Supporting Rule of Law for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Pakistan (Amn-o-Insaf)

Supporting Rule of Law for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Pakistan (Amn-o-Insaf) supports both supply and demand sides of the rule of law by strengthening justice institutions and citizen rights, and by deepening the ongoing efforts to secure peace and stability in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The AOI has recently expanded its geographical outreach to other parts of Pakistan, i.e. Merged Areas (MAs) (formerly Federally Administered Tribal Areas), Gilgit-Baltistan and Balochistan.

The programme also works with the informal justice system, which keeping in view the expensive and time-consuming formal justice system, is a key source of resolving minor disputes at the community level.

Building on the trust and confidence of the donors, national counterparts and communities, AOI is on road to emerge as a national level programme.

Objective
UNDP supports reform processes and sustainable peace by improving access to justice in Pakistan through effective and accountable justice service delivery.

QUICK FACTS

Duration: 2011–2026

Government partners: Peshawar High Court, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Home and Tribal Affairs Department, KPM Prisons, Reclamation and Probation Directorate, KP Police Department, KP Judicial Academy, Social Welfare Department, Planning & Development Department, Chief Court Gilgit Baltistan, Balochistan Home & Tribal Department, Balochistan High Court, Balochistan Police Department, Balochistan Judicial Academy, District Judiciary, Bar Council, Levies, Women Development Department, Local Government Department, KP Planning & Development Department

Funding partners: GoKP, EU, US-INL, USAID, GoJ.

Current Locations: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Balochistan and Islamabad.

Annual budget (2021): US$ 8,283,415

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Project Outputs:

1. Policy, legal and regulatory framework strengthened to ensure affordable, equitable, timely and accessible delivery of justice.
2. Increased access to justice through formal and informal justice mechanisms particularly for women, minorities, juveniles and disabled people.
3. Justice and security services delivery improved in line with constitutional safeguards and state ratified international human rights standards.

Key achievements
- Improved citizen’s access to formal and informal justice system through free legal aid desks and capacity building of paralegals.
- Development of Balochistan Rule of Law roadmap, which covers issues and challenges associated with the Police, Levies, judiciary, prosecution, lawyers, legal aid and legal awareness.
- Construction of Joint Police Training Centre (JPTC) Nowshera, Phase II.
- Increased participation of women in legal profession through scholarships and stipends in the Merged Areas (MAs). Complete development of training manuals for prosecutors, lawyers and judges in MAs.
- Construction of Prosecution Training Academy, Peshawar.
- Construction of Women Barracks for women staff and formulation of Gender Strategy for Anti-Narcotics Force in Islamabad.
- Support to Rule of Law institutions and Law Enforcement Agencies for effective healthcare system response for the COVID-19 pandemic.

What’s next?
- Building on the results achieved in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and owing to the fruitful partnerships established with both government and international partners, UNDP is well positioned to replicate its rule of law programme to Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and other regions, to support post-conflict stabilization, enhancing citizen-state trust, effectiveness of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies and promoting women’s inclusion in this sector.
- Enhance UNDP’s relevance to promote better access to justice and improved service delivery of judicial institutions and LEAs (collaboration with UNWOMEN and UNODC).

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