

# JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

## LAS helps a mother to get shelter & justice after being abused by her family in Shaheed Benazirabad.

The Legal Aid Society is collaborating with the Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh to provide free legal support to victims of human rights violations including counseling and representation in a wide range of civil and criminal cases. The joint project covers 8 districts of Sindh including Karachi, Sanghar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Dadu, and Khairpur. In these locations, a dedicated team of LAS advocates filed lawsuits pertaining to Family Cases including custody of minors, denial of maintenance and women's property rights, gender-based violence cases, sexual violence cases, child marriage, cybercrime, labor issues, forced conversion, Family Judicial Separation in religious minority communities, along with other issues faced by the minority communities.

One recent successful case is of an elderly lady **Ms. Keshwar**, who belongs to the district of SBA (Shaheed Benazirabad) and is a mother of three sons. She was residing with her sons who tortured her using minor household issues as excuses. The two children also refused to undergo any of her expenditures, and one day forced her from their family house. Keshwar went to the women's police station in SBA to seek help. But unfortunately due to significant delay on behalf of the women's police station, she couldn't be presented in front of the magistrate for further proceedings. Keshwar then reached out to the Women Complain Centre (WCC). **Ms. Zaibunissa** (In-charge WCC, Nawabshah) referred this matter to Legal Aid Society for legal assistance in this matter, whilst **Advocate Majid Ali** (Section Head, LAS, SBA division) immediately responded to her call and presented Keshwar in district court, SBA.

After acquiring the required documentation and completing legal formalities, the LAS advocate submitted an application to the Honorable Court,

requesting shelter for Ms. Keshwar. The district court listened to the plea and directed the SBA police to send Ms. Keshwar to Dar-ul-Aman (shelter home) in SBA for residence until further orders were passed.

A week later, when the case went viral on social media, Ms. Keshwar's sons directly approached the court and apologized in front of the Honorable court and their mother for their behavior. With the willingness of Ms. Keshwar, the court allowed Ms. Keshwar to be returned to her home and reside with her sons with a Personal Recognizance (PR) bond stating a payment of Rs. 5,000 per month, with an assurance of no acts of further humiliation insults to be passed towards her. If any of her sons would disobey the order of the court & PR bond conditions, then they would get liable to pay Ms. Keshwar an amount of Rs 50,000.

Today Ms. Keshwar is once again residing with her sons peacefully, and extremely thankful to the Legal Aid Society for its free legal assistance, without which she would not have been able to secure her legal rights.



**Ms. Zaibunissa** (Incharge Women Complaint Centre, SBA), with **Advocate Majid Ali** (Section Head, SBA)