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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTE

Women are considered a weak part of society all over the world. Pakistani women are most disadvantaged whereas the women belonging to a minority community are oppressed even in this modern time because of religious extremism and they face violence. Situation with regard to women's concern is very bleak. They continue to suffer and face oppressive patriarchal structures, rigid orthodox, nonflexible and stifling social culture customs and traditions. Gender disparities in Pakistan are severe and pervasive. Gender-Based Violence is one of the most widespread human rights abuses that endangers the physical integrity and emotional well-being of victims particularly women and girls across the world. Globally, one out of every three women is subjected to some form of violence. Christian women are targeted not only because of their gender but also because of their faith.

Christian women and girls are particularly vulnerable in Pakistan. Reports indicate there is a silent epidemic of kidnappings, forced marriages and forced conversion of Christian girls and women in Pakistan. These 'marriages' mean that a girl's parents don't have legal recourse to rescue their (often underage) daughter – and it is a widely-used tactic to persecute minority faith communities, such as Christians.

Christians, particularly Christian men, are often compelled to take lower-state jobs referred to as 'chura', a derogatory word meaning 'filthy'. The Covid-19 crisis led to an increase of aid being provided to Christian day laborers only if they converted to Islam. Church leaders can be arrested if they don't abide by the authorities' wishes, and these arrests are often intended to act as warnings to intimidate the Christian minority.

Pakistan's infamous blasphemy laws continue to be leveraged to accuse Christians and other non-Muslims of insulting the Prophet Mohammed or the Quran. False accusations are often made to target Christians after an unrelated dispute, and even a false accusation can lead to mob violence. Please keep praying for your brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Your prayers make an enormous difference to those following Jesus no matter the cost.

Christians' True Spirit – CTS expressed concerns about the extrajudicial killings, false accusations of blasphemy, forced conversion of young girls, abduction and rape of underage girls from minority communities, children engaged in labor and slavery, and violence against women was remained an issue but even the protection of legislation existed, prosecution and conviction of perpetrators remained at a very low level.

The country also faced political instability, critical law and order situation, judicial crisis and religious intolerance observed in the country throughout the year. The state remained failed to execute their

policies to discourage extremists and radical elements and unsuccessful to stop the hatred and religious bigotry / propaganda against Christians and other religious minorities in Pakistan.

Throughout the year CTS received complaints of discrimination where Christian employees suffered through inequality and faced discriminatory attitudes by their fellow employees at work places. The bonded laborers at brick kiln factories are living in miserable, worse conditions and many times faced social boycott by the fellow residents who refused to sell grocery and the brick kiln owners wrongfully confined them for advance of loan matters.

CTS expanded its mandate and along with civil society organizations involved to take stand on various human rights violations played an important role for the protection and promotion of all civil, political, social and cultural rights of all citizens without cast and creed. CTS remained engaged in extensive advocacy at grass root, national and international level in order to draw attention for elimination of all evils poverty, ignorance, violence, coercion, injustices and victimizations and try its level best to raise the core issues faced by the Christians in Pakistan and demonstrated continues struggle to protect religious minorities from hatred, discriminations, violent attacks and maltreatment in the name of religion by the extremists and other religious fundamentalists.

Organization

Christians' True Spirit – CTS

CTS works to promote a better future for disadvantaged groups in society through formal and informal education, advocacy and empowerment trainings of youth especially women and young girls from minority communities in Pakistan.

Introduction of Organization:

Christians' True Spirit (CTS) is a non – government; nonprofit Christian Organization in Pakistan, registered in the year 2015. CTS conduct its relief and development work with a special focus on disadvantaged children living in poverty. Founded on Christian principles, CTS also engaged in public policy advocacy work as a way of combating pervasive social justice. Collaboration with International partners CTS work in areas like education, advocacy, health and protection / shelter for young women and families.

Vision:

CTS is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice in Pakistan.

Mission Statement:

CTS believe that sustainable economic growth is essential for self – reliance and alleviation of poverty. Providing basic education for marginalized groups caught in a conflict – ridden society is crucial for socioeconomic improvement. With education, increased skills, and improved employment opportunities, the potential for conflict will be diminished.

Objectives:

- To provide facilities for the formal and informal education of disadvantaged children at brick factories ages 6 to 15 and encourage them for higher education.
- To empower youth including young boys and girls through education, skill improvement and technical trainings for good job opportunities and elimination of poverty.
- To conduct social integration gender base programs to promote peace and harmony and less women violence through seminars and awareness programs.

- To provide shelter to women and children victim of violence / torture and families with all basic commodities and reaction activities.
- To provide free legal assistance and protection to the women and children victims of forced conversion, sexual & gender based violence and domestic violence.
- To conduct fact finding of the incidents and brutal attacks on minority groups and women violence by extremist and report different issues of minorities as well as women oppression at national and international level.
- To do research work for data collection on education and human rights situation with the special focus on women rights and child rights.

How We Work:

CTS work in Punjab, Pakistan, for the assistance of unprivileged and vulnerable groups through an eligible and an active team of 20 members including volunteers. CTS work under the projects and ensure on time appropriate assistance to the victims.

1- Women Empowerment and Skill Development

CTS organize social integration programs to promote peace and harmony through seminars and awareness programs with youth for transformation. CTS arrange skill trainings and development programs for the vulnerable people especially youth women from minority groups and GBV survivors.

2- Education Program

Collaborating with international partners CTS provide education to the children at the brick kiln factories, live as social outcasts in conditions akin to slavery. The children have absolutely no hope of a different future without the help, CTS aim to provide. In addition to working with children aged 6 – 15, CTS also target youth aged 18 – 20 to help them gain life skills and technical trainings for better employment opportunities, as well as sensitizing about the basic human rights.

An educated population on secure economic footing is vital for combating conflict based on ignorance and hatred. CTS work closely in regions that are grappling with the complex effects of educational opportunities for marginalized groups.

Under the CTS adult education program young boys, girls and women who have never been educated, learning to read and to write their names and to perform simple calculations which will enable them to keep records of their work hours and wages.

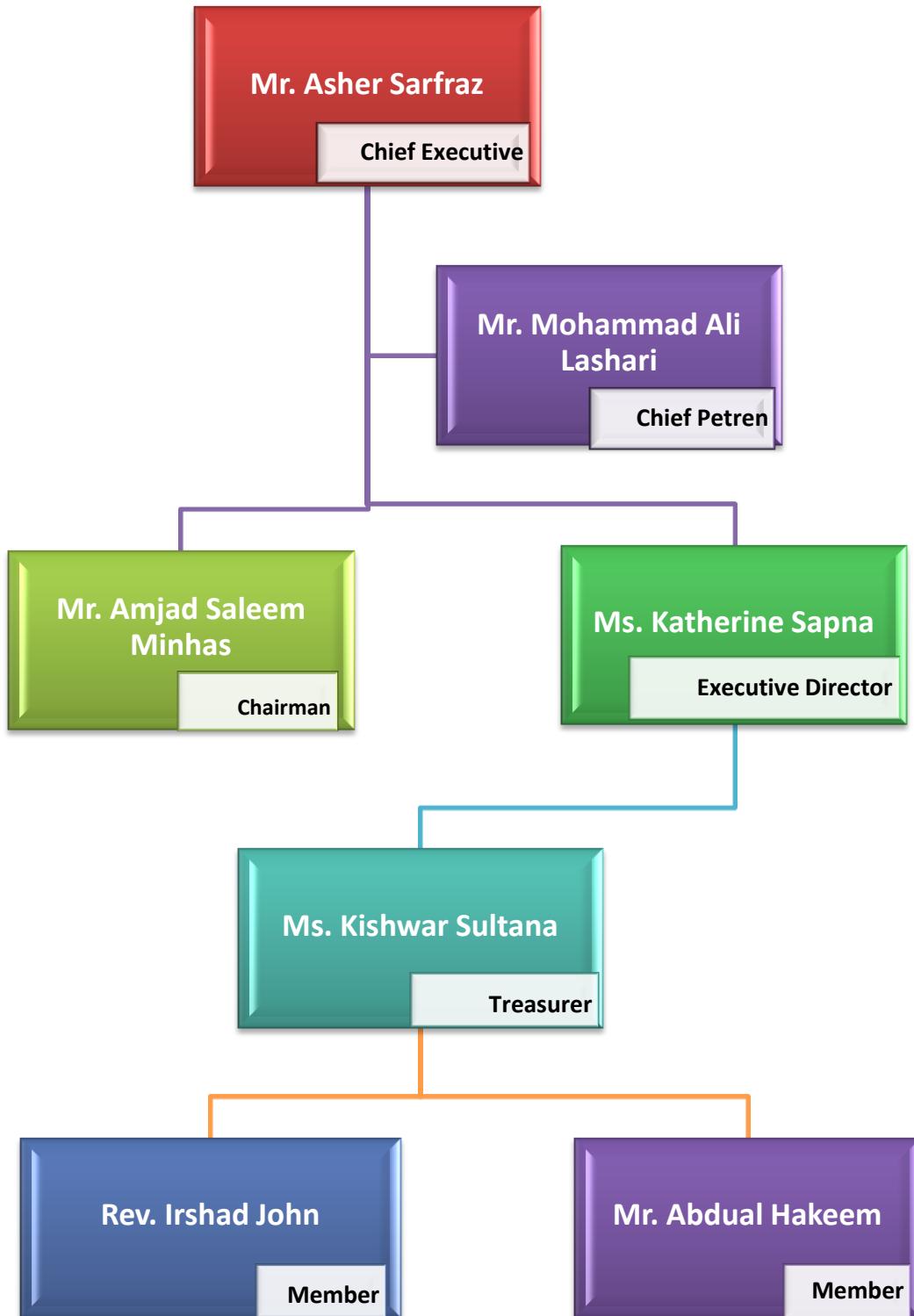
4- Legal Assistance and Rehabilitation:

CTS is involved in dealing with the cases of gender based violence, domestic violence, forced conversion, forced marriages and blasphemy cases. CTS also have been conducting awareness programs and different activities to sensitize the community about women issues, importance of education and basic rights of children and encourage them to raise voice against violence and torture.

CTS network:

CTS is an organization which works for peace and to improve the socioeconomic situation of disadvantaged groups and address the challenges of education and human rights. CTS is committed and believe in a teamwork and gladly collaborate with individuals and NGOs who share the same vision. It is through teamwork that the greatest changes can be made.

Structure: CTS is working under a Board of Directors (7 members) including.



Geographical situation of project



Punjab: ("Five waters") Pakistan's most populous province, with a population of about 110,012,442 as of 2017. Forming the bulk of the transnational Punjab region of Pakistan and India, it is bordered by the Pakistani provinces of Sindh, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the enclave of Islamabad, and Azad Kashmir.

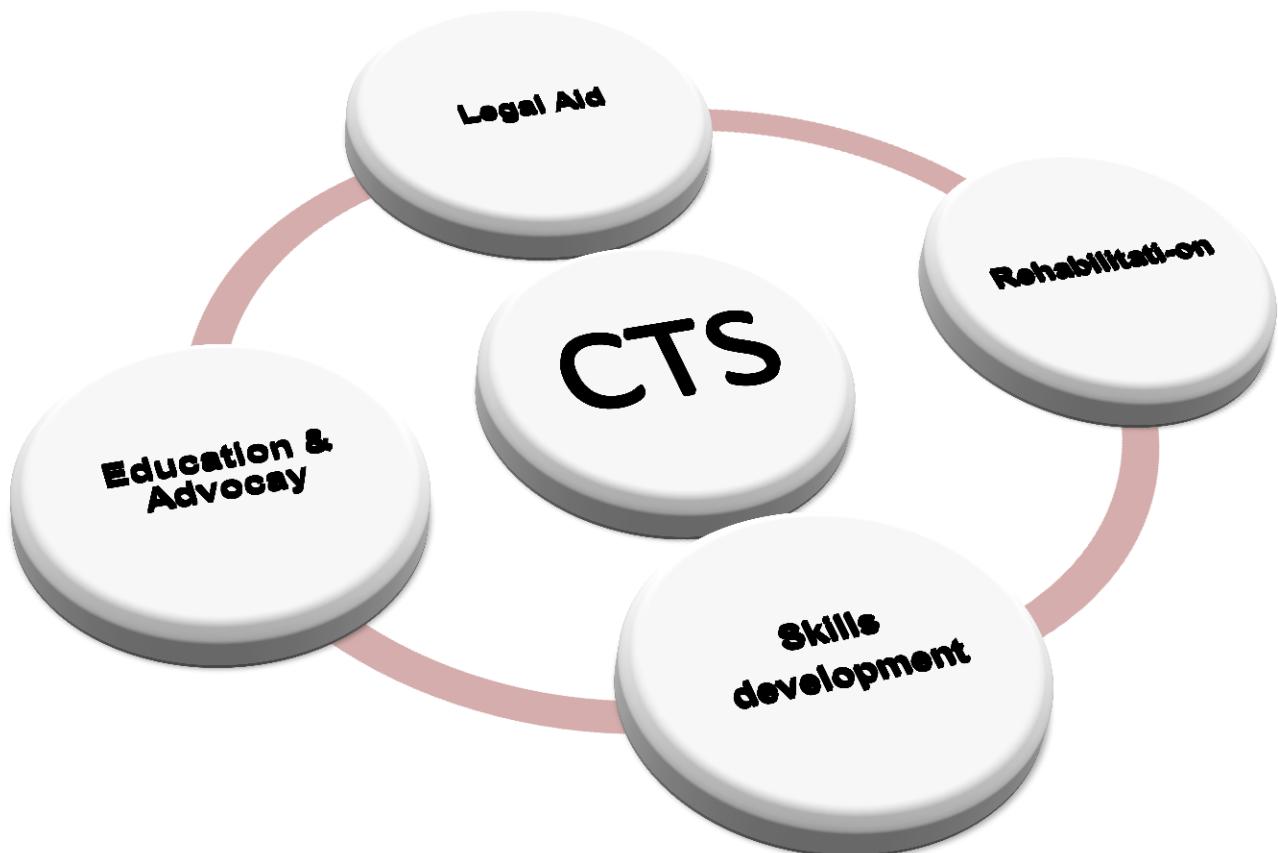
Largest city: [Lahore](#)

Districts: 36

Area rank: 2nd

Divisions: 9

What We Do



CTS Aims

1- Access to justice

CTS provide easy access to justice through competent lawyers to provide relief and security to the women and the victims of religious intolerance. CTS intend to mobilize our national network of advocates working together for promotion of the rights of minorities and restorative justice.

2- Restoring lives

The project is aimed to provide shelter facilities and rehabilitative support in a peaceful and healthy environment to the victims of religious intolerance and women survivors. CTS is committed to share hope and compassion by providing vocational trainings also enhancing life skills of the women survivors to help them reintegrate into the society for better future.

3- Advocating for Justice that restores

The project is aimed to advocate social as well as policy reforms through evidence and lobbying with key stakeholders. CTS intend to conjoin efforts with churches and other social organizations to strengthen local support networks for returning citizens especially blasphemy victims and their families.

The Project operates in a difficult environment but CTS is very focused on execution of the project activities and work under the given timeline and budget. We always care to keep informed the project partner if there is any change in the project activities due to any unexpected emergency or sensitive situation.

Legal Aid and Rehabilitation

CTS begun with the intent of addressing religious minority issues and has evolved to address wider and diverse issues of faith or gender-based violence, persecution and social injustices. CTS continue to provide free legal aid, protection and rehabilitative support to the innocent victims of violence. CTS' efforts have resulted in acquittal of minority citizens from legal cases and have saved their lives along with their families through shelter services and Safe Houses.

Since its registration in 2015, CTS has dealt with 80 legal cases and ensured life safety of citizens along with their families. CTS have provided relief to the Christian women, survivors of gender based violence in more than 100 cases through its network of qualified lawyers. More than 200 people have been provided rehabilitative services.

“PANAH”

Rehabilitation of young girls’ women and families

In line with a survivor-centered approach, safety should be a primary goal of any shelter or safe space. Accommodation and services should be designed to promote the immediate safety, physical and emotional well-being, and longer-term physical, legal, and socio-economic security of survivors. This can enable them to overcome the multiple consequences of violence toward rebuilding their lives, and assist victims at risk of abuse to prevent future violence altogether.

Since Christians’ True Spirit – CTS establish itself as a relief, development and an advocacy organization to work for Christians’ Persecution and injustice in Pakistan, is also serving victim families, women, adolescences by providing rehabilitative facilities in the cases of Blasphemy, forced conversion and women oppression and providing free legal aid to get justice.

CTS manage to provide residents with all facilities including 3 times food, clothing, education and health facilities. CTS also provides opportunity to pray together as a family in the house and a Pastor comes to them once a week to share the word of God and for their spiritual growth and strong belief.

Environment:

CTS has developed SOPs and following step-by-step instructions that describe how to perform a routine activity also following international standers of women sheltering and providing clean and peaceful environment in the house. Especially in this pandemic of coronavirus, staff in Panah was alert and caring the residents by providing special hand washes, Dettol sanitizers and face masks. It is a grace of God that all residents are safe and not sick due to COVID-19. CTS do arrange general cleaning and insects spry – dengi spry in Panah every three months to ensure hygiene and sanitization.

Panah is controlled / run by CTS trained staff including a warden / shelter in-charge, security guard and peon / support staff who are lives in the shelter to assist the survivors for 24 hours and performing their respective duties efficiently.

Health facilities: First aid box is available in Panah with the routine medicines including disprin/aspirin tablets, Pena-dole tablets, cough syrups and different kind of saniplast / bandages and can be used in the case of an emergency. Appointments with the doctors are made for the routine checkups of the survivors or in the case when they are seriously sick.

CTS has appointed a special staff (psychiatrist) who visits Panah twice a month for trauma counseling and makes special visits during the month when needed. Serious cases of trauma are referred to the hospitals for proper treatment and complete recovery of the victims from diseases.

Food:

The survivors are provided with 3 meals a day according to the menu.

A good quality food is provided in the shelter during the week.

Diet food:

At the time when the survivors are enrolled in Panah they have to fill-up an admission form where they mention if they are in any kind of health problem and they takes medicines already and if they are allergic of any vegetable, fruit or milk also if they are taking any special diet plan to follow due to a specific disease.

CTS is very much careful about the health and takes care about the special diets of the survivors in need.

Time Table:

In-charge Panah maintains a time table and roasters of routine activities.

Prayer / worship:

All residents / survivors attending together morning and evening prayers also a pastor comes to Panah to share the word of God among the survivors. There are also bibles, hymns for worship and religious books including stories of different bible characters for their knowledge and study.

Indoor activities:

CTS conduct different activities among the survivors in different times to get rid of stress and life threats they face during their legal litigations and disputes. Interesting activities play a vital role in breaking ice and to release the mental stress in the time when someone cannot go outside, and having a limited social network.

After every two months CTS arranges indoor get-together with the residents for learning and entertainment also arrange awareness workshops and trainings for their self-reliance.

Twice a week CTS staff comes to the shelter to spend time with the residents together watching movie and have a singing session for their recreation which is followed by a little snack/tea/cold drinks and juices.

CTS conduct cooking competitions among the women survivors once a month to build confidence and just to make them realize that every one of them is a special cook. The residents participate happily and for the time being they forget all their worries and mental stress.

In Panah, there is a variety of toys, Lego and learning material provided to the kids and under age children to play to divert their attentions and for their good time spending while they cannot go out in the streets and playgrounds. They are happy in playing indoor games and very much cooperative with the situation and hard time going through.

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Cloths and shoes:

The cloths are in the stock for the women, men and kids and when the people approach shelter in an emergency they are provided with cloths and shoes for their daily use. CTS also provide cloths to the families and young women survivors cloths and shoes occasionally on Christmas and Easter.

Residents in Panah January to December 2020

Residents in Panah January to December 2021 monthly enrollment:

Legal cases dealt with CTS January to Dec 2020 - 2021

Sr. No	No.	Case Title	District	Court	Case No.	Advocate	Assistance provided	Legal case preceding	Remarks
1.	1.	Nazir Masih Vs SHO Satto Katala Police Station Lahore	Shamkey Bhattian Lahore	Session court Lahore	U/S 491 Cr.P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and Shelter to the family	Kidnapping case Habeas Petition for the recovery of 3 girls Rimsha, Ayesha and Nisha daughters of Nazir Masih from the illegal custody in the High Court Lahore.	Girls recovered, Case has been successfully closed.
2.	2.	Komal Shohail	Nishtar Colony Lahore	Lahore	Kidnapping case U/S 365 - B		Legal aid and shelter	The girl re-joined the family	Case has been successfully closed
3.	3.	Faisal Vs SHO	Lahore	Session Court Lahore	FIR no. 313/21 U/S 491 Cr.P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Under section.491 Cr.P.C. for the recovery and reproduction of detenu named Gurria aged 18 in the Session's court Lahore.	Girl recovered, case has been closed successfully.
4.	4.	Gurriya alias Fatima Bibi Vs SHO Kot-Lakhpur & Mohammad Sarwar	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/S 22-A, 22-B	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Harassment Petition Criminal case in the Session's Court Lahore	Successfully closed
5.		Gurriya alias Fatima Bibi Vs Zahid Sarwar (Guddia)	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Khula / Divorce	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Dissolution of marriage with kidnapper under Islamic Jurisprudence (Khula) in the Session's Court Lahore.	Case has been successfully closed
6.	5.	Yasmeen Ashraf	Lahore	Session Court Kasur	Kidnapping case U/S 365 -B	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Habeas petition in the Session's Court Kasur.	Case has been successfully closed
7.	6.	Parveen Bibi Vs SHO Police station Nishtar Town Lahore	Lahore	Session Court Lahore	U/S 491	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Habeas petition for the recovery of daughter Mehwish Hadayat High Court Lahore.	Girl recovered case successfully closed
8.	7.	Mehwish Hadayat Vs Khurram Shahzad	Lahore	Family Court Lahore	Khula / Divorce	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and shelter	Dissolution of marriage against the kidnapper on the ground of Khula Civil and Session's Court Lahore.	Case was successfully closed
9.	8.	Mafiya Yousaf	Lahore	Session Court Lahore	Criminal case U/S 22-A, 22-B	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and shelter	Registration of criminal case of sexual assault and fraud in the Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
10.	9.	Samreen Anwar	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Khula / Divorce	Mr. Abdual Wahid Qazi	Legal aid and shelter	Dissolution of marriage under Islamic Jurisprudence (Khula) in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Closed
11.		Samreen Anwar	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Abdual Wahid Qazi	Legal aid and shelter	Suit for recovery of dowry articles in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Closed
12.	10.	Nadeem Masih (on behalf of Durkas	Faisalabad	Session court Faisalabad	Case no. 330/20 U/S 376 - 511	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and shelter	Registration of Criminal case of rape in the Civil & Session's Court Faisalabad.	FIR was registered. Case successfully closed

