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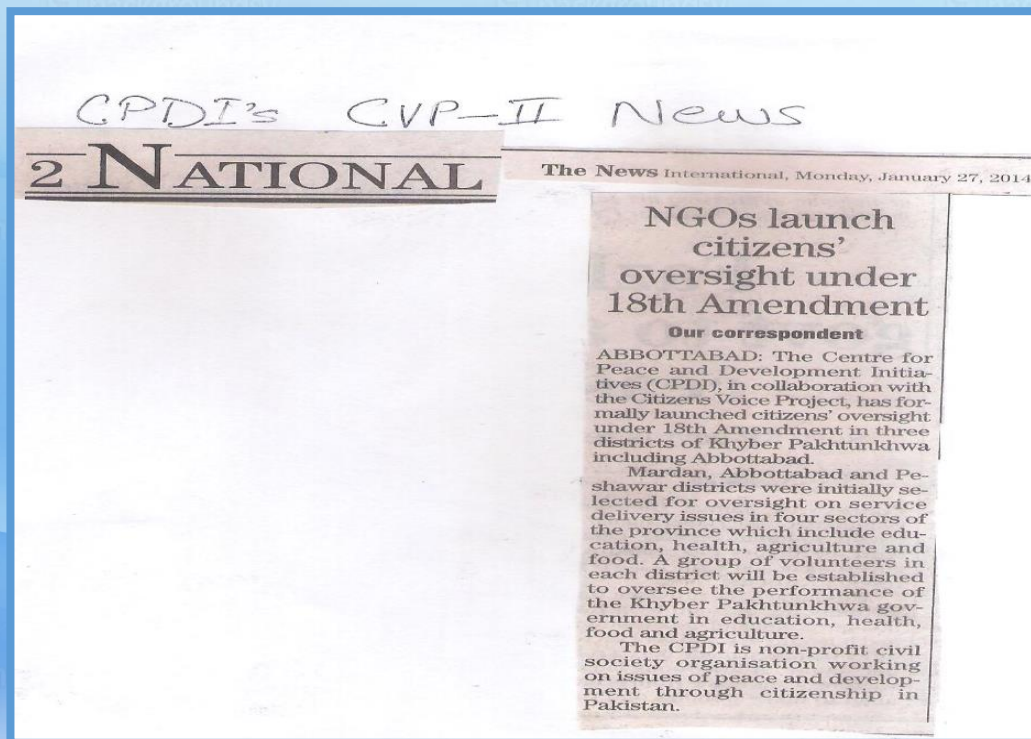
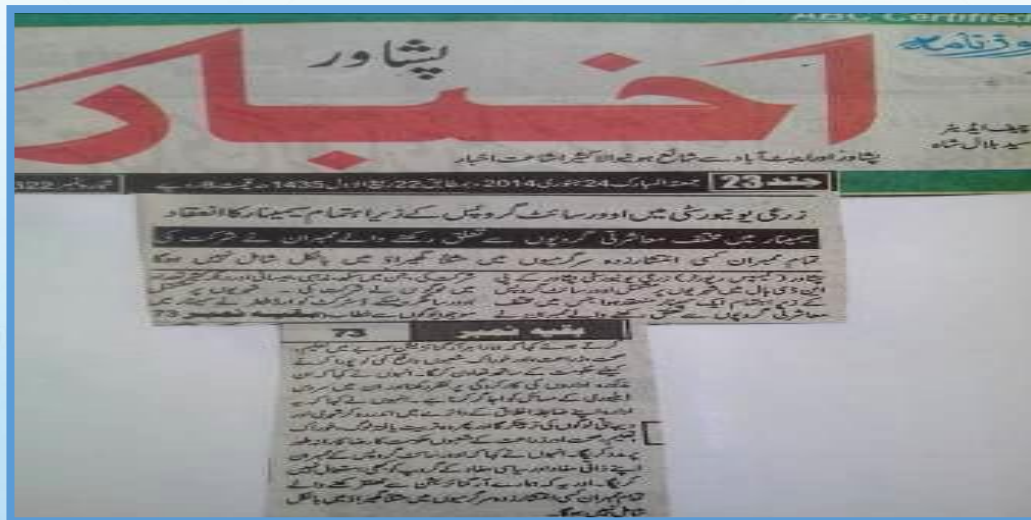
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Citizens' Oversight of Federalism in Context of 18th Amendment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

