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The poor and marginalised are too often denied the ability to seek remedies in a fair justice system. UNDP promotes effective, responsive, accessible and fair justice systems as a pillar of democratic governance.

UNDP reinforces the judiciary, police, prosecution departments, alternate dispute resolution mechanisms, access to justice and legal aid at the district level. The project also works closely with civil society organizations to empower communities and to create strong links between the state and its citizens.

The Strengthening Rule of Law project promotes rule of law by supporting the justice and security sectors in the Malakand Division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. It improves and deepens ongoing efforts to secure peace and stability by enhancing justice and security processes.

QUICK FACTS

Duration: 2011-2017

Implementing partners: Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Judiciary, Bar Associations, informal justice sector actors, civil society organizations

Funding partners: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Location: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Annual budget (2014): US$5,980,934

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Assistance is provided to support the effective and speedy provision of services to improve public trust and confidence in justice and security institutions. The project also works with informal justice institutions to settle disputes at the community level, while helping to create forums for dialogue between formal and informal mechanisms.

Objective
- The project supports sustainable peace by improving access to justice in Malakand through effective and accountable justice and security service delivery.

Expected results
- The project will improve access to justice, legal aid and representation for men, women, children and other vulnerable groups in Malakand.
- Alternative justice mechanisms will provide fair and effective services in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan and human rights standards.
- The project will improve the ability of courts to provide effective and timely justice services to the people of Malakand.
- The police will provide effective security and protection to residents of Malakand.
- The project will improve citizen’s trust and confidence in the police.
- The project will improve criminal investigation and prosecution and will support civilian oversight mechanisms.

Main achievements
- The KP Judicial Academy (KPJA) has emerged as a policy and research generating body.
- The KPJA has become a training hub for justice sector actors from Malakand, as well as from the rest of KP, and has delivered training to more than 2,000 participants.
- The project supported the first forensic science lab in Malakand.
- The project has increased women’s access to justice, with a 5 percent increase in women’s participation at legal aid clinics and legal aid desks in Malakand.
- The project promoted a pro bono culture to increase access to justice, focusing on sustainability.
- The project supports quick and efficient case resolution by training judges and lawyers in alternative dispute resolution.
- The project established a state-of-the-art Regional Training Center for Police in Swat

- The project improved Malakand district court houses to create a better environment for court staff and litigants

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What’s next?
- The project will increase access to justice for vulnerable populations.
- The project will increase access to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.
- The project will improve the ability of the district judiciary to dispense speedy and equitable justice to disadvantaged populations.
- The project will improve the ability of police and prosecution to promote a sense of protection and security among the population.
- The project will support and strengthen informal justice forums to enable them to dispense justice in a manner that is free, accessible and in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan.

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