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Vision Statement

Establishing human security at the center of its operations, LAS adopts a multi-tier integrated approach enabling key justice-sector actors and vulnerable populations to recognize and address justiciable needs at an individual and communal level.

Legal Aid Society was established as a non-profit in 2013, under the chairpersonship of Justice (R) Nasir Aslam Zahid, and works in the following thematic areas:





Connecting end-users of the justice system to providers to ensure expeditious provision of **support** for legal needs



Enabling vulnerable strata's of the population to **access** protections and **rights** through **legal empowerment**



Climate Resilience, Sustainability & Security

Responding to societal needs arising due to climate emergencies and establishing **foundational knowledge** at grass-root levels for **mitigation** and **communal awareness**

LAS adopts a three-pronged approach to the provision and expeditious delivery of justice:

Increase Demand for Justice



by creating awareness of fundamental legal rights

Improve the Supply of Justice



by enhancing capabilities of justice system actors

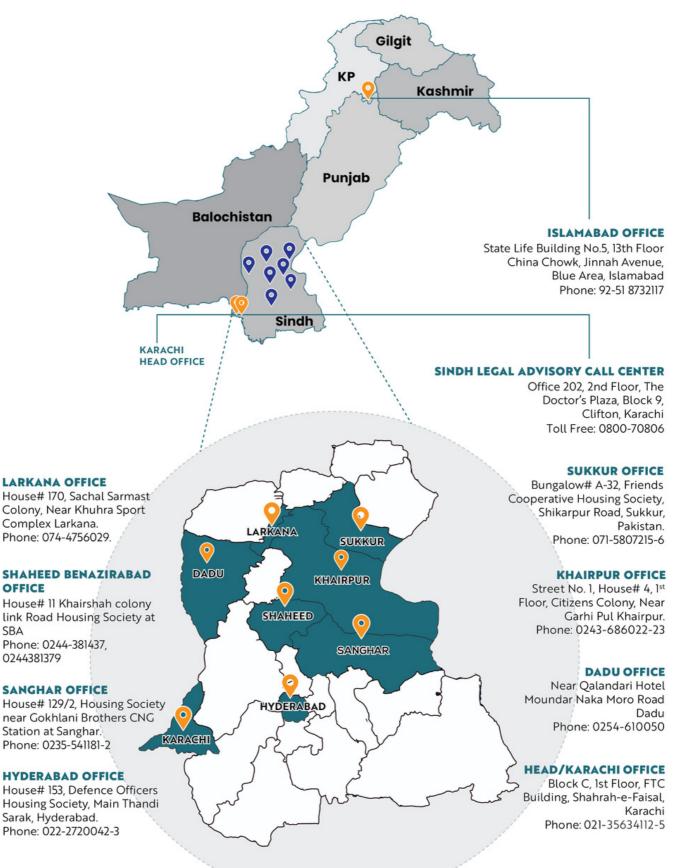
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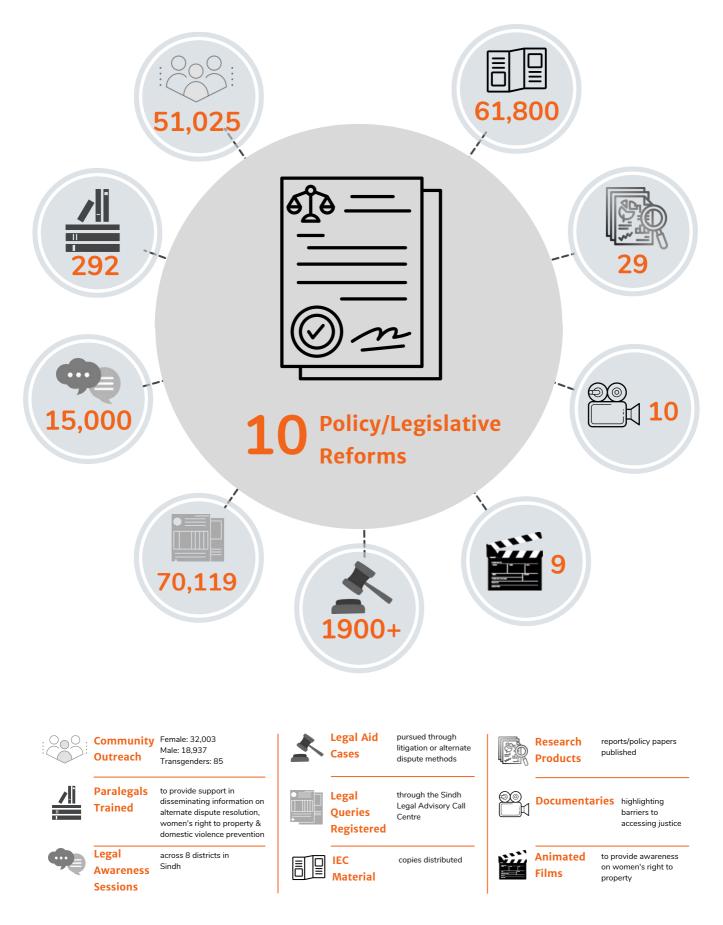
to end-users and catalyze policy reforms

