progress Updates, Support Mechanism, and Awareness Campaign on demand side pictures were presented by the DLAC Hyderabad Coordinator in the audience.

**Agenda item 2-5:**

1. The participants emphasized that several organizations are working on human rights of the vulnerable population in district Hyderabad but there is still much to do for effective and meaningful coordination among rights based civil society organizations. Referral mechanism can never be possible without close coordination among relevant civil society organizations. There is no referral directory available on services providers working with survivors of gender based violence and vulnerable groups of society.
2. It was emphasized that DLAC has comprehensive legal faculties as well as point of first contact for the most vulnerable groups of society as survivors of gender based violence, persons with disabilities and religious and ethnical minorities.
3. District Social Welfare Officer appreciated the project and the services provided by DLAC. She shared that social welfare department is closely linked with social security programs and vulnerable people of the area and showed her commitment to refer and support the cases of the gender based violence, PWDs and religious and ethnical minorities.
4. Rafia Bangash from ABAD reiterated that different networks working at gross root can serve the community. She however pointed out that there is no referral directory to refer a client to any other service provider.
5. Najma Khuro SI Police representing the Human Rights Cell DIG Hyderabad shared the critical experiences of services provision for justice to vulnerable segments of society especially survivors of GBV. She assured of referring cases to DLAC and in being part of such a bog cause.
6. The participants suggested to have such meetings in the rural community instead of the city area. It was shared that there are many programmes for community awareness including puppet shows, street theatres and radio programmes that will be implemented at regular basis. The center has recently been established and as such is in the initial stages.
7. Many of the organizations requested DLAC to provide with their IEC material that will be distributed by the participants for promotion.

**Action Points:**

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| **Action(s) Required** | **Responsibility** |
| Development of the Matrix for referral directory | DLAC Coordinator |
| Develop a mailing list of all participants of the Joint Networking Meeting and sharing with participants before next meeting | DLAC Coordinator |