		Feryad) Vs SHO Police Station Chack Jhumra Faisalabad			PPC Dated: 22/4/20 U/S 22-A, 22- B				
13.		Nadeem Masih Vs In-charge Investigation Cell & Investigation Officer Police Station Chack Jhumra Faisalabad	Faisalabad	Session court Faisalabad	Case no. 330/20 U/S 376 – 511 PPC Dated: 22/4/20	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Direction to add offense U/S 452PPC in the rape case FIR no. 330/20	Disposed of successfully
14.		Waqas Ali Vs the State	Faisalabad	High Court Lahore	U/S 497	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Post- arrest bail of accused	Bail was rejected
15.	11.	Zarina Bibi Vs Mohammad Arshad (Kinza Amir)	Raiwind Lahore	Session court Lahore	U/S 452, 511, 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Private complaint u/s 200 in the Session's Court Lahore.	Under trial
16.		Zarina Bibi Vs SHO	Raiwind Lahore	Session court Lahore	U/S 22-A, 22-B Cr.P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Registration of Criminal case for attempt to rape in the Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
		Zarina Bibi Vs Mohammad Iqbal	Raiwind Lahore	Session Court Lahore	Criminal case	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Woman violence. Crimanal	Continue
17.		State through Patras Masih Vs Atif Ali	Sheikhupura	Session court Sheikhupura	Case no. 664/20 U/S 302 PPC Dated 14/12/2020	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and shelter	Murder after Forced conversion and blasphemy in the Session's Court Sheikhupura.	Under trial
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19.	12.	Shamaun Masih Vs Mohammad Shahid Talat Mehmood	Gujranwala	Session court Noshera Virkan	Case no.584/ 2020 Dated 12/05/2020 U/S 365 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Registration of kidnapping case Pre-arrest bails of accused in the Session Court Noshera Verkan Gujranwala	Court decided the case in the favor of victim
20.	13.	Mehwish Amir Vs The State 2- Ijaz Cable Wala & Nomi Chatha	Sheikhupura	Session court Ferozewala	Criminal Procedure Code U/S 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Private complaint 200 in the Session's Court Ferozewala Sheikhupura	Continue
21.	14.	Areeba Joseph	Gujranwala	Session court Gujranwala	U/S 376 PPC	Fact Finding	Family settlement	Rape case in the Session's Court Gujranwala	Successfully closed
22.	15.	Muskan Sabir	Sialkot		U/S 365 B PPC		Shelter	Kidnapping & Sexual violence	Girl recovered the case was successfully Closed
23.	16.	Noraiz Masih	Sheikhupura	Session court Sheikhupura	Case No. 250/18	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Fake allegation of sodomy	Continue

				ra	U/S 377 PPC				
24.	17.	State Vs Amjad Masih	Raiwind	Session court Lahore	Case no. 2069/19 Offense: 376/511 PPC P/s: Raiwind Lahore	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Rape case Sumra Anwar in the Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
24.	18.	Razia Bibi Vs SHO	City Gujrat	Session court Lahore	Offence U/S: 365 B PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Kidnapping case	Closed
25.	19.	Waheed Masih Vs The state	Sheikhupura	High court Lahore	Case no. 181/201 8 U/S 365B, 376 (2) 109 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Appeal against death sentence under section 426 Cr.P.C in the High Court Lahore.	Continue
26.	20.	Rauf Masih Vs 1- the State 2- Abd ual Khal iq	Sheikhupura	High Court Lahore	Case no. 134/201 7 Dated 17/05/2017 U/S 365B / 376 (2)PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Appeal against death sentence under section 426 Cr.P.C in the High Court Lahore	Continue
27..	21.	Nida Ameer Vs State	Gujranwala	Family court Gujranwala	Suit no.1602 9/FC/2020 Date: 12/10/2020 Decision : 03/11/2020	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Execution for the recovery of maintenance in the Civil & Session's Court Gujranwala.	Continue
28.		Nida Ameer etc Vs Adeel	Gujranwala	Family court Gujranwala	Suit U/S 10 of Marriage Act 1869	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Dissolution of marriage in the Civil & Session's Court Sheikhupura..	Continue
29.	22.	Sumera Iqbal Vs Aftab Masih	Gujranwala	Family court Lahore	Suit	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Recovery of maintenance allowance for her child in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
30.	23.	The State Vs Shahzad Masih	Gujranwala	Session court Gujranwala	Under section 497 Cr. P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Blasphemy case Post-arrest bail Application in the Session's Court Gujranwala.	Bail granted
31.	24.	Patras Masih & Shamim Bibi	Lahore		Relocation of the family		Shelter	Forced conversion	Continue
32.	25.	The State Vs Anwar Masih	Lahore	Session court Lahore	Case no.237/ 2020 U/S 295-C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan & Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter to the family	Blasphemy Post – Arrest bail Application in the Session's	Bail rejected and Anwar Masih is still confined in the prison under blasphemy

					Dated: 02/06/2 020 U/S 497 Cr. P.C			Court Lahore.	accusations.
33.	26.	Waseem Masih etc Vs the State	Sheikhupu ra	High Court Lahore	U/S 337 – F5, 411, 34 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter to the family	Criminal case trial Post arrest bail of accused	Bail granted
34.		Waseem Masih etc Vs the State	Sheikhupu ra	High Court Lahore	U/S 337 – F5, 411, 34 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter to the family	Criminal case trial	Case under trial
35.	27.	Asima Arif Vs Anthony Zahid	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/S 10 / 7 of Christia n Marriag e Act 1869	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance and protection	Suit for dissolution of marriage in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Successfully Closed
36.	28.	Mehwish d/o Aslam Masih Vs Faisal s/o Mithu Masih	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Suit for the recovery of Dowry Articles in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
37.		Mehwish d/o Aslam Masih Vs Faisal s/o Mithu Masih	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/S 10 /7 of the Divorce Act 1869	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Suit for dissolution of marriage / domestic violence in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
38.	29.	Maryam Bibi Vs Amjad Anwar	Youhanab ad	Family court Lahore	Civil suit U/S 10 of Christia n Marriag e Act 1869	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter	Forced conversion and domestic violence by husband Dissolution of marriage in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore.	Closed successfully
39.		Maryam Bibi Vs Amjad Anwar	Youhanab ad	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter to the family	Permanent custody of 4 minors in the Session's Court Lahore.	Closed Successfully
40.	30.	Iram Bibi Vs Hunny Masih	Sheikhupu ra	Family court Sheikhupu ra	U/S 10 & 7 of Christia n Marriag e Act 1869	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Dissolution of Marriage , domestic violence in the Session's Court Sheikhupura,	Continue
41.	31.	Rubi Bibi Vs Nadeem Masih	Sheikhpur a	Family court Sheikhupu ra	U/S 7 & 10 of Christia n Marriag e Act 1869	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Dissolution of Marriage , domestic violence, forced conversion in the Session's Court Sheikhupura.	Under court proceedings
42.		Rubi Bibi Vs Nadeem Masih	Sheikhupu ra	Family court Sheikhupu ra	Family matter	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Permanent custody of children and recovery of maintenance allowance in the Session's Court Sheikhupura.	Successfully closed
43.	32.	Itrat Afsheen Vs Amous	Sialkot	Family court	Family matter	Mr.Qasir John	Legal aid and shelter	Suit for conjugal rights in the Session's Court	Continue

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44.		Itrat Afsheen Vs Amous Ilyas	Sialkot	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Qasir John	Legal aid and shelter	Suit for maintenance in the Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
45.		Amous Ilyas Vs Itrat Afsheen	Kamara District Attock	Session court Kamara Attock	Civil suit U/S 10 & 7 of Christian Marriage Act 1869	Mr. Qasir John	Legal aid	Dissolution of marriage	Continue
46.	33.	Abid Raza s/o Salamat Masih Vs The State	Phool Nagar Kasur	Session court Kot Radha Kishan	Case no. 19/21 U/s 399, 400, 401 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter to children for protection	Application under section 497 Cr.P.C for the grant of Post – Arrest bail in the Session's Court Kasur.	Bail granted
47.		Abid Raza s/o Salamat Masih Vs The State	Phool Nagar Kasur	Session court Kot Radha Kishan	Case no. 21/21 U/s 13/2 (a) (POA Ordinance 2015)	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Application under section 497 Cr.P.C for the grant of Post – Arrest bail in the Session's Court Kasur.	Bail granted
48.		Abid Raza s/o Salamat Masih Vs The State	Phool Nagar Kasur	Session court Kot Radha Kishan	Case no. 14/21 U/s: 379 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Application under section 497 Cr.P.C for the grant of Post – Arrest bail in the Session's Court Kasur.	Bail granted
49.		Abid Raza s/o Salamat Masih Vs The State	Phool Nagar Kasur	Session court Kot Radha Kishan	Case no. 762/19 U/s 392 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Application under section 497 Cr.P.C for the grant of Post – Arrest bail in the Session's Court Kasur.	Bail granted Closed
50.	34.	Ehsan Masih Vs SHO	Toba Take Singh	High Court Lahore	Under section 491 Cr. P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Writ petition under Article 199 of the constitution of Pakistan for the recovery of detenue in the High Court Lahore.	Family recovered successfully and the case was closed.
51.	35.	Liaqat Masih s/o Gulam Masih Vs Waseem Safdar	City Rawalpindi	Session court Rawalpindi	Case no. 385/2021 Offense: 302 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Private complaint under section 200 against the accused in Murder case of Asiya Bibi in the Session's Court Rawalpindi.	Continue
52.	36.	Sonia Bibi / sister of Shamoon Masih	Sheikhupura	Session court Sheikhupura	Case no. 13/2020 U/S 302 / 34 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Sexual violence and Murder in the Session's Court Ferozwala Sheikhupura.	Continue
53.	37.	Nargis Jasmeen VS CCPO Lahore	Lahore	Session court Lahore	Case no. 376/21 U/S 302 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Murder case of innocent young Christian Aman Shahzad in the Session's Court Lahore.	Continue
54.	38.	Anam d/o Allah Dittah	Sheikhupura	Session court Sheikhupura		Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance and shelter to the family	Sexual violence and Rape case of underage girl in the Session's Court Sheikhupura.	Continue
55.	39.	Sonam Younish Vs Salman Aslam	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/S 10 of Christian Marriage	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Dissolution of marriage	Reconciliation

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56.		Sonam Younis Vs Salman Aslam	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Maintenance allowance in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore	Reconciliation
57.	40.	Mumtaz Alias Sana Vs SHO Bhikhi Sheikhpura	Faisalabad	Family court Faisalabad	U/S: 491 Cr.P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance and shelter	Recovery of the kids in the Civil & Session's Court Faisalabad	Under preceding
58.	41.	Maheen Fiyaz Vs Mohammad Suleman	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Recovery of the dowry Articles in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore	Under preceding
59.		Maheen Fiyaz Vs Mohammad Suleman	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Family matter	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Recovery of maintenance allowance in the Civil & Session's Court Lahore	Under preceding
60.	42.	1-Zahid Ali 2-Altaf Hussain 3-Mohammad Shahzad Faraz Shaheen Vs The State	City Farooqabad		Case no. 87/2021 U/S 148, 149, 337 A1, 354 PPC	Mr. Qaisar	Legal assistance	Violent attack on Christian family case Abass Masih and Irshad Bibi Pre-arrest bails of accused in the court of session Court Sheikhpura	Disposed of in the favor of victim party
61.	43.	The State Vs Asheir	Muridkay	Sessions Court Ferozwala	Case no. 381/21 U/S 337-V, 354 PPC P/S City Muridkay	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Gender-based Violence Domestic Violence of Saba Younas. Bail application of Asheir in the Session's Court Ferozwala.	Under preceding
62.	44.	Rozi d/o Ijaz Masih Vs	Lahore	Session court Lahore	Case registration under section 22-A & 22-B	Fact Finding	Legal assistance	Domestic violence	Under preceding
63.	45.	Sana alias Mumtaz Bibi Vs Shahid Masih	Faisalabad	Family court Faisalabad	Guardian Petition u/s 25, (the Guardian and wards Act 1890)	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance and shelter	Guardian Petition for the permanent Custody of Minors	Under preceding
64.	46.	Raza Sitar Vs Sharoon Masih & Vicky Masih	Lahore	District courts Model Town Lahore	U/S 506 B, 452 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan & Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Private complaint u/s 200	Successfully closed
65.	47.	Pranjil Victor V/S SHO, Mohammad Kashif s/o Mohammad Arshad Karachi	Karachi - Lahore	Session court Lahore	U/S 22-A 6 (III), 22-B, 25 Cr.P.C	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and relocation of the family	Kidnapping, Rape and Forced Conversion	Successfully closed
66.	48.	Farzana Kausar etc Vs	Nishtar Colony	Session court	FIR no. 2184	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Rape case. The accused applied for the	Bail of accused was refused by the

		The State (Susana Shahzad)	Lahore	Lahore	U/S 376 PPC			post arrest bail	session court Lahore. The case was successfully closed
67.	49.	The sate Vs Faisal Shahzad (Tamar Gill)	Rawalpindi	Session court Rawalpindi	U/S: 496-A, 376	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Abduction, Rape and forced conversion	Bail granted to the accused by the Rawalpindi High Court. The case is Closed
68		Kainat d/o Asif Gill (Tamar Gill)	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Suit for Jactitation of marriage	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance and shelter	Suit for Jactitation of Marriage declaring that Nikah Nama prepared by the Defendant on dated 07-09-2021 be declared as Null and Void.	Jactitation of marriage decreed and the case is successfully closed.
69.	50.	Aslam Masih Vs SHO Westirage Police Station Rawalapindi	Attock, Rawalpindi	Session court Rawalpindi	Habeas petition for the recovery of minor (Neha Aslam)	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Neha Aslam was recovered with the help of local police. Recorded statement under section 164 Cr.P.C.	The girl was handed over to the family. The case successfully closed.
70.	51.	Zahid Iqbal Vs The State (Princy Francis)	Haripur Ghazi	Session court Ghazi	FIR no. 383/21 U/s: 365 – B, 109 PPC / 3 TIP	Mr. Nadeem Hassan Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and family settlement	Pre-arrest bail of accused contested by CTS advocates	Bail rejected by the court. The accused arrested at the spot and send to prison
		Zahid Iqbal Vs The State	Haripur Ghazi	High Court Abbottabad	U/s: 365 – B, 109 PPC / 3 TIP	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal assistance	Post- arrest bail of the accused contested by the CTS advocates	Bail was granted by the high court.
71.	52.	John Masih Vs Iqbal Masih etc	Multan	Session court Multan	U/s: 366-A, 498-B, 365- B of the PPC	Mr. Mohsin Gill	Legal assistance	Private complaint	Under trail
72.	53.	Sarfraz s/o Hanif Vs the State (Hazal Collin)	Lahore	Session court Lahore	FIR no. 3091/21 U/S: 376 (iii) PPC	Mr. Haroon Ranjha	Legal assistance and shelter	Rape case	Post arrest bail of accused is under court proceedings
73.	54.	Mehwish Asif Vs Mohammad Imran	Sheikhupura	Family court Lahore	Khula / Divorce	Mr. Mohsin Gill	Legal assistance and family settlement	Dissolution of Marriage	Successfully closed
74.	55.	Mona Bibi Vs Adeel Masih	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/s:10/ 7 Marriage Act 1869	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Dissolution of marriage	Successfully closed
75.	56.	Sajida / Asif Vs The State	Kasur	Session court Kasur	FIR No. 615/21 U/s: 342, 354, 34 PPC	Mr. Haroon Ranjha	Legal aid	Murder case Sajida was forced to convert in to Islam about 8 years ago and married a Muslim man. She faced discrimination and hatred by the Muslim family and murdered	Bail application of the 2 accused nominated in the case FIR rejected by the court. They are confined in the District Jail.Kasur.

76.	57.	The State Vs Amir Mukhtar (Iram Tariq Gill)	Naseerab ad Lahore	Session court Lahore	FIR no. 695/14 Us: 380, 376 PPC	Mr. Haroon Ranjha	Legal aid and protection	Rape case	Under court trial
77.	58.	Saima Iqbal Vs DPO Sahiwal	Lahore	Family court Lahore	Habeas Corpus	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and settlement	Habeas Corpus Recovery of Children Custody of minors	Successfully closed
78.	59.	Aleeza Younis Vs The State	Sahiwal	Session court Sahiwal	FIR no. 791/21 U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan Mr. Oskar Parkash	Legal aid and family settlement	Statement of the victim recorded in the court under section 164 Cr.P.C	Successfully closed
79.		The State Vs Boota Malangi	Sahiwal	Session court Sahiwal	FIR no. 791/21 U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Case trial	The case is under court proceedings.
80.	60.	Kamran etc Vs DPO Vehari	Vehari	Police Station Sheikh Fazal Vehari	U/s 324	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Handled in the police station by DPO Vehari	Successfully closed
81.	61.	Rina Nazir Vs the State	Jaranwala	Session court Jaranwala	U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid, shelter and family settlement	Kidnapping and Rape Statement of the girl u/s 164 Cr.P.C recorded in the session court Jaranwala.	Girl recovered. The case is under court proceedings.
82.		Kashif Vs the State	Janawala	Session court Jaranwala	U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Pre-arrest bail application of accused	Successful closed against the accused
83.		Kashif Vs the State	Janawala	High court Lahore	U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid	Pre-arrest bail application of accused	Under court proceedings
84.	62.	Ghafoor Masih Vs DPO Nankana Sahib (Sheeza Ghafoor & Simran Iqbal)	Saddar Nankana	Session court Nankana	FIR no. 507/21 U/s 365 – B PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and settlement	Habeas Corpus for the recovery of minors from the illegal custody of accused / abductors	2 Girls recovered. The case was successfully closed
85.	63.	Parvaiz Anwar Vs DPO Nankana Sahib	Nankana Sahib	Session court Nankana Sahib	U/s: 365 - BPPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid	Kidnapping and forced Conversion	Closed against the family of the girl.
86.	64.	Samina Anwar	Sangla Hill	Session court Sangla Hill	U/S: 376 PPC	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance and shelter	Kidnapping and forced conversion	Girl recovered. The case is successfully closed
87.	65.	Saima Iqbal Vs Nadeem Younis	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/S 7/10 under Christian Divorce ACT 1869.	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal aid and settlement	Dissolution of marriage	Under proceedings
88.	66.	Younis Masih vs The State	Faroogab ad	Session court Sheikhpura	Criminal Case	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Murder case	Under trial
89.	67.	Saima Bibi w/o Nadir Masih	Naseerab ad Lahore	Session Court Lahore	Habeas Corpus	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Recovery of minors	Successfully closed
90.	68.	Karan Masih vs The State	Hyderabad	Session court	FIR no. 40/21	Mr. Qaisar John	Legal assistance	Rape case	Case is under court proceedings

				Hyderabad	U/s 376,511 PPC				
91.	69.	Charlotte Javed	Faisalabad	Family court Lahore	Khula / Divorce	Mr. Mohsin Gill	Legal aid and shelter	Dissolution of marriage	Successfully closed
92.	70.	Amna Alias Neha Vs Shahzad Ali	Lahore	Family court Lahore	U/s: 496 A Khula	Mr. Nadeem Hassan	Legal aid and shelter	Suit for the dissolution of Marriage	Under proceedings
93.	71.	Maqadas Prince	Farooqabad	Family court	U/s 7/10 Christian Marriage act 1869.	Mr. Qaisar John			

Number of legal cases registered from Jan – Dec 2021	93
Number of families approached CTS for legal assistance Jan – Dec 2021	71
Number of people visited CTS office to share their problems from Jan – Dec 2021	501

Case studies of survivors in Panah 2020, shelter and legal assistance by CTS

1- Sara Aslam



Christians' True Spirit- CTS took up the case to provide Free Legal Assistance and protection to the victim and her family. Sara Aslam aged 17, was kidnapped on gun point and raped on May 15, 2019. When the family pursues, the very next day Sara took a stand and urged the local police to arrest ALI Raza and filed a legal case of abduction and rape.

After the case FIR no 225/19 offence under section 376PPC was registered against ALI RAZA SHAH (a local Muslim) he took the plea of pre – arrest bail and being not arrested he began threatening and pressurizing the family to withdraw the case. The accused openly threatened the family for life to force them for reconciliation. The case was also reported in Duniya News Paper dated 29 – 05 – 2019.

Update:

Since the time, CTS provides legal assistance in the said case and protection to the family. The case is keeping a long legal litigation and CTS is committed to provide justice to the family and helping to ensure their life safety when they are on critical life threats. Whereas Sara was in instant threats and pressurized to withdraw the case in the favor of accused. She was again abducted and brings to the concerned court forcefully on gun point to record her statement in the favor of the accused Ali Raza. Later CTS contested for the statement and appealed the court for not considering Sara's statement as it was by force. In this situation CTS offered safe accommodation and enrolled Sara in to Panah for safety and security on Dec 20, 2019. Case is still under trial in the court, the court has rejected bail of the accused for 6 times in the Session's Courts and two times in the Lahore High Court. Recently, in July 2020 the accused has moved an application in the court that he is juvenile and the same is pending for hearing on August 06, 2020. Meanwhile, trial of the said case is also under proceedings and soon the accused will be convicted.

2- Komal Lazar



Komal Lazar aged 14, appealed Christians' True Spirit – CTS for Legal assistance against Mohammad Attique Shah after she faced sexual harassment and attempt of rape.

Komal is a young Christian girl resident of a small town Ajniyawala district Sheikhupura about 15 kilomeeters from City Hafizabad. She belongs to a poor family. A Muslim man Attique Shah aged 32 forcefully entered in to her house and attempted to rape in the absence of her mother who was out for some work. The accused beat Komal severely when she showed resistance and called her names as she is Christian and has no worth but she is just like a an animal. Meanwhile her mother reached and saved Komal, she saw Attique Shah trying to commit rape.

Uzma Bibi cried for help, she was so laud and the people passing in to the street came through the terrible scene but no one helped this poor family and left quietly. Attique Shah is a rich and an influenced man. On the other side he threatened people for life if they offered any kind of help to the victim family. Uzma Bibi and her old father Iqbal Masih went to the police station to file a complaint of rape case but police was not cooperative.

Uzma Bibi came to know about Christians' True Spirit - CTS through the reference (Honorable, Fr. Mustaq Piyara Parish Priest Hafizabad District Sheikhupura) and asked for the legal assistance. CTS team headed by Katherine Sapna Director visited the family and also met the locals to investigate the matter and after collecting the facts is committed to provide legal assistance as well as shelter and ensured every kind of support to this vulnerable community to live safe and in protection.

Update:

The family was on threats for the consequences by Attique shah therefore Komal is afraid and depressed because act of violence already. She was under mental stress and therefore in January her mother Uzma Shahzadi requested CTS for shelter to Komal Lazar to release her stress and fear. Komal was enrolled at CTS on January 03, 2020 as was in need of counseling as well.

Legal case is under court trial.

3- Sonam Sahukat

On Feb 20, 2018 CTS team rescued a young girl along with her two minor daughters, mother, one sister and two brothers from Jehlam a city of Punjab.



Sonam Shaukat d/o Shaukat Masih 30-year-old mother of two, resident of Railway Quarters Jehlum was accused of blasphemy by the local extremists. Sonam was kidnaped along with her daughters and forced to sign a contact of marriage under Islam.

Sonam fled from the custody when she got a chance and reported the matter to the police. Police was not helpful and did not lodge a case against the accused. He hacked Sonam's facebook ID <https://www.facebook.com/abriana.meshu.9> and also created 3 more IDs of Sonam Shaukat and

started uploading her personal room videos and private things on the timeline. He also uploaded blasphemous data and derogatory remarks on her Facebook wall and doing these things on daily bases. Muslim friends and neighbors started using abusive and vulgar language for Sonam and her sisters on facebook. The things were getting worse day after a day, Muslims were becoming aggressive on her and on January 30, 2018 she was attacked when she was alone at home. She remained safe with the help of neighbors and was kept hide at a friend's place. The locals threatened Sonam and her family for consequences. The family also feeling life danger by Muslims, they were known by name and by face through facebook.

CTS initiative:

On Feb 15, 2018 Saiqa Kaur made a phone call and reported the case. CTS rescued Sonam along with two daughters, mother, sister and two brothers in emergency and transferred them at Panah in Lahore. The news spread in the area and people showing aggression over facebook and threatened her for life after they saw blasphemous material on her wall. Local Mullahs following the case and still demanding and inquiring about Sonam, they also reported to the police station and demanded immediate arrest of Sonam Shaukat under offense 295 - B & C.

Update:

In May 2018, Sonam was relocated and resettled in Malaysia by Christians True Spirit - CTS along with her two minors and elder brother Khuram Shaukat to ensure the life safety and security. Meanwhile her mother Sajida Bibi, and sister Meerab Shaukat staying at CTS shelter. Because of serious life threats and still their lives are on stake.