Our Presence

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Access to Justice

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Increase indigenous demand for ADR and establish sustainable tech-enabled and mechanisms to make communities in Sindh, ICT and Gilgit-Baltistan self-sufficient in accessing ADR mechanisms and

ensure a sustained supply from within the legal fraternity



Sindh Legal Advisory Call Centre (SLACC)



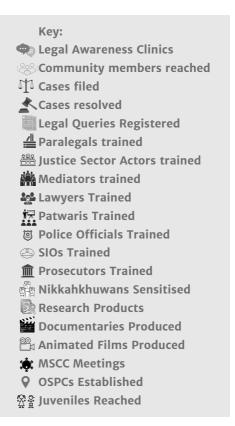
Provide free-of-cost legal advice through high court lawyers to individuals across the country.



Legal Aid Provision



Provision of direct free legal aid and assistance to victims of human rights violations in Sindh



Assessment of Legal System for Religious Minorities in Pakistan



Increase access to justice for religious marginalized communities (RMCs) through enhancing knowledge of it's members, and the capacity of Justice

sector actors alongside conducting research to identify and understand structural and systemic discrimination and barriers



Gender & Child Security

Women's Right to Legal

Property



Increase access and control of women over marital property, thereby, achieving empowerment, equity, and economic development by strengthening women's capacity and creating a demand for women's share in the marital property in 3 districts of Sindh



Basic Literacy Program



Provision of primary education through Ed-tech solutions for juveniles at

Karachi Central Prison. Lessons on English, Math, Urdu & Life Skills were visualized and taught to juveniles.





Sexual & Gender-based Violence



To improve the State's response to incidents of gender-based violence and Trial processing times in cases relating to Sexual Violence by facilitating the establishment of One-Stop Protection Centers across Sindh.

Prevention of Child Marriage & Domestic Violence



Engaging with key actors for sensitization on preventing child marriage alongside building awareness on domestic violence amongst women in Sindh.

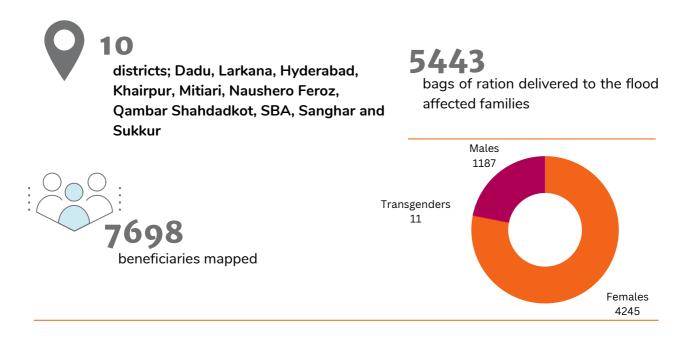


Climate Resilience, Sustainability and Security

2022 Floods - Establishing a rapid response

During the summer of 2022, Pakistan has tragically seen an unprecedented flood caused by monsoon weather, rainfall, and climate change causing the glaciers in the North of Pakistan to melt. Nearly 33 million people out of the 220 million population of Pakistan have been affected by the flooding and nearly 1,500 people have died including 500 children.

