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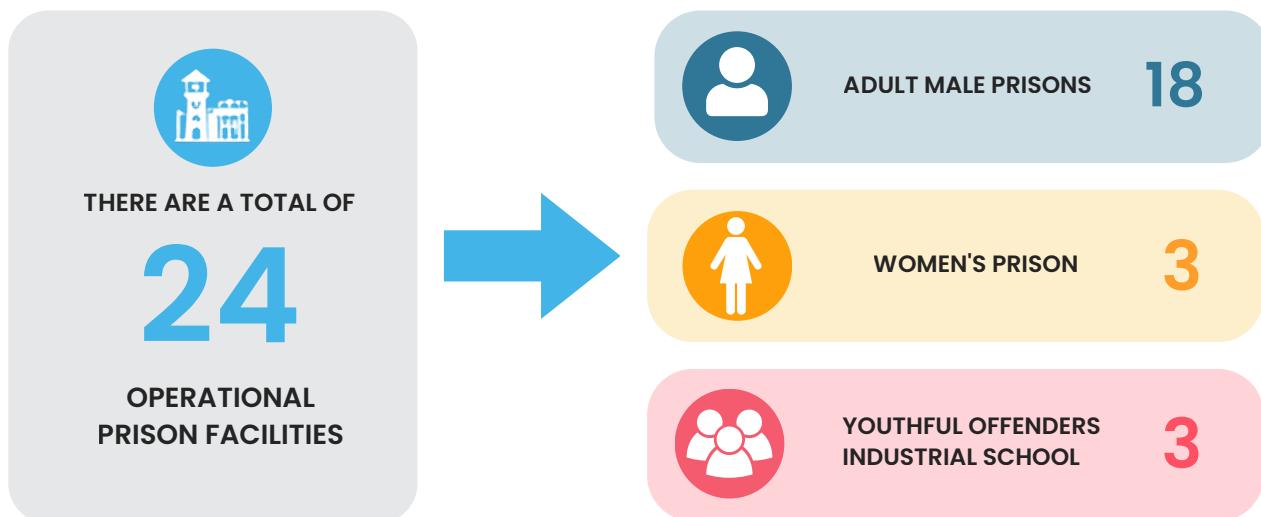
About Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners Vision, Mission, & Values

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners is a government funded not for profit Committee established in 2004 founded by Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid. In March 2024, the Committee was reconstituted with new Chairperson and members; the current chairman is R Justice Arif Hussain Khilji. The Committee has been highlighting the plight of vulnerable prisoners and is bridging the accessibility gaps in the conventional justice system by providing free legal assistance and representation for first time petty offenders across Sindh since its inception. Its key areas of work are: Litigation, Legal Empowerment, Welfare and Research and Policy Advocacy.

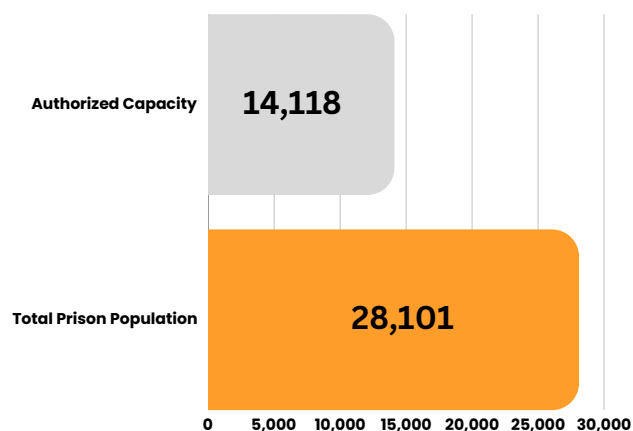
With the continuous support from the Home Department Sindh, the Committee expanded its presence to cover 25 prisons, facilitating the release of numerous innocent prisoners. Presently, the Committee has a team of 22 dedicated lawyers who visit Central and District Prisons across Sindh multiple times a week to assess the legal requirements of new inmates. In 2019, the Sindh Government introduced updated legislation known as the Sindh Prisons and Corrections Services Act and Rules 2019. This legislation provides a modern and progressive framework for prisoner admission, classification, rehabilitation initiatives, and other entitlements. It serves as the foundation for effective and compassionate prison governance and administration.