4- Hina Manzoor



On December 29, 2019 CTS received a phone call from Faisalabad and got informed about a family of 11 members facing life threats by the Muslim extremists. Five family Members including Zeenat Bibi, Kashif Manzoor, Shumaila Irfan, Nisha Manzoor and Akash Manzoor get involved in a kidnapping case.

A case FIR no. 1122/19 was lunched offence under section 365 - B of Pakistan Penal Code in the Batala

Colony Police Station Faisalabad on the complaint of Nadir Hussain Naqvi s/o Sayeed Mohammad Hussain on August 29, 2019 allegedly accusing the family for kidnapping his daughter Sayeed Tehreeem Naqvi aged 16. The Christian family lived at Saleemi Chauk Satyana Road in the main city Faisalbad, Punjab. Akash Manzoor aged 19, student of grade 9 was enrolled in a private academy situated at House no. 90 Zafar Ali Road, Batala Colony Tehsil & District Faisalabad and the same was run by Sayeed Nadir Hussain Naqvi.

Sayeed Tehreeem Naqvi and Akash Manzoor, the class mates fell in love and due to the difference of religions they planned to escape and get married to live together for remaining life. On the other side the Christian family was under the severe pressure and life threat if they did not produce their girl. Elder brother of Akash named Kashif Manzoor and mother Zeenat Bibi got arrested and sent to the prison under the said case FIR by Nadir Hussain. Police pressurized the rest of the family to produce the girl kidnapped by Akash Manzoor. The other family member were also on the threat to arrest by the police and sent to the jail, therefore they approached CTS for protection at Panah.

On December 29, 2019 young girls named Hina Manzoor, Nisha Manzoor and Kashmala Manzoor along with their families were enrolled at CTS Panah.

Family details:

Shumaila w/o Irfan Ashraf aged 23

4- Sana Bibi



Sana Bibi 33-year-old resident of Lahore, approached CTS and asked shelter along with her minor daughter Marriam aged 1 ½ year. Her husband is addicted and used to abuse her sexually when he is drunk. Sana got him married 3 years ago and since the time her husband does not work properly but asks Sana to provide him money for drink. Sana used to ask her brothers, relatives and family friends for money. She started working in the locality as a domestic

worker to fulfill the needs of her and her daughter and also she returned money to the relatives. Sana got fed up due to the routine disputes and violence by an addicted. She requested help from CTS to say no to Violence and for filing a judicial separation in the court.

5- Reena Joseph



Reena Joseph 45-year-old is a widow. She has two daughters and one son, namely Riffat Joseph aged 18, Samina Joseph aged 15, and Ilyas Joseph aged 13. Her elder daughter Riffat was married in August 2019 as Samina and Joseph along with their mother live at their grandma house. Reena is a private house nurse and works to fulfill the needs of her children. Samina is in a training of beauty salon while Ilyas is still in school. After the death of her husband Reena lived among the in-laws and grew up her children as a domestic worker for 10 years and presently she works as a private nurse at home of a Muslim community to look after an old woman of 70 years.

Suddenly the Muslim family demanded Reena to stay day and night to keep working for their old mother, she requested

the family members that she cannot afford living at their home as she has children at home. On refusal she was detained and not allowed to go back to home; she was made to do work day and night. Meanwhile she was sexually harassed, abused and mentally tortured.

CTS initiative:

On January 18, 2020 the family approached CTS for legal assistance for the recovery of Reena Joseph from the illegal custody of Mohammad Usman. Through the help of CTS a habeas corpus was filed in the session's court and with the help of court bailiff, Reena Joseph has been recovered from the illegal custody. CTS noticed violence marks at the body of Reena and filed an application in the court of judicial magistrate for the provision of medico legal of Reena at earliest. She was provided with the medical assistance psychological counseling in Panah and the legal case is under trial.

6- Kinza Amir / Zarina Bibi



Zarina Bibi w/o Amir Masih along with her husband approached Christians' True Spirit – CTS a local organization in Lahore on February 20, 2020 for the legal assistance and shelter to the family.

She reported that being a woman how she was forced to keep low and faced violence for a long but she could not stop herself to report the matter in the police station when her minor daughter Kinza Amir aged 11 faced the same by the same man on December 14, 2019 when her parents were out from the house.

Zarina Amir (a convert Muslim to Christian) aged 45 resident of Raiwind Lahore is married and have four children including four daughters and two sons. Her husband Amir Masih work with a local Muslim Mohammad Arshad aged 55 as a driver for last six years but the income was not sufficient to meet the needs of the family. Mohammad Arshad knew the secret of woman that she was converted and he began to blackmailing her and asked the lady to develop illicit relations with him if she do not want to leak here secret of conversion and openly said that she is liable to death.



Mohammad Arshad used to visit Amir's home in his absence for the recovery of amount which he paid as a loan already to Amir in the difficult times. Then he made it routine and started visiting Zarina in the absence of Amir and made sexual advances. She feels very uncomfortable but has to be silent because of the loan and for the safety of her husband and children. Being a woman she feel so week and helpless to handle this criminal as he was a rich and influenced man and she was just a

poor woman. Zarina shared to CTS Director Katherine Sapna that she is afraid for her husband and children's wellbeing. She wanted to file complain but was not so confident for the help by police in this case. Mohammad Arshad is influenced on police and she will suffer and dishonored in the society and will be killed for conversion. Zarina added that she can compromise for herself but not for her daughters. She reported to CTS that Mohammad Arshad has attempt to rape her minor Kinza aged 11 and she is afraid that he can repeat the same in future again; because he is not a trust worthy. Mohammad Arshad is not arrested by the police and threatened the family for severe consequences.

The family fled for safety to their relatives but they are worried because of continue threats and pressure by Mohammad Ashraf. Zarian and Amir need a safe place to live with their 6 children and also they need Legal Aid and assistance to get justice through court.

CTS support – Update:

The family has been provided an immediate shelter at CTS Panah on Dec 18, 2019 and CTS legal advisor Mr. Nadeem Hassan advocate High Court is assisting the family in the court and has filed 2 cases in the Session's Court Lahore on behalf of Zarina Amir.

- 1- Private complaint (Zarina Bibi VS Mohammad Arshad) Offence under Section 376, 511, 452 Pakistan Penal Code on dated 09 – 03 – 2020 for attempt to rape.
- 2- Harassment petition (Zarina Bibi VS SHO police station City Raiwind Lahore) to provide protection to Zarina Bibi and her family on dated 16 – 03 – 2020 for life threats to the family.

The both petitions are pending in the courts for hearing.

7- Parveen Shamaun



Parveen Bibi w/o Shamaun aged 30, resident of Gulshan Ravi district Lahore is mother of two, a daughter aged 6 and a son aged 3. She along with her children approached CTS for shelter after facing severe torture and sexual violence by her husband and brother –in – law. Parveen's husband produce liquor at home, he sell out whiskey to earn money and also drink himself. For good earning he supply drinks to the influenced people in the city, during COVID – 19 he cannot go out to work and all time drink liquor even over drunk and keep sleep.

Parveen along with her husband used to live in joint family system like several families and culture of Pakistan. In the lockdown the all family members stay at home, weeks ago Parveen's brother – in –law Fiaz came to her room and passed compliments, as she is a beautiful woman but her husband don't care and sleeps all day after drinking liquor. He asked Parveen to develop physical relation but she flatly refused and insulted him for this approach. On March 23, 2020 all family was sleeping in their rooms as usual when Fiaz entered in to the room, covered Parveen's mouth and dragged her in to the empty room, committed rape to her by using safe measures. He asked Parveen to keep quiet because no one will believe her words and even she can never prove the incident.

Parveen shared the incident with her husband, he did not believe and beat her severely for accusing his brother for a shameful act also called her names and abused sexually saying that she is character less and kicked her out along with two children. Parveen got mentally disturbed and do not want to go to any relatives as she do not trust anyone. She feels ashamed and very disappointed at her husband's miss conduct.

Update:

On April 8, 2020 she was referred to CTS for rehabilitation. She is in trauma and needed counseling to come out of the mental stress. She is not willing to go back to her husband at any cost and definitely wants to punish Fiaz (brother –in -law) for destroying her life. She has filed a legal case against Fiaz, and the same is pending in the court.

8- Nazia / Nisha / Sheeza



A Christian resident of G-8 /1 Islamabad, a domestic worker (cleaning houses, washing clothes, washing dishes and cooking) faced severe persecution and illegal detention along with her two young daughters.

Nazia Bibi w/o Iftikhar aged 45 along with her two daughters Sheeza Iftikhar 21-year-old and Nisha Iftikhar 16-year-old was kidnapped by their employer as they were allegedly

accuse of robbing Rs.2,500,000 (twenty five hundred thousand rupees), and stealing gold ornaments.

Nazia and her daughter Nisha work to support their family of 7 members because Iftikhar Masih is sick and unable to work properly to earn good. Sheeza is married, has two kids and settled with her husband in Islamabad.

Background:

Since October 2019, Nazia do a job at a house of a rich lady named Fozia Khan in Islamabad, due to the pressure of the work Nazia often take Nisha (her younger daughter along with) for help at work. Fozia saw this young beautiful girl of 16 and asked Nazia if only Nisha can work at her home and Nazia herself can go to some other work and earn more. After two days of work, Nisha got sick and her elder sister Sheeza aged 21 went to work at Fozia Khan's house. Fozia Khan was happy to see her too.

Fozia Khan and her young daughter Sana Khan aged 26 was working with a gang and involved in prostitution, women trafficking and other illegal activities. Sana was in a closed contact of high officials and high police officers that is why influenced in the locality. Fozia Khan showed extra cooperation towards Nazia and gives her extra money to win her confidence. On November 18, 2019, Fozia asked Nazia that her friend need a housemaid if her daughter Nisha can work, would be a great support to the family and sick father. Nazia becomes agreed and bring Nisha to her. On November 20, 2019 Fozia took Nisha to another place at G -11 Islamabad. Nisha noticed that it was a big accommodation with many rooms. Fozia pretended as it was her friend's place and she has to work and obey the orders. Nisha started cleaning the rooms and saw there were couples in every room.

There was a man named Iqbal Khan, asked Nisha not to be astonished, shy and worried because she is here to do this all herself. Nisha said that she does not willing to live here and requested the man to let her go home. But she was forced to stay, in the evening there were more men and Nisha was asked to attend them; but she refused to do so.

She felt very uncomfortable in doing for what she was forced. There was a lady; Nisha cried and begged for help as she was like her own daughter, the lady melted and helped her to be escaped.

Nazia Bibi saw the condition of her daughter; went to Fozia Khan and inquired the matter; she warned Nazia Bibi for the consequences if she reported the matter in the police. She said that high police officials are supporting her business of prostitution so no one can harm her. She suggested Nazia Bibi to keep quiet and send her daughter back to prostitution for good earning and easy life of the family. She also reminded her that they are poor and her husband was sick. Nazia Bibi asked Fozia Khan to pay her salary and all balance as she was not willing to keep continuing work at her home. After long arguments, Fozia Khan becomes aggressive and said that if you did not send Nisha back to her work she will kidnap her and also warned that she will file a legal case of theft against Nadia Bibi and her family.



Meanwhile, Fozia used her links and through police, she pressurized Nazia Bibi and her family to send Nisha to work, otherwise, they all will be arrested in a theft case. Nazia Bibi along with her daughters Nisha and Sheeza was investigated in three different police stations for theft and pressurized for compromise with the demands of Fozia Khan otherwise a case FIR can be registered against Nazia Bibi her family.

On April 05, 2020, Fozia Khan kidnapped Nazia Bibi, Sheeza and Nisha for one day and took them to an unknown a place where she pressurized and threatened them for life if they reporting the case of Nisha in the police. She warned that it is not difficult for her to kidnap Nisha and Sheeza for her purpose.

On April 06, 2020, Fozia Khan done a proper registration of theft case against Nazia Bibi Sheeza and Nisha, Arslan son-in-law and Iftikhar Masih her husband in the local police station Islamabad.

With the help of CTS Nazia Bibi, Sheeza and Nisha got confirmed post-arrest bails in the fake robbery case while Arslan and Iftikhar were arrested and sent to Adiala Jail Rawalpindi. The post-arrest bails on behalf of arrested has been applied in the court on May 04, 2020.

Rest of the family (6 members) including Nisha, Sheeza and Nazia Bibi along with her other three children two sons and one daughter has been shifted to CTS shelter immediately for their safety.

Due to the life threat and pressure the poor family of Nazia was enrolled at Panah for safe living on May 14, 2020.

On June 08, 2020 the bail applications of Nazia Bibi. Sheeza and Nisha has been canceled by the session's court Islamabad and they were arrested during the court hearing and sent to jail. Sheeza was in prison along with her two minors. CTS advocate Mr. Sheryar Shamas has filed post-arrest bail of the victims already as a legal counsel and the same was approved by the court on June 28, 2020. Presently the family is in CTS shelter.

9- Durkas Feryad



Durkas Feryad aged 16 resident of a small village Chak 164-RB Faisalabad along with her mother Nargis Bibi and two siblings named Nisha Feryad aged 14 and elder brother Sunny Feryad aged 20. Her father Feryad Masih died two years ago and mother is a patient of heart and diabetics. Durkas works in a brick factory along with her brother to support their food and mother's medical needs. She faced sexual harassment and violence by the local Muslim.

A local Mohammad Waqas aged 34, followed Durkas Feryad on the way to her work. Often he passed comments and compliments while passing through and started harassing sexually. The brick factory was not far away from the locality therefore she used to go to work even alone. Since, she was afraid to go alone to her work and informed her mother about the mischiefs by Waqas. Although she reported the matter already to her mother but she suggested her to avoid the boy and keep quiet for the honor as she is a girl and they are alone in the society after the death of her father. On the other side, Durkas was not willing to let her brother know about her problems otherwise there could be a severe fight

among Waqas and her brother. She suggested Waqas to mend his ways but he did not care and asked Durkas to develop physical relations as he likes her body.

On April 21, 2020, at midnight – early morning, Mohammad Waqas armed with a deadly weapon (pistol) entered the house of Durkas. All family was sleeping when he came towards Durkas's bed and holds her hand. She became afraid when he saw someone holding her hand she cried for help. Her brother heard the cries and awaked meanwhile all family members awaked and rushed towards her for help. Mohammad Waqas opened fire and run away. FIR has been registered against Mohammad Waqas in the Police Station Chak Jhumra, he is arrested and send to jail. His first post-arrest bail has been rejected by the court through the help of legal assistance by the Christians' True Spirit – CTS. The accused has filed again a post arrest bail in the High Court Lahore and the same is pending for hearing on August 6. Mr. Qaisar John Advocate is dealing with the case.

Update:

Because of legal litigation the family especially Durkas is on life threats and under pressure to withdraw the case. The family was enrolled at Panah on June 03, 2020.

10-Suriya Bibi w/o Mukhtar Masih:

July 18, 2020, a domestic worker, victim of severe Gender Based Violence and sexual harassment resident of Manga Mandi Lahore approached CTS for legal assistance and shelter to 8 family members (including her husband and children ages 3-year-old to 16-year-old). She has been snubbed in a fake allegation of theft (worth 600,000 PKR) when she reported the matter and requested for help in the local police station. Though she was forced to keep quiet otherwise her family life was on stake.



Suriya Bibi aged 44, mother of 7 has been facing a severe violence at her work place in Manga Mandi, District Lahore in Punjab. She belong to a poor family, husband Mukhtar Masih worked in a factory for loading and unloading material for low wages and could not fulfill the needs of his children. Suriya started doing as a cleaner in a house and earning Rs.16,000 (rupees sixteen thousand) per month. On October 20, 2019 Suriya was raped by a young man Azam Rafique aged 34 at her work.

He asked Suriya for giving her more money if she will keep shutting her mouth and compromise with his sexual desires.

A few days later in the absence of other family members Azam again raped Suriya Bibi on November 30. Suriya disclosed the matter to his mother Maria w/o Rafique Paracha and said that she do not want to keep her work continue for certain reason. Maria threatened Suriya for dire consequences if she shared this incident with any other member of the family. Maria accused her for stealing money Rs.600,000 and through her husband she lodged a theft case under section 380 PPC against unknown people. Meanwhile started harassing and pressurizing Suriya to come to work otherwise Suriya Bibi her husband and her son will be facing a theft case in the court.



Suriya Bibi was afraid and not willing to come to work; therefore Maria and Azam forcefully took her to work on November 14 and after doing all household she was locked in the store room where she was raped by Azam every day till Dec 20. The store room was at the third floor and no one heard her cries when she sexually abused. Suriya's husband inquired, Maria do lame excuses and request that she is sick and need help of Suriya for

more days and also said that she will pay extra money for her services.

On December 21, 2019 Mukhtar Masih came to Maria and asked for Suriya that he wanted to see her otherwise he will report the matter to police. Maria said that she cannot go unless she return money Rs.600,000 she robed and also informed about the case FIR already lodged in the police station. Mukhtar become worried and went to the influenced people in the locality and asked to solve the matter and for the release of Suriya from the custody of Maria and family.

Azam Mukhtar was scared that Suriya can file a legal case for sexual violence therefore he asked her parents on January 8, 2020 to nominate Suriya her husband Mukhtar Masih aged 48 and her son Salman Masih aged 16 in the theft case to get them arrested by the police. He knew that poor family cannot hire a lawyer to fight for justice and they will remain in detention for long time.

Suriya Bibi along with her family was absconded and not arrested by police, they asked helped a Christian clerk, who works in the court and assist advocates. He kept this big family hide at his own place and helped them in filing pre- arrest bails in the court on February 18, 2020. Later they started working at a dairy form, caring about 12 cattle including buffalos and cows for little amount of money and residential place provided by the form owner. The poor's did not know that they must go to the court for attendance at the date of hearing for the confirmation of the bails. Therefore the bails were dismissed by the court due to non-prosecution. Once again the family was under the fear of arrest by the police as they were absconded are required to police. They could not move to any other place but have to do hard at the dairy form.



On April 03, 2020 Surriya requested the owner to help them; he assured the family that he will help them for their confirmed bails in the court. He also assured that until they live at his form police cannot arrest them. Later, Surriya again requested for help in their legal case, (her children were tired of doing hard work with cattle and they wanted to move to somewhere else for some other job but they were afraid of police for arrest and sent them to jail) the owner asked Suriya to come to his place to provide further

case details. On May 18, 2020 Suriya came down to his place (office at the dairy form) and shared all details and background of the theft case and incident of sexual violence. The owner promised Suriya for help in their legal case but also demanded for sexual relations. Suriya cried, he asked her to come daily to his place if she wants the safety of her husband and son. Suriya is helpless and depressed, facing sexual violence for her family.

On July 14, 2020 a Pastor in Kasur approached CTS, telling the suffering of destitute and requested for the legal assistance and help to this distressed family. On July 17, 2020 CTS filed the bail applications of Suriya Bibi, Mukhtar Masih and Salman Masih in the sessions court Lahore, recovered her other 6 children ages 3- 16-year-old and provided safe place to live.

11-Mafiya Yousaf:



Mafiya Yousaf aged 28, a young girl, resident of a very famous place Ichhra Town, Ferozpur Road Lahore. Her parents died (father died in 2015) and (mother in 2018), she has 4 siblings including one brother and three sisters married and settled in their families.

Mafia is the youngest child of her parents. She was a student of grade 9 in April 2017 when she met a young guy Haroon Arif aged 32. The boy followed her to school daily and assured that he loves her. Mafiya was also attacked by him and fell in love.

After the death of her mother in 2018 she started a training of beauty salon and gets time for dating with Haroon meanwhile and developed physical relations as well. In August 2017 she was first time pregnant and asked Haroon for marriage. He suggested Mafia for abortion because he was not properly ready for marriage but assured her that he will get her married soon. In November 2017 Mafiya was again pregnant but Haroon made lame excuses again, he showed love to her, and promised that they will be marrying soon but has to ask his parents first. He forced Mafiya for abortion again and again for 4 times but did not come to marry her.

In April 2020 Mafiya went to Haroon's parents and informed them about her relation and willingness for the wedding. The parents informed her that Haroon was already married and have three kids (two daughters and a son). She was astonished and depressed; she shouted upon Haroon and lost her senses like a mad. Haroon become aggressive and slapped Mafiya, to make sure his wife Zara Bibi that she is a mad, she is only telling a lie, there is no relation between them.

Mafiya cried and begged Haroon's parents that she is not a liar, she really loves him and she was pregnant for 4 times before this pregnancy. She was beaten by Haroon and other family for telling false and for damaging their honor. His wife torn the cloths of Mafiya in the street in public and she was naked, the people around in the street were making her video clips while she was naked.

A man of God (local pastor), heard cries while passing through, covered Mafiya with a sheet and bring her inside his house. Mafiya went to the police station and lodged a complaint against Haroon Masih and others involved in the dispute. Case FIR u/s 506, 354-A (Assault or use of criminal force to woman and stripping her of her clothes) was registered against Haroon his mother and wife.

To save himself from the court case he again showed love to Mafiya and interest to get her married. He also was apologized for his attitude and requested her to withdraw the legal case. Mafiya became agreed and forgot everything for Haroon, on June 14, 2020 they got married. Haroon brought her to home meanwhile he made a reconciliation statement of Mafiya to withdraw the case against him and others. After one week Haroon asked Mafiya to bring her to a separate place because at home there was his first wife and children. He brought her to another place, it was a small liquor factory where Haroon used to make liquor alcohol in partnership. There were 7 young boys who work in liquor factory and stay here day and night.



In the evening Haroon left Mafiya in the factory and went to home to his wife and children and he did the same in routine. He did not care her, only got married for the compromise in the criminal case. Mafiya lived alone in the factory among 7 unknown boys who raped her and sexually abused. They made group sex for hours and forced Mafiya to fulfill sexual desires each of them. They were violent on her when she tired and committed sodomy to her as punish and give her injuries at her body with a blade when she did not obey them.

Mafiya was not eating and drinking properly, she was broken as she was deceived by the man whom she

trusted and love, and she was so weak and helpless and has been facing long sexual violence. On July 10, 2020 she got chance to escape from the liquor factory and went to a friend's place. She shared the whole incident and desired to file a criminal case against Haroon. The police do not trust her and not willing to help for filling second time against Haroon.

Through sources she approached CTS for legal and medical assistance and shelter in CTS Panah.

12-Mahwish Hadayat:



On June 3, 2020 Mahwish Hadayat aged 22, kidnapped on way to the factory where she worked, finally returned to her family.

Shahbaz, along with a few others, kidnapped her at gunpoint. She tried hard to find a way out of the steel grasps of her abductors, but she remained helpless. She tried to hold on to her faith, her prayers merely whispers, but it appeared that no one heard them.

Shahbaz, brought her to an unknown place where Shahzad Khurram already waited. He was the man behind her captors' action and wanted to marry her even after she refused despite his numerous attempts to win her heart. With the fear for her and her family's well-being making her numb, she allowed her captors to bring her to court. Torrents of tears clouded her vision as she looked at the legal document presented before her.



Khurram threatened her for life 'keep your mouth shut, you won't see your family alive again' screamed at her mind, an impending doom that Khurram kept repeating over and over on their way to the court. She was forced to sing the marriage contract and also to embrace Islam. She couldn't control the trembling of her fingers as she was coerced to imprint her thumb on what appeared to be her death sentence.

After the ceremony, Khurram brought her to his hometown Khanewal Chak 42 a city in the Punjab province. She was forced to train for Islamic ways by Khurram's family, but she pleaded against reading the Quran and performing the Islamic rituals.

Khurram became furious and started beating her with a wooden rode. His family already disliked Mahwish because she was a Christian therefore they did not intervened in the matter between this married couple. What came next were relentless physical and mental abuse, sexual assault and life

threats. He made Mahwish a sex machine and used to commit adultery day and night continually and when she deny to obey, he become furious and violent. Most of the time he was drunk and beat Mahwish with the wooden rode blaming her reason he was jobless.