In the wake of the climate-induced disaster, LAS took the initiative for providing humanitarian assistance and relief to the flood victims in the project districts where LAS has an active presence.





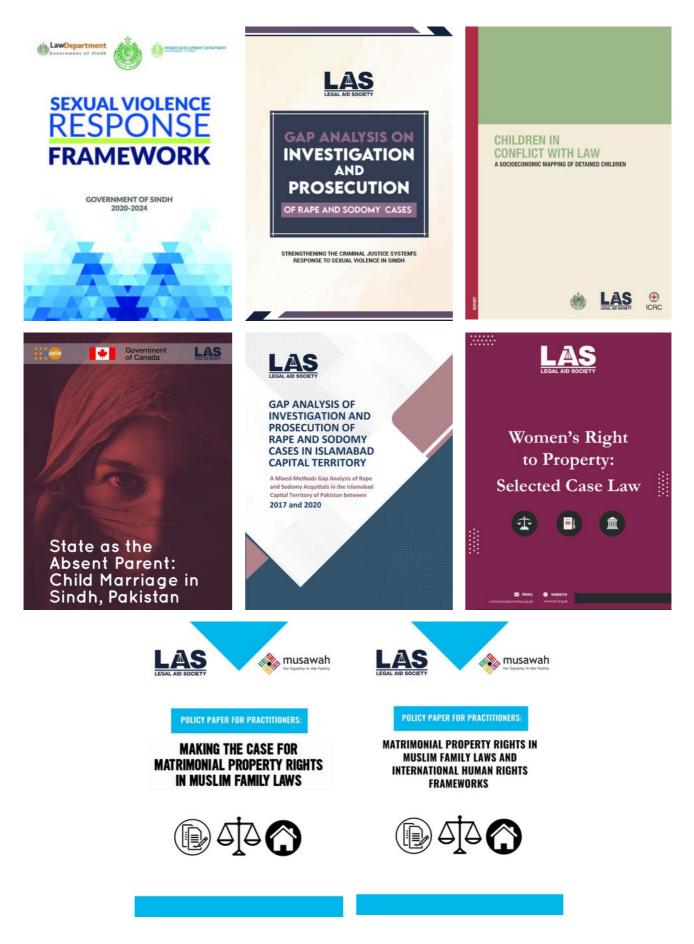


Research at LAS:

Access to Justice



Output Gender and Child Security



Stories from the Field

Recovery of Dowry - Larkana

Subjected to physical violence after her marriage, the victim was facilitated to file a case for the dissolution of marriage, and dowry articles suit. LAS advocates ensured court orders were followed, and the victim received her dowry articles alongside ensuring protection from any future violence.

Provision of basic resources - Dadu

A Hindu Community in Dadu was not given access to clean drinking water in the area with the nearby facility only available to Muslim families. The LAS team moved this case before the Provincial Ombudsperson and after extensive engagements with relevant authorities, were able to secure the allocation of dedicated water supplies for all the homes in the Bagri community.

Family Dispute - Shaheed Benazirabad

MIC

Through the utilization of court-annexed mediation, the LAS team resolved a case of "khulla" i.e. dissolution of marriage. At the conclusion of the mediation process, the defendant agreed to pay a monthly support amount to the plaintiff alongside ensuring no violence/abuse to take place in the future.

Recovery from illegal detainment - Sanghar

A couple's son had been illegally detained by a landlord on his property, demanding him to partake in forced labor, therefore risking his life due to the working conditions. Through the filing of a Habeus Corpus application in the court, the LAS team was able to recover the individual and return him to his family.

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