



## THIRD NARRATIVE REPORT

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#### **Recapitulation of Past Progress**

During the first 2 quarters of the program duration, GINI had conducted a survey to identify women beneficiaries, analyzed and presented survey findings, developed a database of survey findings along with a Geographical Information System mapping the findings at the UC level. GINI had also conducted reconnaissance visits in target districts (Nowshera and Charsadda) to identify, establish contacts, and sign MoUs with local partners including the Assistant Coordination Offices of the District Governments, CCBs, CCB Networks, CSOs, Bar Associations, and Press Clubs in both districts. Next, GINI had also held 2 Mobilization Workshops inviting these local partners and prospective beneficiaries to institutionalize the network, reinforce the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders that GINI has signed MoUs with, and allow the network members to interact among themselves and with the women beneficiaries. Finally GINI also held a training Workshop for local CSOs and CCBs to impart knowledge concerning policy and implementation environment of women's land rights at the national and local levels, as well as essential advocacy skills. Details and outputs of these activities were communicated to Asia Foundation as part of the Second Narrative Report, sent August 16, 2011.

#### **Advocacy**

In the last quarter of the program, GINI conducted 'Advocacy' activities as per Paragraph 6, Project Activities, Attachment III, Letter of Grant, through the local advocacy networks established in both district. GINI administered honorariums to advocacy network members tied to performance against activities/deliverables mentioned in the MoUs (annexed in the last report). These activities and deliverables are verified by monthly reports are prepared and sent to GINI by local partners as well as through monitoring/management visits conducted by the GINI team, which ensured that all network members were performing their due roles and responsibilities in accordance with their MoUs. Details of monitoring/management visits by the GINI team are provided in the matrix below:

<i><b>Date of Visit</b></i>	<i><b>District</b></i>
20/8/11	Peshawar
27/9/11	Charsadda and Nowshera
30/9/11	Charsadda and Nowshera
27/10/11	Nowshera
4/11/11	Charsadda and Nowshera
12/12/11	Charsadda and Nowshera
17/12/11	Nowshera

As a result of these activities, GINI has been able to assist the following numbers of target beneficiaries:

<i><b>District</b></i>	<i><b>Landowners</b></i>	<i><b>Landless</b></i>
Nowshera	5	12
Charsadda	3	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>

Detailed beneficiary profiles are provided in the matrices below for Nowshera and Charsadda:

*Nowshera*

Name	Questionnaire Number	CNIC	Contact Number(s)	Address	Attendee at Workshop (Y/N)	Landowner (Y/N)	Nature of Problem, Responsive Action & Outcome
Nazakat	72	17201-6911459-4	Mob: 0333-9407930	Banda Sheihk, Dak khana Pabbi, Tehsil Nowshera, UC Mohib Banda	Y	N	Nazakat Bibi's husband was a watchman who was killed leaving behind 3 daughters and one son, who are very young and of a school-going age. Her home was occupied by her brother in law. She was compelled to live in a home provided by the local landlord. She wanted to live in her husband's home with her children. She expressed her desire to solve the issue within the family instead of going through the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk or village elders. 3 continuous negotiations involving the beneficiary and her in-laws were conducted. As a result, the issue was solved and she now lives in her husband's home.
Shahida	56	17201-0822260-8	Mob: 0305- 9175990 or 0313- 9466765	UC Babu, Babi Qadeem Dak Khana Taro Jabba, Tehsil Nowshera	Y	N	After the death of her husband, her brother-in-law took possession of the land documents for the house she lived in and would not return them. In accordance with her wishes, 4 meetings were held involving the beneficiary, family members, and village elders. As a result, her brother-in-law returned the land documents to the beneficiary.
Pelwasha	92	17201-4078394-4	Mob: 0321-9734036	Muhalla Gujran, Aman Garh, Dak Khana Adamjee Paper Mills, UC Aman Garh	Y	Y	She has 3 daughters who are married. She inherited 6 canals from her deceased husband, and 7 canals from her deceased father. These lands had been occupied and farmed by another person named Nasrullah. The beneficiary had lodged a case against the offending party which is in high court for the last few months, dismissed from session court. A jirga was organized and Nasrullah agreed to provide 5 Canal, 15 Marlas of the inherited land from her father and all 6 canals of inheritance from her husband to the beneficiary. Both parties have agreed to formalize this arrangement at the next court date.