The factory owner did fired Khurram from the job when Mahwish's mother filed an abduction case against him. Because of continue attempts of sex and severe beating Mahwish was sick and unable to entertain her wild man therefore he become more violent towards her. After the long sexual violation of two months Mahwish was raped by her brother-in-law and faced severe violation. Amidst her battle, prayers became her armor whenever she

found the time to be alone, never losing sight of how to escape her hell – until her solemn prayer was finally heard.

Her family was waiting for her at the Lahore bus stop when she arrived, having called them the first opportunity that she got. Fear never left her as she anticipated what Khurram would do once he realized she had escaped. She dreaded the extremes he would go through to snare her back into his lair of despair and lost hope, and her fear wasn't unwarranted, with Khurram's devastatingly powerful influence, she knew that their ordeal just started. However, she decided not to hide behind her fear and pain anymore.



Mahwish reached out to Christians' True Spirit (CTS) on September 12, 2020, retelling her sad plight despite the fresh wounds. When asked what learning she wished to impart to other girls, she encouraged them to be strong and wise. Should they experience being coerced into converting to other religion or marriage in their workplace, they should stand by their faith and belief in a manner that doesn't defy values. If the harassment ensues, they should escalate the situation to their work superiors

and family members. What Mahwish experienced affected not just her but her family. Keeping them in the dark may be tantamount to exposing them to a battle blindfolded.

In her statement, Mahwish stressed that her conversion to Islam and forced marriage to Khurram never was her free will. Everything happened in the blink of an eye to protect her family against her abductor's powerful yet destructive influence. She professed that she was, and always will be, a Christian with the Lord as her only savior.

She said that she would eternally be grateful to CTS for their support and having her back throughout her healing process. CTS provided her with free legal aid as she filed for divorce from Muslim man and petitioned for the reversal of her conversion to Islam. While the stigma of her abduction might haunt her for a long time, Mahwish hoped that everything would eventually be just painful memories. She would always regret that she didn't find the courage to share her fears with her family when her engagement turned into a nightmare which led to things getting worse. However, she wished that her misfortune would save other girls from experiencing the same.

13-Patras Khokher and Shamim Akhtar



(A Christian couple facing life threats and forced conversion)

Patras Khokher aged 43 and his wife Shamim Bibi aged 56 resident of Jhelum city, Punjab facing life threats by the Muslim extremists because of their Christian faith.

Patras took Shamim to the church to solemnize their marriage. However, the pastors refused to perform the rites as Shamim was a widow while Patras was



a virgin therefore they went to the court to record a legal marriage. Unfortunately, in Pakistan free will marriages are unacceptable and the couples (the boy and the girl, even they belong to a Christian faith).

Fearing arrest the couple filed a harassment petition against the family of Shamim Akhtar and also she recorded her statement that she had not been kidnapped. A lawyer suggested that the couple should get married under Islamic law, as the procedure is relatively easier. The couple went ahead and solemnized the marriage in court. They both have to convert to Islam before they become a wedded couple on July 12, 2004 in the Session Court Mandi Bahauddine with the help of a Muslim lawyer.

Two Muslim persons, Mr. Riasat Ali s/o Manzoor Ahmad and Mr. Jabran Ali s/o Jahangeer, were witness to the marriage. Both Muslims were very proud to convert a Christian couple to Islam; for this they were praised and were given respect in the Muslim majority community. These men then took the responsibility to monitor all activities of the couple and not let them free at any moment. The two forced them to be settled in Mandi Bahauddin, to live amongst the Muslims and practice Islam. They were also forced to observe prayers and fast during the holy month of Ramzan.

Patras and Shamim, however, did and do not wanted to live as Muslims. Therefore, they went to church and requested yet again for a Christian marriage ceremony. After repeated requests, the pastor at the local church finally agreed to register their marriage as Christians on January 18, 2013. The couple converted to Christianity secretly, and returned to their Christian family at City Jhelum, fearing persecution in Mandi Bahauddin. Later, it became known that the couple had converted to Christianity again. Persecution by religious fanatics began in earnest subsequently. Patras Khokher and Shamim Akhtar started receiving death threats from, the witnesses to their Islamic marriage under duress. The couple was asked to mend their ways otherwise they would be killed. The Muslim religious extremists and especially the men witness followed Patras Khokher and started openly to harass the couple and threatened to make the couple's life a constant misery.

Fearing for their life and the continuous monitoring, the couple began shifting to different places, but always faced the same problem. Patras was a plumber and even attacked and injured many times when he was on the way to work. The family has relocated to several places, including to Islamabad. The family has moved between different cities seeking help from different organizations. Since March 2014, Patras and Shamim have lived independently in a rented house in Jhelum and work for the survival of the family even there was a life threat.

Victor Khokher alias Vicky, a younger brother of Patras Khokher worked in the District Jail Jhelum as a sweeper.



On September 12, 2020 he was attacked by four unknown who followed Vicky and inquired about Patras and his wife. Vicky said that he do not know the whereabouts, therefore the unknown started beating Vicky and said that they will not stop beating if he will not tell them about Patras. The unknowns followed Vicky by motorbikes and identified the residence. Meanwhile Patras and Shamim immediately left to their relatives for safety.

Patras received life threats by phone; the caller gave him time to convert to Islam and if he failed to comply he would be killed. He duly informed the Chief City Police

Officer (CCPO) of Lahore through an application about the threats and phone calls he received, but the police have taken no action. Meanwhile Vicky along with his mother and children was on severe life threat and the extremists were monitoring their house regularly. Victor was feeling pressure and fear of life for his children and mother Inayat Bibi aged 63.



Because of continue monitoring of the Muslim extremists on September 28, 2020 Patras Masih was attacked and forced to come with the Muslims as he cannot stay with the Christians otherwise they will kill him at the spot. Patras become agree to come with the Muslims to Mandi Bahauddin but he said that he will come in two days along with his wife and other family members too as the other family supposed to convert to Islam.

On October 02, 2020, with the reference of local Christians Patras Khokher and Shamim Bibi along with their mother Inayat Bibi aged 62, brother Victor Khokher aged 34 and his children Shalook and Shaleem 8-year-old (twins) approached Christians' True Spirit (CTS), Lahore based NGO, for shelter, as they have been unable secure a safe place to live. Shamim is facing threat by her family members as well because they see her elopement as a matter of dishonor.



The family members are unable to live a normal life as guaranteed under the Constitution of Pakistan. They are being denied the right to practice their religion as guaranteed to each individual by the international human rights charter as well as the Constitution. The family is being made to suffer at the hands of individuals claiming to be guardians of religion. And, there is no sign of those who attacked Patras Khokher and his brother Victor Khokher being investigated and prosecuted.

Due to the sensitive situation and continue life threat phone calls the bread winners could not go out and work for the family therefore CTS provided assistance to this family for their monthly food since October 02, 2020 and also provided with all basic and urgent needs of the family.

CTS planned to move this family to some secure place immediately but due to financial restrictions it was not possible. The distressed family has nothing with them, no beds -bedding, warm cloths, kitchen accessories, bathroom accessories and other relevant items for daily household needs. The family has planned for a permanent relocation and resettlement along with their two beautiful kids for their life safety and to avoid any future persecution by the Muslim extremists. So far the family is in fear and do not willing to report their matter in the police station just to keep hiding their location because they have seen the attitude and faced discrimination in the police stations previously because of the religious issue but want to ensure their life safety.

14-Rimsha Inayat



Rimsha Inayat aged 16; resident of Jauharabad District Khushab is a victim of sexual Harassment. She the second child of her parents but very much concerned about their family issues especially financial condition. After matriculation she started finding a job in the city Jauharabad and find work in an academy as a receptionist for 10,000 rupees a monthly salary. Although it was a little amount of money but she was happy in contributing and supporting her father to live a better life in the society. She was happy and regularly going to job. After a few days of her joining she noticed that the peon named Murtaza Ali aged 40 staring on her.

She felt harassment and also a little frightened in her heart as she heard many stories of young girls kidnapping, rape and forced marriages but she ignored the matter to give herself courage. Murtiza Ali started having conversation with the little girl to build confidence that he was a good man who respect her like a daughter and that she was helping her parents to manage the household and education of her siblings.

Murtiza Ali was winning the confidence of Rimsha day by day and now she was not afraid of him, but she was happy to talk to him. After a couple of months Murtiza offered Rimsha to drop her to home when her father could not come to pick her up due to illness. She showed unwillingness and refused him to go with him. After two or three refusals of Rimsha he tried to convince her to go with him on his bike as he wanted to help her. He also assured Rimsha that they are only good colleagues. Rimsha was still not agreeing to take a ride with Murtiza to home. Months passed but Rimsha was strongly committed to herself that she will work in the academy wisely.

Later he started threatening her that if she wants to keep continues her job she must obey him.

On Sep 26, 2018 Murtiza Ali made a phone call and said that she must come 20 minutes before time as there was a staff meeting with the head of the academy. Rimsha came earlier as no one arrived yet in the academy but Murtiza Ali was already here as he was responsible to open the academy on time. Rimsha was a little afraid but stayed confident. Murtiza Ali asked her that other staff must come soon as there is a meeting and that Rimsha should not be worried. Murtiza Ali took her in to the class room and wanted to hold her hand saying that he loves her and want to have a relation with her. Rimsha got afraid and started shouting that she does not want such things and she does not love him. Murtiza Ali asked Rimsha to keep quiet and not afraid as he is her friend. Later he black mailed Rimsha and asked her to come with him to his home otherwise he will put the video on social media and share with the students in the academy. He was pressurizing and harassing her and said that she is his property now and he can use her any time. Rimsha wanted to report the matter to the principle in the academy but never come to him because of the fear of her naked pictures.

After a week he forced Rimsha to go with him to his place otherwise he will kidnap her and keep her with him forever. He took her to his residence in the absence of his family member and raped her. Rimsha was bleeding and got a severe pain but Murtiza Ali a 40 years old man did not care of her pain but raped repeatedly.

Rimsha was in pain when she returned home she went to bed, she was crying with pain and because of the incident happened. She stopped going to academy and stayed at home as she showed that she is sick.

After one week Murtiza Ali came to her place to know the reason that she is not coming to work. He threatened Rimsha he will show the pictures and video to her family if she tried to hide herself. He warned Rimsha if she will not come to academy he will make the video viral on WhatsApp and Facebook. Rimsha asked Murtiza that she will come tomorrow. The next day Murtiza took her again to his friend place. Rimsha asked him to stop harassing her otherwise she will report the matter to the police. Murtiza became aggressive and threatened her for life, once again he raped Rimsha brutally and hurt her at the different parts of her body. Murtiza again made her video during the sex with her friends and said if she will go to report he will give this video to the police, saying that she is professional and she goes to the different people. He also said that police men will also come to her after watching the video of a beautiful figure. Rimsha was puzzled, many questions in her mind and wanted to just die because there was no way to come out of this situation. On her return to home Rimsha was in severe pain, went to the bed room and locked her door, wept and cried. Her mother took her notice and asked her to open the door that she could hear the screams. Then Rimsha cried and tell the story what she is going through but she does not know how to come out of this all.

Rimsha's mother came to know about CTS and approached on October 28, 2020 for help and assistance for her survival. Rimsha was afraid and asked that if it was true that police will harass her sexually if she reports against Murtiza and his friends.

She wanted to file a case against Murtiza and his friends who raped her and tortured to give them punishment and also she requested help to go to the doctor as she is in pain in the lower belly she got injuries also Rimsha was in mental stress and trauma.

She was accommodated at CTS shelter for protection, medical and legal assistance.

15-Forced conversion and sexual harassment of the young girls at work place



On Nov 04, 2020 CTS recovered three sisters (young girls) from the illegal custody of the Muslims through the Habeas Petition in the Session's Court Lahore. Poor parents are bound to work in the brick factory on low wages. The girls started work three years ago as house maid in Lahore and kept in the custody forcefully, made for work and didn't allow visiting their parents for three years. During the period they were forced by all means to convert in to

Islam. After recovery the girls has been accommodated at Christians' True Spirit – Shelter for their well-being and security, since they are on a continue life threats.

Background:

Nazir Masih and Samina Bibi resident of village Shamki Bhatiya, Sundar Lahore are bounded labor. They are blessed with six children (3 daughters) (3 sons) named Rimshah Nazir aged 18, Ayesha Nazir aged 16, Nishah Nazir aged 14, Noman Nazir aged 13, Lukman Nazir aged 12 and Usman Nazir aged 11and due to the low wages the couple hardly manage the food and other basic needs of their children. In the year 2018 Nazir Masih got sick and unable to do work in the bricks factory.

Due to his sickness, he took loan from the factory owner for his medical treatment. Meanwhile Nazir Masih and Samina been suggested by a relative to send their daughters to work for earning and to support the family as well as father's medical expenses. Because of the need and tough time, the poor parents become agreed to send their daughters Rimshah, Ayesha and Nishah for work as house maid at Johar Town Lahore and that time their ages 16, 14 and 12 are reported. The girls were sent to bungalow to work for a Muslim family at three different places in the same family.

The monthly salary of Rimshah Rs.9,000 (nine thousand rupees), Ayesha Rs.8,000 (eight thousand rupees) and Nishah Rs.7,000 (seven thousand rupees) was decided to pay in cash every month. In 2019 Nazir Masih took a loan of Rs.50,000 (fifty thousand rupees) for his daughter's work and the same was paid already in installments from their monthly salary.

Facts of the case:

The girls worked for 2 years, and during the period they were not allow to see their parents and even they could not see each other while living in the same locality. Their father Nazir Masih only come to collect salary every month but each time they made a lame excuses and did not allow his meeting with daughters. They were suggested to embrace Islam for good life and for the permanent living with the Muslim family. They were beaten and forced to recite the Kalma (declaration of faith) but the girls were not willing to embrace Islam. The owner pressurized the girls and threatened them for consequences if they are not willing to embrace Islam.



In October 2020, Nazir Masih came to collect the salary of his daughters and also inquired about his daughters and showed his concern of meeting. The owner sympathetically honored the feelings of father but again excused him and suggested for the meeting next time. Meanwhile he again asked the girls for conversion to Islam also informed them about a theft case in the police station Satokatla, Lahore. After a week when Nazir Masih again comes to visit his daughters, he was informed that his daughter

Ayesha is missing. They also accused her for steeling gold ornaments and that they have reported in the police station already. Nazir Masih become shocked and inquired about his daughters Rimshah and Nishah. He also asked them to check the CCTV cameras to see when his daughter robbed the gold items and when she was absconded.



Nazir Masih and his wife Samina Bibi approached CTS on October 28, 2020 and requested for legal assistance for the safe recovery of the girls.

On November 02, 2020 CTS legal advisor Mr. Nadeem Hassan Advocate High Court recovered the girls Rimshah Nazir, Ayesha Nazir and Nishah Nazir through the habeas petition in the session's court Lahore. On November 04, 2020 the concerned court has given the custody of girls to their parents. Due to the open life threats by the Muslims and threat of kidnapping the girls, the parents got afraid and requested CTS for the protection. Therefore the girls along with their mother and two younger

brothers have been accommodated at CTS shelter for safety and rehabilitation. The girls have been facing serious pressure and life threats while they were in the custody, forced to convert in to Islam and made for work against their will.

16-Case story of Rudi Emmanuel



Rudi Emmanuel 34-year-old lady struggled hard for a successful independent life after the death of her mother. She was a strong youth and her dreams were high. She was the youngest child of her parents and loving among 6 siblings. Her father died in her childhood therefore she was very close to her mother and do not want to lose her at any cost, all her siblings were married and settled in their families but for Rudi her mother was her paradise and they both were hope to each other.

The hardest time started when her mother died on January 13, 2014 and she went to depression as she was feeling alone. For her it was not the death of her mother but she died herself. Elder sisters and brothers tried to take care of her and they kept her encouraging being strong. She did just matriculation and therefore could not find a good job to pass her time and she decided to get skill trainings to secure her future. Later, on May 27, 2019 she joined Farzana Zara beauty salon at Firdous Market Lahore 35 minutes' drive from her residence in Raiwind to learn and work in just to keep herself engaged. She booked an Auto Rickshaw for her daily pick and drop which was not very expensive. In the beginning auto driver Mohammad Afzal was very good and well-mannered man but after the time passed he was a very different man and started sexual harassment of Rudi. He asked her for friendship as well as forced her to develop sexual relations. He told Rudi that he wanted to give her a happy married life as he knew she was alone and struggling for her future.

Rudi does not want to create mess and also she was a little frightened therefore she stopped Mohammad Afzal for providing her pick and drop facility, and booked a new Auto. Mohammad Afzal become offended and hostile and kidnapped Rudi Emmanuel on 23 March 2020 the way to the salon, kept her in the custody for two days where she faced continue sexual violence, un-natural sex, rape and physical torture (beating, hurting and biting her breasts). Rudi cried for help and reminded him when he said that he loves her but now he behaved like a monster. Mohammad Afzal laughed and said that he just wanted her body and nothing else. He threatened Rudi for dire consequences if she

uses other auto for her travels; and let her go by saying that he will kill her if she lodged case in the police station and bound her to sign a couple of blank papers including marriage and conversion (change of religion) certificate for his own safety.



Rudi became so weak, alone and helpless, wept and cried, she moved to her sister in Lahore, also she stopped to go to salon to avoid any happening. Rudi was not willing to marry Mohammad Afzal and she never wanted to embrace Islam. She moved to her sister in Lahore and stayed hide as she was frightened. Rudi was mentally disturbed and got physiological problem because of fear of kidnapping and threat of force marriage. Her sister advised Rudi to file a case against Mohammad Afzal for sexual harassment and life threats but due to lack of funds she could not get justice.

Rudi felt uneasy at her sister's place as she was feeling a burden for her and therefore she wanted to start work again to fulfill her personal basic needs and also for her mental relief from stress, trauma and for her satisfaction.

On October 20, 2020 Rudi rejoined the same beauty salon for good income for needs and physiological treatment. Right after a week Mohammad Afzal was at her work with a gun and became violent to her that why she was away. He told Rudi that he was trying to find her out because she is his Muslim wife according to her signatures on the marriage and conversion certificates. He tried to take Rudi with him but she cried for help and due to the people's involvement Mohammad Afzal could not take her with him.

On November 08, 2020 through some sources Rudi's sister came to know about CTS and requested for her legal support against Mohammad Afzal, support for her proper mental treatment and for immediate shelter for her safety and security.

17-Sumaira Iqbal



Sumaira d/o Iqbal Masih resident of Gopyrai, post office Poonpur, District Gujranwala approached Christians' True Spirit – CTS on June 07, 2021 and asked for legal assistance against Aftab who kept her in illegal custody for five years. During the time she gave birth to a baby boy named Samar (presently 4-year-old).

Aftab resident of Gujranwala is performing his duties as a driver in Pakistan Army in Peshawar (KPK). Taking the benefit of his Army title he often does criminal activities. In April 2017, Aftab was on two months

leave; he got involved in Sumaira, already married and mother of three, kidnapped her and kept her locked in a rented house illegally even after he returned to his duty. Aftab was very much sexual and he comes to Gujranwala more often to spend his leaves with Sumaira whereas Sumaira was already in his custody, locked in the rented house. She requested Aftab several times that she wants to go back to her family and also that she missed her husband and children. Aftab became violent when Sumaira said that she lives with him by force but not by heart, which is not a love at all. He beat her with a wooden rode saying that he will kill her but not let her go back to her husband and children. Aftab used to commit sex for unlimited time just to punish Sumaira and to make himself sexually satisfied. Meanwhile Sumaira got pregnant, Aftab do not want the child as he was not serious towards the relationship with Sumaira. On the other side Sumaira lose hope to return to her children and she compromised with the non-stop suffering.

A long time passed, Sumaira could not return to her family, she was not sure about her husband's attitude towards her as it is a matter of honor in Pakistan that women live with an unknown man. Therefore she requested Aftab to get her married as she was expecting his baby otherwise let her go to her own way. Aftab became more violent and sexual to her, he clearly said that she is only a sex machine for him and nothing else. Sumaira was not taken a single time to the hospital for a medical check-up throughout her pregnancy. She faced sexual violence during pregnancy, and beaten up if she was not willing to respond Aftab's sexual need. On April 03, 2018 Sumaira gave birth to a baby boy and named him Samar.

Aftab tried to kill her baby because the child was illegal. Sumera begged him for the life of the child. Aftab did fix some conditions for Sumaira if she wanted to keep the baby alive (one: she will never disclose her sexual violence, two: she will work as a prostitute to support the expenses of her child and herself as he will not support the, financially). Aftab clearly said that Sumaira was nothing to him.

After emotional blackmailing Sumaira was forced to work as prostitute and faced more sexual violence and suffering by different men. She was afraid to go back to her first husband and on the other hand she had no place to go. After her abduction she was not in contact of her family member and relatives and she was just helpless to live in her present situation as there was no other option to go. Continue sexual violence and oppression led her to mental disorder therefore Aftab started to give her slow poison.

On May 18, 2021 Sumaira was seriously sick because of poison and local people saw her laying down on the road while her little son Samar was also there in very bad health condition. She was referred to the Civil Hospital Gujranwala and admitted in an emergency for the treatment. Samar was also given proper medical treatment in the hospital. Sumaira was admitted for 20 days in the hospital and later a Muslim journalist named Mohammad Ashraf from the Gujranwala Press Club took her to his own home because she was not mentally stable and has no place to go. Later Mohammad Ashraf came to know that Sumaira is a Christian and she should go to a Christian family. He tried to find out her relatives and first husband but they were not willing to keep Sumaira back to home. Mohammad Ashraf made contact with the local church and informed about Sumaira and her son Samar.

On June 07, 2021 she was referred to the main office of Christians' True Spirit – CTS Lahore to provide shelter along with Samar her son 4-year-old. Later she requested for the assistance to take legal action against Aftab who was the reason of her miserable life. CTS team noticed that she is in the need of psychosocial, physiological treatment as she is in mental disorder.

18-Samar Aftab



Samar Aftab s/o Sumaira Iqbal is 5 years old and lives in Panah along with his mother. He is not like normal kids but extra active child. He is in a shock as he was beaten up by his father and neglected. He misses his father and wants to live with him as he loves him too much but there is no way.

All the time he play with toys and other children in Pana.

19- Itirat Afsheen



Itirat Afsheen d/o Parvaiz Masih resident of Sialkot approached Christian True Spirit (CTS) on September 18, 2020 for the legal assistance and shelter facilities as she has been faced a domestic violence by her husband since she got married and still she receives threats through phone calls.

CTS has taken the case and assured the parents for full legal support to get justice. Her father Parvaiz Masih and mother Shamim Bibi have five children including Itirat Afsheen. Being an elder child she was the first getting married on April 21, 2018 with Amoos Ilyas a resident of Base Karma Attack (Pak Army Area).

Soon after her marriage she got pregnancy and lived along with her husband happily. Whereas Amoos was not happy because of her pregnancy as he was in relationships to other woman Nazia Bibi lived in the same locality, she created problems among Itirat and her husband later on. Itirat noticed that her husband making complains on minor things and creating disputes.

Itirat was 4 months pregnant when Nazia bibi and Amoos beat her until she starts bleeding. She was taken to the hospital in this hard situation and her pregnancy was terminated through abortion. On the other hand Amoos's elder brother and his wife created misunderstandings among the couple just to grab the property which was registered on the name of Amoos Ilyas.

On December 12, 2018 there was a dispute again between Itirat and Amoos because of Nazia Bibi, Itirat was kicked out to her parents and since the time her husband do not want her back to home. Even after facing severe violence Itirat wanted to live with her husband and she filed a case of conjugal rights in the Session's court Lahore. When the court served him notices to be appeared in the court Amoos himself filed a suit of dissolution of marriage in Kamra, District Attock saying that she is a character less and showed doubt that she was not faithful to him. Itirat and her parents has been trying hard for the reconciliation but her husband threatened for the kidnapping of Itirat and Murder if she did not withdraw the case of conjugal rights against him. Therefore Itirat Afsheen and her sister Ishrat Naureen requested Christians' True Spirit – CTS for shelter and legal assistance in her case.

