

Strengthening Enforcement of Law, Access to Justice and Social Integration Programme
Progress and Results Update (January- 11 December 2014) for December 2014 Programme Board Meeting

UNDAF Outcome 3: Communities empowered and institutions strengthened to support local governance, access to justice, social integration, gender equality, and monitoring, promotion and protection of human rights in alignment with international treaties and obligations and in alignment to the constitution of Sri Lanka.		
Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms		
Output and Indicators	Activities in the 2014 Annual Work Plan	Progress /Results
<p>Output 1 Coordination, co-operation and systems between justice, police and prisons enhanced in three “area models” for an effective, efficient and equitable legal system and administration of justice</p> <p>1.1 District <u>Case-flow Management Committees (CFM) established and in operation</u></p> <p>1.2 Intra prison network electronic database <u>established and operational</u> in three area models.</p> <p>1.3 Case-flow management <u>systems operational</u> in 3 area models.</p> <p>1.4 No of <u>priority cases</u> identified to be addressed in three area models(courts, prosecution)</p> <p>1.5% of backlog cases reduced in three area model courts.</p> <p>1.6 Trilingual policy <u>introduced</u></p>	<p>Criminal Justice Case Flow Management Committee established in one area model.</p>	<p>-A preliminary Field Mission was undertaken to Batticaloa and key actors within the penal chain (High Court Judge, Magistrate, State Counsel, Police, and Legal Aid Commission) were briefed on the establishment of the Case Flow Management Committee (CFMC). Key challenges in case flow management (within the area model) were also identified.</p> <p>-The first sitting of the CFMC is scheduled to take place on 16th December under the Chairmanship of the Magistrate. The Committee will devise and agree on a strategy for identifying the bottlenecks specific to the cases within the penal chain in Batticaloa. Administrative delays that can potentially be addressed through simple and practical measures at the district level will be tabled for consideration. The Committee will also be briefed on the planned Baseline Study on the Challenges within the penal chain that is being conducted with a view to secure the support of the actors in identifying the bottlenecks and suggesting recommendations for reform.</p>
	<p>Establishment of the Case Flow Management Committee at the National Level</p>	<p>The National Steering Committee on Justice was launched on 16th July 2014. Given the specialized nature of the subject of Case Flow Management (CFM), a specific CFM Thematic Committee that will function under the aegis of the National Steering Committee was established and the first sitting of this Committee was held on 18th November 2014 at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the MoJ. Senior officials from the Attorney General’s Department, Deputy Inspector General/Police-Legal, Department of Prisons, Government Analyst’s Department, and the Judicial Medical Officer were represented. The nomination from the Judicial Services Commission is yet to be received by the MoJ. It was decided that each representative would identify specific CFM issues specific to their respective institution and share an initial report with the CFM Committee subsequent to which a specific strategy to address the challenges will be developed. Moreover it was decided that each Institution would revisit the procedural Circulars, Directives and Rules in order to ascertain whether certain practices are archaic and identify those that require amendment. An assessment is to be conducted in order to identify what remains obsolete and the findings are to be shared with the Committee. Specific practical challenges were also discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that a careful assessment of the same will be conducted within each Institution and presented to the Committee.</p>
	<p>Analysis on the bottlenecks/needs of the Justice Sector</p>	<p>-The MoJ called for Expressions of Interest (EOI) following which a briefing meeting was held for all interested applicant Organizations on 10th September. Following the receipt of concept</p>

for police and Justice Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Assessment on the bottlenecks in the Penal Chain. <p>Conduct an area model capacity needs assessment including a gender analysis to enhance women's equality and participation in the Justice Sector.</p>	<p>notes from interested organizations, MoJ selected the Centre for Study of Human Rights (CSHR) of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Verite Research, and a former Senior State Counsel (Mr. Harshana Nanayakkara) to undertake the study. While CSHR will be conducting the field case analysis under the guidance of the former Attorney General (Mr Palitha Fernando), the training for the research team will be conducted by Mr Harshana Nanayakkara on 17th December 2014. The research tool format is currently being finalized. The Study will adopt a two-pronged approach - 1) Case File Analysis 2) Stakeholder Interviews and the initial field study will be conducted in Anuradhapura. The Case Analysis will be conducted on a total of 643 cases obtained from High Courts of Anuradhapura (including the special children's High Court) out of which cases pertaining to Murder, Rape, Armed Robbery, and Narcotics will be filtered out for the purposes of the study. Given that the case file analysis would have to be conducted during court vacation, the researchers are scheduled to embark on the field work from the 22nd – 30th December. Based on the findings of the case file analyses, in-depth interviews with key stakeholders within the penal chain in both Anuradhapura and Colombo district will be conducted. The study would be conducted in Batticaloa, Ratnapura and Colombo as well.</p> <p>This study will also contain a capacity needs assessment with a gender analysis at the stakeholder institutional interviews conducted post case-file analysis.</p> <p>-The Project supported the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) to conduct its First "Bar Forum" in May 2014 at which a survey questionnaire on challenges in the criminal justice system was shared with over 200 lawyers (island-wide) and a Panel Discussion on the same was conducted with the participation of the Hon. Chief Justice, Secretary/MoJ, Attorney General, President of the BASL and the Inspector General of Police (IGP). A Survey questionnaire was subsequently shared with over 300 lawyers (island-wide) at the Junior National Law Conference held from 30th October – 1st November 2014. The Final Report containing the findings of the survey were shared with the MoJ on 9th December 2014.</p>
	Assist Judicial and Prosecution services to identify and process priority cases to clear case backlog.	Following extensive discussions with the Attorney General (AG), a Forum/Workshop to identify the criteria for priority cases within the AG's Department was scheduled to be held during the 2 nd Week of October 2014 with the participation of the Additional Solicitor Generals and the Deputy Solicitor Generals. A concept note outlining the proposed intervention and the strategy was developed in collaboration with the Additional Solicitor General (Mr Jayantha Jayasuriya), and shared with the former AG, Mr Palitha Fernando. With the subsequent appointment of the new AG, the Concept Note was re-shared and the programme has tentatively been scheduled for 24 th January 2015. The rationale for scheduling the programme for January being that it would be challenging to secure the participation of senior officials during Court Vacation in December. The programme will be in the form of a full day Workshop at the end of which the criteria for determining what constitutes a priority within the AG's Department would be identified and a means by which such cases could be expedited would be developed.
	Development of an Integrated Electronic	A series of discussions were held with the Government Analysts' Department and the Attorney