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Safina Bibi	80	17201-2045025-5	Mob: 0333-9414178	UC Mohib Banda	Y	N	Her age is 30 years. Her husband died in the floods and her home was destroyed. Her property documents are with her father in law, though the land is in the name of her and her children. She wanted to solve the issue by engaging the village elders so that she could get the documents of her land back and can live in the home. Family elders and her in-laws were involved in negotiations. The issue has been solved and Safina Bibi and her children have shifted back to her home, with legal documents in her possession.
Fojana	104	17201-2114128-8	Mob: 0321-9072633 or 0345-9083575	DuaZiyan Azakhel Bala Dak Khana, UC Azakhel	Y	Y	Brothers usurped property she inherited from her father and is currently being farmed by him. Her husband has died and she has 2 sons and 1 daughter. In initial meetings her brother refused to provide her share of land to the beneficiary. A jirga was organized involving community elders and the local ex-councilor and her brother committed that he would provide both the land to her and also income from the farmed land that is her due share.
Hasan Jan	26	17201-4436490-8	Mob: 0345-5041282	Baghbanan, UC Akora Khattak	Y	Y	She is a widow with small children. The last floods swept away all her belongings including her land documents. The ACO was asked to play his role in re-issuing her land documents and they were duly delivered to the beneficiary.
Rasul Bibi	120	17201-2097206-6	Mob: 0333-4384607	Panda Sheikh Ismail, Dak Khana Taro Jabba, UC Mohib Banda	Y	Y	Rasul Bibi's age is 45. Her husband died 2 years ago. She has 2 children. Her house is in her son's name and she is happy with it. But she wants to have share I her father's land. She wants to sell the land so that she can reconstruct her home which has been destroyed in the floods. To solve this issue, negotiation meetings involving

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							her and her brothers were conducted, including the village elders. As committed before the village elders her brother gave her due share in the land, which she then sold to him to fund construction of her home.
Gulmeena	81	17201-7995299-4	Mob: 0345-9328781	Bela Purana, Dak Khan Pir Piyai, UC Pir Piyai	Y	Y	She had lost her land documents in the floods. She has 5 children and her husband has died 5 years back. She lives with her brothers-in-law. Her father has also died. Her area was particularly hard-hit by the floods. Her husband bought 5 Marla land with his brothers which was destroyed in the floods. 2 of her brothers in law and her husband bought 5 Marla land where she lived. In the floods this home was destroyed and papers were lost. The brothers-in-law were convinced to relinquish both her share along with their own in the 5 Marla house. The ACO was requested to play his role in re-issuing papers for her land, which were duly provided to her.
Riyasat Begum	96	17201-9701163-0	Mob: 0321-9789486	Mohalla Awan, Badarshee Dak Khana, UC Badarshee	Y	N	Her husband had died and she needed her share in inheritance from the 15 Marla land that belonged to him, from her father-in-law. She has 2 sons who are abroad and 2 daughters. A jirga was organized and the ex-Nazim Wajahat Khan was involved to apply community pressure on the father-in-law to deliver the land rights of the beneficiary. As a result, she received her share of land and its ownership.

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Ghulab Begum	47	17201-2802585-6	Mob: 0315-9717114	Babee Qadeem, Dak Khana Taro Jabba, UC Babu	Y	N	Her husband died due to illness. She has two sons and four daughters. Her husband's cousin named Mumtaz occupied her land. Her issue was discussed with the Bar Association and the ACO but the women wanted to solve the issue through the village elders instead of going to court. A jirga was organized involving the beneficiary, the offending party, family members and village elders. As a result her husband's cousin has relinquished the ownership of 5 Marla land to the beneficiary.
Bus Jehan	77	17201-2156986-0	Mob: 0313-5563095	Amankot, Dak Khana, Pabbi, UC Mohib Banda	N	N	Her husband had died and his brothers Amjad Khan and Mir Hassan Khan occupied the land, without giving her due share in inheritance. Her issue was discussed with the Bar Association representatives and the ACO, but the beneficiary preferred to solve the issue through by engaging Family members and Elders of the village. 5 meetings were arranged involving the beneficiary, the offending parties, family members, and village elders. As a result, the brothers-in-law gave her due share in inherited land.
Zarmeena	22	17201-8044268-6	Mob: 0336-9213278	Mohalla Mohmandi, Adamzai, Dak Khana Akora Khattak, UC Adamzai	Y	N	Her husband has died and she lives in her mother's house with her children. She needed her inheritance from her deceased husband from her father-in-law. In negotiations conducted with the family members, the beneficiary received her due share in inheritance.