20- Sheeza Maqsood



Sheeza Maqsood aged 17 resident of Samundri Road village chak 248, District Faisalabad was kidnapped on October 05, 2020 in the evening at about 9 p.m. for rape.

It was evening when Sheeza was at home along with her sick mother and younger sister Kinza aged 12, who already gone to bed while her brothers and father were still on their work as they return late in routine. At about 9pm someone knocked the door and when Sheeza opened the door a gang of 4 local men Talha, Bilawal, Sulman and Nomi armed with deadly weapons entered the house and kidnapped Sheeza on gunpoint. They took her faraway in the middle of fields in a warehouse which was built to keep the agricultural tools safe. They had liquor alcohol with them and also offered Sheeza to drink. After making her naked all drunk men started harassing and touching the body of Sheeza. She was quite shy and requested the perpetrators to let her go. But they were hurting, hurting and calling her names.

They raped her and sexually abused jointly and having group sex for hours and forced Sheeza to fulfill the sexual desires each of them. They were violent on her when she tired and committed sodomy to her as punish and give her injuries at her body with a blade when she did not obey them. They kept her in the fields for two days and nights and then took her in a rented house and kept her locked. She was continually raped and forced to fulfill sexual desires of the abductors otherwise they beat her and give her pain. After a month they invited other men to the house and used Sheeza as prostitute and still she was locked in the room. Sheeza asked Talha to let her go to her family but he threatened her for life and also that he will kill her parents. Talha also threatened Sheeza if she tried to escape he will kidnap her younger sister Kinza for the same purpose.

During the period she was not given food properly, she was so weak and helpless and has been facing long sexual violence. On December 20, 2020 she got chance to escape from the custody and went to a friend's place. She shared the whole incident and made a phone call to her brother Rehman Maqsood aged 19 to her him whereabouts. Rehman took Sheeza to relatives place for safety. He also asked his all family members to leave for safety because there was a threat by Talha and other abductors to the well-being of the family.

Through sources Sheeza Maqsood approached CTS for legal and medical assistance and shelter in CTS Panah. The family also requested for the permanent relocation for their safety and secure future of the survivor. Sheeza was enrolled in the Shelter on April 24, 2021.

21-Charlotte Javed:



Charlotte Javed aged 16, was kidnapped on March 26, 2021, sexually assaulted, and kept in illegal confinement for three months almost. She has been recovered through the Lahore High Court (LHC) on June 18, 2021 with the help of Christians' True Spirit – CTS as her father Javed Masih pleaded for the recovery of his underage daughter. The local police produced Charlotte in the court in very poor condition, swelled eyes, and deep violence injuries.

In the court she stated that Zafar (a Muslim) kidnapped her claiming that she is still, his wife as they got married under Islamic law in February 2019, and she was named Ayesha.

Charlotte further stated in the court that she was allegedly raped, and continually sexually abused by Zafar who made her severe violence. The court was very much concerned about her grieves and ordered the local police Faisalabad to bring her to the Hospital for Medico-Legal Report. The court also ordered the fast action of police for the case registered against the culprit and arrested him as soon as possible.

Context of the incident:



In the year 2019, Charlotte Javed 14-year-old teenager was abducted in Faisalabad and later "sold out" to a Muslim man named Zafar. After forcibly converting the underage girl to Islam, Zafar 'married'. A conversion certificate obtained stated that Charlotte had been renamed as Ayesha after 'willingly' converting to Islam on February 20, 2019, and happily married. She returned her parents' home after managing to flee the

house she was being kept in after 'marriage'. The girl, however, when produced before the court by Faisalabad police said that she had been abducted, sold, forcibly converted, and then forcibly married to a Muslim man.

She told in the court that she does not accept the fake marriage and wanted to live with her parents, the court ordered that the teenage girl be given in custody of her parents.

The only mistake was, Charlotte lived at the same place along with her parents and she faced persecution. Charlotte reported in the CTS office that she is not safe in her home town even her mother named Tasleem Javed and a sister named Chushman Javed are at risk by the Muslim extremists. The family struggled hard to get their daughter Charlotte back and spent all their savings on the legal expenses of the case. Therefore Tasleem Bibi along with Charlotte Javed and Chashman approached CTS for help and safety.

22- Sana Gill



Sana Gill d/o Allah Dittah Masih aged 17, resident of Pind Muridkay, Farooqabad was enrolled in Panah on April 20, 2021 with the reference of Pastor Amir Shahzad a local Presbyterian Church as she was not feeling safe at home after his family was attacked by Muslims and her mother passed away in this severe incident. Later the Muslims filed fake legal cases against her father Allah Dittah Masih and her brothers Sonu Nigam and Wasim Masih and they were in jail for 6 months.

The Muslim residents of the village always look for a chance to grab the Christians' land and make them run away from the area and they threatened Sana's family for dire consequences. Since they could not do so their persecution began in different stages.

After a great struggle Sono Nigam and his two brothers granted bail by the court through the help of CTS but Wasim bail was refused and it was painful for the family. Later on September 9, 2020 her brother Sono Nigam was kidnapped by the same land lord and kept him at the farm house for a week, torturing him day and night for nothing. With great difficulty Sono managed to escape from the farm house with deep injuries, cuts and pains.

Wasim after spending so many months in the jail was bailed out in November 2020 with the legal help by CTS, land lord's party attempted to kidnap Wasim after his release from the jail for that reason all family was escaped for safety. The case is still going on in the court and the legal team of CTS is working on it. The family broke down financially due to the situation and have no resources to meet the

unforeseen expenses occurred due to their mother's death and falls case filed against them. The family pleaded at CTS for financial and legal assistance.

Sana, the only daughter of Allah Dittah, studing in grade 10 was shocked because of the sudden death of her mother and legal case against her father and brothers. She was not willing to go to school because of fear of kidnapping. She was not feeling herself safe at home in these circumstances.

23- Ishrat Naureen



Ishrat Naureen d/o Parvez Masih aged 28, resident of Sialkot comes to a poor family. Her father works as a cleaner in a factory and her mother is a house wife whereas she is not healthy and suffers from diabetes. Ishrat has five siblings including her. She is the younger sister of Itirat Afsheen and due to the litigation she also feels not safe at home.

Since she has been enrolled to Panah started stitching class to learn professional skills to uplift her family. After matriculation she could not continue her studies because of financial restriction, but still hoping to support her parents in future.

24- Mary Roze



Mary Roze d/o Gufran Masih aged 15, lived along with her three brothers and parents in Farooqabad. Her father is the only bread winner and works in the bricks factory on low wages which is not sufficient to support the needs of six family members. Mary Roze and her three brothers are deprived of all basic needs including education.

Gufran Masih and his wife Salma Bibi requested CTS to provide opportunity to their daughter to learn Tailoring Skills living at Panah. He works in bricks factory as a bounded labor and unable to do for the better future of his children. Mary Roze is the only daughter and he is afraid of the attitude and aggression of the factory owners because there are a number of incidents of rape, kidnapping, forced conversion and marriage at the brick factories. Mary Roze is an intelligent, heard working and very much interested in learning skills. She wants to be a profession tailor and run a boutique.

25- Tamar Asif Gill



On September 10, 2021 CTS received a call from Mr. Tariq Chaman a senior journalist in Islamabad and Mr. Shahzad Sahotra political figure accompanied, informed about the kidnapping of a young Christian girl Tamar Asif.

Following the call CTS team visited Asif Gill and his family in Shamsabad Rawalpindi to collect the facts behind the kidnapping of Timar Gill.

Tamar Asif lived in Rawalpindi along with parents and two brothers. Her father Asif Masih is a tailor, he hardly manage the needs of his family including the education expenses of his all 3 children. Tamar was a student and waiting for the result after the matriculation examinations. She informed CTS Executive Director Katherine Sapna Karamat that she was working at a call center for the time when she waited for her metric result.



She wanted to work and collect some money for her admission in the eleventh grade because the high classes admission fees are often high which have to pay for a year in advance whereas her father was unable to bear high expenses of education as he hardly manage the family needs on daily bases. Asif become agreed for her work in the call center because Tamar's cousin sister already working there.

In a few days Tamar noticed a boy named Mohammad Faisal tried to get attention of Tamar, she wasn't interested in making boyfriends. She complained her father about this matter. Father encouraged her to keep working and to avoid boys in the call center. After about 15 days Tamar said that she does not want to go to work meanwhile she observed that Faisal made her calls and tried to talk to her while she was at home.

On August 30, 2021 Tamar went to the Church, on the way she was kidnapped by Mohammad Faisal. The family informed CTS that FIR no.1720/21 has been registered in the police station New Town District Rawalpindi offense under section 496 PPC on September 08, 2021 and demanded for justice and requested CTS for legal assistance for the recovery of their daughter Tamar Gill. The team went to the police station and had meeting with Mr. Husnain Investigation officer (IO) in the case and showed

the concern about kidnapping of Tamar a young Christian girl. IO ensured the team for full cooperation and that he will recover the girl as soon as possible. The police investigated the matter the call center where they got informed that Mohammad Faisal kidnapped the girl and also find clue that Faisal bring the girl to Rajanpur southwestern part of Punjab, Pakistan. On September 12, 2021 Police raided without any delay, recovered the girl after 10 days and also arrested Mohammad Faisal.



CTS team along with the parents met Tamar Gill in the police station New Town District Rawalpindi, she informed that she was forced to convert to Islam and forced to sign a marriage certificate. Katherine Sapna Executive Director assured the girl that she is safe and there is no reason to be worried.

September 14, 2021 Ms. Katherine encouraged Tamar Asif for the statement before the judge under section 164 Cr.P.C. and the legal team of the

Christians' True Spirit – CTS assisted her in the court to record her statement in the district courts Rawalpindi about her abduction, forced conversion, forced marriage, sexual harassment and sexual violence.

During the statement she was crossed by the opponent lawyers and pressurized as she was converted to Islam and that she cannot go back to a Christian family but Tamar determinedly asked the court that she is not converted and she want to go back to her family. It was a very bold step taken by Tamar and that was the reason family asked CTS team for the security and safety of the girl. The same day on September 14, 2021 Tamar was shifted to Lahore to live at Panah with the consent of her family and her free will.

26-Sheeza Babar



Sheeza Babar aged 17, lives in Sialkot along with her family. She was gospel singer while her mother was also the servant of God and she preaches in the church.

Her family approached CTS on September 8, 2021 informing that Sheeza was in life danger by the Muslims as she was kidnapped and forcedly converted to Islam.

Sheeza was a student of grade 11, and go to college regularly. A local young boy named Shahzaib aged 22, a Muslim started following her while passing through and made it routine. Sheeza did not inform her parents about this man who disturbed her daily because she was afraid that parents will not let her go to college. Shazaib tried many times to talk Sheeza but she did not response him.

One day when Seeza was returning home from college, Shahzaib kidnapped her, took her to an unknown place, raped her, converted to Islam and forced to get her married. He locked her in a room and did not allow going outside. Sheeza requested him to let her go back to her parents but he said no. Meanwhile Sheeza's parents filed a missing complain in the police station but could not find her.

On September 6, 2021 Shahzaib forgot his mobile phone in the room; Sheeza got chance to make a phone call to her father and inform that she has been kidnapped. Her father rushed to the police station and informed about the whereabouts of Sheeza. Her father begged police for the recovery of his daughter as soon as possible.

September 8, 2021family approached Christians' True Spirit – CTS through some sources and requested to provide Shelter for Sheeza's life safety and security as she was in danger by the Muslims.

27- Mehwish Asif:



Mehwish Asif aged 14 resident of Ghareebabad Sheikhupura belongs to a poor family. Her father is a laborer and mother is a domestic worker. Mehwish has one brother Danish Asif aged 13 and two younger sisters Mehak aged 5 and Neha 4 year-old.

Mehwish was missing; as she was kidnapped by Mohammad Imran a neighbor. Imran was a driver and stayed in the neighborhood for time

being. Mehwish's mother noticed and informed her father about her. The parents has been trying to find their daughter out but remained fail. On August 23, 2021 the parents came to know about court marriage of Mehwish along with Mohammad Imran – neighbor who was already married twice and had children. On this new the parents approached the local MNA and requested for the recovery of their daughter as she was under-age.

On August 27, 2021 Mehwish was recovered from the custody of Mohammad Imran through the help of MNA and local police. They kept the girl in safe hands, but worried to bring her back to home as she was married under Islamic rites and a conversion certificate of Mehwish was also prepared change her religion too.

After the recovery Mehwish's parents were on high threat of life if they did not let her go bak to Muslim man. Therefore through some sources Asif Masih and Nazia Bibi requested Christians' True Spirit – CTS for safe accommodation of Mehwish. They requested for the legal assistance for the dissolution of Islamic marriage.

28- Rina Nazir



Rina Nazir aged 17, d/o Nazir Masih and Sardara Bibi lived among parents, two brothers and one sister at Jinnah Park Jaranwala City, District Faisalabad.

On October 31, Rina Nazir, and her mother Sardaran Bibi aged 55, were alone at home suddenly they heard knocking at the door and three men including Kashif (a local rickshaw diver) entered the house for looting. After robbing things they took (kidnapped) Rina along with him. Because Kashif was a local man and Rina's mother recognized his face therefore Rina's parents and other family members went to Kashif's uncle for the recovery of their daughter, but Kashif's uncle attacked them and beat severely.



Kashif and his companions took Rina to an unknown place where they raped and sexually abused her for five days, later they forced her to embrace Islam as they supposed to marry her to one of them to save themselves from the court case. Rina flatly refused the boys and said that she is a Christian and only believe in Jesus Christ. She cannot accept Islam

even if they kill her. Kashif and other beat her harshly; she got multiple injuries on her face and other sensitive parts of the body.

She got severely injured by biting on her nipples and damaged her vagina due to continue rape by three men. Her collarbone and right arm was fractured.



On Nov 5, 2021 Kashif again asked Rina for conversion to Islam and when she refused, he started beating her and pressed her throat to kill her. He shouted, if she is not converted, he will be arrested and put in to the prison in a rape case. The only safe way for him was Rina's conversion and Islamic marriage otherwise they will definitely kill her. On Nov 06, Rina fled for safety, she asked for help a woman passing by the road. The woman took injured Rina to her home and informed her parents. Rina's father

Nazir Masih immediately come to the place and took Rina with him back home. Nazir Masih lodged case FIR no. 769/21 offense under section 365 B in the police station Jaranwala City, District Faisalabad.

A number of cases of sexual violence, harassment, child abuses, rape and forced conversion have been registered in the COVID – 19 and severely affected the routine life. Youth has become frustrated because of unemployment and for loss in the businesses. Inflation has affected people unexpectedly and forced youth to get involved in robbery, heinous crimes and different criminal activities.

This case left painful memories to Rina Nazir and her family, parents are worried about the safety of their daughters and requested CTS to provide safe accommodation to the Rina and her sister Iram for a certain period of time to ensure their safe living and peace of mind.

29- Iram Nazir:



Iram Nazir D/o Nazir Masih aged 24, is sister of Rina Nazir resident of Jarawala. Because of the incident the girls are in fear of kidnapping as they receive continue threats by the accused and his companions. Since Rina's parents have lodged against Mohammad Kashif he is absconded, and the police is failed to get the accused arrested. Meanwhile he got pre-arrest from the session's court Jaranwala which was rejected but he run away from the court and police could not arrest him at the spot. He started threatening victim and her parents to withdraw the case otherwise he will kidnap their girls Rina and Iram and will get them married at a time.

Presently, the accused has again got pre-arrest bail by the Lahore High Court and the case is under court proceeding. The parents and also the girls are frightened by the Kashif as they do not feel safe at home.

On September 14, 2021 Nazir Masih approached Christians' True Spirit – CTS for medical assistance, legal assistance and safe accommodation of Rina Nazir and Iram Nazir in Panah.

30- Mona Bibi:



Mona Bibi w/o Adeel Masih aged 38, resident of Lahore Cantt. On August 4, 2021 she ran away with her younger son to her sister's house but she felt unsafe because her husband has threatened her for life she approached CTS on August 13, 2021 with the reference of Miss Arooj Saqib. Mona was facing Domestic violence since 2010 to 2021. Ms. Katherine Sapna Executive Director of CTS has taken the decision to keep Mona and her son in CTS shelter home for sake of her security and to provide her, legal assistance and medical support. Mona Bibi w/o Adeel Masih aged 40 resident of Cantt Lahore is married and blessed with 5 children, including three daughters and two

sons. Mona and Adeel were known to each other, being in love they got married in the year 2008 against the will of their families.



Adeel's family already disliked Mona therefore soon after their wedding they started blaming and accusing her, and often had long disputes on petty issues. After marriage Mona came to know that Adeel was addicted and he do not work. After one year of marriage Mona was blessed with a baby boy but since the time of her pregnancy to the delivery of child her parents were responsible for the medical as well as health care and the same was for the 2nd and 3rd child. Her parents were very much supportive and they paid for the expenses and needs of her kids. Mona loved her husband from the depth of her heart therefore she tolerated with his all negligence's and carelessness. She never wanted to leave her husband at any cost.

Adeel's mother and sisters poisoned him against Mona therefore their love marriage turned in to misery. They forced Adeel to ask Mona for work as a domestic worker to fulfill her and her children's needs. In August 2020 Mona becomes agreed because her children were growing and she needs money not only for their food but for their education as well. On the other hand her mother in-law and sister asked Adeel about Mona's character as she was a vulgar lady. Therefore Adeel become more sexual towards her and committed sex after he was over drunk and when Mona refused for sexual activity he beat her and said that she is a bitch. He was in doubt that Mona was having relations with someone at her work, therefore he was more wild and violent. On December 28, 2020 there was a wedding ceremony at her work, Mona had to stay for extra work and returned home with a lot of food, many gifts and sweets from the family for helping them in arrangements and working during the wedding. Adeel become offended when he saw the gifts, he said that she was telling a lie but another man gave her all these gifts. Without any investigation and without asking Mona about the gifts he locked her in the room without food and water and said that she cannot go to the work again and even she cannot meet her children. He threatened Mona for life that she is a cheater and has no right to live. He said that if she tried to run away he will kill her and her children. As punish he burn Mona with cigarettes and did not believe her saying that she was not a cheater. Mona begged him to trust her and said to him repeatedly that she loved him and she can die for him if he wants. She became helpless and stopped arguing and convincing Adeel. Meanwhile Adeel did not allow Mona for feeding her 4 months baby named Shoaib Adeel.

About three days Mona was locked and she could not go to her work also did not made any phone call to her elder sister. Her sister Asmat Bibi was concerned; she rushed to Mona's place and inquired about her well-being. When she saw Mona she requested Adeel to release her.

Asmat Bibi approached CTS and asked legal help for the recovery of Mona from the custody of her husband as he confined her without providing food and water. On the other hand she could not feed her little baby. On August 13, 2021 Mona's sister recovered her through the help of CTS and requested to provide her safe accommodation at Panah. Since the period Mona lives in Panah along with her son Shoaib Adeel and her other children living with their father. Mona feels life danger from her husband and therefore she wanted to live separate from him for some time period to avoid any mishap in future.

31- Muqadas Prince



Muqadas Prince aged 18 wife of Prince Shaukat aged 23 belongs to a poor family lived at Nae-abaadi Nokhar Farooqabad, Sheikhupura among her 5 siblings and parents Umardaraz (father) and Zareena Bibi (mother).

Muqadas approached Christian's True Spirit CTS on July 19, 2021 and reported domestic violence she gone through in some previous months by her husband. She got married to Prince Shaukat on November 17, 2019. The early days of marriage were pretty good as a nice marital life but later about five months, there were some complications. She noticed that Prince was losing interest in her and stayed outside house often. He was not earning and refused providing basic commodities and households. Very soon the trivial matters become the reason of major disputes among the couple and Prince started beating Muqadas for petty issues.

Muqadas reported at CTS that she faced violence not only by her husband but also her father in-law, mother in-law and brother in-law. Whenever she complained her husband he himself beat her and abused sexually. She reported her marriage period two years and during the time she got pregnant twice but her in-laws and her husband was not willing to keep the child at this stage and they forcefully terminated her pregnancy each time. Prince wanted to enjoy his life as a bachelor and was interest in other women too.

In Feb 2021, Muqadas came to know about a secret relation among Prince and his real aunt living in Karachi to whom he visited often and stayed long.

Muqadas was depressed and when she inquired her husband about such relation, he became aggressive, beat her severely and locked her in the room for three days without giving her food and toilet facility. It was really tough for Muqadas to handle this miserable situation as she was expecting too. Her husband kicked her out after severe beating as she got fractured in her arm and injuries in different parts of her body. Muqadas's parents took care of her needs and also managed her treatment at the orthopedic for arm fracture and helped her to recover other injuries too.



After 15 days on February 25, 2021 Muqadas's parents along with some well-known men in the locality approached her in-laws for patch-up and reunion of the couple. Muqadas hardly controlled her emotions and wanted to start a fresh along with her husband because she was pregnant but she could not establish good marital relations as her husband still feeling insulting for asking about his affairs. She faced severe sexual violence as her husband continued harsh attitude towards her and again denied to keep the baby as he was more interested to be

in relation with her aunt. She was about 4 months pregnant and he again made a plan to terminate her pregnancy and forced her for abortion, Muqadas was not convinced, her husband threatened her for the consequences. On May 28, 2021 Prince along with his mother started beating and kicking in her belly and dragged her from the stairs until she started bleeding and lost her baby. Later they made a phone call to her parents to take their daughter to the hospital emergency for proper abortion. Since the time Muqadas lived at her parent's place, receiving continuous life threats. Poor parents worked on low wages and could not support her proper medical treatment, they came to know about the Christian's True Spirit – CTS and approached for legal assistance, medical assistance and shelter facility.

32- Rani Shahbaz and her three daughters



Rani Shahbaz aged 45 resident of Gujranwala lived along with her three daughters namely Rimsha Shahbaz aged 18, Nisha Shahbaz aged 16 and Neha Shahbaz aged 12. Her husband Shahbaz was addicted of liquor alcohol, didn't work properly, Rani asked her husband many times to mend his ways and to stop drinking alcohol. Instead of doing work seriously and earn money for the family needs he started beating Rani and having conflicts in routine.

Rani started working as a cook and housekeeper to support her family needs and education expenses of her daughters. About 5 years ago her husband left Rani and her daughters alone to live on their own. She struggled hard and faced financial problems but she never stopped her daughter's education. Rimsha was in the high secondary education as she was interested in doing ICS, Nisha was in grade 10 and Neha in grade 9 of computer sciences. Rani wanted her girls' high education by hook or by crook. While the children grew her needs increased and also their education expenses become high. In the year 2021 Rani was in a severe problem, she paid dues of her daughters in the school and get Rimsha admission in ICS but she could not pay the house rent for 6 months and also could not pay at the grocery store. And the time come when house owner forced her to leave the place and also the man at the departmental store demanded to pay the amount and warned her for not giving her more grocery items.

Rani became worried as she had not money to buy food for her daughters. She often shared her problems with her Muslim neighbor and requested her for some money as a loan. But her neighbor insulted her and started black mailing her later he forced Rani for conversion to Islam. He said if she converted she will be helped by Muslim's around and they will give her a beautiful house as a gift for accepting Islam. Rani and her daughters become worried and she shared the matter with Christian leaders in Gujranwala and begged for help, showed her fear that Muslims will kidnap her daughters and they will convert her in to Islam. She was referred to the Christians' True Spirit – CTS on July 1, 2021 with the reference of Pastor Amir Shahzad for the safe accommodation of Rani and her three daughters.

CTS provided shelter and supported them financially to pay their loans and also Rimsha's fee for ICS first semester and that she could appear in her annual examination. The other two girls went to St. Joseph School (convent school) for their education with the help of CTS. After 3 months living in shelter Rani along with her daughters left back to her relatives on September 27, 2021.

