

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21



**Group Development Pakistan**

# Acronyms

ABA	American Bar Association
AHC	Australian High Commission
ASF	Acid Survivors Foundation
BHC	British High Commission
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CPI	Child Protection Institute
CRVS	Civil Rights Vital Statistics
DAP	Direct Aid Program
EVAWG	End Violence Against Women and Girls
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GDP	Group Development Pakistan
GPU	Gender Protection Unit
GRM	Grievance and Redressal Mechanism
GYG	Gifted Young Generation
ICT	Islamabad Capital Territory
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
JJC	Juvenile Justice Committee
JJSA	Juvenile Justice System Act
KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Province)
KPJA	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy
MoHR	Ministry of Human Rights
MoL&J	Ministry of Law and Justice
PCRPP	Promoting Child Rights and Participation in Pakistan
PPWG	Promoting & Protecting the Welfare of Women and Girls
ROLI	Rule of Law Initiative
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
SJA	Sindh Judicial Academy
SRSgvac	Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
SWDKP	Social Welfare Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
UNSRSG	United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General
VAC	Violence Against Children
VSSD	Victim Support Service Directory
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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# Executive Summary

This annual report presents the progress and key initiatives of Group Development Pakistan (GDP) for and with the children, in the year 2020-21. GDP's work is transformative, inclusive, and child participatory, and focuses on the child's best interest.

Last year was impacted by the global pandemic, hence GDP had to be adaptive, responsive, and creative. During this reporting period, the organization collaborated with state actors and managed to pilot 8 more child courts across the country. Additionally, GDP trained, sensitized, mobilized, and mentored 27,568 beneficiaries (8423 women, 6917 men, 6289 girls, 5518 boys, and 421 non-binary adults and children combined) and key stakeholders, including the judiciary, prosecutors, the legal fraternity, police, and parents & teachers to prevent and respond to Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Violence Against Children (VAC), and the virus spread.

GDP also continued to bring forward children's voices, to address their concerns regarding the Covid-19. To this end, GDP helped provide a platform to the children where they shared their views and feelings about the way the pandemic had affected them. GDP also heard children's recommendation to include mental health as a key thematic area, keeping in view the emotional and mental imbalance the Covid19 crisis had brought. These efforts have been documented in the Global Survey '#CovidUnder19'.

GDP extends its gratitude to partners who have provided technical support to achieve common goals: Judicial academies, the Supreme Court of Pakistan, High Courts, as well as the Federal Ministry of Law and Justice, the Federal Ministry of Human Rights, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Social Welfare Department, the KP Child Protection and Welfare Commission, Federal Investigation Agency, the ICT & provincial police, the Punjab Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB), the Legal Rights Forum, HSU advocates, Zindagi Trust, and the Women In Law initiative Pakistan, have been extraordinary allies.

Lastly, it has been a pleasure to share the child participatory process for child justice initiated in Pakistan with other countries and UN agencies. The unprecedented momentum for child governance and child protection has contributed to shaping the global response to the Covid-19 crisis. GDP is confident that the child and youth-led catalytic process that was strengthened this year, will bring even more positive outcomes in the future.

We thank you all for your trust and support and commit to doing more, better, for and with our children. Stay safe and happy, stay with us!

  
Executive Director  
Group Development Pakistan



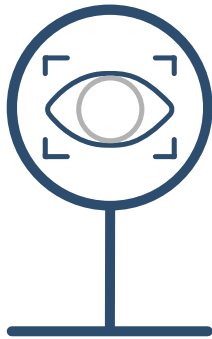


# WHO WE ARE

Group Development Pakistan (GDP) is a Civil Society Organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 working on protecting and promoting child rights and strengthening child protection and justice with children across Pakistan. GDP believes in a democratic and humanistic society in which the most important stakeholders -children- are acknowledged, respected and protected from all forms of violence and discrimination. GDP follows a holistic, creative, participatory, eco-friendly, child-focused and human rights-based approach.