Orientation sessions at Abbottabad, Mardan and Peshawar

- Overview of the citizen voice project and CPDI
- Presentation on 18th Amendment
- Provincial Autonomy and service delivery issues in health, education, food and agriculture departments of KP government
- The role of oversight groups in the project
- Participants background: Teachers, students, lawyers, civil society organizations, minorities, journalists, community members, political and social activists





Focus Group Discussions for baseline

- Moderators initiated open discussions on 18th amendment
- Feedback of the participants got recorded
- Participants included teachers, students, civil society organizations, lawyers, doctors, farmers and political activists
- Abbottabad: Teachers, students and civil society organizations
- Mardan: Farmers and doctors
- Peshawar: Lawyers and political activists





Monthly Meetings of Oversight Groups Abbottabad, Mardan and Peshawar

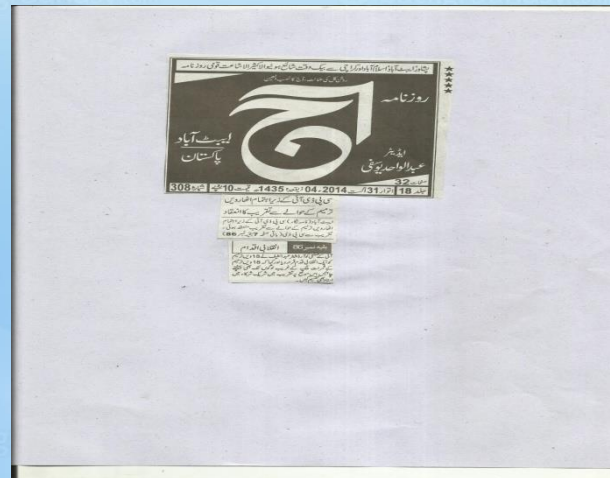
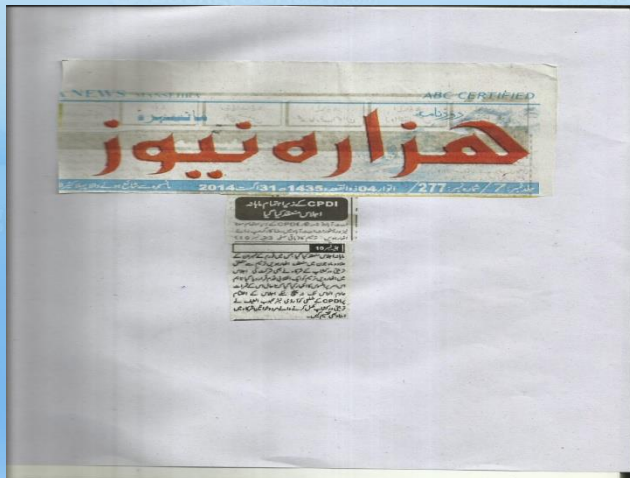
- Complaint Filing relevant to health, education, food and agriculture sectors
- Policy recommendations on health, education, food and agriculture sectors
- Linkages of oversight group with the government line agencies
- Performance of the district officials and their accountability to people
- Service delivery mechanisms in health, education, food and agriculture departments







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Interfaces with District Officials at Mardan, Peshawar and Abbottabad

- Meeting of the oversight groups with the district officials
- DEO (District Education Officer) Mardan
- DHO (District Health Officer) and DD (District Director) Agriculture Peshawar
- Additional Deputy Commissioner (Incharge District Complaint Cell Abbottabad)
- Oversight group members raising issues to the district officials
- Working mechanisms of the district complaint cell is being shared