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Meher Sani	55	17201-7124125-8	Mob: 0305-9710947	Babee Qadeem, Dak Khana Taroo Jabba, Mohalla Baisoo	Y	N	She needed her inheritance from her deceased father which was occupied by her 2 brothers. In accordance with her wishes, 3 meetings were arranged with her brothers, family members, and village elders. As a result her brothers relinquished ownership of the 3 Marla house and the beneficiary now resides there with her sister.
Sardarah	103	NA	Mob: 0347-8312723	Mohalla Banda Wall, Azakhel Bala, Nowshera	N	N	Her husband and father-in-law have died. She needs her share of inheritance from her brother-in-law. She was the second wife of her husband, who was killed as a result of enmity related to land, along with her sons. She has 3 daughters and lives in a house with her-brothers-in-law. Father in law left 3 Canals of land which is under occupation with the eldest brother-in-law who also farms the land. Another brother-in-law is abroad and bears all financial burden for her and her daughters. Meetings wre held with the beneficiary and her eldest brother-in-law. Keeping in mind that 2 people had already been killed over this land, and the fact that the beneficiary was completely dependent on her in-laws, a compromise was achieved. It was decided that the beneficiary would receive the income from her share of farmed land which she wsa not receiving before.

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Ulfat bibi	1	17201-2128516-6	Mob: 0333-9383327 or 0333-9149216	Mohalla Handiyan, Ali Beg Dak Khana, Taro Jabba, Nowshera	N	N	Ulfat Bibi's husband was killed in a local dispute with Afridis., leaving her 5 daughters without a father. Her brother in law occupied her home and agricultural land. He has all documents of the land. The flood has destroyed the home she is living in. She wants to sell the home which was occupied by the brother in law. Her issue was discussed with the Legal Help Desk Bar Association representative and the local government. But she wanted to solve the issue through village elders instead of going to the courts. In negotiations with village elders and her brother-in-law, and other family embers. The brother-in-law has returned her land documents and vacated her home.
Shireen Taja	90	NA	Mob: 0321-9742984	Mohalla Khalilabad, Amangarh, Dak Khana Sarhad Textile Mills	N	N	She is a widow who needed her share of inheritance from her deceased husband from her father-in-law. Meetings were held involving the beneficiary, her son, and her brother-in-law. As a result the in-laws agreed to give her the share of land/house and she is now residing there along with her 2 daughters and son.
Sabeeha Begum	114	17201-2117115-8	Mob: 0333-9162491	Gali Mohalla Manjan Khel, Shedo, Nowshera	N	N	Her husband died in the floods and she needed her inheritance from her father-in-law. Her house was destroyed in the floods excepting one room which was occupied by her father-in-law, herself and other family members. Meetings were held with family members. As a result, her father-in-law agreed to build an extra room onto the plot corresponding to her share of inheritance for the beneficiary. This room was built and she is now residing therein.

**Charsadda**

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Imtiaz Begum	37	17101-0276348-0	Mob: 0313-9589333	Agra Payan, Dak Khana Khas, UC Agra	Y	N	There was unlawful occupation and construction on her land, through false documentation. Meetings were held with the beneficiary and with the offending party. Upon the advice of the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk, the ACO Charsadda was involved who ordered a Commission to investigate the matter under the District Officer, Revenue. The land was found to rightfully belong to the beneficiary. A Jirga was convened to arbitrate the matter, and it was decided that all persons who had constructed houses on the land belonging to the beneficiary would pay equivalent market value of the land to the latter and this payment was duly paid.
Gul Bibi	48	17101-0290941-4	Mob: 0345-9252069	Shah Pasand Kalay, UC Nasta	Y	N	Her deceased husband built a 6 Marla house some 40 years which came under dispute. She has 6 Brothers in law and 3 sisters in law, who were harassing her owing to some domestic/family grievances. A meeting of family elders was held where the in-laws were convinced to withdraw their claim over the house, that rightfully belonged to the beneficiary.
Mumlikat	66	17103-0582332-8	Mob: 0307-7494968	Sezai Marozai, Serinha, UC Battagram	Y	N	Deceased Father-in-law had left 12 Marla land from which 4 Marlas were written to her in Haq Meher but not given to her. In the last foods, her house had totally collapsed. In meetings held with her family elders, her brothers-in-law were persuaded to hand over the 4 Marla land to the beneficiary and she has now started construction of her house on this plot.