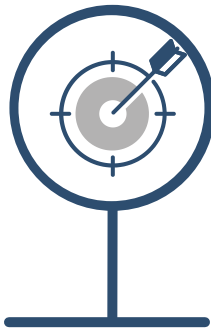
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## WHAT WE AIM FOR



### VISION

Make Pakistan a country free from violence and discrimination against children, as described in the UNCRC and other international treaties/agreements ratified by Pakistan



### MISSION

Promote evidence-based policy and legal reform and develop youth led sustainable systems to enforce child rights in Pakistan at a cross-sectoral level

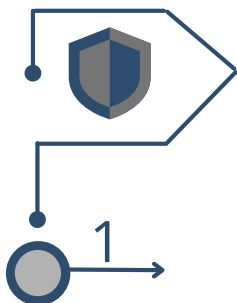


### VALUES

Best interest of the child, Innovation, Participation, Inclusion, Accountability, and Transparency

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## THEMATIC AREAS

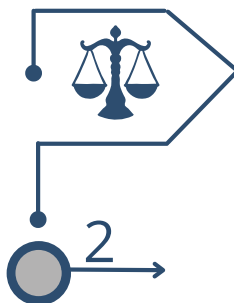


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### Child Protection

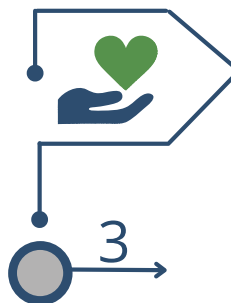
(Countering Violence against Children) & Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- > Countering CSA
- > Countering Child Marriage
- > Countering Worst forms of Child Labour with focus on Child Domestic Labour (CDL)
- > Child Trafficking
- > Safe learning
- > Digital Safety
- > Countering Violence Against Women (VAW)



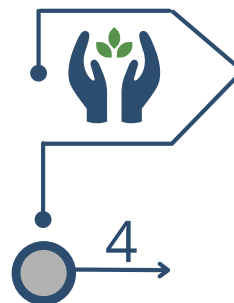
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### Justice with Children



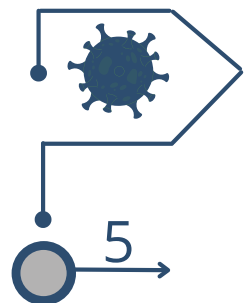
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### Mental Health



4

### Environment



5

### COVID-19

## 4

## OUR MEMBERSHIPS



## 5

## OUR PARTNERS



Ministry of Law & Justice  
Government of Pakistan



Ministry of Human Rights  
Government of Pakistan



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial  
Academy



Sindh Judicial Academy



Peshawar High Court



Lahore High Court



ICT Police



Sahiwal Regional Police



ICT Gender Protection Unit



British  
High Commission  
Islamabad



Australian High Commission  
Islamabad



AMERICAN **BAR** ASSOCIATION

Rule of Law Initiative



**SOLIDAR**

FIGHTING FOR GLOBAL FAIRNESS



**QUEEN'S  
UNIVERSITY  
BELFAST**



Special Representative of the Secretary-General on  
**Violence against Children**