	Information flow system across the Penal Chain	<p>General's Department after which it was proposed that the initial linkages (via the Database) should be established between the AG's Department, the Government Analyst's Department, the Judicial Medical Officer and the Courts (Magistrate's Courts).</p> <p>A specific sub-committee functioning under the aegis of the National Steering Committee was established and the initial sitting of the Sub Committee was held on 18th November in conjunction with the Committee on CFM. In light of the fact that the electronic information flow system aims to strengthen case flow management within the penal chain institutions, these Committees were amalgamated. One to one meetings were held with the aforementioned institutions in order to map out their specific concerns. Following a number of meetings, it was decided that a Consultant (Individual) be contracted to develop the specific criteria (call for proposals) from reputed IT companies in order to work extensively in close cooperation with the selected institutions in order gauge their needs (vis-à-vis case tracking) and develop a proposal that will subsequently be tabled at the Sub Committee. The Ministry is currently in the process of identifying the individual consultant for this purpose.</p>
	Conduct a study on the Community Based Corrections Mechanism in the Ratnapura District.	The study has been completed and the findings submitted by the Consultants to the MRPR and the final reports and the recommendations are under review. The overall objective of this study was to assess the implementation of the provisions in the Community Based Corrections Act No. 46 of 1999 and to identify successes, failures, necessary changes and other improvements that may be required to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Community Based Corrections Department in carrying out the Community Based Correction Orders.

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms

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<p>Output 2 Improved access to justice for vulnerable and marginalized populations through systematized legal aid service provision and dispute resolution mechanisms accessible to all</p> <p>2.1 Coordination mechanism for legal aid providers <u>established</u></p> <p>2.2 System for needs-based legal aid service delivery in prisons <u>established</u></p> <p>2.3 % reduction in pre-trial detainees who are in the prisons</p>	<p>Establish a coordination mechanism of legal aid service providers (National Committee) to provide a coordinated engagement to the formulation and implementation of a National Policy and strategy on legal aid. Amendments to the legal aid law to be initiated through the Committee.</p> <p>Support the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) in increasing the involvement of its junior members in pro-bono work /legal aid as well as public interest litigation.</p>	<p>-Following a series of discussions between the MoJ and the Legal Aid Commission (LAC), it was decided that a Committee be established in order to guide the development of the National Policy on Legal Aid, Chaired by the Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission. The members of the Committee have been identified by the MoJ and the LAC and the first meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of December 2014. Dr. Ramani Jayasundara (attached to The Asia Foundation) has been contracted by the Ministry as the Consultant that will be tasked with developing/drafting the National Policy supported by the Committee under the guidance of the Chairman of the LAC. The Consultant is expected to submit the concept document for the Committee as well as the Terms of Reference by the second week of December 2014.</p> <p>-The BASL included Legal Aid as a specific thematic subject at the Junior National Law Conference held from 31stOctober – 1st November 2014. A Forum Theatre event was developed and presented under this theme. The event secured the participation of junior lawyers as well as senior legal professionals following which a discussion on the topic was held between the Hon. Chief Justice and the participant junior lawyers on the importance of legal aid and pro-bono work. The concept was also raised in the context of ethics for lawyers where junior lawyers were encouraged to engage in such pro bono work.</p>

