

NGO launches project for better governance

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR, March 20: Development, Environment, Legal Aid, and Technical Support and Advocacy Association (Delta), a nongovernmental organisation, on Wednesday launched a project to improve engagement between the government and the people for better governance in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to Delta president Nazlee Sardar, the project will strengthen the citizens' voice and public accountability in the government planning and decision-making in the country.

She told reporters here that the one-year 'Strengthening Citizens Voice through Advocacy (SVCA)' project was aimed at highlighting corruption in key public departments and emphasising on strengthening transparency and accountability mechanisms.

Ms Nazlee said the project had been launched under a contract with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Delta was implementing it in Swabi, Mardan, Peshawar, Nowshera and Charsadda districts.

"We will form different forums of stakeholders like journalists, lawyers, government officials and civil society organisations to get their support in highlighting corrupt practices in government departments so that malpractices could be controlled," she said.

The Delta president said her organisation would conduct various activities and events for the project like conferences, meetings and radio programmes. She added that Delta would formulate a document, Citizens' Charter of Demands, to outline effective means for eliminating corruption and providing better accountability and transparency.

About role of the stakeholders, she said the media forum of the project would provide valuable points to add to this 'charter of demands' and on its completion conferences would be arranged in Peshawar and Islamabad to present it to the elected representatives, to secure commitment of main political parties to the demands stated in it.

Ms Nazlee said the charter would become the guiding document for pressurising policy makers, to include citizens in related policy and implementation initiatives and forums, for effective informed public dialogue.

Other participants appreciated the efforts of the organisation for initiating a project against corruption, saying it was direly needed. They vowed to work with great enthusiasm for the project activities so that corruption cases were highlighted, and transparency with accountability was enhanced in all government departments.

The participants said they would pressurise the coming governments for better legislation for citizens like Public Information Act in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and that such laws were implemented effectively.

They unanimously decided to inform citizens about their rights and said in the next meeting, they would present cases on corruption to pursue them with the ombudsman's office, NAB, FIA and other departments for action against the corrupt elements.



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پشاور (ایکپریس نیوز) شہریوں کو با اختیار بنانے، گڈ گورننس کے فروغ اور حکومت کے احتساب کیلئے غیر سرکاری تنظیم ڈیلیٹا نے ایک پراجیکٹ شروع کیا ہے، ڈیولپمنٹ انوائزمنٹ لیگل ایڈائیڈ میکنگ سپورٹ و ایڈوکیسی ایسوسی ایشن (ڈیلیٹا) کی صدر نازلی سردار نے میڈیا کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ ایس وی سی اے ایک سالہ پراجیکٹ کا مقصد سرکاری محکموں میں بدعنوانی کو بے نقاب کرنا ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ پراجیکٹ یو ایس ایڈ کے تعاون سے صوابی، مردان، پشاور، نوشہرہ اور چارسدہ میں شروع کیا جا رہا ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ منصوبے کے تحت مختلف شعبوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے مثلاً صحافیوں، وکلاء، سرکاری حکام، سول سوسائٹیز کی تنظیموں کے تعاون سے مختلف محکموں میں کرپشن اور بدعنوانی کو بے نقاب کیا جائے۔

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Highlighting corruption

Plan to launch project in five KPK districts

OUR STAFF REPORTER

PESHAWAR - A project would be launched in five districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to highlight corruption in the key public sector entities.

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of the project would have focused to create awareness about the growing corruption within the various public sector entities, particularly in executing districts of the SCVA.

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