**Third Joint Network Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting:**

**Background:**

“Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Pakistan” is a project that aims to improve access to justice and human rights through the provision of efficient, cost effective legal assistance and protection for poor and vulnerable populations. Khanewal is one of the 13 districts where this project is being implemented through the establishment of Dastageer Legal Aid Center (DLAC). In order to strengthen the referral mechanism and to increase coordination among the stakeholders of the project a joint network meeting was organized by DLAC in conjunction with Insaf Network Pakistan (INP), with Rights Based Organizations (RBOs) of the district on 22nd May, 2015 at Fort Restaurant Khanewal.

**Participants of the Meeting:**

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| Sr # | Name | Designation / Organization |
| 1 | Shahid Ali | Marie Stops Society |
| 2 | Misbah Farooq | Marie Stops Society |
| 3 | Humaire Sharif | Marie Stops Society |
| 4 | Mabasher Hussain | EHD(Encourage the Human Development) |
| 5 | M. Nadeem Qamar | Advocate |
| 6 | Sajid Mehmood | Advocate |
| 7 | Qaisar Iqbal | Sirat – ul – Jannah |
| 8 | Amir Younis | Sade-e-umeed |
| 9 | Habib Ahmad Usmani | Social Worker |
| 10 | Rana Zahid Mahmood | Al – Rehmat trust |
| 11 | Atiq Afzal | JS Bank |
| 12 | Nauman Hafeez | TAF (The Asia Foundation) |
| 13 | Muhammad Shafiq | Advocate |
| 14 | Bismillah Irum | Roshin Rahy Organization |
| 15 | Tahir Iqbal | Advocate |
| 16 | Aqeel Ahmad | Social Worker |
| 17 | Ch. Tanvir Talib | Advocate |
| 18 | Shahlaz Cheema | Advocate |
| 19 | Imtiaz Ahmad | EHD ( Encourage the Human Development) |
| 20 | G. Shabeer | Social Worker |
| 21 | M. Usman | PLYC |
| 22 | M. Bilal | EHD (Encourage the Human Development) |
| 23 | Tahir Shahzad | EHD (Encourage the Human Development) |
| 24 | Abdul Rahim | Bismillah Trust |
| 25 | Sohal Shah | MAC Multan |

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| Agenda of the Meeting | | | |
| S. No | **Activity** | **Time** | **Responsibility** |
|  | Progress Update by DLAC | 10:00 Am to 10:20 Am | Center Coordinator DLAC |
|  | Follow-up on Action Points | 10:20 Am to 10:35 Am | Center Coordinator |
|  | Recommendations for Justice Cluster/ Network | 10:35 Am to 11:10 Am | Discussion |
|  | Charter of Justice and Justice Cluster | 11:10 Am to 11:40 Am | Discussion |
|  | Action Points for future meetings | 11:40 Am to 11:55 Am | Center Coordinator |

**Key Discussion Points:**

**Agenda Item 1**: (Progress update by DLAC)

* DLAC coordinator shared the scope and the progress of the Center with the participants including the number of people accessing the center either through toll free helpline number or walk-in, the number of persons receiving counseling and legal advice and assistance through curt cases. The participants appreciated the work done by the center.

**Agenda item 2:** Follow – up on Action Points

* A brief follow-up on the action points of the previous meeting was provided by the center coordinator. A profiling of all the organization working on human rights of the district Khanewal is underway by the center and this will be shared with the regular members of the meeting. The new participants of the meeting were also requested to share their organizations’ profile to be included in the directory.
* The Center Coordinator informed the participants **about Dastageer Facebook page (EHD-Dastageer Legal aid Center)** and invited all the organizations to visit this page. All the previous activities along with their photographs have been shared on this page. It was also informed that upcoming events and meetings in future will be shared through this page.

**Agenda Item 3 & 4:** Recommendations for Justice Cluster/ Network

* A detailed discussion ensued on the development of Justice Cluster in the district. Some of the organizations were of the view that already there are many forums or networks that have been established and then stopped working. The reasons for a forum on justice by all the rights-based organizations was explained in detail. It was re-emphasized that the basic purpose of such a network is to provide a platform where all the organizations working on human rights may collaborate and strengthen. The participants were requested to come forward for working together for the betterment of vulnerable populations of the district.
* The participants’ stressed the need that the role of social welfare department is very important in this regard. They discussed that the department needs to play an active over-arching part in this regard.
* The participants discussed the name of Justice Cluster and its mechanism to be finalized in the next meeting.
* It was also discussed that Terms of Reference will be finalized in the next meeting. The Center Coordinator DLAC and Executive Director of Roshan Rahain were made responsible to come up with ToRs, and mechanism of working for this Forum.

**Agenda Item 5:** Action Points for future meetings

* Following actions points were devised for the next meeting:

**Action Points:**

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| Action(s) Required | Responsibility |
| 1. Name of Justice Cluster | DLAC EHD Kwl and Rights-based Organizations |
| 2. Membership form | DLAC EHD Kwl and Rights-based Organizations |
| 3. Sharing the profile of Rights-based Organizations | DLAC EHD Kwl |