The Committee actively advocates for speedy trials and case resolutions on behalf of under-trial prisoners, aligning with the Government's priority areas outlined in the Rule of Law Roadmap. This approach helps alleviate the burden on prisons, reduces overcrowding, and addresses the challenges faced by the under-resourced prison system. It remains functional through a notification of the Home Department and has been provided statutory footing under Section 55 of Sindh Prisons and Corrections Services Act 2019.

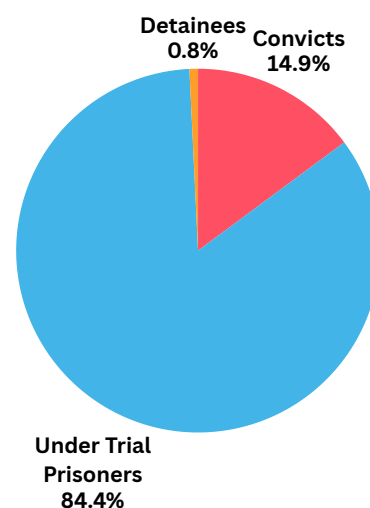
Overview of Prison Facilities in Sindh



The total **authorized capacity** for all **24 prison** facilities is **14,118**. The prison population as of **July 2026**, is **28,101**. Prison facilities currently operate at **68% over capacity**.



Of the **28,101**-prison population, **3,825** are convicts, **193** detainees and **23,551** under-trial prisoners (UTPs). Under trial prisoners make up for **83.8%** of the prison population.



Detailed Breakdown of Prison Facilities

Prison	Authorized Capacity	Current Population	Difference	Overcrowding (Percentage)
Central Prison Karachi	2400	8,104	-5,704	237.7%
District Prison Malir Karachi	2200	6,358	-4,158	189.0%
Youthful Offenders Industrial School Karachi	350	248	102	-36.8%
Women's Prison Karachi	250	259	-9	3.6%
Central Prison Hyderabad	1527	3,137	-1,610	105.4%
Special Prison Nara Hyderabad	300	523	-223	77.3%
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Detailed Breakdown of Prison Facilities

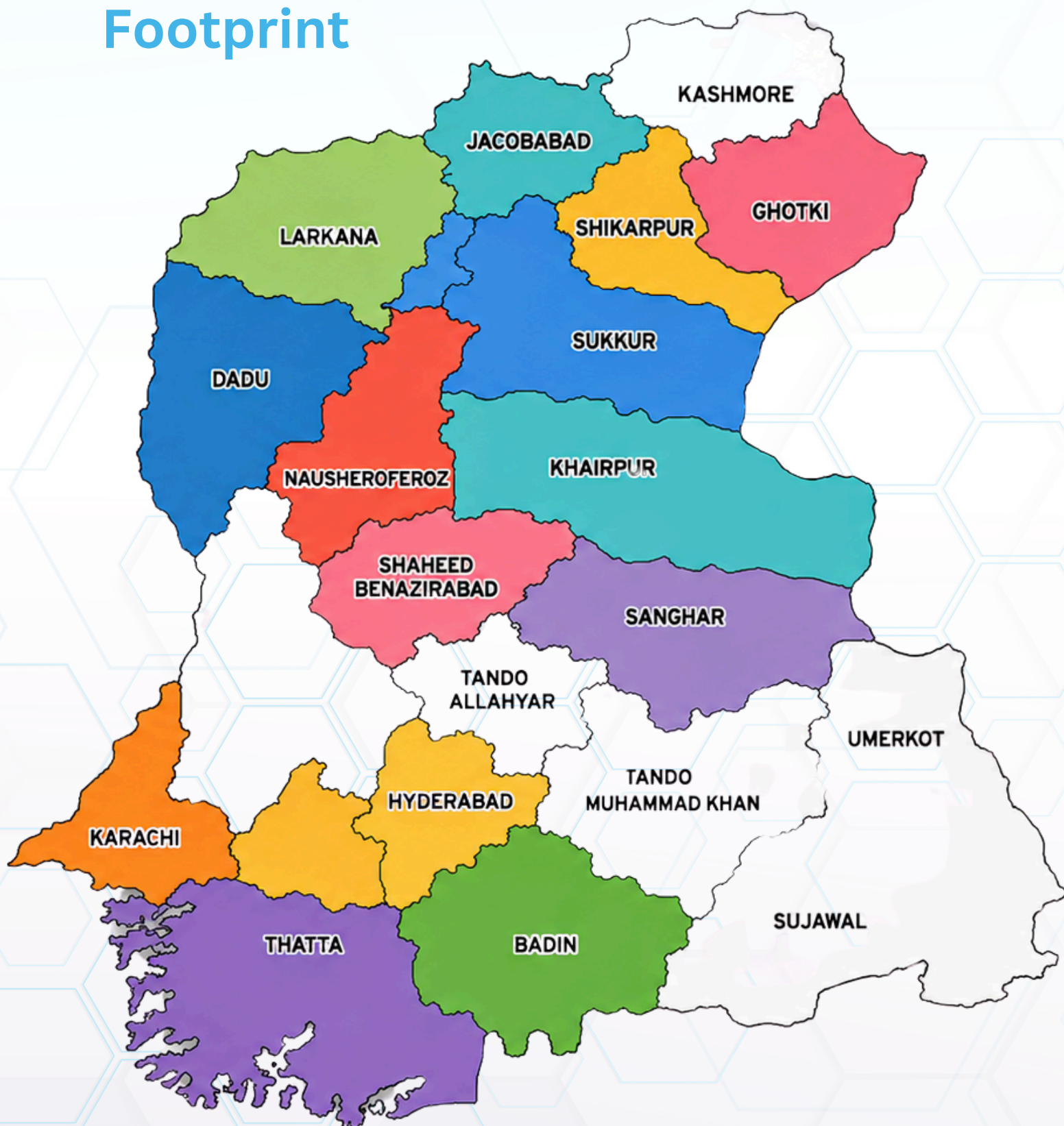
Prison	Authorized Capacity	Current Population	Difference	Overcrowding (Percentage)
Youthful Offenders Industrial School Hyderabad	150	61	89	-59.3%
Women’s Prison Hyderabad	150	123	27	-18.0%
Central Prison Mirpurkhas	1000	820	180	-18.0%
Central Prison Sukkur	1666	1,678	-12	0.72%
Youthful Offenders Industrial School Sukkur	100	39	61	-61%
Women’s Prison Sukkur	20	73	-56	265%
District Prison Ghotki	250	398	-148	59.2%
District Prison Shikarpur	250	468	-218	87.2%
Central Prison Khairpur	1175	1,108	67	-5.7%

