

Strengthening Enforcement of Law, Access to Justice and Social Integration Programme

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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	Key Activities as per 2014 Annual Work Plan	Progress /Results
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	Criminal Justice Case Flow Management Committee established in one area model.	-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. The first sitting of the CFMC is tentatively scheduled for October 2014.
	Establishment of the Case Flow Management Committee at the National Level	The National Steering Committee on Justice was launched on 16 th 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 will be established shortly.
	Analysis on the bottlenecks/needs of the 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>	-The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) called for Expressions of Interest (EOI) following which a briefing meeting was held for all interested applicant Organizations on 10 th September. The Organizations were expected to submit a comprehensive concept paper illustrating the methodology for the Study based on the guidelines shared by the MoJ on 24 th September 2014. The MoJ has received the concept notes from the interested organizations. The selected organization(s) are expected to commence the Study by the first week of October 2014. This study will also contain a capacity needs assessment with a gender analysis. -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/Ministry of Justice, Attorney General, President of the BASL and the Inspector General of Police (IGP).
	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 is 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 comprehensive report highlighting a strategy for a way forward will be submitted following the Forum.
	Development of an Integrated Electronic	A series of discussions were held with the Government Analysts’ Department and the

	Information flow system across the Penal Chain	Attorney 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).
	Conduct a study on the Community Based Corrections Mechanism in the Ratnapura District.	The Consultant to undertake the study has been selected and has started work. The overall objective of this study is 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. The final report from the Consultant is due on 25 th November 2014.
Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice		
Output	Key Activities as per 2014 Annual Work Plan	Status and Results
Output 2 Improved access to justice for vulnerable and marginalized populations through systematized legal aid service provision and dispute resolution mechanisms accessible to all	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.	-Following a series of discussions between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Legal Aid Commission (LAC), a Committee (consisting of members identified by the MoJ and the LAC) will be established shortly. The Asia Foundation has been identified as the Consultant organization that will be tasked with developing/drafting the National Policy supported by the Committee under the guidance of the Chairman of the LAC.
	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.	-The BASL has undertaken to include Legal Aid as a specific thematic subject at the Junior National Law Conference to be held from 31 st October – 1 st November 2014. A Forum Theatre event is also being developed under this theme. 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..
	Awareness raising for public officials (court staff) on human rights, women and children's rights, criminal procedure etc.	-A 2-day awareness raising programme for non-judicial court staff in the Galle District was held on 7 th and 8 th 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.
Implementing Partner :Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs		
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Output 3 Capacities of state and non-state actors strengthened for a comprehensive and coordinated response to address sexual and gender based violence (SGBV)	Strengthen the capacity of MCDWA to lead the development of a National Action Plan on eliminating SGBV.	The Terms of Reference has been approved, and shared with prospective Consultants. The Ministry is awaiting an expression of interest.
	Advocate for implementation, review, amendment and introduction of legislation/ policies to combat violence against women.	-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. -The 2 nd joint policy dialogue is schedule to be held in November 2014 during the 16 Days of Activism.
	Strengthen the referral system of SGBV cases to the penal chain (away from	-Referral meetings are scheduled to take place on 14 th and 21 st October 2014 in the Anuradhapura and Ratnapura districts respectively, engaging all key stakeholders at

	mediation boards) in 3 area models - through MCDWA's Women and Child Development Units.	Divisional Secretariat level. -The equipment required for Units in the three area models have been identified and prioritized. The advertisement and tender procedure is to be undertaken.
	Support and strengthen the MCDWA's institutional reporting functions – including reporting under the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).	-The Technical Team (consisting of 10 experts) to undertake CEDAW reporting has been selected and first meeting held. Ministry has also held a meeting for State Institutions that have been asked to respond to Concluding Observations under CEDAW. A NGO consultation was held on 25 th September 2014 at the Ministry. At present 6 Ministries have sent in their responses and progress according to CEDAW.
	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).	-The Capacity Assessment of Women and Child Development Units is scheduled to be undertaken by the Ministry together with the SELAJSI-Technical Coordinator on 13 th October in Anuradhapura and 21 st October in Ratnapura.
	Conduct awareness programmes (using Forum theatre) on prevention of underage marriage and SGBV in identified Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the 3 area models.	-An Expression of Interest process has been undertaken and the technical assessment completed. The documentation is with the Tender Board for final approval.
	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 are being procured and Tender Board approval has been granted for the other equipment required for 32 W&C Desks in 2 area models (Anuradhapura and Batticaloa). -6 police officers from Batticaloa are enrolled and following a course on counselling conducted by the National Institute of Social Development (NISD) in through its Batticaloa centre. Another 33 police officers (from Anurdhapura, Ratnapura and Colombo) have been identified to enroll in this course and follow the program either at the Anuradhapura or Colombo centres. The Memorandum of Understanding has been developed and approved for signature by MCDWA and NISD.