33- Samina Bibi



Samina Anwar aged 20, resident of Bhatta Khashat Karamat Bricks Company Baroye Chak # 36 RB Sangla Hill district Sheikhupura along with her parents and siblings family. They lived at the brick factory as bounded labors and Samina worked in the factor along with her parents and elder brothers Sagar aged 22 and Sawar aged 18. Life of the bounded labors is not easy, while living at the brick factory this poor family faced difficulties in routine life. They were deprived of basic facilities such as clean water, sewerage as well as toilet and bathroom. They use to go outside in the field for the toilet where the girls often become the victim of sexual abuse and Samina was one of them.

On July 18, 2021 at about 04:30 pm she went out for the toilet, as she walked some distance two Muslim boys named Mohammad Bilal aged 24 and Ramzan aged 23 kidnapped Samina and took her to Farooqabad another city where they kept her in a small house. The boys raped Samina one by one and kept her forcing for conversion and marriage under Islam. Samina begged for help and cried to let her go back to her parents. She faced fifteen days confinement and sexual violence. The boys threatened Samina for life if she tried to go back to her parents. On July 25, 2021 she managed to escape and returned to her parents. She cried for help and safety. She was in fear that boys will follow her and kill her if they find her again. Samina's father and mother requested Christians' True Spirit CTS and asked for the legal assistance for Samina's protection and shelter for safe living. Mr. Qasir John Advocate High Court legal advisor CTS pursuing the legal case in the court of Sangla Hill District Sheikhupura.

34- Neha alias Amna



A girl named Neha (Muslim name Amna) aged 18, resident of Youhannabad near prince academy Mundari Chowk Dulam Kalam Lahore. She was forcefully converted to Islam by Shahzad Ali after that he married her on Sep 10, 2018.

Neha was the first child of her parents and student of 8th grade, due to the financial position of the family she could not keep continue her school and later she joined an academy for her better education. In the academy the girls and boys both come for study.

Neha got involved in her class mate named Shahzad Ali and later they were in a relation. Shahzad Ali asked Neha to get her married but she refused as she was having a different faith. Neha wants to have good friendship with Shahzad but not willing to get him married. On September 10, 2018 Shahzad invited Neha to his place to have some time together but forced her to embrace Islam and get him married under Islam. He confined Neha in a room and did not let her go back to home. Raped her and kept her in custody. Through sources Neha's parents could know about her conversion and Islamic marriage and did not follow the kidnapping case because of financial restrictions. Neha's father was a motor mechanic and doing labor to earn daily bread for his children.

On the other hand Shahzad's family did not accepted Neha because she was a Christian and he living in a separate home along with her as a married couple. He did not allow Neha to go out and never wanted her to have contact with her parents. On Feburary 26, 2020 Neha gave birth to a baby boy and Shahzad named him Muhammad Hassan Raza. Now Shahzad was feeling unsecure about Neha taking his child away with her to her parents place therefore shifted with her parents. Neha was like a prisoner in this house and she often demanded meeting to her parents and siblings and for that reason Shahzad become violent towards her. Her mother-in-law also disliked her as she blamed her for having illicit relations with her father-in-law and brother-in-law. Therefore Shahzad locked her in the room with her child and did not care about her sickness or other needs. On November 15, 2021 Shahzad and her mother beat Neha severely and threatened her for life, they did not give her food for three days while she was locked in the room. She was fed-up of this routine and luckily she got chance to escape safely along with her son and came to her parents place on November 17, 2021. Her parents become worried to see her in very bad condition. Through some resources Neha's father Afzal Masih approached Christians' True Spirit - CTS and share the miserable story of Neha on November 18, 2021 and requested for legal support and shelter to live safe.

35- Kidnapping and sexual violence of Rabia Tariq age 18,



Rabia d/o Tariq resident of LDA 86 People's Colony Lahore, kidnapped on March 17, 2021. Her parents filed a kidnapping FIR in the local police station on May 18, 2021 FIR no. 474/21 offence under section 365-B of Pakistan Penal Code on dated March 18, 2021 in Harbans Pura District Lahore.

On May 27, 2021 Rabia's parents approached Christian's True Spirit - CTS for the legal assistance to get justice and their beloved daughter back to the family. The parents informed CTS staff; their daughter was kidnapped and forcedly married to the abduction.

CTS has taken the case and assured the parents for the legal support.

The statement of Rabia's parents:

Tariq Masih and Shahnaz BiBi have three children, two boys and a girl. He is the employ in WAPDA while Shahnaz BiBi is a house wife. They stated Rabia left school because of some financial problems and later she wanted to get skills of beautician to become an earning hand for the family. She got admission in a beauty salon nearer to the house where she could go by walk. After completing beauty courses she started dealing customers at home and in very short time she becomes a very good beautician in the area. She started earning good.

Suddenly, on dated March 17, 2021 Rabia was missing from home at 4:00am (early in the morning), her parents tried hard to find her out but remained fail. abducted by accused Majeed alias Kaka and his sister Naseem BiBi, we set Rabia's wedding date on April 10, 2021 but accused Majeed alias Kaka kidnapped my daughter before marriage.

36- Komal Sohail



Komal Sohail d/o Sohail Masih aged 17, lived along with her family in Youhanabad Lahore. She is the only daughter among her three younger brothers. Her father Sohail Masih work as a laborer and mother Samina Bibi was a domestic worker, although she was sick but still working and trying to meet the financial challenges. The poor family lived in a rented house, during the COVID-19 they could not pay the house rent for three months because they do not work in lockdown. Her father requested the house owner Mohammad Zain for concession in the rent and that he will pay him in installments. Sohail Masih could not find work because of COVID/lockdown, and Samina Bibi also stopped domestic work as the people did not allow her to come to their houses until the lockdown.

On November 28, 2020 Mohammad Zain came to ask for the rent, Komal Sohail was alone at home by chance; she informed him that her parents are not at home and suggested him to visit when they are at home. Zain said to Komal he want to come inside and talk to her but Komal did not opened door for him.

A few days later Zain again come to collect the house rent, and again asked Komal that he was interested in talking to her but she was not. Mohammad Zain said that if she will make sexual contact with him he will not ask for her parents for the house rent which was increased now. Komal said that they will pay his all dues as soon as possible but she was not interested in him to develop any connection with him.



Once, Komal was in the market for buying commodities and house hold when Mohammad Zain asked her to pay for her grocery items in the market. Komal got annoyed and irritated and refused his money and said that why he is following her. Mohammad Zain felt insulting and he kidnapped Komal on January 15, 2021 from her home in the absence of other family members, except her sick mother who was helpless to save her daughter. She shouted and tried to call someone for help. Zain warned her mother that no one can save Komal, he said that he will convert

her in to Islam and get marry and there is no law which can stop him for making sexual relation to her.

Samina Bibi (mother) made a phone call to her husband about the incident, he rushed to home and both went to the police station for the registration of case FIR (kidnapping & rape) against Mohammad Zain. Police did not register the case but asked the parents to wait for the Islamic marriage and conversion of their daughter.

On Feb 15, 2021 distressed parents approached CTS and asked for help to recover their daughter from the custody of Mohammad Zain. The deputed advocate filed habeas petition in the High Court for the recovery. On 18 Feb, 2021 Court appointed a bailiff for the recovery of Komal and produces her in the court to know about the facts of the case. Komal stated in the court that she was kidnapped and forced to convert and married. She also reported that she was sexually abused and she faced severe violence in the custody. She informed the court that she was punished for the strict attitude as Mohammad Zain said that how dare she is that she refused him to entertain as she is a woman and also a Christian woman. She wept in the court and said that she faced severe sexual violence. Court has ordered to the local police for the immediate arrest of Mohamamd Zain. The accused is an influenced on the local police and therefore the police did not arrest and suggested Zain to apply for the post-arrest bail so that he will not be arrested.

Komal and her family (6 members) including Komal Sohail her 3 brothers and parents are in life danger while the culprit is not arrest and meanwhile they are given shelter by CTS.

37- Muqadas Taufail and Yasmeen Ashraf

On January 20, 2021 Ashraf Masih aged 48 resident of Chunian Gate village Khudian District Kasur approached CTS office in Lahore and requested for legal assistance in the case of her daughter Yasmeen Ashraf aged 16 missing for about one month.

He reported that he is a poor man and unable to afford the needs of the family therefore his young daughter helps him to run the house. She works as a domestic worker; on December 14, 2020 at 11:00 am Yasmeen went to her work and did not return to home. The poor parents started her finding out at her work and relatives but remained fail. Ashraf Masih registered a missing complaint for her daughter in the local police station. Police inquired the matter and arrested Sajid Ali (a local Muslim and a shop keeper) for investigation but he was not ready to give any clue.

The distressed family approached CTS for help to recover their daughter.

Background of the case:

Following the report by the oppressed family CTS fact-finding team visited the village Chunian Gate village Khudian District Kasur and inquires the matter. By meeting the locals CTS found that Muqadas Taufail, 15 years is a best friends of Yasmeen aged 16. They were relatives and work together, play together and more or often live together.

During the meeting Muqadas Taufail informed CTS team that they both work in nearby a Muslim residential area for last three years. On the way to their work it was a pan-shop (Tobacco Shop) of SAJID ALI aged 45, a local resident. The girls noticed him staring on them while passing through and sometimes passing compliments too. With the passage of time the shopkeeper wins their trust and in a few days they become friendly to each other, the man invited these young girls for a little party. In the second week of September 2020, the girls went to a festival to enjoy rides in the nearby a park where Sajid Ali followed them and offered cold drink & burgers to eat and the girls became agree to this offer.

Later, once again Sajid Ali along with his friend Adnan Shah about 35 years-old offered the girls a trip to Kasur, the girls showed willingness to join them on September 23, 2020. Sajid Ali and Adnan Shah picked up the girls and bring them to Pattoki city at some other friend Mohammad Riaz's place. The men harassed girls sexually and forced to commit adultery. They became violent on girls and all three men raped the girls repeatedly. Later they threatened the girls for life and if they tell anyone about the happening they will be more violent towards the girls and their families. In the evening they dropped the girls back to their homes, they did tell nothing to their parents and just kept quiet. Yasmeen and Muqadas both were in severe pain in lower belly because of continue sex for two and half hours but could not share the matter to anyone.

On September 30, 2020 Sajid Ali again forced the girls to come with him and said that he want to bring them to shopping. The girls refused going with him but on gun point he asked them to sit in the car, instead of taking them to the market he bring them to a friend's house and forced the girls for sexuality as there were six men already. The girls started crying for help but the all six men committed rape wildly. Later they made it routine and started blackmailing the girls and threatened them for life if they refuse to come with them to fill their sexual needs. It was an advantage for the men they picked up the girls from the way to their work and drop them back in the village. That is why no one could guess even the family could not know about the girl's activities. On every trip the girls met new men and experienced a different violence continue for 6 months. Muqadas said that the men started making money by using them, they already fixed time and day with the men and bring the girls to their places for sexuality and meanwhile they committing sex with the girls themselves.

Due to continue sexual activity Muqadas got serious wounds. She was unable to walk properly therefore she stopped working in the town, avoid going outside the house meanwhile Yasmeen was facing the sexual violence alone. Sajid Ali did not want to lose Yasmeen as he lost Muqadas therefore he kidnapped Yasmeen on December 14, 2020. She faced beating, kicking, biting her breasts, bites on her body and even she was given marks with blades on the vital parts of her body she experienced serious violence by the drunk and wild people every day and night as a prostitute. She was given intoxication and drugs to use her for long sexual activities and she became addicted of liquor alcohol and something like tablets.

On January 16, 2021 Yasmeen got a chance to make a phone call to her father, sweepingly telling her whereabouts. Yasmeen informed that she is in Lahore somewhere with a woman named Sadia who forced her in to sex with many people every day and night. Yasmeen cried and asked her father to help her to come out from this hard situation as she was not willing to stay there.

Ashraf Masih immediately informed CTS and through police CTS traced out the location and recovered Yasmeen from illegal detention of Sadia at Kamahan Lahore on January 24, 2021 at 2:00 am early morning.

On January 28, 2021 after completing the legal requirements in the police station as well as recording of Yasmeen's statement under section 164 in the district court Kasur and medico legal report at DHQ Kasur CTS handed over the girl to her parents. Soon later Sajid Ali and gang started threatening the girl and her parents and warned for the consequences. They also mentioned, not only Yasmeen but this time they will take Muqadas too, with them in the presence of their parents. The police is ready to take an action against the abductors of Yasmeen and the gang who forcefully used Muqadas and Yasmeen for sexuality, but the meantime they families are under threat especially the girls are facing life threats. The culprits said that they will kill the evidence of kidnapping, rape and sexual abuse by killing Yasmeen and Muqadas.

The families of the survivors have fled for safety and girls have been accommodated at CTS shelter for the immediate emergency.

38-Abduction of a young lady and gang rape



Muskan Sabir aged 19, a young lady was kidnapped and gang raped in Sialkot on March 30, 2021. After four days she escaped from the custody of the culprits and reached to her parents place on April 02, 2021. The parents noted that she was depressed and in very bad physical condition.

On April 09, 2021 the distressed parents along with Muskan Sabir approached Christians' True Spirit – CTS for legal assistance and medical assistance of their beloved who became the victim of severe sexual violence.

Muskan was still in a shock and trauma; it seems that she was under a severe threat by the accused for not telling about the happening.

Talking to the CTS staff Muskan informed that it was the evening of March 30, at about 9:15pm, she went to her neighbors (next door) call them for prayer service, incidentally she was kidnaped by two unknown and taken to an unfamiliar place. Because of the darkness outside she could not recognize those men. Muskan shouted for help and the kidnappers give her intoxication to get her fainted. When she came to the senses she found herself among four young men. They committed her rape repeatedly one after another. The men were addicted and after drinking alcohol they abused the girl

sexually and kept Muskan locked in a small room tied with ropes and raped her continually for four days.

On April 2, 2021 the men were over drunk, they forgot to lock the room and to tie Muskan with a rope. They were all sleeping when Muskan got chance to escape successfully in the midnight and reached to her parents place, she was in a bad health. The parents took her immediately to the hospital for medical checkup and also approached Police Station for the registration of rape case FIR no. 156/21 offence under section 365B PPC on Dated 01-04-2021 in Cantt Sialkot Police Station. Muskan also recorded her statement under section 164 PPC and nominated the accused for rape and sexual violence. The concerned police have arrested three accused on the statement of the survivor and send them to the jail.



Sabir Masih reported to the CTS that they are facing pressure and continue threat by the accused to withdraw the case. Poor parents are afraid for the life and living hide, seeking assistance and a place to live safe among six children four daughters and two sons.

At the present the accused persons are threatening Muskan's family members to withdraw the case otherwise they will kidnap Muskan again and kill her.

The survivor along with her poor family approached Christians' True Spirit (CTS) for the immediate shelter for the live safety, legal assistance to punish the culprits and family assistance for permanent relocation where they live safe and also get justice in the rape case.

39-Saba Yaqoob face sexual violence



Saba Yaqoob aged 23, resident of Feroz-wala Lahore and Asher Masih resident City Lahore were in love and got married in the year 2017 against the wish of their parents. Due to this wedlock the couple was blessed with two daughters Neha Asher aged 2 and Reema Asher three months old.

Asher was a professional movie maker and he used to programs of weddings, birthdays and parties for earning well. After his marriage to Saba he does not do work seriously and because of financial crises they had disputes on petty issues.

Six months later, in March 2018 Saba was blessed and got first pregnancy, when Asher comes to know about pregnancy he forced Saba for abortion because they were not financially stable. The other hand Saba was not willing for abortion and the same was the reason of disputes among them. The issue prolonged, Asher started beating up Saba on trivial matters and because of continue violence Saba faced miscarriage. He became addicted of liquor and after drinking he sexually abused Saba.

It was November 2018 when Saba got pregnant again but she did not informed her husband because of the last experience. In the fourth month Saba avoided her husband for sexual relations as she does not wanted any mishap this time. The other side Asher becomes irritated and violent when she refused to fulfill his sexual need. Saba had to disclose her pregnancy and advised her husband to be careful as she does not want any mishap again. Asher started beating Saba because of keeping secret of her pregnancy, he committed intercourse aggressively and said that he wants only baby boy and if this is a baby girl he will kill her and her child.

On August 20, 2019 Saba gave birth to her baby girl, it made her husband furious he attempted murder attacks on the child and mother but they remained safe due to the on time involvement of her neighbors. Asher kicked Saba out along with her baby daughter, she comes to her parents place and younger brother supported her all needs. Poor parents were unable to keep her for long because of financial restriction, they requested her husband for reconciliation and later Asher was willing to take Saba to home in December 2019 on two conditions.

- 1- That she will not accept pregnancy for three years because he wants to enjoy sexual activities.
- 2- The second child will be baby boy only.

This time Asher was more sexual and also started committing sodomy. In June 2020, she was again pregnant and that was not acceptable to her husband as he wanted to enjoy only sex.. He threatened Saba for consequences if she again gives birth to a girl. Saba was under pressure and always praying for her good time after the birth of child as she does not know it was a boy or girl.

On March 18, 2021 Saba gave birth to another baby girl and being afraid of her husband she escaped to her parents and did not informed Asher about the baby either it was girl or boy. When her husband came to her parents place and knew about the birth of a baby girl he become violent and bring Saba back to home forcefully. He treated her inhumanly and harshly. He started severe beating to both Saba and her little daughter. He confined Saba at home and stopped providing commodities and all basic needs including women stuff. Saba requested him to let her go to her parents if he cannot fulfill their needs.



Asher do not want any argue he just cut the hairs of Saba (all in imbalanced shape), trimmed her eyebrows and also made cuts on her face as a punish to look dirty and ugly and that she cannot go anywhere with this bad face. It was not enough for Asher as he wanted to do more but Saba managed escape to her parents along with her three months baby girl.

Saba came to know about CTS and approached for help on June 12, 2021

and asked for legal assistance as she wanted to file a criminal case against her husband for attempting murder, sexual violence and threat to life. She wanted a safe accommodation for herself and children to live in peace in future.

40- Mehwish Safdar



Mehwish Safdar aged 28 is a victim of violence. Mehwish is resident of Muridkay a small city of District Sheikhupura. She is married to Amir Masih s/o Chama Masih and the couple is blessed with two kids Anmool Amir (daughter) aged 3 and Samar Amir (son) aged 2.

Amir Masih work as a laborer in a factory in Lahore on daily wages and due to the daily travel costs he stayed in the factory for the week and after a week when he received wages, comes to visit his wife and children at home for one day. Mehwish live at home alone with two minors and managed house hold alone on daily bases.

Mehwish was raped by two men from locality one the cable operator and the other is a property dealer, they entered her house and raped at gun point. Mehwish reported CTS that she faced every day sexual harassment for three months through phone calls, passing by the road or streets and in the market even at her home a place she can feel maximum protected.

Background of the incident:

Mehwish and Amir lived at Sheikhupura Road Mohallah Mubarakabad where two local residents namely Ijaz Ali a cable operator and Nomee Chattah who are known in the area for their criminal activities started harassing Mehwish sexually when her husband go to work. Ijaz often come to her house to collect cable fee and showed interest in Mehwish and later he wanted to develop sexual relations. She felt very uncomfortable and was never interested in any sexual activity to commit with Ijaz. She avoided disclosing the matter to her husband because of our culture in Pakistan and for being afraid off any mishap afterwards. She could not handle and stop sexual advances of Ijaz Ali he pressurized, threatened and raped her repeatedly in the absence of her husband.



Mehwish wished to share all this with her husband but could not gather courage as her husband could blame her for the same. She asked her husband to change their house location as she was not comfortable here and to find a house with more economical rent.

They found a house at Mohalla Mubarakabad, Muridkay on a reasonable rent. It was an apartment where a few other families live too and Mehwish feel it was safe for her to live. She was continually followed by Ijaz through phone calls and he used vulgar language. Ijaz saw Mehwish in the Market and followed her to home to know the place where she lived.

On September 19, 2019 she was alone at home along with her children when Ijaz Ali armed with the deadly weapon and Nomee Chattah his close friend entered to Mehwish home and put the gun on Mehwish's children sleeping on the bed to force her committing adultery. They raped Mehwish one by one and warned her to keep her mouth shut. They threatened her for the life of her children and husband if she discloses the matter. On the gun point they both asked her cooperation to fulfill their sexual needs weekly or whenever they want. One of the neighbors notices two men armed with gun going out of Mehwish's house. When they inquired Mehwish busted and started crying, she told the all story and how she was threatened and raped repeatedly.

With the help of neighbors, Mehwish filed a police case against her rapists FIR no.530/2019 offense under section 376 PPC and the same was dismissed and canceled by the police because of the influenced Ijaz Ali and Nomee Chattah as they pay monthly bribe to the police. They are criminals and above 150 criminal FIRs are registered against them in the different police stations already.

Instead the Police threatened and suggested Mehwish to keep quiet for the safety and wellbeing of her husband. Mehwish facing continue sexual harassment by Ijaz Ali and Nomee Chattah whereas her husband left her alone and helpless blaming her characterless. On Feb 28, 2020 Mehwish was again raped by four people including Ijaz Ali, Nomee Chattah and two others.

Mehwish is referred to CTS by the locals and she requested for shelter along with her two children. She also requested for legal assistance in filing a private case against her rapists. CTS filed a private complaint of Mehwish in the District and Session's Court Ferozewala Sheikhupura.

Special reports of families' relocation

41- Pastor Arshad Masih murdered by a coworker

On February 15, 2021 the Christians' True Spirit – CTS received a phone call by some locals in Sheikhupura about the killing of Pastor Arshad Masih by a Muslim coworker in the spring factory Sheikhupura because of his Christian faith.



CTS visited the place and met the family to know the real facts behind the murder. The family informed to the team that Arshad Masih work in the spring factory for almost two years. Arshad Masih was a good reputed man among the colleagues and also the management for his honesty and good work and got promotion in a very short time. Atif Ali a Muslim fanatic who worked in the same unit was jealous of Arshad Masih.

Samina Bibi wife of Arshad, reports that Ali was

unhappy with the promotion of her husband and against the decision of the factory owners. Ali was hired about four or five months ago and he wanted promotion to lead the workers and often teased and opposed Arshad when taking the lead at work.

The sources informed that Ali was a fanatic Muslim and often initiated religious discussions and abused Christianity. He invited Arshad Masih openly to convert to Islam, and threatened for life when he refused, Arshad was upset for about a week, shared the matter with his wife but he wasn't too much frightened.

On December 14, Arshad Masih, went to the factory in a routine, Atif Ali attacked him with a knife. According to the family Atif killed Masih because of his refusal to convert to Islam. When Ali attacked Arshad, he stabbed him eight times with a knife. Someone informed the local police about the incident. Ali told the police that he had killed a kafir, a blasphemer and washed his hands as "he did not want the blood of a blasphemer on his hands. Police FIR 664/20 against Atif Ali and started investigating the case.

The deceased left a young wife Samina Arshad aged 36 and two daughters Kirmal Arshad aged 8 and Joyce Arshad aged 3. On March 6, 2021 Patras Masih father of Arshad Masih approached CTS office in Lahore and requested for the shelter to Samina Arshad and her daughters at Panah. He also requested for the legal assistance in the murder case of Arshad Masih as they want justice. Patras Masih showed his concerns about the safety of Samina and her daughters while the court proceedings started in the court for the charge frame of the accused and trial.

CTS willing provided shelter to the family and also pursue the case in the court. The accused has applied for two times for his post-arrest bail, but on time interferences of CTS legal team and contesting the bail application resulted to the refusal of bail of Atif Ali.

42- Pranjali Victor faced sexual violence and forced conversion



Young Paranjil (Pranjali) d/o Victor Bashir Bhatti aged 21, resident of Kashmir Colony Karachi faced sexual harassment/violence by her class-fellow Kashif Arshad aged 23.