Detailed Breakdown of Prison Facilities

Prison	Authorized Capacity	Current Population	Difference	Overcrowding (Percentage)
Central Prison Larkana	650	987	-337	51.8%
District Prison Larkana	150	445	-295	196.6%
District Prison Shaheed Benazirabad	100	368	-268	268%
District Prison Sanghar	250	425	-175	70%
District Prison Dadu	250	441	-119	47.6%
District Prison Naushero Feroz	250	498	-248	99.2%
District Prison Jacobabad	250	367	-117	46.8%
District Prison Badin	250	486	-236	94.4%
District Prison Thatta	250	886	-636	254.4%

*Based on Prison Population Statement as of July 2026.

Geographic Footprint



Executive Summary

During the project cycle from 1st July 2025– 30th June 2026, the Committee has had the following successes:

Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance achievements as per the Prison Rule (R 865 (a), (b), (c)) are as follows:

- **619** legal aid clinics were conducted (**545** in adult male & Juvenile prisons, **74** in women prisons).
- **2086** interviews conducted with inmates (**1,984** adult male & juvenile prisoners, **102** women prisoners).
- **1263** vakalatnamas signed and filed in courts (**1,218** adult male & juvenile prisoners, **45** women prisoners)
- **365** applications for bail granted (**353** adult male & juvenile prisoners, **12** women prisoners).
- **497** cases disposed off (**494** adult male & Juvenile prisoners, **3** women prisoners).
- **19** prisoners (**18** adult male prisoners, **1** women prisoner) were provided with fine and surety amounts.

Legal Awareness and Empowerment achievements as per the Prison Rule (R.865 (d), (h)) are as follows:

- **32** free legal aid & advisory camps in **22** prisons across Sindh organized by the Committee's advocates to providing free legal guidance and counselling to **1542** under-trial prisoners.
- CWP expanded its free legal aid services to **District Prison Badin** and **District Prison Jacobabad**, strengthening access to justice for incarcerated individuals across Sindh. This expansion reinforces CWP's commitment to providing timely legal assistance, reducing unnecessary pretrial detention, and ensuring that vulnerable prisoners have access to effective legal representation regardless of their location.
- CWP conducted a **two-day capacity-building workshop** for litigation advocates from across Sindh, enhancing their skills in criminal defence, bail advocacy, courtroom practice, and legal representation for vulnerable groups, including women and juveniles, to strengthen the quality of legal aid services.

Welfare and Rehabilitation achievements as per the Prison Rule (R 865 (g)) are as follows:

- **In Muharram**, CWP distributed supported by a donor Niyaz-e-Haleem at the Women's and Juvenile Prisons in Hyderabad, reinforcing solidarity and compassion while advancing our commitment to prisoners' well-being and dignity beyond legal aid.
- **Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi, visited Women Prison Hyderabad** and appreciated the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) for its legal aid, education, and rehabilitation initiatives, including the Early Learning Centre and vocational training programmes.
- **Mr. Asad Panhwar, representing Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, visited the Special Prison & Correctional Facility for Women, Hyderabad**, to distribute food, clothing, toys, and essential items among women inmates, their children, and prison staff. The initiative reflected a strong commitment to compassion, dignity, and the welfare of incarcerated women and their families.
- **CWP's Winter Relief Drive reached correctional facilities across Sindh**, distributing warm clothing and blankets to inmates, children living with their mothers, and prison staff during the winter season. Supported by local donors and community partners, the initiative reinforced CWP's commitment to protecting the dignity and well-being of vulnerable prison populations.
- **Sewing classes** continue weekly in the Women's Prisons in Karachi and Hyderabad, serving both recreational and income-generation purposes for women inmates.
- **33 children** living with their mothers received pre-primary education at Early Learning Centers (ELCs) established by the Committee in Women's Prisons in Karachi and Hyderabad.
- **On 18th September**, CWP engaged with **Syed Muhammad Faisal Sami**, Head of FGRF UK, to strengthen joint efforts for rehabilitation, welfare initiatives, environmental stewardship, and sustainable prison reforms.
- **On 22 September**, CWP Chairperson Justice (R) Arif Hussain Khilji met with IG Prisons Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi, Regional DIGs, and Sindh Prison Superintendents to discuss prison reforms, address systemic challenges, and reaffirm CWP's commitment to supporting the Prison Department through free legal aid and institutional collaboration.

- CWP convened its **Annual Meeting on 16 October 2025**, bringing together key stakeholders to review rehabilitation and reintegration efforts, strengthen coordination, and reaffirm its commitment to improving access to sustainable support for incarcerated individuals across Sindh.
- **On 9 December 2025**, CWP facilitated the distribution of **winter essentials** at **Women's Prison Hyderabad** and showcased its rehabilitation initiatives, reinforcing community support for the welfare and development of women inmates.
- **On 1 January 2026**, CWP distributed **warm jackets to juvenile inmates at YOIS Hyderabad**, reinforcing its commitment to inmate welfare and seasonal support through collaboration with community leaders.
- **The Secretary**, CWP participated in a **panel discussion at Kiva Square on mental health in prisons**, advocating for the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of incarcerated mothers and children while reinforcing CWP's commitment to mental health support and successful reintegration.
- As part of its annual Ramadan initiative, CWP distributed **Ramadan hampers** to inmates and staff at the **Women's Prison and Juvenile Prison, Hyderabad**, promoting dignity, compassion, and community support through the generous contribution of a local donor.
- CWP organized an **Iftar-Dinner with Dignity at Women's Prison, Hyderabad**, fostering inclusion and compassion during Ramadan. The event was joined by **Senator Ms. Krishna Kumari Kohli**, who distributed Eid suits to women inmates, reinforcing the values of dignity, hope, and social inclusion.
- CWP organized a **Ramadan Iftar** at the **Youthful Offenders Industrial School (YOIS), Hyderabad**, bringing together juvenile inmates in a spirit of compassion and inclusion. The event featured the distribution of Eid suits by distinguished members of the legal fraternity, reinforcing CWP's commitment to dignity, care, and the rehabilitation of young offenders.
- CWP and the Legal Aid Society (LAS) organized a **Ramadan Iftar at Karachi Central Jail for women and juvenile inmates**, promoting dignity, inclusion, and rehabilitation. The event included the distribution of Iftar, dinner, and Eid gifts, fostering a sense of care, compassion, and belonging.

Annual Snapshot

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners is a government funded not for profit Committee that operates under the Chairpersonship of Justice R Arif Hussain Khilji. The Committee seeks to support Sindh's criminal justice system by advocating for speedy trials and case resolutions on behalf of undertrial prisoners. This, in turn, reduces the burden on prisons and de-congests the overcrowded and under-resourced prison system, which aligns with the Government's priority areas under the Rule of Law Roadmap. The Committee, with the support of the Home Department, Government of Sindh, provides its services to prisoners in **18** adult male prisons, **3** youthful offenders industrial schools, **3** women's prison facilities and **1** remand home facility in Sindh.

How many prisoners did we represent?

**1,264**

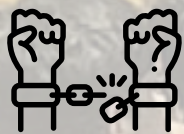
Vakalatnamas Filed

**1,832**

New Cases Received

**497**

Total Disposals

**325**

Acquittals

**365**

Bail Granted

**2,976**

Ongoing Cases

Activities in 2025-2026

Strategic Meetings with Stake Holders

Strengthening Rehabilitation Through Strategic Engagement

During the reporting year, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) continued to strengthen its partnership with the Sindh Prison Department through high-level engagements and collaborative rehabilitation initiatives. Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi, visited Women Prison Hyderabad to review the rehabilitation programmes implemented by CWP. During the visit, he toured the Early Learning Centre (ELC), vocational sewing centre, and other rehabilitation facilities, acknowledging the importance of legal aid, education, vocational training, and child-focused interventions in promoting successful reintegration. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of CWP and the Prison Department to advancing a more humane and rehabilitative correctional system.



Promoting Dignity Through Humanitarian Partnerships

CWP continued to mobilize philanthropic support to improve the wellbeing of incarcerated women and children. A humanitarian visit by Mr. Asad Panhwar and family, representing Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, resulted in the distribution of meals, clothing, sweets, toys, and newborn care items at Women Prison Hyderabad. The initiative reflected the importance of community partnerships in promoting dignity, inclusion, and care for women inmates, children residing in prison, and prison staff.



Annual Meeting on Prison Rehabilitation and Reintegration

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) convened its Annual Meeting on 16 October 2025, chaired by Justice (R) Arif Hussain Khilji and co-chaired by Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi. The meeting brought together key government stakeholders and partner organizations to review progress on prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives across Sindh.

Discussions focused on strengthening inter-agency coordination, enhancing rehabilitation programmes, and reinforcing CWP's commitment to expanding access to justice and sustainable reintegration pathways for incarcerated individuals.

Strengthening Collaboration for Prison Reform

As part of its ongoing engagement with the Sindh Prison Department, CWP held a high-level consultation led by Justice (R) Arif Hussain Khilji with Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi, Regional Deputy Inspectors General, and Superintendents of Sindh Prisons.

The meeting focused on the legal and institutional framework of the prison system, key operational challenges, and priorities for comprehensive prison reforms. CWP reaffirmed its commitment to providing free legal aid services and strengthening collaboration with the Prison Department to improve prisoner welfare, reduce unnecessary detention, and support the development of a more efficient and rehabilitative correctional system across Sindh.



Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) continued to strengthen partnerships with philanthropic and development stakeholders to advance prison rehabilitation and inmate welfare. During the reporting period, Justice (R) Arif Hussain Khilji, Chairperson of CWP, met with Syed Muhammad Faisal Sami, Head of FGRF UK, to explore opportunities for collaboration in prison rehabilitation, inmate welfare, environmental sustainability, and plantation initiatives.

The meeting reaffirmed a shared commitment to supporting sustainable prison reforms that improve correctional facilities, promote environmental stewardship, and facilitate the successful reintegration of incarcerated individuals into society.

Legal Empowerment Approaches

Expanding Access to Justice Across Sindh

During the reporting period, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) expanded its free legal aid programme to District Prison Badin and District Prison Jacobabad, further strengthening access to justice for incarcerated individuals across Sindh. The expansion reinforces CWP's commitment to ensuring that prisoners, particularly those detained for non-prohibitory offences where bail is the rule rather than the exception, receive timely legal assistance and representation.



By extending its presence to these underserved districts, CWP continued to reduce barriers to justice, address unnecessary pretrial detention, and ensure that vulnerable prisoners have access to legal support regardless of their location.

Free Legal Advisory Camps

Alongside the expansion of legal aid services, CWP continued to raise awareness of prisoners' legal rights through its Free Legal Advisory Camps conducted across correctional facilities in Sindh. Between January and June 2026, CWP organized 32 legal advisory camps, providing free legal guidance and counselling to 371 under-trial prisoners. These camps enhanced prisoners' understanding of legal procedures, available remedies, and their right to legal representation, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding their cases while strengthening access to justice within correctional institutions.

Capacity Building for Litigation Advocates

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) conducted a two-day Capacity Building Workshop for its litigation advocates from across Sindh, bringing together 26 participants through a hybrid training model. The workshop was designed to strengthen advocates' practical litigation skills and enhance the quality of legal representation provided to incarcerated individuals.



The training covered key aspects of criminal defence, including case analysis, bail drafting and advocacy, courtroom examination techniques, custody-focused legal strategies, and post-conviction support. Special emphasis was placed on safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly women and juveniles under the Juvenile Justice System Act (JJSA), 2018, further strengthening CWP's capacity to deliver effective and rights-based legal aid services across Sindh.

Welfare and Rehabilitation initiatives

Winter Relief Across Correctional Facilities

To support vulnerable prison populations during the winter season, CWP implemented a province-wide Winter Relief Initiative across multiple correctional facilities, including YOIS Hyderabad, Central Prison Hyderabad, and District Prison & Correctional Facility Shaheed Benazirabad. Warm jackets, blankets, and shawls were distributed to inmates, children living with their mothers, and prison staff through the generous support of community donors and partners. The initiative demonstrated CWP's continued commitment to improving living conditions within prisons through collaborative humanitarian assistance.



Muharram Welfare Initiative

As part of its commitment to promoting the wellbeing and dignity of incarcerated individuals, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP), with the support of a generous donor, organized the distribution of Niyaz-e-Haleem at Women's Prison and Juvenile Prison, Hyderabad on the occasion of Muharram.

The initiative reflected CWP's continued efforts to complement legal aid services with humanitarian and community welfare activities, fostering compassion, inclusion, and support for prisoners during significant religious occasions.

Ramadan and Eid Welfare Programme

During the holy month of Ramadan, CWP, in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society (LAS) and generous individual donors, organized a series of Iftar gatherings and Eid celebrations across correctional facilities in Sindh, including Women Prison Hyderabad, YOIS Hyderabad, Women Prison Karachi, YOIS Karachi, and the Women's and YOIS facilities in Sukkur.

The programme included the distribution of Iftar meals, Eid suits, clothing, and gifts for inmates and children residing with their mothers. Distinguished guests, public representatives, members of the legal fraternity, prison officials, and CWP leadership participated in these events, reinforcing collective support for prisoner welfare and rehabilitation.

These initiatives extended beyond seasonal celebrations by promoting dignity, social inclusion, and hope for incarcerated individuals. Through sustained collaboration with government institutions, civil society, donors, and volunteers, CWP continued to demonstrate that rehabilitation is strengthened through compassion, community engagement, and shared responsibility.



Success Stories

Gul Muhammad*

Ø In January 2026, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) secured the acquittal of Gul Mohammad, who had spent approximately five months in detention after being charged with possession of gutka. Following a request for legal assistance from District Jail Sanghar, CWP advocate undertook his representation, reviewed the prosecution's evidence, and pursued the case through trial. After examining the evidence and hearing witness testimony, the court found that the prosecution had failed to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt and acquitted him of all charges.

The case demonstrates the importance of early legal representation in preventing prolonged and unnecessary detention, particularly for individuals unable to afford private counsel.

Muhammad Hassan*

Muhammad Hassan remained in custody for nearly one year after being accused of mobile phone theft. During legal proceedings, the complainant informed the court that the report had been lodged mistakenly after the allegedly stolen phone was later recovered from her own residence. Represented by CWP advocate, Hassan was acquitted on 31 January 2026.

His release restored not only his liberty but also his ability to support his family, highlighting the severe economic consequences of prolonged pre-trial detention for daily wage earners and the value of accessible legal aid in preventing miscarriages of justice.

Muhammad Ashfaque*

CWP successfully represented Muhammad Ashfaque, who was acquitted in a robbery case after almost two years of trial. During proceedings, significant deficiencies in the prosecution's case became evident, including the absence of independent witnesses, failure to conduct an identification parade, lack of descriptive evidence linking the accused to the offence, and failure to recover the allegedly stolen property.

Recognising these shortcomings, the court acquitted the accused. The judgment reinforces the principle that criminal convictions must be based on reliable and legally admissible evidence, safeguarding the constitutional right to a fair trial.

After spending more than two years facing prosecution in two criminal cases involving allegations of dacoity and possession of an unauthorised weapon, Danish was acquitted of all charges. Represented by CWP advocate Ahsanullah Khan, the defence highlighted the absence of independent witnesses, lack of recovery, inconsistencies in the prosecution's narrative, and prolonged delays in trial proceedings.

The court concluded that the prosecution had failed to establish its case and ordered Danish's acquittal. The outcome illustrates the critical role of legal aid in protecting constitutional guarantees of due process and expeditious justice.

Mumtaz Ali*

Mumtaz Ali, a resident of Tando Adam, spent four months in District Jail Sanghar after being arrested on allegations of possessing 520 grams of charas. Unable to afford legal representation, he sought assistance from the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) while in custody.

In January 2026, CWP Advocate assumed his legal representation before the Sessions Court Sanghar. Following a comprehensive review of the case, the defence conducted detailed cross-examination of all five prosecution witnesses, exposing significant inconsistencies and weaknesses in the prosecution's evidence. During final arguments, the defence highlighted these deficiencies and argued that the prosecution had failed to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

After considering the evidence and legal submissions, the Sessions Court acquitted Mumtaz Ali of all charges in March 2026.

This case demonstrates the critical role of free legal aid in safeguarding the right to a fair trial. Through timely legal representation and rigorous advocacy, CWP helped secure the release of an individual who had remained in prolonged pre-trial detention despite weaknesses in the prosecution's case, reaffirming the importance of due process and equal access to justice for economically disadvantaged prisoners.

Sohail*

In March 2026, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) secured the acquittal of Sohail, a 14-year-old child who had been charged under the Control of Narcotic Substances Act after allegedly being found in possession of 105 grams of heroin. Unable to afford legal representation, Sohail sought assistance from CWP, which assigned Advocate to represent him before the court.

During the trial, the defence identified serious procedural and evidentiary deficiencies in the prosecution's case. The investigating officer, who allegedly conducted the recovery, sealed the narcotics, and registered the FIR, failed to appear before the court despite being the most material witness. The defence also highlighted the absence of police station records validating the patrol, the lack of independent witnesses despite the alleged recovery occurring in a public area, the absence of photographic or video evidence, and the prosecution's failure to establish an unbroken chain of custody for the alleged narcotics.

After considering these deficiencies, the Court acquitted Sohail on 17 March 2026, finding that the prosecution had failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. This case underscores the importance of specialised legal representation for children in conflict with the law and demonstrates how effective legal aid safeguards due process, protects children's rights, and helps prevent wrongful convictions based on inadequate or unreliable evidence.

Abdul Jabbar*

Abdul Jabbar spent nine months in District Jail Sanghar after being arrested by Tando Adam City Police in July 2025 on allegations of possessing 320 grams of charas. Unable to afford legal representation, he submitted a request for assistance to the (CWP) from within the prison. In January 2026, CWP Advocate assumed his legal representation and immediately commenced proceedings before the trial court.

During the trial, the defence conducted a detailed cross-examination of five prosecution witnesses, exposing significant inconsistencies in their testimonies regarding the circumstances of the arrest and investigation. The defence further established that the alleged narcotics recovery had been conducted by an officer not legally authorised to undertake such operations, that mandatory video recording of the arrest and recovery had not been carried out, and that no independent civilian witnesses had been associated despite the alleged recovery taking place in a public area. Additional shortcomings included the absence of meaningful investigation into the alleged offence and a lack of corroborative evidence supporting the prosecution's case.

On 23 April 2026, the Court concluded that the prosecution had failed to prove the allegations beyond reasonable doubt and acquitted Abdul Jabbar, ordering his immediate release.

This case illustrates the importance of quality legal aid in ensuring due process and accountability within the criminal justice system. By identifying procedural violations and evidentiary weaknesses, CWP helped secure the release of an individual who had spent months in detention, reinforcing the principle that convictions must be based on credible evidence and lawful investigation rather than procedural deficiencies.