<p>for more than 2 years in target prisons</p> <p>2.4 No. of <u>vulnerable</u> (Criteria for identifying vulnerable persons in need of legal aid will be identified in 2014.) persons provided with legal aid</p> <p>2.5 No of land cases <u>handled</u> by dispute resolution mechanisms</p>	<p>Awareness raising for public officials (court staff) on human rights, women and children's rights, criminal procedure etc.</p>	<p>A specific database of junior lawyers willing to undertake legal aid cases will be established following the Forum discussions and a specific link to LAC will subsequently be created.</p> <p>-A two-day awareness raising programme for non-judicial court staff in the Galle District was held on 7th- 8th June 2014. The programme included sessions on productivity enhancement towards strengthening case flow management, as well as sessions on women and children's rights and human rights. A total of 347 officers including Court Registrars, Stenographers, Translators, Clerks, Typists, Family Counselors, Office Assistants and Process Servers participated in the programme. A similar programme is currently being organized for the Anuradhapura district and will be held on 20th and 21st December 2014.</p> <p>The Legal Aid Commission supported by the project is conducting an Awareness Programme for 80 Prison Officers in the Colombo district on 14th December 2014. The programme aims to create awareness amongst Prison Officers on the proposed legal aid support to be rendered by the LAC for prisoners. The programme was developed in collaboration with the Prisons Welfare Department which is currently supporting the LAC to conduct its legal aid support activities for prisoners, and the programme will include sessions on Fundamental Rights of prisoners conducted by Mr Palitha Fernando, former Attorney General, the rights of mentally challenged prisoners conducted by Dr Neil Fernando, Forensic Psychiatrist, as well as a panel discussion securing the participation of the resource experts.</p>
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	<p>Provision for development of a legal aid strategy at the Department of Prisons to provide free legal aid for the pre-trial detainees.</p>	<p>The Terms of Reference (TOR) have been drafted for the establishment of the Legal Aid Referral Unit (LARU), which includes a proposed staff structure of the Unit. The TOR is being reviewed by the Commissioner General of Prisons and the Department is in the process of deciding the requirement of establishing a separate unit. Presently the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation has been nominated to carry out the feasibility study for establishing such a Unit.</p> <p>The Ministry of Justice is currently supporting the Legal Aid Commission to support the filing of bail applications for detainees in the Magazine and Colombo Remand Prison (Male and Female Prisons). While support will be extended to take on other legal concerns of detainees in 2015 (in consultation with the MRPR), the LAC will be focusing on the bail applications during the month of November and December 2014. 10 clinics are being held during the months of November and December with the participation of two lawyers expected to take on a total of 25 cases each. Support on bail applications will extend until such time that the Bail Order is delivered and communicated to the relevant institutions. Discussions have been held with the LAC to explore supporting cases that involve care and protection of children of detainee/prisoners in 2015. Additionally, support will also be extended towards juvenile cases.</p> <p>MoJ in Collaboration with LAC conducted a judicial colloquium for magistrates in the Northern, North Central and Eastern Provinces on the subject of Bail in Batticaloa on 29th and 30th of November 2014, at which 27 Magistrates participated. The sessions included; extensive discussion on the circulars on bail issued by the Judicial Services Commission, key decisions in relation to the subject, practical issues relating to the granting of bail, the need for a national sentencing policy/guidelines etc. Key court decisions/precedents were shared with the participants in order to sensitize the Magistrates to recent developments within the field. The programme was also envisaged as a means by which the challenge in relation to overcrowding in prisons could also be discussed in relation to the granting of bail. Resource persons for the programme included judges from the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal, and Senior representative from the Attorney General's Department. Key recommendations suggested by the participants are presently being compiled into a report by the LAC to be presented to MoJ.</p>
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Implementing Partner :Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs

Output and Indicators	Activities in the 2014 Annual Work Plan	Progress /Results
<p>Output 3 Capacities of state and non-state actors strengthened for a comprehensive and coordinated response to address sexual and gender based violence (SGBV)</p>	<p>Strengthen the capacity of MCDWA to lead the development of a National Action Plan on eliminating SGBV.</p> <p>Advocate for implementation, review, amendment and introduction of legislation/ policies to combat violence against women.</p>	<p>The Terms of Reference has been approved, and shared with prospective Consultants. Two national Consultants with international experience have been recommended and evaluated and the Ministry intends to hire both Consultants during the month of December.</p> <p>-Undertaken as a joint initiative with the Forum against Gender Based Violence (GBV) a policy dialogue was held on 15 September 2014 and engaged key stakeholders on implementing the policy against sexual harassment in the workplace. This is a follow-up of the discussions held on the National Human Rights Action Plan [NHRAP] (2011 -2016).</p>

<p>3.1 Inter-agency coordination mechanism <u>established</u> among service providers for oversight and coordination to address SGBV</p>		<p>-The 2nd joint policy dialogue for 2014 based on the NHRAP was held on 8th December 2014 during the 16 Days of Activism where the Prevention of the Domestic Violence Act as well as strengthening police women and children's desks were discussed. The Project presented the draft referral model for SGBV victims, which is expected to be finalized following further consultations.</p>
<p>3.2 No of coordination meetings (to strengthen referral network) held at Women and Children Units /police desk or any other location at Divisional level</p>	<p>Develop (Audio visual / print) & disseminate materials related to combat violence against women (on implementation of laws, review/ amendment of legislation and new laws - on Rape/ DV/ incest, shelter, CEDAW, UNSCR 1325 etc.) (linked to activity 3.1.5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A resource book containing information on laws, policies, CEDAW, helpline numbers is being designed and will be printed for all officers of the Ministry and the Police- Women and Child Desks (W&C Desks). Quotations have been requested by the Government printer. - A TV production on the need for positive action within the family to overcome GBV and other issues is being undertaken through the National Committee on Women with Rupavahini. Real families to engage in the production have been identified. This is a documentary in Sinhala which will be part of the Dhara programme. The MOU is to be signed.
<p>3.3 No of workshops held to strengthen the <u>capacities</u> (sensitization and technical knowledge on SGBV) of Police Women and Children Desks and MCDWA Child and Women Development Units at Divisional level</p>	<p>Strengthen the referral system of SGBV cases to the penal chain (away from mediation boards) in 3 area models - through MCDWA's Women and Child Development Units.</p>	<p>-The first referral meeting was held in Batticaloa on 18th November 2014 engaging multi-sectoral participants from the Police W&C Desks, MCDWA's Women and Child Development Units, GBV Hospital Desks, Mediation Boards, Judicial Medical Officer, Civil society groups, police training school officials, shelter staff, district committee representatives among others. The two meetings scheduled to take place on 16th and 23rd in December 2014 in the Anuradhapura and Ratnapura districts respectively, engaging all key stakeholders at Divisional Secretariat level, have been postponed to 2015.</p> <p>-The equipment required for the W&C Units in the three area models have been identified and prioritized and tender approval granted and will be purchased for Ratnapura and Batticaloa. Some equipment for Anuradhapura has been purchased and distributed during the first week of December.</p> <p>- A brochure with the contact numbers of the police, W&C Units and hospital desks has been designed and quotations are called for its printing.</p>
<p>3.4 Training modules <u>finalized</u> (endorsed by MCDWA/Police) for Police women and children's desks, relevant staff of the Women and Children Units on CEDAW, National legislation and judicial services</p>	<p>Support and strengthen the MCDWA's institutional reporting functions – including reporting under the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).</p>	<p>-The Technical Team (consisting of 10 experts) to undertake CEDAW reporting has been selected and two meetings held. The technical team is linked through an email network. Ministry has held CEDAW progress meetings for State Institutions that have been asked to respond to Concluding Observations under CEDAW. A NGO consultation was held on 25th September 2014 at the Ministry. At present 6 -8 Ministries have sent in their responses and progress according to CEDAW. A district level CEDAW progress meeting was held in Kurunegala and another progress meeting will be held in Killinochchi on 19th Dec.</p>
<p>3.5 No of SGBV products/ materials developed for awareness on SGBV conducted through print , radio, TV and social media</p>	<p>Undertake a capacity assessment of Women Development Officers (WDOs) and other staff working in all Women and Child Development Units of the MCDWA at divisional level (in the 3 area models).</p>	<p>-The Capacity Assessment of MCDWA's Women and Child Development Units was completed in the three area models of Anuradhapura, Ratnapura and Batticaloa. The assessment was undertaken by the Ministry together with the SELAJSI-Technical Coordinator. The data is being analyzed and collated and the Technical Coordinator is currently preparing the report.</p>
<p>3.6 National Action Plan on SGBV <u>formulated</u></p>	<p>Strengthen the capacity of the staff of the Women and Children's units (includes WDOs) using the newly developed standard</p>	<p>The MCDWA's Women and Child Development Unit Officers in Anurdhapura have been undergoing training on the newly developed 4 day training module from 9th-12th December 2014, in Anuradhapura. The training manual was developed by the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF)</p>
<p>3.7 Percentage change in the</p>		