Pranjali belongs to a middle class Christian family, her father works as a security guard in Defense housing authority and trying hard to meet the daily needs of the family as well as the education expenses of Pranjali and other kids whereas her mother Rimsha Victor is a house wife.

Pranjali is a student of SAK Institute of Nursing & Health Science Karachi as she wanted to be a doctor. She was very friendly among her all colleagues either girls or boys. Kashif Arshad aged 23 was one of her friends, who asked Pranjali that he has arranged a birthday party at his home for her birthday celebration on July 20, 2021 and other colleagues are also invited to join them.

Pranjali came to Kashif's place around 2pm and found nothing like birthday Party. Kashif took Pranjali inside the house and introduced her to his mother and other family members. She was offered a drink and later Kashif said that he wants to get her married. Kashif and his mother forced Pranjali for conversion of religion before marriage; Pranjali did refuse this proposal and also refused for conversion to Islam. Kashif warned Pranjali for dire consequences, blamed for blasphemy as she refused to embrace Islam as it was a humiliation of religion.



She was astonished and not expecting this all. Pranjali texted her maternal uncle, telling him about the situation, she shared location for her rescue. She was crying and praying for help, requested Kashif to let her go home. Kashif became furious and violent he dragged Pranjali in the room, threatened her for life and abused sexually. Pranjali tried to stop him as she was in her monthly period, which made Kashif more aggressive and he

committed sodomy with her. Pranjali requested Kashif to let her go to home but he kept her harassing and sexually abusing, also attempted to kill her when she denied for embracing Islam for marriage.

He snatched Pranjali's cell phone and locked her in the room, meanwhile her uncle approached Kashif's house inquired about Pranjali but they refused telling her whereabouts. Later with the help of police he recovered Pranjali on July 21, 2021 unconscious and locked in a room. Since she returned to her family accused kept on threatening her for life and made her life miserable.

Pranjali's uncle approached Christians' True Spirit - CTS on July 28, 2021 with the reference of Pastor Joseph and requested for the shelter to the survivor and her family as their house in Karachi is no more a secure place for them.

CTS response:

On July 29, 2021 CTS noticed sensitivity of the case and immediately relocated Pranjali along with her parents and 3 siblings Karachi to Lahore for Shelter and legal assistance in the said violence and harassment case and the same is fixed for hearing on August 12, 2021.

The family has a plan to live hide in Punjab for safe future and security of their beloved daughter.

Family Details:

Father: Victor Bashir aged 46

Mother: Rimsha Victor aged 46

Daughter: Paranjil Victor aged 21 (Medical students)

Son: Sameer Victor aged 19 (not studying)

Son: Sunil Victor aged 15 (student grade 8)

Daughter: Angel Victor aged 12 (student grade 6)

Legal assistance by CTS:

With the help of CTS legal advisor Mr. Nadeem Hassan, on August 2, 2021 Pranjali has filed harassment petition in the Court of Mohammad Masood Hussain Session Judge Lahore under section 22-A, 22-B, against her aggressor, she stated that he sexually abused her and threatened for life. She pleaded for justice and registration of case against Kashif Arshad s/o Mohammad Arshad, and that he must be arrested as soon as possible.

43- Anum Bibi d/o Allah Dittah



Anum Bibi aged 8, a Christian child faced sexual abuse, rape and mental torture by a Muslim man Mohammad Awais aged 22. The poor girl went to the fields along with her parents and younger brother Atif Masih 10 year old to work where she became the victim of brutal incident of rape on Sunday May 02, 2021. She was threatened for life by the inhuman and cruel man who forcedly raped her and left the girl crying in pains. The aggrieved parents found the girl fainted in the fields and took her to the Mother and Child Hospital Sheikhupura.

The local police is actively involved and case FIR no.431/21 has been registered in the local police station Bikhi Sheikhupura offence under section 376 iii PPC against the accused Mohammad Awais on the notice of Mr. Gulam Mubashar DPO Shekhupura. The same evening Mr. Talat Mehmood SHO Bikhi made a number of raids at the different places in the village and arrested the accused and sends him to the jail after he admitted the crime on May 03, 2021. The initial medico legal report has been confirmed a brutal rape attempt to Anum Bibi a minor.

CTS local resource Pastor Amir Shahzad president Grace Pastor Alliance Sheikhupura, informed about the incident and the team visited Anum Bibi on May 3, 2021 in the hospital for the solidarity and support of poor parents. The second day on May 4, 2021 Katherine Sapna Executive Director CTS and team visited Anum Bibi in the Hospital. Her parents cried for CTS help in this hard time as they are in the need of Anum's medical expenses and complete treatment in the hospital. They also requested CTS for legal assistance to get justice for brutal rape of their beloved daughter. Anum Bibi is resident of village Kurlikay, Sheikhupura Punjab, she has six siblings, and altogether they are seven. Her father Allah Dittah and mother Rehana Bibi works in a bricks factory, earning low therefore they also work in the fields to get extra money for their daily bread.



Allah Dittah Masih narrated the incident and informed the team that he along with wife Rehana, daughter Anum Bibi and son Atif Masih was working in the field on Sunday May 02, 2021 at about 2:00 pm in the afternoon. Anum and Atif went to fetch water for all of them; they took time in returning back, after an hour Atif returned alone and informed about the incident. He said that Mohammad Awais took

Anum in to the other fields forcefully; he beat him severely for helping Anum. The parents rushed to save Anum, meanwhile Mohammad Awais raped the girl and left her helpless.

According to her parents Anum Bibi was fainted, she was bleeding and the parents took her to the hospital emergency where doctors did not cooperate to provide medical treatment to this helpless child. Through the media highlight the local police got involved in the case and she was given medical assistance and also the legal case lodged.



need medical assistance.

It was really painful to see Anum Bibi in the emergency ward / Labor Room of Mother & Child Sheikhupura said Katherine Sapna. It was very clear to see violence marks on the different parts of her body and an eye injury. She was still in fear of life that Mohammad Awais attempt to murder her after rape. Anum Bibi is still in trauma and

Katherine Sapna also met the doctor who is dealing with Anum's case, she informed that the child was in critical condition when came to the hospital, if she is not treated on time she could be expired. The doctor said that she has been given proper medication in emergency and treatment and she is safe from future consequences regarding this rape attempt. But she recommended well counseling, mental therapy and psychosocial treatment for relief and mental peace of Anum Bibi for her better survival.

CTS has assured Allah Ditta (victim's father) for providing complete assistance including medical for gynecological treatment, psychological treatment for trauma counseling, eye treatment (she got hurt on her eye and caused a blood clot) legal aid to get justice and resettlement of the family because of life threats by the accused and his family.

44- Areeba Joseph rape case



Areeba Joseph a Christian child faced sexual abuse in Gujranwala. She is resident of Aminabad Christian Colony Adho Ray and lived among her parents and seven siblings (three brothers and four sisters).

She became the victim of inhumanity and cruelty of a man named Qamar-ul-Zman s/o Muhammad Boota aged 40, who kidnapped innocent Areeba and raped her repeatedly on April 2, 2021.

It was Good Friday; Areeba went to the church along with her siblings. She was an active child of Sunday school and loves to participate in all religious activities and tables held in the church

related to the occasion.



Areeba's father is a government employee, working in corporation Gujranwala while her mother Parveen Bibi is a house wife. Through some locals CTS got the word about the brutal incident of rape in Gujranwala and the team including Maria Samuel, Tayyab Sadique headed by Katherine Sapna visited the distressed family and meet the little Areeba (the survivor).

CTS team noticed this innocent 9-year-old child was afraid and shy to share her story therefore her

mother informed CTS about the incident. She said that it was Good Friday and Areeba went to the church among her siblings and after mass Areeba was on the way back to home about 6:15pm. She stopped at a shop nearby her house to buy some sweets. Meanwhile a drug addicted Qamar-ul-Zman kidnaped Areeba and took her forcibly to an empty plot which was under construction where he committed rape and sodomy to her. Areeba shouted for help but no one could hear her cries. She struggled, but could not save herself and faced severe sexual violence as the marks of nail injuries and bites were at her different parts of the body. Later the accused left Areeba alone at the occurrence place.

Areeba herself reached home, with blood stains at her clothes and different type of violence marks on her body. She was crying and asking for help as she was in a severe pain due to the violence injuries. She told her mother about the happening, parents became worried and afraid because it was a miracle that she was alive after this brutal attack of rape and Sodomy. Areeba's parents lodged in the local police station Aminabad District of Gujranwala, FIR no 90/21 offence under section 377 B for Sodomy on dated April 03, 2021 against Qamar-ul-Zaman. Soon later the accused was arrested and sent to the District jail Gujranwala for committing this heinous offence. After the medico legal examine of Areeba Joseph police has amended the charges U/S 376 for committing rape as well. Areeba's parents have submitted her clothes to the police for the forensic examine and identification of crime.

Areeba aged 9 year-old, is a minor and did not know the name of accused therefore police called different suspects and asked Areeba to identify the man raped her. She recognized her aggressor and helped police to arrest the culprit and to send him behind the bars. Police has completed all legal

requirements in this case including [forensic laboratory](#) medical examiner of the accused and the victim as well. Presently the accused Qamar-ul-Zaman is in the district jail Lahore.

The incident left deep effects to the little Areeba, she has become very sensitive, and afraid of people in the locality. Her parents informed that Qamar-ul-Zaman threatened her for life and for the life of her family. Areeba do not want to live in the village as she feels not safe. Her parents requested CTS for her legal assistance in the case and emergency shelter while feeling danger from the family of accused. CTS assured the family for all kind of legal and medical support for the safety of Areeba Joseph and her family and to get justice in this case.

45-Hazel Collin



On October 20, 2021, a young beautiful child Hazal Collin aged 11 was brutally raped by Ali Sarfraz aged 27, a local Muslim man.

Hazal Collin along with her mother Tania Moeez aged 45, and elder sister Fiza Collin aged 17, was new in the area and they lived alone because of a family dispute. Sarfraz was familiar to the family for one month already when Tania requested his help in shifting. He helped them but later he started visiting this poor family on regular base and brings children sweets and ice-cream for no reason.

Tania lived in Karachi and shifted in Lahore after her dispute with husband Moeez Collin aged 48 about his second wife. In Lahore neither she has any support nor any source of income. She applied for job at several stations through a friend but there was not a very good response so far and she lived hand to mouth. She lived in a very cheap house without proper facilities of beds, bedding, kitchen, food, cloths etc.

Slowly and steadily he won the trust of Tania Moeez as he was a very sincere and well-wisher of the family while they were in a need and Taina already shared him about her husband's ignorance and second marriage without a divorce and that he kicked out Tania and daughters and left them helpless. It is hard for Tania to live alone with two young daughters without any help and resources and she always seeking help and sympathies.

On October 20, 2021, Sarfraz came and asked Tania that he wants to take Hazal with him to the nearby shop to get her some snacks. But he took her to an unknown place and raped her. He dropped Hazal back to home after about an hour for which Tania was concerned. She inquired Hazal, and then she told her mother about the happening. Her mother was shocked on this news. She took Hazal to the General hospital for medical examine, but the doctors refused her and asked her to report the matter in the police station first. Hazal begged to the MS of the hospital for help, and he became agreed to conduct medico legal report of Hazal Collin and after all medical examine it was confirmed that Hazal was confirmedly raped. Tania reported the matter in the local police station against Sarfraz but could not tell to the police his whereabouts. Police suggested Tania to stay silent and report when he again comes to her house so police will get him arrested.

After a few days Sarfraz again asked Fiza to bring her to the shopping and Tania showed her willingness. Meanwhile she informed the police, and gets him arrested. After legal formalities police sent Sarfraz to the prison in a heinous crime of a rape. Later the family came to know about CTS through some resources and approached for legal assistance, rehabilitation and resettlement of the poor mother with two young daughters. CTS has taken the responsibility of young girls to provide them a better opportunity to a good Christian life along with their mother.

46- Aleeza Younis



Aleeza d/o Younas Masih aged 8, resident of Sahiwal Chack 134, brutally raped by Boota Malang on August 29, 2021. She was deeply injured due to sexual violence, brought to the District Head Quarter Teaching Hospital for first aid as well as Medico Legal case. FIR was lodged in the local police station by Younis Masih Aleeza's father. On September 02, Katherine Sapna Executive Director CTS along with the team and senior Advocate Mr. Nadeem Hassan visited minor Aleeza in the DHQ Hospital and provided financial assistance for her medicines and food while the poor family was facing difficulties in the hospital. They stayed in the hospital more than two weeks and for the recovery of minor for getting 6 stitches after being brutally raped. The case is highlighted on local media as well as on the social media, Mr. Ijaz Alam Augustine Minister for Minority Affairs and Human Rights also visited Aleeza in the hospital for solidarity

on Sep 02. News was spread and the locals feeling ashamed for the said occurrence and pressuring the victim family for compromise in the legal proceedings and for not highlighting the case in media and warned for the dire consequences because the rape of Christian minor is not a big case as they have no worth.

On Sep 11, 2021 Aleeza was discharged from the hospital but the family could not return to their home place because of the pressure and life threats by the accused party. CTS has relocated the family to a safe place bearing all expenses of house rent, food and utilities to live in peace.



CTS also have taken up the legal case and Mr. Nadeem Hassan and Mr. Oskar Parkash Advocate High Court is assisting the family initially while police is doing legal formalities in the case including DNA of the victim as well as judicial remand of the accused. On Sep 20, Police produced the accused before the court and requested the court to extend the remand; the legal counsel of Aleeza Mr. Parkash has urged the court for the statement of the victim under section 164

Cr.Pc Pakistan. Mr. Nadeem Hassan Advocate High Court head of legal department of CTS along with the team Mr. Oskar Parkash Adv and Mr. Haroon Ranja Adv assisted little Aleeza for her legal statement under section 164 Cr.Pc. in the court of Magistrate Sahiwal.

Aleeza was raped because she is a Christian and to rape a Non-Muslim girl is Jihad in Islam said the rapist. He assumed to live unpunished for doing a great job for Islam. Younas Masih and his family becomes the victim of severe persecution, facing life threats for being Christian. Younas Masih father of Aleeza had no other choice accept he requested CTS for life safety and relocation, medical assistance of Aleeza for trauma counseling and recovery from the sexual violence injuries and legal Aid to get Justice. CTS is committed to facilitate this persecuted family in all needs and to get justice.

Persecution and discrimination faced by religious minorities in Pakistan

1- Blasphemy accusations against Sohail Masih

On August 05, 2020 Sohail Masih s/o Nazar Masih, resident of a small village Abidabad, Tehsil Nowshera Virkan District Gujranwala has been accused of blasphemy, case FIR no. 894/2020 has been registered offence under section 295 - C / 295 – A, in the local police station and the accused has been sent to District Jail Gujranwala on Judicial remand. Sohail Masih has been accused of publishing blasphemous and insulting material about Islamic faith on the Facebook, by Illama Abdul Sittar Qadri a local.

As soon Qadri reported the matter in the station, the Police lodged a case FIR; when the locals got the word, they come together at the front of the police station and the mob demanded Sohail Masih for the execution, therefore, the police immediately registered the said case FIR and send the man to prison for his life safety.

A local reported the Christians' True Spirit – CTS a Lahore based organization, working to protect the rights of minorities that the angry mob also turned towards the village Abidabad, where the accused family and other Christian families residing, just to harm and punish them for blasphemy. The area police immediately reached at the spot to provide safety and protection to the local Christian families.

CTS is concerned about the safety of the families at the occurrence place therefore made a telephone call to the Station House Officer (SHO) police station Nowshera Virkan to ensure the security and stability of the innocent Christian families on the ground. SHO informed that the accused has been sent to the jail for his safety whereas his family was also taken in to police custody to rescue them from the angry mob. He assured, that circumstances are totally in control at the moment. CTS also made a phone call to the minority representative Ms Sunila Ruth Member National Assembly and reported the incident.

Blasphemy is a sensitive topic in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, where 97 per cent of the population is Muslim. Controversial blasphemy law which was amended from section 295 to 295 A-B-C and promoted by the Islamic military dictator General Zia-ul-Haq has made a life for Christians more difficult in Pakistan.

The situation of religious minorities is worse; Christians are booked under blasphemy allegations for an unlimited period and killed because of religious differences. In these cases, the killers remain unpunished and get praised for killing the innocent. Government of Pakistan is failed to control such issues because of the pressure of Muslim extremists and militants.

The Christians' True Spirit – CTS request prayers for the residents at Abidabad, where the recent incident happened. Apparently the situation in the village is calm but the Christians are scared for their life safety. Until now the role of the local police is good but Christians are feeling insecure even the police have played best, because of the previous incidents of Korian, Gojra and Joseph Colony when the Christians were killed, houses were looted and burned by the Muslim extremists, and the police

ignored Christian's safety and appreciated Muslims to kill the Christians and give the fire to their houses in the presence of police.

It is fact that blasphemy laws are misused in Pakistan to grab properties, to take personal grudge and to kill someone for business jealousy. "It is a worrying situation as the misuse of the blasphemy law against religious minorities continues to rise. Instead of taking steps to stop its misuse, the government continues to pass legislations which makes the existing law more stringent. Silence and inaction from the government, people are taking the law into their own hands as they believe that killing a blasphemer is their religious duty, and recently we have experienced the same in the Peshawar court room, when a blasphemy victim being shot dead, and the killer was praised and hailed a hero of Islam. We have bitter experiences of the extra judicial killing of innocents since 1992, many Christians and the people from other minority communities have been killed in the name of religion after implicated in false blasphemy accusations and the accused cannot survive openly, and consequently he/she will spend his/her remaining life hidden from view.

A ruling by Justice Asif Saeed Khosa (Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan) 'Will it not instill fear in the society if everybody starts taking the law in their own hands and dealing with sensitive matters such as blasphemy on their own rather than going to the courts'."

"Pakistani society has become more and more indolent and I see no future for the religious minorities in Pakistan. There are several incidents reported about schools, work places, hospitals, factories and even at the government sectors where the people from religious minority groups are facing discrimination.

In April 2020 a notification has been issued by the provincial government to announce and enforce the teachings of the Holy Quran mandatory and compulsory subject for all Muslim and non-Muslim students in high schools and universities. By this action the government has shown a rigid and fanatical attitude towards religious minorities.

In May 2020 the government has demolished 40 houses of Hindu community considering illegal encroachment, and did not provide with compensation, which is an obvious religious discrimination.

For religious point of view there are many changes in the law by the government and recently the Punjab Assembly has passed **Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill** (protecting foundation of Islam) prohibiting the printing and publication of secular material. It is obvious violation of the fundamental right to speech and expression. Unfortunately, according to this law The Directorate General Public Relations (DGPR) has been deputed to inspect and control all printing press, publication houses and book stores, and would be authorized to impound the books which have blasphemous and objectionable material.

Presently, extremists and Muslim fanatics have changed their style of accusing someone for blasphemy. The most recent cases of blasphemy have been registered against Christians, alleging and accusing them for uploading and placing the blasphemous material on the social media. "It is difficult to prevent the abuse of social media platforms like WhatsApp when others can easily harass Christians and 'plant evidences' but Facebook is considered an easy tool to allege someone for

blasphemy. For example “if someone (**a Muslim**) shares blasphemous content to a Christian’s page, this could result in blasphemy charges against the Christian not against the person who shared the post, even if the Christian did not directly interact with the content.

“The Government must take appropriate actions to stop the misuse of the blasphemy and other discriminatory laws which has been used against the religious minorities in Pakistan and stop people taking the law into their own hands.”

2- Brutal killing of Usman Masih

Kathur Khurd (Wazirabad) a small village heartbreaking incident, brutal murder of a young Christian Usman Masih and his mother Yasmeen Bibi shoot to dead by Muslim neighbor Hussian Shakoor and his mother Itrat Bibi over a trivial matter. Deceased’s young wife Marriam Usman was crying for help to take her Usman to the Hospital for his survival but no one hear the cries and no God-fearing person took the young man to the hospital.

On Nov 10, 2020 Katherine Sapna Executive Director CTS along with her legal team visited the distressed family for condolence, solidarity and to offer CTS services to assist the family if they are in need of legal help. CTS assured the family of deceased and committed for monthly help to the children and Marriam Usman.

Two people, including the mother of the victim, were killed. For 30 minutes, he fought to the death on the spot, kept sighing, his wife kept giving for decades, but despite the presence of vehicles on the spot, no God-fearing person took the young man to the hospital. It was their fault for being poor and Christian. The killers must face trial and bring to justice. We are thankful to Irfan Bhandar of SHO Ahmed Nagar who rushed to the spot and arrested the accused.

3- Mariam Bibi w/o Amjad Masih

Mariam Bibi aged 38 years, mother of three was pressurized and forced to convert to Islam by her husband. She was on severe life threats if not willing to come with her husband for her and children’s conversion.



Mariam a young lady was married to Amjad Masih s/o Anwar Masih on 26 March 2011 in a Christian family under Christian rites. The couple was blessed with three sons Bilal Amjad aged 10, Usman Amjad aged 8 and Zain Amjad aged 6. They lived happy life while Amjad do a private job and Mariam also work as a domestic worker and earned money for the households.

Amjad was addicted and used to drink alcohol and most often he does not go to work and have no money even for his own needs and then he asked Mariam to give him money to buy alcohol. Which often become a cause of dispute among Mariam and Amjad. Mariam was paying the house rent and also managing the all needs of children including food. Whenever she asked her husband to bring food for children he did not care and also make disputes. Amjad used to sit with Muslim friends, drink alcohol and stayed out from the house for late night. The Muslim friends convinced Amjad for conversion to Islam during having peg of whisky. he recited the Kalma for the conversion and later the Muslims asked Amjad to bring his wife and children too for the conversion to Islam. Amjad asked Marriam to get ready along with children and told her that they are going to the Madrassa (Islamic center) for conversion to Islam. Mariam said that she was not willing to be converted into Islam, since she is a Christian and wanted to die within the Christian faith. Again there was a dispute among Amjad and Marriam and he beat her severely and threatened her that he will kill her and children if they do not willing to embrace Islam.



On August 16, 2020 Amjad beat her and forced her to go with him to Madrassa. Marriam got chance to escape along with her children to her parent's place. She was afraid that he will follow her and snatch the children therefore she managed to live hide at a friend place. Through a friend Mariam come to know about CTS and approached on August 20, 2020 for the safety and life security of Mariam and her children. She said that she does not want her children's conversion and also she wanted to live in her Christian faith.

She was enrolled in CTS shelter and provided safety to live in peace. Mariam also requested CTS for the divorce from the husband and to file a case for the permanent custody of her children through the court. CTS team of advocates talking care of the court proceedings in the both cases.

4- A Christian tailor master in Pakistan allegedly accused of blasphemy

Anwar Masih, 56, a tailor master was arrested on June 02, 2020 and accused of passing derogatory comments about the Prophet Muhammad on telephone call. A case FIR no. 237/2020 has been registered in the Civil Line Police Station Lahore on June 02, 2020 under offense section 295 – C of the Pakistan penal Code and send to the Jail on June 03, 2020 on judicial remand.

On June 2, 2020 the same evening when Anwar Masih was arrested by the police Imran Anwar and Kamran Anwar approached CTS for the legal assistance and family protection.



Anwar Masih a tailor Master along with his wife Kauser Parveen and four children named Imran Anwar aged 32, Kamran Anwar aged 30, Ambreen Anwar aged 28 and Samreen Anwar aged 26 lived at Fatima Jinah Medical Hostel Quarters. His wife Kauser Parveen worked in Ganga Ram Hospital as a government servant, taking the advantage she requested doctors for the permanent government job of her younger son Kamran Anwar in the same hospital. While Imran worked as a computer operator in daily Newspaper Jhang and daily Ussaf Lahore. Ambreen Anwar is simply marred and happy with her family. Whereas Samreen Anwar the youngest one was school going and wanted to get high education.