Policy Dialogues on Health, Education, Food and Agriculture sectors after 18th Amendment

- Policy briefing and to share policy recommendations with the legislatures/parliamentarians and community
- Participants: Parliamentarians, concerned district officials, lawyers, journalists, members of press club, bar associations, traders representatives, political and social activists, civil society organizations, students, teachers, doctors, farmers and minorities
- The parliamentarians will use the policy briefs and raise the voice of citizens on the floor of the house



Policy recommendations for health reforms KP health dept needs complete restructuring

ABDUL KHALIQ QURESHI

ABBOTTABAD—Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) have prepared policy recommendations for health sectors reforms in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to facilitate the government to implement a better policy for health sector in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

One-day policy dialogue on health sector for the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was arranged by the CPDI in Press club Abbottabad on Tuesday. Large number of participants from different walks of life including political and civil society activists attended the policy dialogue.

Resource person Syed Kausar Abbas, Program Manager of Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives said that the KP still have no health policy to implement officially at the grass root level.

He told that CPDI has prepared the policy recommendations with the consultation of all political stakeholders, public officials working at district and provincial level for education, health, food and agriculture sector reforms in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said that the policy recommendations of education sector would be presented on Thursday May 29, 2014 in Peshawar. Invitations to Provincial Education Minister Atif Khan, Members of standing committee, MNA Nafeesa Khattak, opposition parties have been sent to attend the policy dialogue on May 29 in Peshawar.

Talking about health recommendations Kausar Abbas presented that the provincial government needs to improve the health sector which are aimed to address three broad areas: administrative and fiscal issues, policy and advocacy related issues, and Legislative considerations. All these targeted areas of improvements are discussed under the light of changed envi-

ronment after 18th amendment and number of proposals, which were presented by the speaker, was discussed in length. They are which need more attention are management of vertical program, health education regulation, drug regulation and provincial policy and planning, etc. In the light of these new challenges, the Health Department needs to be restructured. A particular focus should be made on the creation of policy and planning wing to focus on the strategic and creative aspects of health management in the province. This restructuring will lead to reallocation of sources from low density to high-density work areas. This will also initiate readjustment of employees from one section to other. It may appear a gigantic task to embark on at once. Therefore, a gradual restructuring is proposed with high priority areas taking the lead. Nonetheless, the Health Department needs complete restructuring, sooner or later and its management.

It was further demanded that provincial government should prepare policy documents in specific areas related to its various functions. The department should be creative in its approach to realize not only the existing requirements but also the demands that may come up in the near future. Some of the policy areas are health education policy, public private partnership, health service delivery standards, management of professional bodies, health regulatory functions and private medical colleges.

Legislation was demanded and revision existing legislation, which was made at the Federal level, and serves the purpose for the moment. However, these federal laws need to be amended or replaced with new legislation in accordance with the demands of the province. Despite the fact that the provincial government has already embarked on new legislative process in some areas, it still needs new/reviewed legislation.

NGO prepares policy recommendations on health

Abbottabad, The Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) has prepared policy recommendations for healthcare reforms in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa to facilitate the government.

A one-day policy dialogue on healthcare sector was arranged by the CPDI in local press club on Tuesday, attended by people belonging to different walks of life.

Resource person Syed Kausar Abbas said that the KPK Government still has no health policy officially. He said that despite giving number of invitations to the health minister, members of standing committee and other official, no one attended the policy dialogue.

He that the provincial governments are now working independently after the 18th amendment and they have got provincial autonomy now but still they are unable to design a policy at provincial level. He said that CPDI has prepared the policy recommendations for education, health, food and agriculture sector reforms in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He said that the policy recommendations of education sector would be presented on T May 29, 2014 in Peshawar.