number of SGBV including domestic violence complaints recorded/referred by police to penal chain.	training programme on Women's Rights/ Child Rights/ SGBV/legal framework including DV Act as well as CEDAW /UN SCR 1325 etc., and provide training on the developed modules (in Sinhala, Tamil and English) (3.2.2)	and training carried out by same.
3.8 Increased capacities of Child and Women Development Units, Police Women and Children Desks at DS level.	Conduct awareness programmes (using Forum theatre) on prevention of underage marriage and SGBV in identified Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the 3 area models.	- After tender board approval ACT 4 'Theatre for Change' was selected as the partner to undertake this initiative. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between ACT 4 and the Department of Probation and Child care Services. Programmes have commenced in Anuradhapura and will be held in Batteramulla and Batticaloa.
3.9 Referral system of SGBV cases to penal chain <u>operational</u>	Refurbish the Police Women and Children's Desks (W&C Desks) in the 3 area models ensuring availability of female offices, with trilingual language abilities, adequate legal representation/ legal aid services, and confidential counselling services and provide necessary equipment.	-Equipment for the 3 Police W & C Coordinating Officers at district level in the 3 area models have been approved and have been procured. The other equipment required for 32 W&C Desks in Anuradhapura and Batticaloa have been purchased and distributed in these two area models. Additional funds were allocated to purchase equipment for the Desks in Ratnapura which is at the tender board approval level. A pack of stationary as well as other office necessities such as a stapler, files etc. will be given to each W&C Desk as well. -Six police officers from Batticaloa are following a course on counselling conducted by the National Institute of Social Development (NISD) in through its Batticaloa centre. Another 33 police officers (from Anuradhapura, Ratnapura and Colombo) have been identified to enroll in this course and follow the program either at the Anuradhapura or Colombo centres. The course in these areas will commence shortly. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between NISD and the Ministry.

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms

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Output 4 Institutional capacities strengthened for improved administration of justice, strategic planning and policy development for a longer-term sector wide approach to justice, police and prisons 4.1 No of Law reform committees <u>established</u> and operational. 4.2 No. of policy advocacy <u>events</u> from experience generated in area models as	Strengthen the Ministry of Justice Translation Unit to undertake interventions relating to the Language within the Justice sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the Court of Appeal Special Translations Unit to undertake priority translations. 	Activity completed. A total of 122 cases (case briefs in the Tamil language) were pending to be brought before the Court of Appeal due to the lack of availability of the brief in the English language, when the Translation Unit was established in mid-2013 was 122. While the Programme initially undertook to support the translation of 30 briefs as a pilot initiative in the last quarter of 2013, further support was extended in 2014 to clear the backlog of translations of the above mentioned case briefs and an additional two (2) briefs listed for 2014. The Unit translated a total of 98 case briefs. The President of the Court of Appeal speaking at the event to mark the completion of the translation recognized and commended the work of the Translation Unit for its efficiency and also made a special note of the high standard/quality of the translations. Moreover, he also conveyed that these sentiments were shared by most of the Judges of the Court of Appeal before whom the translated briefs were presented. A letter outlining the success of the project and the need to sustain it in order to prevent the build-up of a fresh backlog was submitted to the President of the Court of Appeal for consideration.
	Support the consolidation and translation of the five key pieces of legislation in both	The Project is consolidating the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure Act in Sinhala, Tamil and English. These two pieces of key legislation were identified as a priority given the