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Shaukat Begum	30	17101-6065980-6	Mob: 0342-9284229	Mohalla Muslim Abad, Ocha, Tarnaab	Y	N	She needed inheritance from her deceased husband but faced opposition from her in-laws. A meeting of family elders was organized involving the beneficiary and her brother-in-law to arbitrate the issue. The brother-in-law was thereby persuaded to give the beneficiary her due share in inherited land.
Asiya Begum	115	17103-0567942-8	Mob: 0303-8271950	Mandezai, Dak Khana Shabqadar, UC Mandezai	Y	N	She inherited 1 Marla of land within the house that she resides in with her 2 sons from her husband, and wanted to claim ownership of that land from her father-in-law. However, the beneficiary reasoned that she only claimed this land to provide <i>rwaji malika</i> (dower) for her sons' marriages. As her sons were not yet of marriageable age, she was not willing to claim ownership at this stage. A jirga was organized where her brothers-in-law publicly committed that when her sons required the land, it would readily be transferred to her name.
Zohra	69	17101-4837816-2	Mob: 0308-5459281	Marozai, Dak Khana Sareekh, UC Battagram	Y	Y	She had lost her documents of land ownership in the last floods. In meetings with the beneficiary, details of her problem were recorded but before responsive action could be taken, she informed the program team that the lost documents had been recovered in some luggage. No further action was therefore necessary as her problem was solved.
Manzoora	112	17101-2427163-6	Mob: 0315-9803134	Deray Korona, PO Zareen Abad, UC Zareen Abad	Y	Y	Her land was illegally occupied by some tribesmen in collusion with her stepson. Meetings were held with the beneficiary and the offending parties. With the intervention of the local jirga the tribesmen and her stepson were persuaded to vacate her land, the possession of which now rests with the beneficiary.

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Jaharam Bibi	From distt. Courts	17101-8390690-8	Mob: 0347-9154878	Babu Kalay, Dab Banda, Jan Khan Kalay,	Y	Y	Her land was occupied by tribal elders. Meetings were held with the beneficiary and the offending parties. The claim of the latter was revealed to be false and a jirga was subsequently convened. The tribal elders relinquished their unlawful occupation and handed over possession of the land to the beneficiary.
Dilshad Begum	19	17101-6260935-8	Mob: 0302-8819130	Dak Khana Charsadda, Mohalla Qazi Khel Qadim, Charsadda	N	N	She needed land given to her by her father-in-law formally transferred to her name. Meetings were held with the beneficiary and her in-laws involving the family elders. The father-in-law and brothers-in-law refused to provide her due share. Upon the advice of the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk, the ACO was asked to intervene. With pressure applied by the local police, the in-laws were persuaded to hand over her share of land to the beneficiary.
Noor Jehan	96	17101-9229060-4	Mob: 0333-9247030	Fazlabad Majubi, MC 4, Charsadda	N	N	She wanted to transfer 12 Marla land left her by her deceased husband to her name. She had one son but he has also died leaving her without any surviving male relatives. However, the beneficiary backed out of the project, relating that the she has no male relatives and has no problems with family members. In addition, the land lies in Shamilat (commons) and has no documentation. The Bar Association's Help Desk also advised that the matter cannot be raised officially, and if she has possession of the land it is effectively in her ownership.
Chaman Bibi	10	17101-8725981-2	Mob: 0301-8845472	Sanam garhi, Atman Zai, Tehsil and Zill Charsadda	N	N	The beneficiary needed her inheritance from deceased husband which had not yet been distributed among shareholders. Meetings were held with the lady and related shareholders to persuade them to divide the disputed land. The distribution was carried out and the beneficiary received her due share.

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Samania Begum	34	17101-8616826-8	Mob: 0302-8855935	Sheikh Kalay, Dak Khana Agra Miyana, Tehsil and Zilla Charsadda	N	N	Her brother in law had denied her share in the inheritance from her husband who died in the floods. A series of meetings were held with the beneficiary, her brothers-in-law and family elders. It was agreed that the brothers-in-law would pay a sum of PKR 200,000 to the beneficiary in lieu of the disputed land as equivalent market value. This payment was subsequently made.
Saleema	17	17101-1290185-8	Mob: 0344-9816314	Gulshanabad, Chak Hasar, Dak Khana Charsadda, Tehsil and Zilla Charsadda	N	N	She needed her inheritance from her husband who has died by suicide as soon as it was distributed. In meetings held with her father-in-law, it became clear that he was not willing to provide her due share of land. The Bar Association's Legal Help Desk decided that as she was the sole heir of the deceased husband at the time of death, she should rightly be given 1/4th share in his property. In a meeting of family elders, the father-in-law was apprised of these rights and was persuaded to hand over her due share to the beneficiary.
Sadaqat Bibi	13	17101-0273077-6	Mob: 0334-9097531	Kulli Sarpeeran, Atman Zai, Charsadda	N	N	There was an ongoing land dispute between the beneficiary and her brother-in-law where both claimed ownership of land occupied by the other. With assistance from the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk, the ACO, and the police, a local jirga was organized to settle the dispute. Both parties relinquished ownership of land that belonged to the other. The beneficiary has received ownership of her share of land.