**5Rights**  
FOUNDATION



**Terre des hommes**

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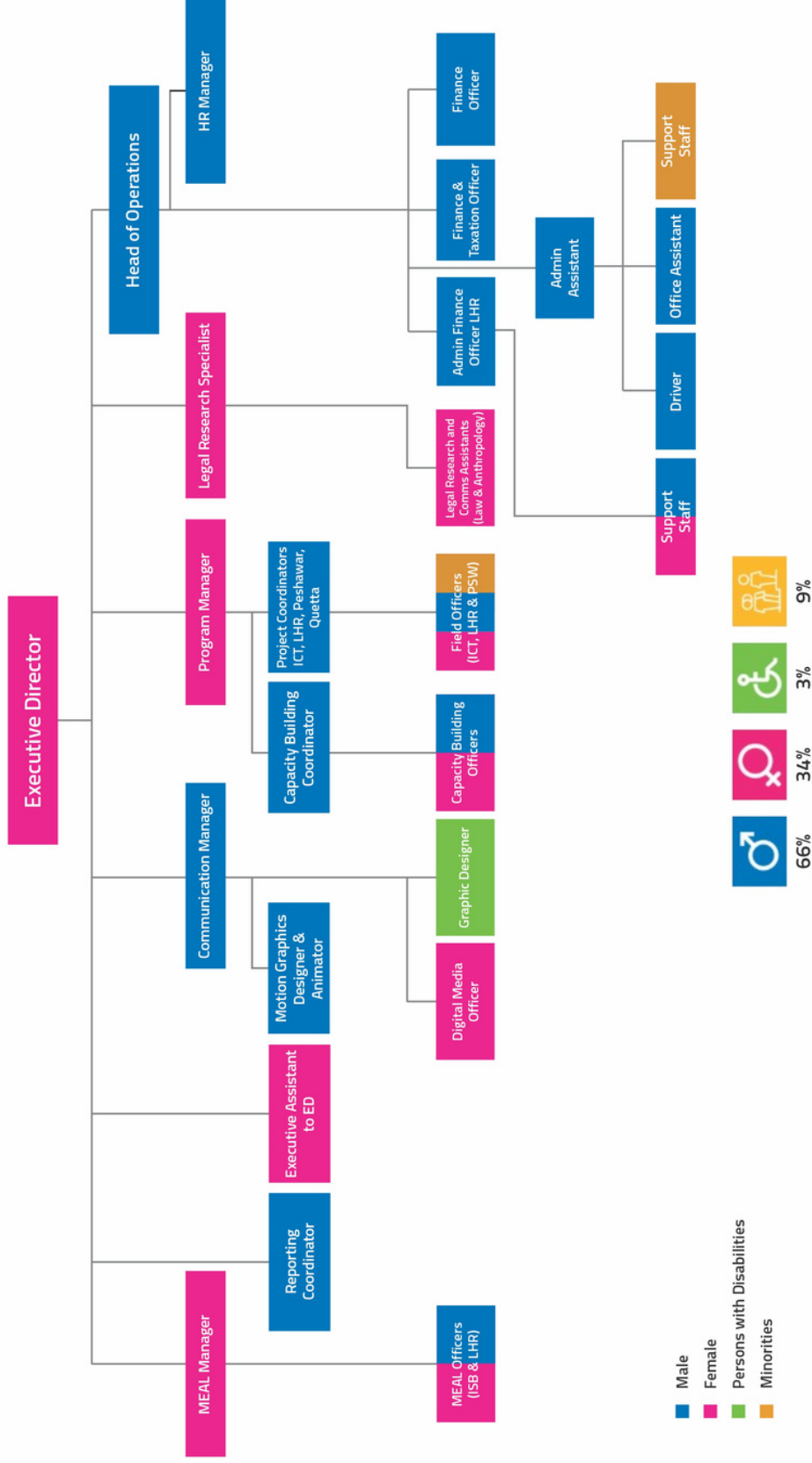
**LEGAL RIGHTS FORUM**  
Strengthening the Rule of Law



**ZINDAGI  
TRUST**

**HSU**  
ADVOCATES

# 3 ORGANOGRAM





# YEAR IN A REVIEW 2020-2021



Developed Pakistan's first-ever Victim Support Services Directory (VSSD) and launched its digital Portal and a mobile application



Good practices on Child Justice in Pakistan (GDP's contribution) quoted by the UNSRSG on VAC



Launched "Begunah" Web series focusing on children in contact or in conflict with the law



**38** Children trained and mentored by GDP participated in the national, regional & international Initiatives



**2,237** Stakeholders accessed GDP's resources available on GDP's website and Lawyer.pk



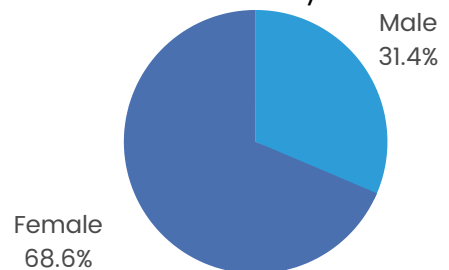
Formal acceptance to pilot a GPU and execute a capacity-building program in Sahiwal and Peshawar.

**08** Child Courts piloted across the country



**New Users**

**25,969** Victim Support Service Directory



**202** Referral calls received and addressed



**25.3** Million PKRs Budget during the reporting period



## 6 OUR PROJECTS



Title: Promoting Child Rights and Participation in Pakistan

Donor : British High Commission

Location: Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, Mardan, Peshawar & Abbottabad

Timeline: Dec 2018 to March 2021



Title: Foster child welfare framework at federal level in Islamabad Capital Territories through improved child protection, health and education for vulnerable boys and girls.