<p>well as from other ongoing initiatives</p> <p>4.3 Research and Policy Unit <u>established</u> for the Justice sector</p> <p>4.4 A sector- wide road map for Justice, police and prisons developed.</p> <p>4.5 Sector wide National coordination mechanism <u>operational</u> (identified through the national sector wide Steering Committee)</p>	<p>official languages.</p>	<p>Project’s focus on strengthening access to justice within the Criminal Justice Sector. While originally the Project envisaged translating and consolidating the legislation in the two official languages only, the same is currently being done in English as well.</p> <p>The consolidation as at 11 December in all three languages has been completed and is being typed out. Special approval is being sought from Ministry of Finance and Planning in order make a payment of Rs 65/- per page which rate exceeds the rate stipulated in the government circular. The reason for requesting special approval being that the task can only be undertaken by typists who are experienced in typing legislation and are competent to complete the task within the stipulated time frame. The Consultants are scheduled to submit the consolidated Acts by 20th December 2014 after which the relevant number of copies would be submitted for print by the Government printer.</p>
	<p>Support law enforcement (Police etc.) on criminal profiling.</p>	<p>Following a series of discussions, the training initiative has been scheduled for 2015 in light of the need to develop specific training modules in order to introduce the subject into the criminal justice sector in Sri Lanka.</p>
	<p>Support the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in creating awareness (especially among young lawyers) of the latest international developments in criminal justice and public law (constitutional and Administrative).</p>	<p>The Programme supported the BASL to incorporate specific sessions on criminal justice and at its Junior National Law Conference held from 31st October – 1st November 2014. A specific session on “sentencing” was also held (following a criminal trial enactment) and a report containing recommendations on sentencing was shared by BASL with MoJ. This will subsequently be presented to the Thematic Committee that will be set up under the National Steering Committee on Justice tasked with developing a National Sentencing Policy. The importance of victim and witness protection within the criminal justice system was also discussed. Given that the Conference secured the participation of lawyers (in practice for 1-10years) from across the island, a survey questionnaire on specific challenges relating to case-flow management was also shared and a report of the survey findings was presented to the Ministry of Justice and will be tabled at the Sub Committee meeting on CFM.</p>
	<p>Establish a National Steering Committee on Justice.</p>	<p>A National Steering Committee on Justice (NSCJ) was established and launched on 16th July 2014. The NSCJ is Chaired by the Hon. Minister of Justice and consists of senior representatives of all institutions relating to the Justice Sector. Under the aegis of this Committee, Sub Committees were established on Sentencing, Case Flow Management and Electronic Case Tracking Mechanism. Additional thematic Committees will be established in 2015 on Judicial Mediation, and Criminal Profiling.</p>
	<p>Regional best practices forum to be held in Sri Lanka.</p>	<p>The Ministry is in the process of planning for this Conference which is tentatively scheduled for the first quarter of 2015. The Concept document for the programme has been finalized and extensive research is being conducted ahead of the Pre-Conference Round Table meeting to table the plan and road map for the Regional Conference. The pre-conference round table meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 31st January 2014 and will secure the participation of the Hon. Chief Justice, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Minister of Justice and other key high-level officials within the criminal justice sector. The Regional Conference will bring together senior delegates, participants and international resource experts on penal sanctions in order to draft and submit for adoption the “Colombo Declaration on Penal Sanctions”. The preliminary draft of the Declaration will be drafted at the pre-conference round table meeting.</p>

		<p><u>The key objectives envisaged of the Regional Conference include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revisiting the objectives of imposing penal sanctions on convicts 2. Providing awareness and insight into the multiple penal sanction mechanisms available in criminal justice 3. Providing of insight into penal sanction mechanisms available within the SAARC region 4. Encouraging countries in the SAARC region to develop appropriate sentencing policies and guidelines in their respective countries 5. Harmonizing penal sanction mechanisms in the SAARC region 6. Developing professional relationships among criminal justice professionals in the SAARC region 7. Sharing of experiences relating to the determination of penal sanctions 8. To provide an impetus to the development of sentencing guidelines in Sri Lanka <p>The Ministry is presently finalizing the invitations for the delegates/participants from the SAARC countries, mapping out key international resource experts in the subject, conducting a literature review on the subject, and planning the logistical and administrative arrangements for the Regional Conference.</p>
	<p>Establish a thematic Sub-Committee on Sentencing</p>	<p>The first meeting of the thematic subcommittee on Sentencing Policy was held on 20th November 2014 under the Chairmanship of Secretary/MoJ, at the Ministry of Justice. The Committee includes the representation of the Attorney General’s Department, the BASL, DIG of Police/Legal, the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms. The representative from the Judicial Services Commission is yet to be nominated and is expected to attend the next sitting of the Committee. The Committee having finalized its TOR, decided on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a paper based on the existing judicial decisions • Discuss the criteria for granting suspended sentences • Examine the existing practices in relation to sentencing and make judges aware of these practices/judgments. • Existing training modules of the Judges Training Institute to include of the existing practices identified above
	<p>Strengthen the capacity of the legal draftsmans department on drafting of criminal justice legislation in keeping with international standards</p>	<p>The Ministry of Justice is supporting the Legal Draftsman’s Department to conduct a specialized training on drafting legislation in the English language for its junior and senior legal draftsmen. The programme is conducted with the support of the British Council and is envisaged to be conducted over a period of 3 months. The specific modules and course material is being finalized and the course is expected to commence in January 2015</p>
	<p>Training of Superintendent of Prisons and Assistant Superintendent of Prison of Administration of Prisons in keeping with international standards and human rights</p>	<p>Completed: The three day workshop on enhancing Counselling skills, interpersonal skills and attitudes towards rehabilitation was held at Centre for Research and Training in Corrections and in Open Prison Camp in Pallekalle from 1st-5th July 2014. 4 Assistant Superintendent of Prisons,</p>

