

Media Update

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International development partners visit UNDP Pakistan project providing jobs for Karachi youth

Karachi, 8 August 2016 – An international group of high-ranking diplomats and development officials visited UNDP Pakistan’s Youth Employment Project, which empowers young people in Karachi’s most sensitive areas. The delegates including representatives from Japan, Norway, USAID and the Government of Sindh, visited a major denim factory, Artistic Milliners, and the Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Institute in Korangi. Through a collaboration with UNDP Pakistan, these organizations train young people based on the needs of potential employers in the textile industry and provide them with routes to employment.

“Young people need education, employment and engagement in their communities if they are to contribute to Pakistan’s development, avoid violence and build peace,” said UNDP Pakistan Country Director, Marc-André Franche. “Through our partnership with Artistic Milliners, TEVTA and other organizations, we help build stronger, more peaceful communities where the young people can look forward to great careers in Pakistan’s largest industry, and have a real stake in the country’s future.”

The Youth Employment Project was established by UNDP with USD \$3 million to increase income and employment opportunities for Karachi youth. The project aims to train 13,000 young men and women in Lyari, Korangi, Sultanabad, and other areas of Karachi over three years, and for at least 70 percent of those trained to secure full-time employment.

According to the National Human Development Report 2016 on youth, 31 percent of Pakistanis are aged 15–29 years, but there is a severe lack of youth-focussed planning and development. As a result, these young people are unable to contribute to the country’s progress or build better futures for



themselves, and are vulnerable to becoming involved in violence. UNDP Pakistan aims to build stability and economic development for such youth, especially those vulnerable to recruitment into radical, violent activities in Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces.

The group met young beneficiaries who are now acquiring demand-driven skills in garment manufacturing. By learning more about the programme, and exploring opportunities for future collaboration that can contribute to stabilization, economic development, and youth empowerment, UNDP and its partners can formulate a sustainable and effective strategy on youth focused development and peacebuilding.

In addition to staff from UNDP Pakistan and Artistic Milliners, the delegates included Tom Jorgen Martinussen, First Secretary, Embassy of Norway; Hiroaki Kawashima, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan; Shinji Nagasawa and Yoko Watanabe, Japan; Altaf Bajarani, Planning Secretary, Government of Sindh; and Sarah Pervez, Economic Growth Advisor at USAID.

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Media Advisory

Operations in 20 Prisons of Punjab are getting Computerized and Automated

***Seminar at the launch Prison Management Information System (PMIS) in
Prisons of Punjab***

**At Crystal Hall, Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, Wednesday 10th August
2016 at 10:45 hrs.**



UNODC Office in Pakistan cordially invites the media to attend a Seminar at the launch of Prison Management Information System (PMIS) in 20 prisons of Punjab.

Prison Management Information System (PMIS) is an information system designed by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in collaboration with Punjab Prisons Department to computerize and automate the prisoner's related matters and day to day operations in Prisons. This seminar is a platform where stake holders from international community (Donors and representatives from the civil society) and government officials will participate and shall be briefed on the design of PMIS, including admission and release, FIR, undersection and warrant administration, management of daily court, medical treatments, visitors, court decisions, remission, appeal and general movement of prisoners. This system is already installed in 20 prisons in Punjab along with the provision of necessary equipment and networking, UNODC also provided onsite and subject matter training to the prisons officials.

H.E. Mr. Azam Suleman Khan, Home Secretary, Government of Punjab has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest.

We cordially invite you at the Seminar on the launch of Prison Management System (PMIS) in the prisons of Punjab at Crystal Hall, Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore. It is followed by lunch.

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