**Minutes of Joint Networking Meeting**

**Baidarie Sialkot**

**Date:** 14th May 2015 **Day:** Thursday **Venue:** Sudhar Society

**Background:**

The basic purpose increase coordination among rights-based organizations and other stakeholders (Judiciary, Bar, relevant government departments) of the district and to strengthen the referral mechanism.

**Participants of the meeting:**

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| **S#** | **Name** | **Designation** | **Organization** |
| 1 | Faheem Mirza | Center coordinator | Baidarie |
| 2 | Rida Fatima | Counselor | Baidarie |
|  | Mohsin Riaz | Coordinator | Sudhaar society |
| 3 | Khurram Malik |  |  |
| 4 | Waqas Janjua |  |  |
| 5 | Shahid Mughal | President | Bright way Welfare Organization |
| 6 | Syeda Kaneez Zahra | Social organizer | Geophile development organization |
| 7 | Shamsa Kanwal | President | Sofia foundation |
| 8 | Adeel Shafaqat | Admin | Sofia foundation |
| 9 | Nusrat Jamshed | President | Rose human right |
| 10 | Asma Ahmad | Superintendent | Dar ul Amaan |
| 11 | Feroz Khan | Chairman | Human rights commission |
| 12 | Tariq Tabassum | President | Christian committee |
| 13 | Rabia Iftekhar | Psychologist | Dar ul Aman |
| 14 | Fatima Afeefa | MSO | Social welfare department |
| 15 | Hafiz M Azeem | President | Aman welfare foundation |
| 16 | Momina Imran |  | Social Activist |
| 17 | Yasir Mughal | President | Young Blood Daska |
| 18 | Ajmal Nawab | President | Jiza Welfare |
| 19 | Ali Hussnain | Coordinator | Young Blood |
| 20 | Shahid Mehboob | President | Ali welfare |
| 21 | Nasir Hussain | President | Aman Foundation |
| 22 | Anwar Iqbal | Organizer | Aman Foundation |
| 23 | M Ashraf Cheema | Chairmen | R.F.S |
| 24 | Hafiz M Jawad | President | Masoom foundation |
| 25 | Naeem Ahmad | President | Smiles |
| 26 | M Sharif Ghuman | DEO | Social welfare |
| 27 | Abaid |  | Social welfare |
| 28 | Bushra Ashraf | Social mobelizer | Sudhaar Society |
| 29 | M Ashfaq Nazar | Coordinator | Rose Foundation |
| 30 | Soham Laal | President | Hindu community |
| 31 | Ayesha Ashraf | Member | Bright Way |
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**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:** Charter of Justice for Protecting Rights

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

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

* + - 1. The meeting was initiated with formal introduction of the participants. Mohsin Riaz Project Manager of Sudhaar society gave brief introduction of his organization sharing the organization is working on education.
      2. Khurram Malik M&E Officer, INP introduced the project ***“Access to justice”*** and shared the aim of the meeting. He emphasized the need to develop linkages and strengthen the network among local NGO’s who are working for the poor and vulnerable populations of the communities. This will result in improving their access to justice and rights.
      3. Faheem Mirza, Center coordinator shared progress details of the project and the services provided through legal aid center including legal advice/opinion, out of court settlements, psycho-social counseling, and representation before court of law**.** The need for the development of a Justice Forum of like-minded organizations was emphasized.

**Agenda Item 2 & 3:** Improve/ increase coordination and Referral Mechanism among Rights Based Organizations in District on Access to Justice Project

* + - 1. Shamsa Kanwal, President Sofia Foundation, welcomed other organizations to work with them specially Persons with disabilities which is a new field for them. She stressed that justice should be provided at door step of the client. In this regard she suggested the awareness meetings should be arranged at community level so that poor and vulnerable women can get knowledge about their basic rights.
      2. Momina Imran, Social Activist, said that justice and basic human rights should start from the micro level i.e. homes, schools and initial educational institutions. It would help the people to understand the concept of justice from the early age. She also suggested that meeting with uneducated females can be effective for raising awareness of justice in vulnerable populations. She was informed that poor and vulnerable communities especially women are being reached through community activities of puppet shows, theaters etc.
      3. The participants suggested to invite NADAR organization in the next meeting that is also working on legal aid in Sialkot.
      4. M. Sharif Ghuman, Social Welfare Officer, assured the participants that the government is planning not to remove name display banners outside NGOs’ offices in the upcoming months.
      5. It was unanimously agreed to develop a directory containing profiles of all organizations part of the justice cluster in the district.

**Agenda Item 4:** Charter of Justice for Protecting Rights

* + - 1. The participants agreed to be part of the justice forum and unanimously gave responsibility of developing the name of the group and charter to the team of DLAC.

**Action Points**

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| Action Required | Responsibility |
| Finalization of Justice Group Name | DLAC Sialkot |
| Finalization of Charter Of Justice | DLAC Sialkot |

* + - 1. The meeting ended with vote of thanks