	standards in collaboration with the Malaysian Prison Academy.	15 Class I Jailors and 5 Class I Rehabilitation Officers participated in the workshop. A trainer from the Malaysian Prison Academy served as a resource person in the trainings. The Theories of Counselling, Approaches of Counselling in Malaysian Prisons, Techniques of Communication, Techniques of Reflection, Problem Solving and Mentoring were also included in the workshop.
	Develop an Intra Prison electronic database for an effective and efficient administration of the Prisons.	The inception report has been submitted by the software developer and the agreement for developing the database has been signed between the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prisons Reforms (MRPR) and the software developer. The Contingency and Disaster Recovery Management Plan, Change Management Plan, Responsibility Matrix Plan, Information Security Plan, Risk Management Plan, Data Classification Systems, System Requirements, Information Flow Management and Data Migration plans are developed in order to support the designing of the Database by the software developer. The software development process is expected to be completed by the end June 2015.
	Conduct a Capacity Needs Assessment/Training Needs Assessment for the Prisons Officers of the Department of Prisons.	The assessment has been completed and the final report submitted to the MRPR. The assessment aims to review information relating to trainings undertaken in the past and identify whether the ongoing and past trainings are adequate for the Department of Prisons to effectively and efficiently achieve its goals in relation to rehabilitation of prisoners through effective prison management. The findings of the assessment shall be used by the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections to design a comprehensive training plan, training curricula and training modules for the Prison Officials targeting the different levels of officers and focusing on providing trainings at regular periods in their career.
	Conduct a study on the overcrowding of Remand Prisons and the Rehabilitation of Prisoners in the Welikada and Batticaloa Prisons.	The study is carried out on Overcrowding of Remand Prisons and Rehabilitation of Prisoners in the Welikada, Colombo Remand Prison and the Batticaloa Remand Prison. Preliminary meetings with the Ministry Officials and some Key Informant Interviews completed. A survey is being carried out to identify the nature of issues with regards to overcrowding of remand prisons and meetings have been held with different Authorities on the delay in administration of justice and a mapping is carried out on responsibilities of each in relation to minimizing overcrowding of Prisons and the Rehabilitation of Prisoners. The final report is scheduled to be submitted on 30 December 2014.

Implementing Partner: Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration

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<p>Output 5 National institutions and actors (state and civic) have stronger capacities for policy-making and policy actions aimed at promoting dialogue, social integration and reconciliation</p> <p>5.1 No. of policy actions on social integration and</p>	<p>Conduct legal documentation mobile clinics in the in 2014 based on the findings of the Documentation Needs Assessment undertaken in 2013.</p>	<p>Mobile documentation clinics originally planned for 2014 with funding from the Human Security Trust Fund have been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four (4) final legal documentation mobile clinics were conducted in the Karachchi and Pachchilaipalli Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD) in the Killinochchi District, and Vakarai and Kiran DSDs in the Batticaloa District. A total of 4984 individuals benefitted from this service (1731, 1447, 929 and 877 individuals respectively from the above mentioned DSDs). Four (4) pre-mobiles were also completed in Vakarai, Pachchilaipalli, Vavuniya and Kiran DSDs, benefitting a total of 7282 individuals (806, 1416, 2723, and 713 individuals respectively from the above mentioned DSD). Article on the legal mobile documentation clinics -

<p>reconciliation adopted</p> <p>5.2 No of policy actions on social integration and reconciliation implemented.</p> <p>5.3 No of people benefitting from mobile documentation clinics (MDCs) (gender and age disaggregated)</p>		<p>http://www.lk.undp.org/content/srilanka/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/successstories/helping-communities-obtain-vital-legal-documentation-/</p> <p>In addition to the above, mobile clinics on legal documentation and legal aid were conducted in the districts of Ratnapura and Nuwera Eliya with the financial assistance of UNHCR. Pre-mobile Clinics were conducted in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions (DSDs) of Eheliyagoda (Ratnapura), Hanguranketha and Valapane (Nuwera Eliya) accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total 3,450 people benefitted from Pre-mobile Clinics conducted in Eheliyagoda (Ratnapura), Hanguranketha and Valapane (Nuwera Eliya) DSDs (600, 850 and 2,000 beneficiaries respectively), where they received birth, death and marriage certificates. • 1 final mobile documentation clinic was conducted in Eheliyagoda DSD of on 29th November and an estimate of 250 people benefitted from services including legal aid, issuance of birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates and elderly-identity cards. Visitors to Mobile Clinic also received services from <i>ayurveda</i> and western medical clinics that were also set up alongside legal aid and documentation services. • 2 Final Mobile Documentation Clinics were fully planned to be held in Valapane and Hanguranketha DSDs in Nuwara Eliya District on December 6th and 7th, but had to be cancelled at the last minute following a directive issued by the Elections Commissioner relating to the Presidential Election that has been announced to take place on January 8th 2015. <p>In sum, a total of 3,700 people benefitted from 3 Pre-mobile Clinics and 1 Final Mobile Documentation Clinic.</p>
	<p>Provide translation support for the Department of Registration of Persons.</p>	<p>The urgent need to continue providing this support was identified and accordingly SELAJSI supported the Department of Registration of Persons to place translators at the Department to facilitate the process of translating documentation/National Identity Cards until end September 2014. Accordingly 91,875 documents including National Identity Cards have been translated from the Sinhala to Tamil language by seven Translators.</p>
	<p>Provide equipment for the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) centers and support the initial stages of development of a database in Batticaloa office in order to provide an effective legal aid service.</p>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry and the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) to provide support to enhance the institutional capacities of the LAC offices in the districts of Mullaithivuu, Vavuniya, Killinochchi and Batticaloa. Further under the same MoU it was agreed to undertake a "village profiling" exercise on legal requirements among families at the village level. A total of 190 families were covered through this assessment. The villages covered are Maruthodai (30 families) Pattikudiyiruppu (30 families) Pavatkulam (34 families) Kukulai East (24 families) Puliya munai (13 families) Kukulai South (26 families) Kokuthodovai South (33 families) in the Districts of Mullaithivu, Killinochchi and Vavuniya.</p> <p>- After having further discussions with the LAC it was understood that development of data base is a time taking process and therefore it was decided to not to frame under this MOU due to time lines as stipulated by the donor.</p>