Donor: SOLIDAR SWISS

Location: Islamabad

Timeline: Jan 2019 to Dec 2021



Title: Protecting and Promoting Children's Rights in Pakistan

Donor: American Bar Association

Location: Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar

Timeline: Feb 2019 to March 2021



Title: Increasing Women's Representation in the Legal Profession

Donor: Australian High Commission

Location: Nation wide

Timeline: April 2020 to April 2021



Title: Promoting & Protecting the Welfare of Women & Girls by Improving the Structural, Institutional and Socio-cultural Response to Sexual & Gender Based Violence in Pakistan

Donor : British High Commission

Location: Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, Mardan, Abbottabad , Sahiwal

Timeline: April 2021 to March 2022



# Promoting Child Rights and Participation in Pakistan (PCRPP) for Juvenile Justice Reform

Promoting Child Rights and Participation in Pakistan (PCRPP) aims to increase public trust in the state institutions that contribute to preventing and responding to Violence Against Children (VAC) through improved rule of law. The project is focusing on improving justice with children in Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Abbottabad, Mardan, Quetta, and Karachi in line with the international child safeguarding standards, in a holistic, participatory and gender/culture-sensitive manner.

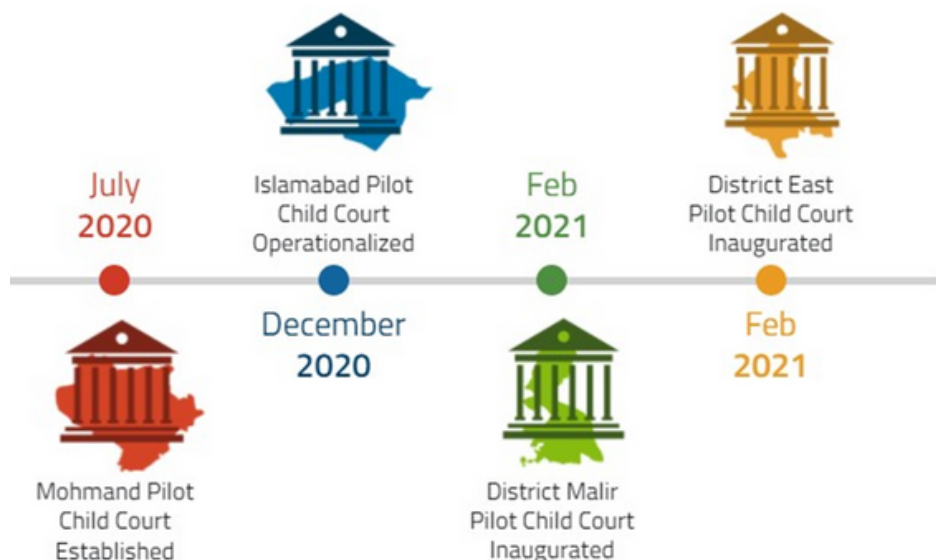


British  
High Commission

The project builds upon GDP's recently pre-tested programmatic intervention to improve justice with children in Pakistan, by piloting a child-centered, gender-sensitive and participatory transformative process that will reconcile the general public with the institutions mandated to protect child rights and ensure justice with children in the country. Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the project realigned its strategy to contextualize it with prevailing challenges for ensuring the safety and protection of children in contact and conflict with the law by establishing virtual courts and equipping the courts with state-of-the-art technology.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## 04 Child Courts piloted around the country



Online drawing and story telling competition, following the Covid19 pandemic outbreak, to engage children and youth in healthy activities



## 01 Juvenile Justice Committee notified in Charsadda, KP



139

Goodie Bags (including some IEC Material) distributed

93 46

## 05 Parliamentarians issue statements in favour of children's welfare



Preparatory National Consultation for World Congress on Justice for Children held