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Roqayya Bibi	50	17101-0294141-2	Mob: 0342-9344017 or 0343-9676055	Bela Number 4, Dak Khana Katozai, Tehsil Shabqadar	N	N	In the last floods the river swelled and overflowed its boundaries, brining her land under its course. Meetings were held with the lady and the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk. It was unfortunately found that under the prevailing law, if the river overtakes adjacent land it cannot be reclaimed, restored or recompensed. In this case, the beneficiary therefore, could not be assisted under the program.
Shahida	47	17101-0271231-6	Mob: 0301-8950083	Hanmai, Tehsil and Zilla Charsadda	N	N	She needed her inheritance in land that was yet to be divided among all shareholders. Meetings were held with the beneficiary and all other shareholders. It was found that the land in question included some portion of Shamilat or commons which could not be divided. With advice from the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk it was decided that the undisputed land would be divided amongst all shareholders, while only the income from the Shamilat would be likewise divided in accordance with rightful share. This decision was carried out through the local jirga and the beneficiary received both ownership and money owed to her.
Husan Bibi	67	17101-0283278-8	Mob: 0301-8991461 or 0333-5539791	Gali Mohala Sangar, Kangra, Shabqadar	N	N	She has possession of 7 Marla land where she has constructed a house in which she is currently residing. Her sons made ownership claims over this land and built house. Meetings were held over the dispute involving the beneficiary and her sons where the latter decided to withdraw their claim.

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Rameen Begum	16	17101-7216696-6	Mob: 0314-9056210	Mohalla Maroof Khel sholgara, Sarki, Dak Khana Tarnab	N	N	She needed her share of inheritance from her deceased husband which is an 8 Marla house. Meetings were held with the beneficiary, her brother and her brother-in-law. With assistance from the ACO who brought the matter into the notice of local police, dialogues were held with all stakeholders, in particular the elders of the family. The case was decided in favor of the beneficiary who received PKR 75,000 and PKR 85,000 which were the equivalent market values of her shares in the land and house respectively.

### **Details of Outstanding Project Deliverables:**

The following narrative provides details of outstanding project deliverables as per ‘Deliverables’, Attachment III, Letter of Grant.

#### *10 Case Studies of women directly assisted through the project interventions*

Ten case studies of women beneficiaries, 5 from Nowshera and 5 from Charsadda are attached as Annex A.

#### *Establishment of one legal help desk*

As per the MoUs signed with District Bar Associations Nowshera and Charsadda respectively, both partners established Legal Help Desks at district court premises. These Help Desks operated from 10 am to 1 pm in the afternoon throughout all working days in the week. In addition, the committees of lawyers formed within each Bar Association seconded their representatives for attending jirgas and negotiation meetings involving women beneficiaries, family elders, and village/tribal elders that led to the resolution of cases. They also held meetings with local CSOs to provide legal advice and opinion on the legal dimensions of beneficiaries’ problems, as and when needed. The details of the committees of lawyers tasked with manning the Legal Help Desks and providing further assistance to the project is as follows:

1. Aftab Ahmed Khan, former President, Bar Association, Nowshera (President at the time of signing MoU)
2. Wali Muhammad Khan, Secretary Finance, Bar Association, Nowshera
3. Tariq Mehmood, General Secretary, Bar Association, Nowshera
4. Majid Ali Khan, Member, Bar Association, Nowshera
5. Arif Jamal, Vice President, Bar Association, Charsadda
6. Muhammad Ullah, Executive Member, Bar Association, Charsadda
7. Haji Manzoor Jan, Joint Secretary, Bar Association, Charsadda
8. Gauhar Ali, Executive Member, Bar Association, Charsadda

#### *5 news stories covering project activities or women’s land rights issues from prominent national and/or regional media*

A total of **15** news stories have been published in this regard, in local Urdu dailies such as Charsadda News, national Urdu dailies such as Ausaaf and Express, and a news story published in Dawn. Press clippings covering these stories have been attached as Annex B.

**Issues and Concerns**

The issues and concerns flagged in the Second Narrative Report were effectively overcome through the assistance from local CCBs and CSOs whose local reputation, connections, and knowledge was invaluable in mobilizing women beneficiaries to claim their land rights in the face of adverse social and economic conditions.

Aside from their official roles and responsibilities under the project, the involvement of the Bar Association and the ACO in both districts greatly enhanced the bargaining power of local CCBs and CSOs, ensuring that they negotiated from a position of strength and authority for the land rights of women, with the respective family members or tribal people who threatened these rights.

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