	Provide support to extend legal aid service delivery in the Northern Districts with emphasis upon Vavuniya, Killinochchi and Mullaithivu.	The Provincial Centre of the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration (MNLSI) was established on 15th of July 2014. Through this activity all required equipment and furniture was provided for this office. Through the establishment of this office it is expected that the Ministry would be able to extend its services to the people further and enable more active engagement with the communities in the Northern Province, including coordination of legal aid and legal documentation service delivery with respective stake holders in the Province.
	Support the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs (MCDWA) to (re) print the Law Directory (with laws relating to Sexual and Gender Based Violence-SGBV) in the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages.	The critical need having been identified and the request being made by another SELAJSI Implementing Partner- the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs (MCDWA) support was provided to print the law Directory in the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages for urgent dissemination. MNLSI entered in to a MoU with MCDWA to enable undertaking this activity. 10,000 – Sinhala: 5,000, Tamil: 4,000 -English copies are being printed.
	Support MCDWA to carry out the Diploma in women and political Empowerment for women from the North and East of Sri Lanka.	The request being made by another SELAJSI Implementing Partner- the MCDWA the Programme provided financial assistance to conduct, a training for women community leaders in the North on empowerment, SGBV and laws, women's rights, leadership etc. (undertaken in the form of a Diploma) under the aegis of the National Committee on Women under Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment. The trainings were conducted by the NISD (National Institute of Social Development). 75 women were trained from the North including the districts of Killinochchi, Mullaithivu, Vavuniya and also from Batticaloa.
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<p>Output 6 A better aware public, especially youth and women, engaged in social integration and reconciliation actions</p> <p>6.1 No of events conducted to sensitize public on social integration (disaggregated by gender and age)</p> <p>6.2 No. of persons reached through social integration and reconciliation activities (disaggregated by gender and age)</p> <p>6.3 Percentage of persons targeted reporting increased understanding of social integration and reconciliation after being</p>	<p>Facilitate and support a more expanded public discourse across the media landscape, including through the use of social and community media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote social integration through direct engagement with the media during Social Integration Week July 2014 Develop a TV drama series on issues relating to social integration. 	<p>In order to support the widest possible outreach for the National Kite Festival during Social Integration Week utilizing the media, through SELAJSI the Ministry secured the services of Capital Maharajah (MTV). Accordingly a media campaign was conducted from 30th June to 15th July 2014, drawing attention to the National Kite Festival (NKF), providing media coverage for the social integration workshops conducted in collaboration with United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in the lead up to and during Social Integration Week and also media interviews for the Ministry to present its work in relation to the Week. This coverage was provided across MTV's three media outlets which are in the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages. Additionally, MTV came onboard as a partner for the National Kite Festival and provided live coverage of the Kite Festival from 5 of the 7 locations at which it was held. A documentary on the kite festival is developed and will be telecasted by the said TV station as agreed in the MOU before 31 December 2014.</p> <p><u>-Unintended Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the first time the Ministry was provided the opportunity to have constructive media engagement on the topic of social integration. The print media also caught on to the NKF and Social Integration Week 2014. <p>The script developed for the TV drama series in the fourth quarter of 2013 has been reviewed by a Committee of Technical experts (comprising of social integration experts, Ministry Officials and experts on TV series development) and has been finalized. The procurement process for the selection of a Producer is currently in progress. Discussions with the Ministry of Mass Media and Communications have been initiated in order to identify the arrangements for production in 2014 and airing of the TV series in 2015.</p>

<p>outreached through social integration and reconciliation awareness activities (disaggregated by gender and age)</p> <p>6.4 Percentage of persons targeted reporting changes in attitudes after being outreached through social integration and reconciliation awareness activities (disaggregated by gender and age)</p> <p>6.5 Percentage of persons targeted reporting getting involved in social integration and reconciliation actions after being outreached</p>	<p>Monitoring and Evaluation of the pilot initiative to raise awareness on the communities which are small in number through the production and distribution of a calendar in the districts of Puttalam, Vavuniya and Badulla.</p>	<p><u>Unintended Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This activity provided the entry point for the Ministry to be able to the first time establish a partnership with the Ministry of Mass Media and Communication (MMMC) to work on language issues and social integration. Accordingly a Technical Working Committee has been set up to start addressing language issues relating to media. • The foundation for longer term engagement with the media on social integration has been laid as a result of this activity. The MMMC has proposed to conduct trainings to sensitive the media on social integration in collaboration with MNLSI. <p>NOTE: Although the Ministry managed to make considerable progress towards establishing a partnership with the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (State run media network) for the production of the TV Programme, due to unforeseeable circumstances the Ministry had to re-initiate the procurement process. Re-initiated bidding process will be closed on the 18th of December 2014 and subject to the availability of funding in 2015, it is expected that the TV programme will be produced by end March 2015.</p> <p><u>Evaluation of the Impact of the Calendar on Numerically Small Ethnic Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evaluation survey/assessment of the impact of the calendar used to raise awareness on numerically small communities/ethnic groups is underway and the final report will be submitted by the end of December 2015. The evaluation is undertaken by the Department of Sociology of University of Colombo. • A half-day training session was conducted by the University to train the relevant Social Integration Officers (SIOs) on the how to undertake the evaluation prior to the roll out of the Questionnaire, which was developed by the Project. • The survey was conducted in 40 schools by the SIOs in the target districts, with a sample size of the sample was 1000, including school teachers, Principals and students. <p>The Pilot study was conducted in Puttalam and data collection has been completed and the data analysis is currently in progress. Preliminary analysis indicates that the calendar disseminated information which was new and was highly appreciated by the teachers and Principals. Extremely useful/creative/effective suggestions were highlighted through the pilot study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNLSI aims to take on board the recommendations of the evaluation report through the Task Force to be appointed under the National Action Plan for Social Integration with a view to upscale raising awareness on the numerically small ethnic communities.
	<p>Outreach through the Convention on National Unity to promote one Sri Lankan identity and unity in diversity among school</p>	<p>Activity Completed.</p> <p>-In April 2014 the National Convention on Unity was held and the Government officially launched the Charter on National Unity. As part of this event SELAJSI supported the conduct of</p>

