The project is assisting in promoting the rule of law through provision of support to the justice and security sectors in Malakand, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. The rule of law programme aims to improve and deepen on-going efforts to secure peace and stabilization through enhancing justice and sectarian processes. Assistance is being provided for institutional and capacity development to rule of law institutions to ensure effective and speedy provision of justice and security services. The programme also works with the informal justice institutions so that dispute resolution can be used to settle disputes at community level, while helping to create forums for dialogue links between formal and informal mechanisms will be established. Combined, the activities and outputs under the programme are designed to enhance confidence and trust of the local communities in rule of law institutions. In doing so, UNDP is engaging with key stakeholders in KP including the judiciary, police department, local government department, prosecution, bar associations, jirgas, civil society organizations and partners with on-going justice initiatives. The programme also ensures linkages and coordination with other UNDP programming and related engagements by the UN system as well as the international community more broadly.

Objective
Supporting sustainable peace through improved access to justice for women and men in the Malakand division through effective and accountable justice and security service delivery.
Expected Results
• Improve access to justice, legal aid and representation mechanism for men, women and other vulnerable groups (including children) in Malakand;
• Alternative justice mechanisms provide fair and effective services in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan and human rights standards;
• Improved capacity of courts to provide effective and timely justice services to the people of Malakand;
• The police provides effective security and protection to the Malakand people; citizen’s trust and confidence is enhanced; criminal investigation and prosecution are improved and civilian oversight mechanisms are in place.

Main Achievements
• Needs based training toolkits (manuals) developed for police and prosecutors;
• Pool of master trainers formed including police and prosecutors;
• Training needs assessment completed of Executive Magistrates of Malakand division;
• Prosecution libraries of seven districts equipped;
• Assessment of seven prosecutorial offices completed;
• Prison management system installed at Timergara;
• Support provided to police training college, Hangu;
• Female trainees residential facilities upgraded;
• Mini forensic science laboratory established for training on investigation;
• Expert sessions (forensic, criminology, investigation, using information technology to detect crime, human rights, juvenile and women rights etc.);
• Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy operationalized and capacitated;
• First ever research wing in justice sector established in Peshawar;
• Planning cell of Peshawar High Court strengthened;
• District judiciary process serving branch strengthened;
• Dialogue initiated on gaps in Nizam-e-Adal regulation;
• Refurbishment needs of courts in Malakand division identified;

• Justice coordination forum established;
• Policy level discussions with the Pakistan BAR Council to make legal aid sustainable;
• Initiated discussions to create synergies between District Level Empowerment Committee and the Bar council;
• Legal Aid Desk established at district level (Buner, Swat, Dir Lower);
• Encouraged female legal practitioners to enter mainstream legal practice;
• Need based training toolkit for lawyers developed and master trainers trained.

What’s Next?
• Scaling up legal aid provision through Micro Capital Grants Agreements for legal aid in 7 districts;
• Signing of Memorandum of Understandings for Legal Aid Desk with local BAR/s;
• Undertaking legal aid clinics for vulnerable population;
• Notification of new rules of business by Local Government Department;
• Capacity building of Musalahati Jirgahs (alternate dispute resolution) and Local Government Department staff;
• Strengthening of Assistant Director Local Government in monitoring and supervision of Musalahati Jirgahs;
• Roll-out training program for judiciary and prosecution in case management and prosecutorial skills;
• Establishment of forensic science laboratory at Malakand Region.

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