202

Referral Calls Received

42 37

60 63

# 14,781

Total Sensitized



Community sessions on Child Rights, Child Protection, and Justice with Children

6,444  4,744  421 

1,656  1,516 

in ICT, Peshawar and Lahore

# 1,598

Total Trained



Trainings conducted on Child Justice, Child Rights And Child Protection in COVID-19 Crisis

394  890  1 

166  147 

across the country

# 1,066

Children accessed coordinated protection services in COVID-19 crisis

599   
463   
4 

A song "Urdh Ja" made on child rights and child justice



Web series "Begunah" focusing on children in contact & conflict with the law



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

# Foster Child Welfare Framework at Federal Level in Islamabad Capital Territory through Improved Child Protection, Health and Education for vulnerable Boys and Girls (4163)

The project has been built upon lessons learned from previous interventions co-funded by Swiss Solidarity in Pakistan to counter child labor and promote children's welfare. A momentum has been created to design model interventions relating to child welfare that have been customized and replicated later in other provinces.

We have been facilitating the development/improvement of policies, systems, and procedures aligned with international child safeguarding standards and our constitutional framework. The project fosters child welfare in slum areas of Islamabad through improved child protection, health, sanitation, and education for targeted vulnerable boys and girls.



The project beneficiaries such as vulnerable community members – especially parents and children – in the targeted slums and selected six educational institutes, are sensitized and organized to prevent and respond to Violence Against Children (VAC), improve the health and hygiene and environmental situation and the children's access to quality education.





Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the vulnerability of children has been exacerbated. The project realigned its strategy to contextualize it with prevailing challenges for ensuring the safety and protection of children. A robust social mobilization and awareness campaign has been launched to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus19 by distributing hygiene kits/food-packs, establishing handwashing points, and sensitizing the targeted community members and the public at large on COVID-19 preventive measures as per WHO guidelines.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

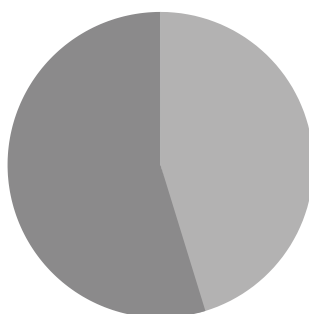
2,800



Parents and community members, including children, sensitized on

1,466  1,072   
135  127 

54.8%  
Personal, domestic & environmental hygiene & Covid19 Prevention



45.3%  
Importance of Education for All & Child Welfare

Developed and disseminated National Guidelines on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and online safety



52





NCPC, Mashal School Staff & Community Volunteers trained & mentored on Prevention & Response to VAC, child friendly teaching lessons preparation

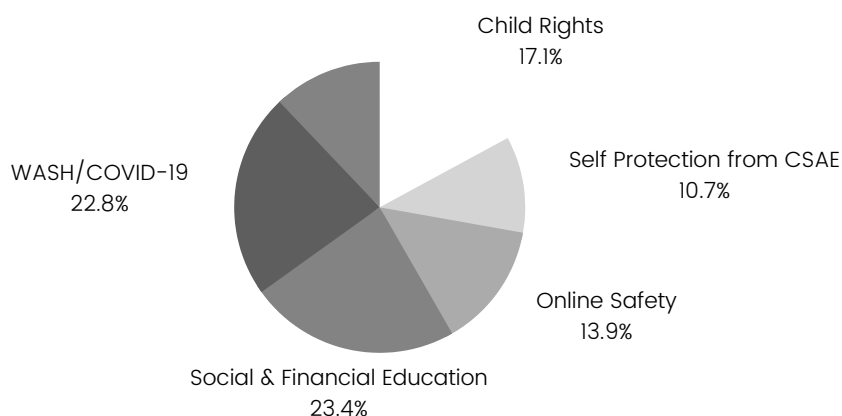
 21  31

8,036



Girls and Boys trained and mentored on

4,320   
3,716 



151



COVID-19 awareness messages disseminated through loudspeakers/ mosque

3,937

IEC material on COVID-19 distributed

2,897



Copies of 7 Training tools for children printed and disseminated

7,709



Sharing of information regarding COVID-19 and child welfare issues (via exclusive sms service)

05

1 NFE and 4 religious seminars in ICT were engaged to continue sensitization sessions with children

1,532



Creative LSBE provided to vulnerable girls & boys



# Protecting and Promoting Children's Rights in Pakistan

Group Development Pakistan (GDP) in partnership with the American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), had implemented a project from February 2019 with the following goal: to strengthen the prevention of abuse and response to child sexual abuse (CSA) in Pakistan. The program was planned to conduct community-level meetings on prevention and response mechanisms to CSA, support public awareness campaigns on child protection, develop a curriculum and subsequent training for justice



sector actors (including judges, prosecutors, and local police) and legal aid service providers (including lawyers and paralegals) who handle child abuse cases.