Parents were also happy for their daughter that she was very ambitious. After matriculation she wanted to get an admission in college for higher studies. She was a student of final year of Commerce (B.Com part 11) when a Muslim young boy Naqash Maqsood aged 30, met her on the way to her college.



Naqash worked in a Mobile phone shop as a sales man while Samreen Anwar started a beauty salon for good earning beside her studies. Her friendship developed with Naqash and she was in relation with him for four years. When she was expecting for two months she asked Naqash for marriage, but he was not willing to marry her because of the difference of religions. He suggested her if she wanted to get him married, she must embrace Islam otherwise his parents will never accept this wedding.

Samreen had no choice after pregnancy and got married under Islamic rites and only shared to her mother Kauser Parveen about her Islamic marriage and conversion. Kauser Parveen secretly helped her daughter because the marriages of own choice are not acceptable in Pakistani

society and it is also illegal to be pregnant before marriage. Kauser Parveen herself created disputes with her husband and sons pretended that she cannot survive among this family. She took a rented house and shifted along with her pregnant daughter separately in another locality in Lahore and did not allow any of the family members to visit them at their house.

After wedding Samreen Anwar noticed that Naqash was a greedy man, having eyes on her mother's gratuity funds after her government service completed within next 6 months. Samreen reported to Katherine Sapna Director, Christians' True Spirit – CTS that Naqash Maqsood and his Muslim family insisted Kauser Bibi to embrace Islam otherwise she cannot live along with Shamreen Anwar w/o Naqash Maqsood (New Muslim) they wanted to grab all money she belongs. Kauser Perveen was attached to Samreen Anwar as she is a younger child of her and was emotionally blackmailed by the Muslim family of Naqash. On the other hand the attitude of Muslim family was not good to Samreen as she was from a Christian background. She further said that Naqash changed his behavior to her therefore she installed a permanent call recorder in her cell phone to record her conversations with Naqash's mother, other family members and also the conversations between Naqash and herself. Samreen was in a doubt that Naqash only wanted to grab money and will leave her helpless. For this behavior she warned him to file a court case and bring him to justice if he deceived her after the baby born. Naqash was alert and he was trying to figure how he can get rid of Samreen Anwar and her mother. He started sharing things to his friend who is an advocate and asked him to find a way of their separation.

In the month of May 2020, Anwar Masih started contact with daughter Samreen and requested for a meeting to come back to home with her mother. During a telephone call on May 16, 2020 Samreen told her father that she cannot return home because she is pregnant and got married to a Muslim man. She also informed Anwar Masih that only she can live among Muslims not Christians. Father was concerned and become angry when he heard about her conversion and pregnancy, he become aggressive to her, meanwhile the all conversation got recorded automatically in Samreen's cell phone, she did not notice and forgot call recorder.



Samreen was disturbed because of Naqash's behavior, she wept and said to him that she has destroyed her life for his love, left her father and siblings even that her religion. She told him about her father's call and his aggression for her Islamic marriage. Naqash became alert as he knew about call recorder in Samreen's cell phone. He quietly checked cell phone and listen all recorded conversation between Samreen and her father. He transferred this recorded data to his own cell phone peacefully and secretly.

Anwar Masih tried a number of times for reconciliation with her wife Kausar Parveen but Naqash was not willing for their reunion. He forced Samreen to ask her father for conversion otherwise he cannot come to see her and her child (by doctors her child delivery was expected in June 1st week).



On June 2, 2020 Naqash and Samreen had a dispute and she went to the police station along with her mother Kausar Parveen for filling a complaint. Before she complained Naqash informed police to check Samreen's cell phone for recordings. He informed police about blasphemous remarks of her father for Islam and the Prophet Mohammad. Samreen got confused and she immediately deleted all audio recordings from her cell phone. Meanwhile Naqash provided recorded voice of Anwar Masih from her own cell as evidence. Police did call Anwar Masih to the police station on the same day June 02, 2020 and get him arrested for blasphemy accusations. Mr. Nadeem Hassan and Mr. Qaisar John Advocate High Court, pursuing the case as attorney and defense lawyer of Anwar Masih on behalf of the Christians' True Spirit – CTS and have completed all legal documents including a **Power of Attorney** signed by Anwar Masih to assist him in the courts. After the FIR has been registered under blasphemy accusations Anwar Masih and his family is in life danger. They are feeling insecure by Naqash and his family, he spreading news of committing blasphemy by Anwar Masih and that he is liable to death. A few local Muslims wanted

to burn the house of Anwar Masih and the same evening on June 02, 2020 CTS team immediately relocated the family to a safe place. After the arrest of Anwar Masih (father) Samreen and her mother Kausar Parveen also cannot trust Naqash and living hide in the protection of CTS.

Pakistan's controversial blasphemy law carries an automatic death penalty for anyone accused of insulting Islam, or Prophet Mohammad. In the past we see many incidents of extra judicial killings and when the extremists give fire to the innocent Christian's houses and burn the people alive in aggression as a punishment to Christians for blasphemy. Christians' True Spirit – CTS has taken the responsibility to deal with this sensitive case. CTS have relocated the family with their minor kids to the safe places.

5- Tabita Nazir Gill

On January 28, 2021 a Blasphemy case FIR has been registered against a female Christian Gospel singer and staff nurse Tabita Nazir Gill w/o Sohail Alam at Police Station Ram Bagh Karachi.

Tabita Nazir Gill 36 year-old is a gospel singer and she has recorded a number of religious songs, at the same time she is a staff nurse at Sobrajh Maternity Hospital Karachi where she is a staff on duty for last many years.

Generally, as a Christian staff Tabita was disliked by the Muslim staffers and they wanted her to kick out from the hospital. The sources reported CTS that, there was a little dispute occurred among Tabita Gill and her colleague on Thursday, Jan 28 when she dis-agreed her for collecting money from the patients. Therefore she alleged Tabita Gill for committing blasphemy and blamed her for passing derogatory remarks and objectionable words for the prophets of Islam including the holy prophet Mohammad (PBUH). After this dreadful allegation the Muslim coworkers provoked violence against her, tied her with rope and locked her in a room in the hospital. The videos of hospital staff beating Tabita Gill have been uploaded on the social media and that she was tied up with rope, locked in a room and tortured and forced to admit the crime even she said repeatedly that she was an innocent.

The sources informed that it was all planned to get involved Tabita Gill in to a blasphemy accusations. The local police got informed about the incident by the hospital management and immediately responded, rushed towards the occurrence, and took Tabita Gill in the safe custody. After a formal investigation the police set her free to go home as she was innocent.

The Christians' True Spirit – CTS is monitoring the case closely through the local team members. CTS is worried for the emergency situation of Tabita Gill and her family as she is married and has two sons named Shaloom aged 13 and Alisha aged 11. The victim along with her family has moved to an unknown place for safety.

Later, on 29th Jan after Friday prayers a mob of Mullahs and extremists went to the police station and protested against police for sheltering Tabita Gill (a blasphemer). Due to the public pressure a

blasphemy case FIR no. 74/21 was registered under (section 295 – C of the Pakistan Penal Code) in the police station Ram Bagh south Karachi.

6- A Christian couple finally released by the High Court Lahore Pakistan after almost 9 years.

Shafqat Emmanuel and his wife Shagufta Kausar was on death row for blasphemy since 2014. On June 3, 2021 Justice Syed Shehzad Rizvi and Justice Anwar-ul-Haq of Lahore High Court acquitted the couple after almost nine years in prison for allegedly committing blasphemy through text message.



On July 21, 2013, Shafqat Emmanuel and his wife Shagufta Kausar got arrested by the Gojra City Police in Faisalabad under Sections 295-B and 295-C of Pakistan's Penal Code for sending blasphemous text messages. Harsh and violent attitude of the police forced Shafqat for a false confession, whereas he claimed that he is illiterate and unable to read and write.

The couple was arrested on the complaint of Mohammad Hussain, a Muslim cleric in local Mosque who blamed the couple for committing blasphemy after receiving text messages from a phone number registered on Shagufta's National Identity Card.

The innocent, Christian couple claims that Hussain was their neighbor and he accused them in the severe blasphemy accusation after a dispute happened among children in the street a six months before and he was just taking revenge by filling this case against Shafqat and Shagufta.

The concerned Investigation Officer (IO) was unable to recover the SIM card or the phone allegedly used by illiterate Shagufta to send the blasphemous text messages in English language. Despite the lack of evidence, the Sessions Court of Toba Tek Singh blindly sentenced both Shagufta and Shafqat to death on April 4, 2014.

Since the time the couple was waiting for justice while jailed separately, Shafqat was in Faisalabad District Jail even he was in severe problem of spine, and Shagufta was in women Jail Multan.

Christians' True Spirit – CTS is concerned about the blasphemy law in Pakistan, mostly misused to settle personal revenges. CTS urge the Government of Pakistan to review the sections of blasphemy 295-A, 295-B and 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code and make effective changes as soon as possible. Otherwise the people like Asiya Bibi, Shafqat Emmanuel and Shagufta Kausar will be facing persecution spending the long part of their life behind the bars.

7- Abbas Masih victim of severe violence at work place



Abbas Masih s/o Anwar Masih aged 45, resident of village Muridkey Farooqabad District Sheikhupura was attacked on Feb 28, 2021 by local Muslims after a minor dispute occurred among children in the street.

Abbas Masih is a bonded labor, works in a bricks factory; low wages are insufficient to fulfill the needs of his family consisting of wife, two sons and an old mother of 70 years. The family lived happily although they were poor.

Incident:

It was afternoon, on February 18, 2021 Abbas's son Danish Abbas aged 12, was playing in the street among other children from the neighborhood. A local Muslim Tariq Aryain age about 40 passed an abusive joke to Danish Abbas who replied the same as an answer. Tariq Aryain said that you are Christian Churra mind your language, and started beating Danish in the street. On return to home Danish informed his father and mother Irshad Bibi about the quarrel with Tariq Aryain.



Irshad Bibi went to Tariq Aryain's house to inquire about the dispute and that he beaten up Danish her son. Tariq felt ashamed by Irshad's words in the front of his family and therefore on February 28, 2021 at about 10am along with his friends Faraz, Ejaz and Shahzad and 8 unknown people armed with deadly weapons and wooden rods went to the bricks factory where Abbas and Danish working and attacked Christians brutally and thereafter, fled away from the spot while extending threats, hence case FIR No.87/2021 U/S 337- A(i) /354/148/149 PPC registered at police Station City Farooqabad, District

Sheikhupura on the complaint of Irshad Bibi w/o Abbas Masih.

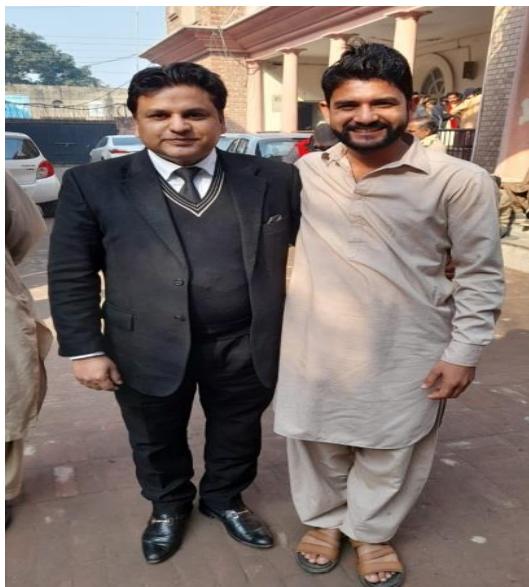
Due to the violence attack Abbas Masih got fractured in his spine and severe head injuries, further the accused threatened him and his family for life and left the place.

Christians' True spirit - CTS team got informed about the incident through a phone call by the locals and the team including Mr. Nadeem Hassan Advocate, Mr. Qasiar John Advocate and Tayyab Sadique field officer headed by Ms. Katherine Sapna and Mr. Asher Sarfraz, visited the distress family at the spot and collect the actual facts behind this brutal attack.

Looking at the sensitivity CTS assured the victim family for the medical treatment of Abbas and his son and also Legal Assistance in the case FIR registered in City Farooqabad.

Abbas Masih and his family becomes the victim of severe violence due to their Christian faith. The attack and severe violence was to give a lesson to Abbas and family to keep their mouth shut for they are Christians and has no right to stand at the front of Muslim power and warned for the severe consequences if they will not adopt the word.

8- SonuNigam case report:



During COVID-19 as the violence against women increased substantially in the country the agenda of land grabbing by mafia especially of minority communities remained on the top in Pakistan.

A land grabbing case was highlighted in Farooqabad Sheikhupur Pakistan where a Christian family of Allah Dittah faced persecuted by a powerful local land owner and his men who wanted to snatch a piece of land of Christians. Allah Dittah and his sons SonuNigam and Waseem Masih lived as a joint family in a well-constructed house in Muridkey village Farooqabad, District Sheikhupura.



Over 600 Christian families residing in the village adjacent to the Muslim settlements and the local Muslims always look for a chance to grab the Christians' land and make them run away from the area. A Muslim landlord was searching for the opportunity of grabbing the house property of Kala Masih a relative of Allah Dittah. However, after facing persistent trouble and terror from the land lord Kala sorted out civil courts assistance by filing a

case against the landlord knowing that after filing against the landlord he cannot stay in the village thus he went into hiding to an unknown place. The landlord was terribly angry and went on searching about Kala Masih but he could not find him.

The landlord approached Kala's immediate relative's family Allah Ditta and his sons SonuNigam and others to inquire about Kala Masih and warned the family to face dire consequences if they could not produce.

Allah Dittah and SonuNigam could not do so and their persecution began in different stages.

The first stage:



On 2nd June 2020, a mob of over 50 men armed with wooden rods and guns attacked SunoNigam and Waseem breaking into their house and started beating brutally women, children and men. As a result of this violent attack the all family members got injured. Parveen Bibi, mother of SonuNigam and Waseem got deeply injured and was in very critical situation but the family was threatened and locked in the house and not allow to take their mother to the hospital for medical examination that is why she expired after three days of the incident. No one of the

family was allowed to report in the police station about the occurrence as well as about the murder of Parveen Bibi by the extremists.

The second stage:



The opponent group filed a false case of the same incident against Allah Dittah, SonuNigam and Waseem accusing them of attacking the landlord on 21-06-2020 while he was holding a meeting with his workers.

The landlord also claimed in the report various injuries and disability due to the violence attack by SonuNigam etc although the arm was dislocated in an accident. With this self-invented incident, the landlord lodged an FIR with the police against Allah Dittah, SonuNigam, Waseem and their two

relatives who got arrested by the police and sent to jail. The landlord was influenced over the local courts in District Sheikhupura. He paid money to reject the bail applications of SonuNigam and others.

After a great struggle of Christians' True Spirit – CTS SonuNigam and others were granted bails.

The third stage:

On 9th September 2020 landlord kidnaped SonuNigam and took him to the farm house for a week, torturing him day and night asking him to let them know where Kala Masih was hiding. With great difficulty SonuNigam managed to escape from the custody with deep injuries and cuts in his body. The landlord attempted to kidnap other brother named Waseem after his release from the jail but he remained safe.

After this all suffering the family lived hide with CTS support to avoid any other mishap.

Note:

All accused of false FIR including SonuNigan, Allah Dittah, Waseem and others have been provided with the free legal assistance in their case and released from the jail through the efforts of Christians' True Spirit – CTS.

CTS also provide family assistance while living hides. The case is still pending in the court for the further proceedings of the court trial.

9- Brutal Killing and Sexual abuse

Sajda Bibi aged "32" wife of Aslam Dogor aged "35" Resident of Ding Shah district Kasoor. Sajda Bibi accepted Islam and married a Muslim man. She had no ties with her family for about 8 years other than her uncle. She used to visit her uncle often after her marriage. From last 2 months she wasn't seen by anyone. Neighborhood informed her uncle that Sajda has been brutally tortured by her in-laws as they heard her screams daily at night. Her uncle decided to send his wife to follow the news, but her in-laws didn't allow her aunt to meet Sajda.

Then her uncle lodged an FIR against her in-laws. On Sep 1, 2021 she was recovered by some police officers in a pathetic situation. She was immediately taken to Jinnah Hospital for medical treatment. Due to severe violence she got deep injuries and wounds that during the medical examiner and her medico-legal reports, doctors found maggots in her wounds. It is also worth mentioned that Sajida has been sexually abused by her husband and brother in-laws continually and whenever she showed resistance they beat her and tortured severely.

On Sep 6, 2021 her uncle Naseer Masih approached "Christian's True Spirit" for Legal Assistance and financial support for her medical treatment. After Fighting for her life she was reported dead by the doctors. Christians' True Spirit – CTS is taking care of the all legal expenses in this case to

provide justice to Sajida Bibi. Her two sons ages 3 and 2 are still in the custody of their father Aslam Dogor.

10- Young lady killed by her husband



On March 11, 2021 Christian's True Spirit (CTS) was informed about a brutal murder of young lady mother of 3 in Islamabad, following the news CTS team including Mr. Nadeem Hassan legal advisor, Asher Sarfraz ECO, Katherine Sapna ED, and Tayyab Sadique field officer went to visit the deceased's family and relatives to know more and collect the real fact related the incident.

After meeting the family the team came to know that Asia BiBi was killed by her husband Waseem Safder. They further reported that Asia BiBi and Waseem had petty issues and fight often. They also informed that Waseem mistreated and misbehaved Asia routinely, beat her and kicked her to parents place in Sheikhupura and did not care for months.

On Feb 25, 2021 Waseem and Asia had a fight again; Waseem got aggressive and killed her. Later he reported the case to the police and said that it was a case of suicide. Later on Feb 26, 2021 a murder case FIR no.182/21 U/S 302 PPC was registered on the complainant of Asia's brother Liaquat Masih in the police station Sadiqabad, District Rawalpindi dated on Feb 26, 2021.

CTS team visited the Police Station Sadiqabad and met Mr. Mohammad Tahir SHO (Station House Officer) to inquire the matter. SHO informed that at the occurrence place he did not find any evidence that the girl committed suicide; also he did not confirm that she was murdered by someone. The case is under the critical investigation and the facts about murder will be clear after the awaited forensic report.

Asia Bibi d/o Gulam Masih aged 30, youngest among the 10 siblings was married to Waseem Safdar aged 35 and has 3 minors including Fairy 4-year-old, Bazail 3-year-old and a little daughter only 20 day-old (no name decided yet). Asia lived in a joint family system and faced several problems by her husband and in-laws.

Waseem is a hair dresser, runs his own beauty salon in the locality and earning good. He is a modern man, good natured and positive while dealing with people but very harsh and cruel to his wife since the couple married. Asia was grown up in a village therefore Waseem disliked her and developed relations with the other girls of his choice and that was the main reason of altercation and murder.

Liaquat Masih elder brother of Asia approached CTS for the legal assistance in this brutal murder case of their beloved. Asia's parents are poor and they unable to afford legal expenses of the case against Waseem Safdar.

Skills Development

"Women's Empowerment Can Change the Society"

Mission Statement:

CTS believe that sustainable economic growth is essential for self – reliance and alleviation of poverty. Providing basic education for marginalized groups caught in a conflict – ridden society is crucial for socioeconomic improvement. Increased skills, and improved employment opportunities, the potential for conflict will be diminished.

Project description:

Skills Development program of CTS helping young women (victims of rape and forced conversion) and the victims of blasphemy to stay safe and enable them to capitalize on their experience and to generate decent work and sustainable livelihoods at a local level. The introduction of practical, competency-based skills development for marginalized girls and young women is very likely to improve access to increase earning opportunities, as well as further training and learning for those who have previously had a limited connection with formal education. Parallel to the traditional fields like tailoring and beautician, we have also integrated bridal dresses (silma sitara embroidery) and can benefit from the skillset with better employability prospects. The 6 month of female tailoring, male tailoring and bridal embroidery program intended to have a therapeutic effect along with empowering women to play a progressive role in their communities. The overall objective of the program is to increase marginalized girls and young women's access to relevant vocational, entrepreneurial and life skills development opportunities, including occupations or skills.

Staff / teachers:

Three staff members / teachers has been hired for the vocational training center who are well-equipped and competent in their respective areas

Teacher for male tailoring

Teacher for female tailoring

Teacher for bridal embroidery / Silma Sitara

Enrollment of students:

Since the project started, 6 young girls have been enrolled for male and female tailoring with high learning interests. This 1st batch is near to complete 6 months course and CTS has planned to serve diploma certificates to the trainees.

Picture view:







Outcomes of the project:

1- Women Empowerment

Women in Pakistan and especially women from minority communities are still discriminated on their gender. They are not given the same right as men. Women are still paid less, expected to cook, clean etc. Women are still strict by their culture and family. Some Pakistani women are determined by their parents or husband and still not allowed to work or study far away from their home because they believed that women are weaker than men and some husbands get jealously. In additionally, some women are married in very young age and some face sexual harassment, rape and abduction and also forced to get married to their rapists and abductors. Women's empowerment is really needed in such cases it's so important for women self-esteem and also for societies.

Empowerment program for the women in shelter of CTS is a part to encourage women to feel strong by telling them that they can do everything that they want to do. Women can work outside their home, have opportunity to make up their mind. Women are not depended on men. They can earn money to support their family by working through their abilities. As some women are not confident to work in a hard condition or a high position because they still determine that it's not women's job.

Empowerment helps to reduce in domestic violence due people promote and give the value to women. Women are not abused by any factors such as sexual abuse, emotion abuse and physical abuse.

Women in shelter are achieving high-level training and determined to work just as men do. A pleasant, friendly and secure environment has become a more convincing for the women to be committed for their bright future.

2- Earning opportunities

Christians' True Spirit - CTS has set up Sewing Training Centre to make women self-sufficient and confident. Stitching garments is one job that remains till end of the mankind. Further, basic tailoring skills enable women to work from home, they can continue in their traditional role as homemaker and yet earn.

This tailoring & embroidery project intends to create economic development of women & break poverty. Tailoring & embroidery training will provide self-employment at their homes can give them a daily income and can enable them to buy necessary medicines and make them capable to pay school fee for their growing children. Investment in these women is a proven path to reduce poverty. They are disadvantaged when it comes to employment, education, and work skills.

3- Self-reliant:

The income of these women will be enhanced and they will be independent. They need not depend on anyone else. With this skills training women will be self-reliant and live happily. The economic development of women will increase and they participate in decision making process. They will teach these learnt skills to other woman who are in needy position.



Advocacy

Breast Cancer awareness among young women



Breast Cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. According to World Health Organization (WHO) estimates it represents 10% of all cancers diagnosed worldwide and constituted 22% of all new cancers in 2000 in women making it the most common cancer in females.

The breast cancer ribbon has become the universal symbol of breast cancer, illustrating the cause, raising awareness and bringing together women in solidarity.



Concerning the sensitivity of the issue and that October is the month of awareness raising about breast cancer the Christians' True Spirit - CTS organised an awareness workshop at Nishat Colony Lahore in cooperation with Rev Fr. Morris Jalal among the mix group of 35 women and young girls students, working women and house wives.



Wareness Sessions

- **Women are peace and hope**

To create lasting peace, we need women's voices and leadership. When diverse women participate in peace negotiations, quality and durability of peace increases.

Weekly meeting with women in CTS shelter (indoor activity).



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Christians' True Spirit – CTS celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2021 and carried the tradition and celebration among the women at St. Columbas' Parish Green Twin Lahore.

Over 400 women from all walks actively attended the event on this day.

The team of Christians' True Spirit warmly welcomed the distinguished guests and honored them with flowers and garlands. Ms. Katherine Sapna (Executive Director CTS) speaks about gender equality

The program was sum-up with the thanking note by Ms. Katherine Sapna, she paid thanks and regards to each and every person who attended the said event and appreciated the CTS team for organizing such a beautiful day. The event was followed by lunch.

Activity pictorial view:







