

**Sector Plan:** Justice and Law Reform

**Line Ministry:** Ministry of Justice

**Other Ministries/agencies:** Legal Aid Commission, Judges Institute, AG Department, Sri Lanka Police Department

**Chairperson of Sector Technical Committee:** Secretary, Ministry of Justice

**Time Frame:** 2016-2020

**Budget:** Rs. Mn. 21

### Justice and Law Reform Sector Plan

<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve access to justice through capacity building and create awareness.</li> <li>2. Strengthen and capacitate mediation boards to redress SGBV issues.</li> <li>3. Enhance legal aid and victim and witness protection systems to ensure justice to survivors.</li> <li>4. Review and revision of laws related to SGBV and strengthen procedures, mechanisms and data management.</li> </ol>
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<b>Focus Area 1:</b> Access to Justice (formal justice system)	1.1 Improve access to justice system to address SGBV through awareness creation on the legal provisions <i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.19)</i>	1.1 Increased number of survivors accessing the justice system to redress SGBV	1.1.1 Review existing, modules, IEC/BCC material and approaches on awareness raising on SGBV and make recommendations for improvement	Revised module and IEC/BCC materials	LAC IHR	Writing to relevant parties and collect existing priorities	
			1.1.2 Develop a pool of resource persons using the revised training modules and IEC/BCC materials	# of resource persons  Training Materials	LAC IHR	1.1.2 Develop a pool	

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			<p>1.1.3 Conduct mass awareness raising on legal provisions to combat SGBV and on legal aid facility</p> <p>1.1.4 Create discourse and awareness on statutory rape among the public.</p> <p>1.1.5 Conduct awareness raising programmes on gender and SGBV with government officials from national to local level, professionals, education system and health system officials to respond to issues of SGBV in a sensitive manner</p> <p>1.1.6 SGBV training module to be included within Judges training institution</p> <p>1.1.7 Better coordination and capacity enhancement of family counselors</p> <p>1.1.8 Link district level counseling service with police or provide in-</p>	<p># of public awareness events</p> <p># of events to create awareness /Sensitisation statutory rape</p> <p># of awareness programmes with government officials at different levels</p> <p># of programmes on public awareness</p> <p>SGBV training module incorporated to Judges training</p> <p># of judges trained</p>	<p>LAC</p> <p>IHR</p> <p>IHR LAC UNICEF</p> <p>MOJ LAC</p> <p>LAC MOJ</p>	<p>1.1.3 Ongoing TV programmes, newspapers - Police Civil Defense force</p> <p>Support needed printing costs of poster LAC</p> <p>1.1.4 divisional level awareness UNICEF to provide technical material</p> <p>- Initiate discussion with JTI ( 2 for the year at least )</p> <p>- Initiate Capacity development / coordination meeting</p>	

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	<p>1.2 Promote and facilitate a gender sensitive justice system through a dedicated mechanism to address SGBV and minimize delays <i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.1,3,411,12 )</i></p>	<p>1.2 Survivor friendly justice system established and provides redress quickly</p>	<p>house counselors within police stations</p> <p>1.2.1 Design a special mechanism within the existing courts system to address SGBV cases (eg: allocate special days or times to address SGBV cases) with clear guidelines that define witness protection mechanisms, time frames for disposal and resource allocation</p> <p>1.2.2 Advocate and establish the proposed mechanism</p> <p>1.2.3 Review the established mechanism after 1 year</p> <p>1.2.4 Clear the back log of SGBV cases</p>	<p>Spaces for in-house counselling</p> <p># of courts adopted the special mechanism</p> <p># Advocacy meetings</p> <p>Guidelines on witness protection mechanisms</p> <p>System in place to clear backlog of SGBV cases in the courts</p>	<p>MOJ AG</p>	<p>1.2.1 initiate discussions with AG's dep to take this forward</p>	<p>Allocate cadre for counselling at Legal aid centres</p> <p>Allocate counsellors at police stations</p>
<p><b>Focus Area 2:</b> Mediation Processes</p>	<p>2.1 Ensure that the mediation processes are effective and responsive to gender and SGBV issues</p>	<p>2.1 Survivors have easy access to gender sensitive mediation for SGBV issues</p>	<p>2.1.1 Review the existing mediation system and the responses to SGBV through mediation boards to identify space for improvements</p> <p>2.1.2 Incorporate the recommendations of the</p>	<p>Review report on the existing mediation system</p> <p># of recommendation incorporated</p>	<p>MOJ Mediation Boards Commission TAF</p>	<p>- Initiate discussion with Mediation Boards</p>	

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	<i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.35,36)</i>		<p>review and improve the mediation system</p> <p>2.1.3 Develop a training module to capacitate mediators and develop positive attitudes and skills to mediate on DV</p> <p>2.1.4 Conduct training programmes to cover all mediators using the revised module</p> <p>2.1.5. Develop a performance based evaluation system on addressing DV cases through the mediation process</p>	<p>Training module to capacitate mediators</p> <p># of mediators trained</p> <p># of training programmes conducted with mediators</p> <p># of DV cases resolved/ addressed</p>			
<b>Focus Area 3:</b> Access to Legal Aid	3.1. Ensure access to justice by providing effective legal assistance.	3.1 Survivors of SGBV have easy access to legal aid.	<p>3.1.1 Conduct a situation analysis to assess the present state of provision of legal aid and recommend ways to improve</p> <p>3.1.2 Implement the recommendations for improvement</p> <p>3.1.3 Conduct Capacity building workshops for legal aid lawyers on Gender and SGBV</p>	<p>Findings of Situation Analysis</p> <p># of recommendations</p> <p># of capacity building workshops for legal aid lawyers on Gender and SGBV</p>	LAC UNDP	<p>3.1.1 undertaken at present to be completed end 2017 (legal aid for anyone earning less 25,000 per month)</p> <p>Undertaken by LAC for their lawyers and <a href="#">need support for panel lawyers</a></p>	

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			<p>3.1.4 Conduct legal awareness programmes and legal clinics on SGBV and related legal provisions with public</p> <p>3.1.5 Make easy access to legal aid for SGBV survivors</p>	<p># of legal awareness programmes</p> <p># of legal clinics on SGBV redress with public</p> <p># of SGBV survivors accessing legal aid</p>	LAC MWCA – Women’s Bureau, NCW	Ongoing awareness programs at National level	
<p><b>Focus Area 4:</b> Victim and Witness Protection</p>	<p>4.1 Ensure coordination among stakeholders to implement the provisions of the Victim and Witness Protection Act <i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.13,16)</i></p>	<p>4.1 SGBV survivors and witnesses are ensured of protection and safety during legal processes.</p>	<p>4.1.1 Set up an inter-ministerial collaborative mechanism for implementation of the Act</p> <p>4.1.2 Create a specific modality to address SGBV issues and integrate the same to the national mechanism to implement the provisions of the Act</p> <p>4.1.3 Provide capacity building for justice sector institutions responsible under the Act on protecting victims and witnesses of SGBV related crimes</p>	<p>Inter-ministerial collaborative mechanism for implementation of the Victim and Witness Protection Act</p> <p># of mechanisms to address SGBV issues established</p> <p># of workshops for capacity building for justice sector institutions responsible under the Act on protecting victims and witnesses of SGBV related crimes</p>	<p>MOJ UNDP</p>	<p>- Mechanism is set up, ACT operational, Police Unit setup &amp; operational</p> <p>4.1.2 Commence discussion</p> <p>4.1.3 Commence capacity building in 2017</p>	

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<b>Focus Area 5:</b> Laws and legal procedures	5.1 Ensure that legal framework and the mechanisms to address SGBV and sexual harassment are effected and in operation <i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.)</i>	5.1 Effective legal response to prevent and provide redress to survivors of SGBV is available and enforced	5.1.1 Conduct a study to identify specific areas for improvement in the legal regime- related laws, procedures, implementation mechanisms, legal practices, and resource gaps <i>(Ref. Report of Leader of opp., Rec.8)</i>  5.1.2 Conduct a national level situation analysis on the country wide implementation of Prevention of DV Act and identify challenges and recommendations  5.1.3 Conduct an intensive advocacy campaign with policy makers to reform laws and procedures based on the review recommendations  5.1.4 Revise the Prevention of Domestic Violence Action Plan of the National Committee on Women to make changes and advocate for its implementation	Study on improvements in the legal regime  # of specific areas for improvement in the study  Reports of National level situation analysis on the country wide implementation of Prevention of DV Act  # of Advocacy campaigns with policy makers to reform laws and procedures  % of the implementation of activities the NAP on PDVA  # of discussions and advocacy events for Muslim law reform	MOJ Legal Draftsman’s Dep SL Police AG Experts / University Task force  MWCA – NCW  MWCA - NCW	Forum initiated to discuss on this  Forum discussion taking place  NCW to take lead once revisions to PDVA is passed.	

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			<p>5.1.5 Expedite the Muslim law reform</p> <p>5.1.6 Enable a system for diversion of cases to magistrate courts from high courts based on age</p>	<p># of recommendations for Muslim law reform</p> <p>System for diversion of cases to magistrate courts from high courts based on age</p> <p># of cases diverged</p>	<p>Cabinet MOJ</p> <p>NCPA</p>	<p>Cabinet sub-committee appointed headed by Hon. Wijayadasa Rajapakse</p> <p>5.1.6 a proposal made to take this forward</p>	
<p><b>Focus Area 6:</b> SGBV Data Management</p>	<p>6.1 Ensure availability and utilization of data on SGBV recorded through the legal system (<i>Ref. Report of Leader of opp. ,Rec.22,23,24,25 ,26)</i>)</p>	<p>6.1 Policy makers have access to data and information on SGBV recorded by legal system.</p>	<p>6.1.1 Conduct a policy dialogue with relevant key stakeholders led by the Ministry of Justice to create a national database on SGBV incidence</p> <p>6.1.2 Advocate with the JSC and provide support to the said Commission to establish a National database on SGBV cases in the formal courts system</p> <p>6.1.3 Establish a national database on SGBV to include data from the Police on Police complaints and cases, the JSC on formal justice sector cases, Mediation Boards on alternative</p>	<p># of policy dialogues with relevant key stakeholders to create a national database on SGBV</p> <p>National database on SGBV cases in the formal courts system.</p>		<p>Initiate in 2018</p>	

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			<p>dispute resolution sector cases and the LAC on legal aid provided</p> <p>6.1.4 Identify areas for further research in justice sector involvement in addressing and reducing SGBV</p> <p>6.1.5 Conduct research to provide recommendations for the Ministry for policy reform</p>	<p># of research studies in justice sector involvement in addressing and reducing SGBV</p>			