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Training of Civil Society Organizations and Journalists on 18th Amendment at Mardan, Peshawar and Abbottabad

- To improve the capacity of CSOs and media to identify gaps / issues and bottlenecks in the implementation of 18th amendment
- 18th constitutional amendment is being explained
- How 18th amendment has changed the federal nature of Pakistan
- 18th amendment has made the fiscal federal nature of Pakistan stronger



Provincial Conference on 18th Amendment at Pearl Continental Peshawar

- Audience of the conference at Pearl Continental Peshawar
- CPDI Team: Executive Director Mr. Amir Ejaz, Program Manager Mr. Kausar Abbas, Manager Research & Development Mr. Fayyaz Yaseen, District Coordinators Mr. Shams ul Hadi and Mr. Mahboob ul Lateef
- Panelists: Speaker of KP assembly, government ministers, secretaries, opposition leaders, members of standing committees, TV anchors, MNAs and MPAs
- Performance of KP government shared
- Status of implementation of 18th amendment shared
- Policy recommendations shared



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Speakers highlight issues impeding 18th Amendment implementation in KP

Bureau report

PESHAWAR: Politicians, academics and journalists have Tuesday highlighted the issues needing attention of the government and all other stakeholders for the implementation of the 18th Constitutional Amendment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

They were expressing their views at the "Provincial conference on Citizens' oversight on implementation of 18th Amendment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" held at a local hotel. The day-long event was well-attended by people from different walks of life. The conference was organized by the Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI). The CPDI's Syed Kausar Abbas conducted the proceedings.

The CPDI executive director Amer Ejaz welcomed the guests and its manager, research and development, Fayaz Yasen, made a presentation highlighting the findings of a study by the SPDI post-18th Amendment in three districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the education, health and food and agriculture sectors. The findings showed that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-ruled province was lagging behind in implementing the 18th Amendment by making the required policies for the 17 devolved departments.

A number of politicians from several political parties spoke at the conference. They included the ruling PTI's Asad Qaiser, who is speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, and Education

Minister Mohammad Atif Khan, Jamaat-e-Islami's Inayatullah Khan who is senior provincial minister looking after the local government ministry, ANP's Haj Muhammad Adul and Sarder Hussain Babak and, Quami Watan Party's Mervaj Humayun. They hailed the 18th Amendment as a historic document achieved political consensus among all the parties and a landmark achievement in Pakistan's constitutional history granting unprecedented autonomy to the four provinces. They stressed for timely implementation of the 18th Amendment to benefit the masses.

Academics A Zillat who made a hard-hitting speech criticizing the PTI-led provincial government's performance and challenging its priorities, and Ihtisaz Durrani who felt the 18th Amendment was no more than a piece of paper as there had been no proper implementation yet. Journalists Asrar Alam, Prosha Khwaja and Rahmatullah Yusufzai also expressed their views at the conference.

The proceedings were interrupted a few times by a political activist who alleged that fertile land was being forcibly purchased from landowners in Peshawar and its suburbs for housing projects that would benefit the rich and the resourceful. In particular, he highlighted the proposed Defence Housing Authority project in Rogi area and alleged that army personnel were pressuring the landowners to provide their agricultural land for the project.

Speaker Asad Qaiser asked him to see him later to discuss the issue and promised to look into it.



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CPDI to launch citizen's oversight on 18th Amendment in KP

RECORDED REPORT The Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) has announced that it will be developed and implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The CPDI, a non-governmental organization, is launching a citizen's oversight project on the 18th Constitutional Amendment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project is aimed at ensuring that the government is implementing the 18th Amendment in a timely and effective manner. The CPDI has identified three districts for the project: Peshawar, Mardan, and Kohat. The project will involve a group of citizens in each district who will monitor the government's implementation of the 18th Amendment. The group will also provide feedback to the government on the progress of the implementation. The CPDI has also launched a website where citizens can provide feedback on the implementation of the 18th Amendment.

This was stated by an official of the CPDI at a press conference held in Islamabad on Monday. He said a group of volunteers in each district will be selected to monitor the implementation of the 18th Amendment. The group will also provide feedback to the government on the progress of the implementation. The CPDI has also launched a website where citizens can provide feedback on the implementation of the 18th Amendment.

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