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	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.
Support the consolidation and translation of the five key pieces of legislation in both official languages.	The Project is currently 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 priority given the 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.
Support law enforcement (Police etc.) on criminal profiling.	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.
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).	The Programme is supporting the BASL in incorporating specific sessions on criminal justice and public law at its Junior National Law Conference to be held from 31 st October – 1 st November 2014. A specific session on "sentencing" will also be held and a report containing recommendations on sentencing will be 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. Given that the conference secures the participation of lawyers (in practice for 1-10years) from across the island, specific matters relating to case-flow management within the Programme's area models will also be discussed.
Establish a National Steering Committee on Justice.	A National Steering Committee on Justice (NSCJ) was established and launched on 16 th 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. Further Committees will be established shortly under specific thematic areas (case flow management, judicial mediation, sentencing, criminal profiling etc.) and will function under the aegis of the NSCJ.
Develop an Intra Prison electronic database for an effective and efficient administration of the Prisons.	The need for developing an Information Database was identified by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms and the initial preparation for the design of the database was undertaken by a Consultant in 2013-2014. 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 have now been identified and developed. The Tender process to recruit the Software Developer is in progress and expected to be completed in October – November 2014 (as the originally selected software provider from the Tender process declined to accept the offer and as such negotiations are on-going with the second bidder).
Conduct a Capacity Needs Assessment/Training Needs Assessment for the Prisons Officers of the Department of	The Consultant has been selected and work has started on the assessment. 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

	Prisons.	effectively and efficiently achieve its goals in relation to 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. The final report from the Consultant is due on 30 th October 2014.
	Conduct a study on the overcrowding of Remand Prisons and the Rehabilitation of Prisoners in the Welikada and Batticaloa Prisons.	The process of recruiting a Consultant to undertake this study is currently underway and is expected to be completed by 5 th October 2014. The Objectives of the study are: 1. To identify the successes and failures of the rehabilitation mechanism for convicted Prisoners in the Welikada and Batticaloa Prisons and make recommendations for an improved rehabilitation mechanism. 2. To evaluate the impact of the aftercare mechanism during the imprisonment period and after the release of the Prisoner. 3. To identify the reasons for overcrowding of Remand Prisons and methods to minimize overcrowding.
Implementing Partner: Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration		
Output	Key Activities as per 2014 Annual Work Plan	Status and Results
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	Conduct legal documentation mobile clinics in the in 2014 based on the findings of the Documentation Needs Assessment undertaken in 2013.	Mobile documentation clinics originally planned for 2014 with funding from the Human Security Trust Fund have been completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four (4) final legal documentation mobile clinics were conducted in the Karachchi and Pachchillaipalli 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, Pachchillaipalli, 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 - http://www.lk.undp.org/content/srilanka/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/successstories/helping-communities-obtain-vital-legal-documentation/ Mobile clinics are to be also undertaken in the Badulla, Ratnapura and Nuwara-eliya Districts during November-December 2014, with the support of UNHCR. Planning for these mobile clinics will be initiated in October 2014.
	Provide translation support for the Department of Registration of Persons.	The urgent need to continue providing this support was identified and accordingly SELAJSI supported the Department of Registration of Persons to place Sinhala and Tamil language translators at the Department to facilitate the process of translating documentation/National Identity Cards until end September 2014. The final report on the translation work undertaken is due from the Department on the 30 th of September 2014.
	Provide equipment for the Legal Aid	A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry and the Legal

	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.	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) Puliyaemunai (13 families) Kukulai South (26 families) Kokuthodovai South (33 families) in the Districts of Mullaithivu, Killinochchi and Vavuniya. - 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.
	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 will be 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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Output 6 A better aware public, especially youth and women, engaged in social integration and reconciliation actions	Facilitate and support a more expanded public discourse across the media landscape, including through the use of social and community media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote social integration through direct engagement with the media during Social 	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

	<p>Integration Week July 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a TV drama series on issues relating to social integration. 	<p>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 being developed and will be telecasted by the said TV station as agreed in the MOU.</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 has also been identified and finalized. 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><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. • The Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation – (SLRC state run media network) has agreed to do the production of the TV series for a concession rate. • The script for a Tele drama for Tamil language speaking audience will be developed by a Tamil script writer within the budget allocated for the production of the above mentioned TV series.
	<p>Outreach through the Convention on National Unity to promote one Sri Lankan identity and unity in diversity among school children through literature and art (integrating volunteerism).</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 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 workshops 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 indicates 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>-Thirty (30) women leaders were selected from Monaragala and Killinochchi districts (15 women leaders from each district) .Four (4) out of the planned five trainings programmes which have been identified to be conducted as part of the "Women's Empowerment for Social Integration" initiative were completed between January and August 2014. Four media releases have been provided as part of this process. The first of three seed grants were also provided to the participants of the initiative to undertake the community based activity to promote social integration during Social Integration Week in July 2014. Participants organized a workshop on "Self Employment Skills" and a street drama performance on "Under-aged Marriages" in Monaragala and Killinochchi districts. 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.</p> <p>- The final training programme under this initiative is scheduled to be conducted on 9th-10th October 2014 and the final seed grant is scheduled to be released in October 2014. An exposure visit to Colombo is also planned to take place on 3rd and 4th November 2014 (tentatively) and participants are expected to meet with officials of MNLSI, MCDWA officials and also meet with members of the Women's Caucus in the Parliament of Sri Lanka and select other women's role models.</p> <p>- Thus far this initiative has enabled the participants to improve their language skills, have provided an opportunity to for the participants to gain exposure to to different locations in the country and experience different cultures, meet with members from different communities, create and then strengthen relationships/friendships. 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</p> <p>(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>