Saqib Ali*

In June 2026, the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) secured the acquittal of Saqib Ali, who had spent more than fourteen months in custody after being arrested in April 2025 on allegations of motorcycle theft. Unable to afford private legal representation, Saqib remained in detention with little progress in his case until it was identified during a routine CWP legal aid visit to the prison.

On 8 June 2026, CWP Advocate Waqar Mallah interviewed Saqib, reviewed the case record, and immediately assumed his legal representation. A detailed assessment of the prosecution's evidence revealed significant weaknesses that failed to substantiate the allegations against him. Within two days, CWP presented the defence before the trial court in Malir, demonstrating that the prosecution had failed to establish a sustainable case.

After considering the evidence and legal arguments, the Court acquitted Saqib Ali of all charges and ordered his immediate release.

This case demonstrates the profound impact of timely legal aid in addressing prolonged pre-trial detention. After spending more than fourteen months in prison without legal representation, Saqib's acquittal underscores how early access to competent legal counsel can safeguard the right to a fair trial, prevent unnecessary incarceration, and restore the liberty of individuals who lack the financial means to defend themselves.



Risks and Challenges

Risks	Mitigation
Bar Councils and members of Bar Associations have expressed concerns regarding the Committees legal services within prisons. They perceive these services as potentially challenging the traditional role of legal professionals and view CWP's work as a possible threat to their established practices.	The Committee proactively engages with the legal fraternity by holding strategic meetings with bar associations to cultivate a stronger and more sustainable working relationship. Additionally, we have organized events inviting senior members of Bar Councils and Bar Associations to further demonstrate our commitment to fostering a productive partnership.
CWP is responsible for the data and identity protection of prisoners.	The CWP is responsible for safeguarding data confidentiality, protecting prisoners' information from unintentional, unlawful, or unauthorized access and disclosure. Research findings will only be disclosed with the explicit consent of Committee members.
The Committee faces a risk that, based on referrals from prison authorities or courts, it may handle cases involving death sentences. Such cases could potentially conflict with the state's stance on capital punishment.	To address this matter, CWP has established specific criteria and policy guidelines for handling minor offenses. Legal assistance and representation are provided in accordance with these criteria, with ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure compliance and effectiveness.
Prison security is another critical factor that could affect service delivery. For instance, in the event of a prisoner escape, increased security measures might necessitate the suspension of regular prison visits.	CWP upholds a strong and credible relationship with the Sindh Prison Department, established based on the structure outlined in the committee's Terms of Reference (TORS). The CWP- team is provided with clear instructions to ensure adherence to the rules and policies during prison visits.

Risks and Challenges

Risks

The Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners (CWP) was faced serious structural challenges, as two newly appointed Chairpersons have resigned consecutively, resulting in operational disruptions and halted service delivery. The new chairman appointed in August 2025. Furthermore, the contracts of the existing team are set to expire on June 30, 2025, heightening the risk of institutional discontinuity.

Mitigation

Despite operational constraints, CWP lawyers have continued to voluntarily pursue and represent their assigned pending cases, demonstrating their commitment to ensuring continuity of legal aid for undertrial prisoners. The initial team resumed on September 2025

Fund Utilization

Activity code	Particulars	Financial Data				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
1	Provide legal representation in court-Case Disposed	2,224,181	4,484,410	20,594,397		27,302,988
2	Surety, fines & repatriate for prisoners	69,600	161,200	-	-	230,800
3	Travel	-	-	77576		77,576
4	Equipment	-	-	5,530,000		5,530,000
5	Contractual (Consultant fees)	-	31,625	310,780		342,405
6	Operational Cost	-	607,335	3,944,819		4,552,154
7	Court fees and court expenses of cases	783,000		63,860		63,860
8	legal aid and advisory camps	-	-	567,564		567,564
9	Continuing Support to Early Learning Center in Women Prison Karachi & Hyderabad.	757,770	794,869	4,100,095		5,652,734
10	Training Programs will run to improve the living conditions of Women, Juvenile & adult male Prisoners			2,322,940		2,322,940
11	Improve the living conditions of female, Juvenile & adult Male prisoners	-	-	170,000		170,000
	Total costs	2,981,951	5,948,239	38,282,031		47,212,221

Fund Utilization

Actual Cost Rs. 47.21 Million