	<p>children through literature and art (integrating volunteerism).</p>	<p>an art and essay competition and an exhibition. Additionally as part of promoting wider outreach on social integration and on the Charter on National Unity, SELAJSI also linked to Activity 6.1.1 (a) supported the conduct of 14 district level work-shops on social integration and also the conduct of the National Kite Festival. Both these initiatives were conducted as part of Social Integration Week 2014. All these initiatives were also designed to promote volunteerism and therefore the Ministry partnered with the United Nations Volunteers, to design, and implement these activities and also ensure the concept of volunteerism was re-introduced to the communities through the social integration workshops.</p> <p>- Project monitoring indicated that 52% of participants from the 14 districts had not heard of MNLSI prior to the district level social integration workshops.</p> <p><u>Unintended Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NKF provided an invaluable opportunity for the Ministry staff based in the districts to enhance their skills as trainers, by serving for the first time as resource persons for the district level Social Integration workshops. • Use of innovative tools to promote social integration and strengthen outreach on the role of the Ministry.
	<p>Complete implementation of the Women's Empowerment for Social Integration in the Killinochchi and Moneragala districts (scale-up initiative).</p>	<p>-Twenty nine out of thirty (30) women leaders selected from Monaragala and Killinochchi districts (15 women leaders from each district) to participate in the Women's Empowerment for Social Integration Initiative, completed the entire programme and were awarded Certificates of Participation/Completion on 3 November 2014.</p> <p>-The planned five (05) training components under this initiative were completed between January and October 2014. Four media releases have been provided as part of this process.</p> <p>-Three seed grants were also administered, whereby the participants planned and implemented themselves three community based activities in each District to promote social integration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During Social Integration Week in July 2014 and these included a workshop on "Self Employment Skills" and a street drama performance on "Under-aged Marriages" in Monaragala and Killinochchi districts. The street drama performance reached an estimated 600 people in the areas of Korakkan, Karachchi, Kandawalai and Darampuram in the District of Killinochchi. The street drama performed at a school in Sevanagala in Monaragala district reached approximately 300 children and parents. • An opportunity to share/exchange knowledge on cultural activities/practices was arranged in Killinochchi, where 60 students from the Gowrala Maha Vidyalaya travelled to the Pothuvil Maha Vidyalaya. • A volley ball match was conducted with the participation of 20 students each from the Athimala Maha Vithiyalaya and Saraswathi Maha Vidyalaya in the Monaragala district, with a view to promote interaction through sports. • A musical programme, on "Building Unity among Ethnic Communities" drew in three hundred participants when conducted at the Monaragala public library. • A study undertaken on the "Language issues in the selected sectors such as police stations, hospitals and schools in the district of Killinochchi".

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness raising programme for mothers on child development, an art programme on ethnic harmony and social integration at the Poonagari School, leadership training for 10 selected school students and the donation of library books for 13 selected schools was also undertaken in the Killinochchi district. <p>- An exposure visit to Colombo also took place on 3rd and 4th November 2014 and participants met with officials of MNLSI, MCDWA and members of the Women’s Caucus of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants expressed their views on the programme and also discussed barriers for social integration at the discussion they had with the Secretary to the MNLSI and other senior officers of the MCDWA. • It is significant that the participants from Killinochchi handed over the issues/findings and suggestions/recommendations to the Secretary-MNLSI, based on the above mentioned study on language issues. The findings and recommendations are being reviewed by the Ministry. <p>-The final evaluation report which is informed by the findings of both on-going internal evaluations and also an independent evaluator is being finalized by SFCG and will be presented to the Ministry by end of December</p> <p>-This initiative has enabled the participants to improve their language skills, have provided an opportunity for the participants to gain exposure to different locations in the country and experience different cultures, meet with members from different communities, create and then strengthen relationships/friendships and establish networks/linkages to relevant local and national level government officials. The participants’ skills and knowledge with regards to designing, planning and implementing community level initiative, and accordingly manage resources required for these initiatives have been developed.</p> <p>-Case stories developed also indicate that an attitudinal shift towards the different communities has been enabled as a result of the exposure, interaction and understanding of the importance of social integration (http://www.lk.undp.org/content/srilanka/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/successstories/a-new-resolve-to-promote-social-integration/ and http://www.lk.undp.org/content/srilanka/en/home/presscenter/articles/2014/07/21/spreading-the-message-of-the-importance-of-the-role-of-women-in-promoting-social-integration-.html)</p> <p><u>Unintended Results:</u></p> <p>-Provided an opportunity for the women leaders to link up with the Women’s Caucus of the Parliament of Sri Lanka which is headed by the Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs representing the Moneragala District.</p> <p>-The selected participants to be considered to be Mediators under the Ministry of Justice after</p>
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		<p>a comprehensive training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The initiative provided an opportunity for the PIU staff to strengthen their interactive presentation skills. -The participants from the Killinochchi district have initiated discussions at the community level to explore the options available to form a Women’s Organization in the future.
	<p>Establishment of a Project Implementation Unit (PIU)</p>	<p>Officials from the Ministry have been identified to serve dedicatedly in the PIU and the required equipment and furniture for the PIU have been procured.</p>