# 138



Community members, including religious leaders and local authorities, sensitized on prevention and response to child abuse (in ICT, PSW, LHR)

56  58  12  12 

# 164



Judges & prosecutors, lawyers, and police trained on Child Rights, Child Protection, and Justice with Children

32  132 

33 Judges & prosecutors (6 women, 27 men)

87 Lawyers (25 women, 62 men)

44 Police officials (1 woman, 43 men)

An awareness video on Child Protection disseminated via Twitter:

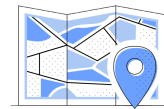
20,568  
live impressions



Developed and translated a training curriculum for trainings of legal aid lawyers



Mapping of service providers in 8 districts



Developed Pakistan's first-ever Victim Support Services (VSSD) Directory and disseminated

# 1000



copies to various stakeholders, including judiciary, parliamentarians, Govt. officials, lawyers, police, CSOs, etc.

Launched a digital Portal and a mobile application of VSSD to provide easy access to information about services for victims of violence, harassment and abuse.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



# Promoting & Protecting the Welfare of Women and Girls (PPWWG) by Improving the Structural, Institutional and Socio-Cultural Response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Pakistan

Promoting and Protecting the Welfare of Women and Girls (PPWWG) aims to protect and promote women and girls' rights through a close partnership between the state, the civil society, and the media by providing ethical and quality support in line with SDG 5 and 16.2, the UNCRC, CEDAW, ICCPR, and other international treaties, impacting girls and ratified by the country.

The project plans to increase awareness, sensitivity to, and inclusion of the rights of vulnerable groups by law & policymakers, justice actors, civil society, media, communities, children & youth in Pakistan



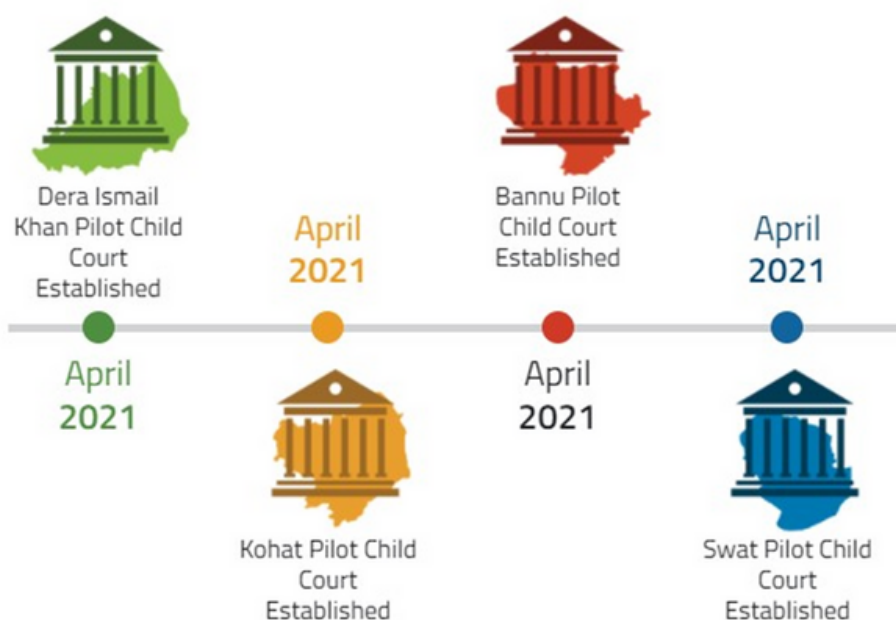
British  
High Commission

To this end, GDP will work on:

- Securing progress towards an improved regulatory framework to counter VAC & SGBV in Pakistan;
- Improving the capacities of justice actors, media, caregivers, children/youth, and community to prevent and respond to VAC & SGBV in Pakistan;
- Improving awareness of community members, CSOs, children, and youth on how to prevent and respond to VAC and SGBV in Pakistan;
- Increasing local and international basis of evidence for a youth-led & participatory transformative process to counter GBV & discrimination

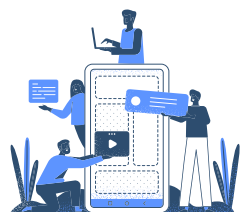
# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## 04 Child Courts piloted in KP



Formal acceptance to pilot a GPU and execute a capacity-building program in Sahiwal and Peshawar.

340 children engaged at community level



173  166  1 

## 01

CPI for boys and a GPU in ICT launched in collaboration with MoHR and ICT Police respectively

## 06

child victims of GBV received coordinated services in the first month through the GRM mechanism

# 38

Children participated in the national, regional & international Initiatives to counter GBV involving children

15  22  1 

19 UN special representative session on VAC

3 CRC Consultation on CRVS (1 boy, 1 girl , 1 non-binary)

8 GYG consultation (5 boys, 3 girls )

8 SRSG VAC Consultation (2 boys, 6 girls)

# 57

National, regional and International reports, statements, technical notes, briefs, press articles referring to synergic solutions/good practices in Pakistan



46 Press articles

01 UNSRSG on VAC report

02 5Rights Reports

01 International publication on COVIDunder19

02 Programs on PTV

03 MoL&J, MoHR, and ICT Police acknowledged GDP's contributions

01 COVIDunder19 email quotes the national data developed by Pakistan

01 session with UNSRSG VAC moderated by GDP's mentored children



Developed PC-1 (feasibility report) to establish observation homes, rehab center and CPI in Peshawar and Bannu



Developed an awareness message for FIA Cyber Crime Unit to promote Digital Safety and Counter SGBV.



Developed Infographic reports on Justice with Children



A positive Review of the handbook on juvenile justice by Honorable Justice Dr. Munir Ahmad Mughal and published by SJA

# Increasing Women's Representation in The Legal Profession



Australian High Commission  
Islamabad

This action started under two projects: “Increasing Women’s Representation in the Legal Profession” a Direct Aid Program (DAP) funded action supported by the Australian High Commission in Pakistan, and a project titled “Promoting and Protecting Child Rights and Participation in Pakistan the Welfare of Women and Girls (PPWWG)” funded by the FCDO. GDP’s new FCDO funded project enabled GDP to consolidate previously achieved results under the action title “Promoting and Protecting the Welfare of Women and Girls” (PPWWG).

This project specifically focuses on bridging the gender gap in the legal profession by initiating a conversation around gender equality in the legal profession and providing an incentive via awards for a positive approach towards changing the mindset in accordance with our Islamic jurisprudence and our constitution.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

A web portal & mobile application (iOS & Android) launched



First-ever baseline study conducted on the status of women's representation in the justice sector of Pakistan



2 Videos on the introduction and announcement of award ceremony

2 Videos on launch of web portal and explaining its use

## 5 COVID-19 RESPONSE

### Online Competitions

Children and Youth Online Drawing Competition

439 Total Participants  338  101





Healing-Voices Online Story Telling Competition

375 Total Participants  213  162


### Global Survey

137 Countries participated including **PAKISTAN** 


ABOVE  
245 Pakistani children participated


4 children sensitized by GDP    

### Awareness

4  on Covid19 symptoms, prevention and protection based on WHO guidelines

Featuring 

151  Covid-19 awareness messages disseminated through loudspeakers/mosques

7,709  sharing of information regarding Covid-19 & child welfare issues (via exclusive SMS service)

# MEDIA OUTREACH



6.4 K   
FOLLOWERS

72K 

 7.3M  
REACH



1.9K   
FOLLOWERS

80.1K   
WATCH HOURS

 3.5M  
REACH



103.2K   
FOLLOWERS

832K 

 19.5M  
REACH



603   
FOLLOWERS

15  734 111  
SHARES  

 11.2K  
REACH



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