



## 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\$ 8,408,541

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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).
- Continue infrastructural support projects including Extension of Police Training College in Quetta, KP Prosecution Academy and JPTC II.
- Completion of the additional construction at Joint Police Training Center (JPTC) Phase II Nowshera.
- Development and Operationalization of Virtual Courts in KP.
- Support to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for extension of Rule of Law institutions to Merged Areas in the form of model police stations and trainings for khasadars and levies and development of policing plans.
- Develop the Rule of Law Roadmap for Gilgit Baltistan.
- Continue legal awareness campaigns to inform the citizens of their rights, duties, basic laws and mainstream legal system.
- Provide operational support to GB Bar Council for four divisional level bar associations
- Capacity Assessment of RoL/Justice institutions in Gilgit-Baltistan.
- Construction/extension of Police Training College in Balochistan.
- Successful completion of the inception phase of the EU funded 'Promoting the Rule of Law and Enhancing the Criminal Justice System' project.

## Where we work:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including the Merged Areas, Gilgit Baltistan, Balochistan and Islamabad.