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# PROVINCIAL OMBUDSMAN SINDH NEWSLETTER

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## CHIEF MINISTER SINDH AND PRESIDENT IOI ADDRESSES LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE STUDY ON “ASSESSMENT OF MALNUTRITION (STUNTING) IN DISTRICT THARPARKAR”



Hon'ble Ombudsman Sindh, Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan presented the study report on “Assessment of malnutrition (stunting) in District Tharparkar”, to the Honourable Chief Minister Sindh on 13th March, 2023 at launching ceremony of Research Study.

The study report was conducted by Research and Training Wing, Planning & Development Department, Sindh on the initiative of Ombudsman Sindh with Regional Subsidy of IOI. The report indicating the major risk factors associated with malnutrition such as chronic poverty, poor access to water, poor hygiene and sanitation practices, seasonal migration, early marriages, low birth spacing, lack of connectivity of transport, inadequate human resource.

The launching ceremony was held at Chief Minister's House and was attended by President IOI / Ombudsman Western Australia Honourable Mr. Chris Field, as Special Guest of Honour, Principal Assistant Ombudsman Ms. Rebecca Poole, Federal Ombudsman/President AOA, Honourable Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi, Parliamentary Secretary Health, Mr. Qasim Siraj Soomro, Chief Secretary Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput, Chairman P&D Syed Hassan Naqvi and members of civil Society and others.

The ceremony started with comprehensive presentation by P&D Department about the study on stunting and highlighted the issues of stunting in children under five years which has been a major problem in Pakistan for the last two decades.



The President IOI Honourable Mr. Chris Field appreciated the Ombudsman Sindh's initiative having Regional Subsidy support of IOI. He was hopeful that IOI would provide all possible support for such future programs of Sindh Ombudsman as such reports were also helpful to other members of International Ombudsman Institution. Honourable Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi, Federal Ombudsman / President AOA, in his speech highlighted the role of Ombudsman offices in providing speedy and free-of-cost justice to the general public throughout the country expeditiously.

The Honourable Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah speaking on the occasion highlighted the steps taken by his government to improve the health facilities and appreciated that office of the Ombudsman through such studies pointed out gaps to help the government take steps to fill them by improving service delivery. He expressed his complete support to implement the recommendations of the study and to increase the outreach of the office of the Ombudsman for providing administrative justice at doorstep to the masses.



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The Provincial Ombudsman Sindh Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan, in his address, welcomed the President IOI at the ceremony and expressed his gratitude that Chief Minister Sindh converted the recommendations of the Ombudsman's last study about girls education into own directives and his office has been supporting the School Education & Literacy Department to implement the same in letter & spirit to improve the girls education in the province. He said that stunting in children below five years old has been a major problem in Pakistan since 2001. Stunting is a measure of chronic malnutrition and is the most crucial indicator of human capital development and occurs in the first 1000 days of life after conception till the age of two years and is irreversible, which not only increases morbidity and mortality but also retards physical and cognitive growth, diminishes learning capacity and school performance and leads to lower adult productivity.



Standing in respect of the national anthem



Federal Ombudsman expressing his views



View of audience



## FIRST EVER VISIT OF PRESIDENT IOI TO PAKISTAN

On the invitation of the Sindh Ombudsman, the President of the International Ombudsman Institute Honourable Mr. Chris Field who is also the Western Australian Ombudsman, visited Pakistan to participate in the launching ceremony of the study on "Assessment of Malnutrition (Stunting) in District Tharparkar" which was carried in collaboration with the IOI under its Regional Subsidy Program. This was the first ever visit of any IOI President to Pakistan and this unique honour went to the Province of Sindh.



## VISIT HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT IOI



### PRESIDENT IOI MR. CHRIS FIELD AND ASSISTANT OMBUDSMAN MS. REBECCA POOLE ARRIVED IN KARACHI ON 12.03.2023 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT ON THE INVITATION OF PROVINCIAL OMBUDSMAN SINDH

On their arrival, they were received by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shallwani, Director General, Provincial Ombudsman Sindh along with Protocol Officer at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi. The President IOI was invited by Provincial Ombudsman Sindh to attend the launching ceremony of Study report on "Assessment of Malnutrition (Stunting) in District Tharparkar."



### PRESIDENT IOI MEETS WITH HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER SINDH ON 13 MARCH, 2023

Honourable Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah met the President IOI Mr. Chris Field along with Provincial Ombudsman Sindh Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan. The Chief Minister Sindh warmly welcomed the President IOI on his visit to Karachi. The Chief Minister Sindh presented him a traditional Sindhi cap and Ajrak. During discussion, the President IOI was deeply impressed with the Chief Minister's vision and commitment to human rights issues arising from the Ombudsman's works, including both girl's education and stunting in Tharparkar.



### PRESIDENT IOI MR. CHRIS FIELD MEETS HONOURABLE GOVERNOR SINDH ON 14.03.2023

Honourable Governor Sindh, Mr. Kamran Khan Tessori on Tuesday met the visiting President IOI Mr. Chirs Field along with Honourable Ombudsman Sindh at Governor House Sindh, Karachi.

The Governor Sindh, warmly received the President IOI and welcomed him on his visit to Karachi. He appreciated that a global forum exists for Ombudsman Institutions from various counties.



The meeting took into consideration matters related to the importance and role of the institution of the Ombudsman in ensuring the speedy dispensation of justice to the aggrieved public. Governor Sindh appreciated the efforts of Ombudsman Sindh for dispensing administrative justice to people of Sindh.

The President IOI informed the Governor Sindh, about the role of IOI and that he was happy to visit Karachi.



## **PRESIDENT IOI VISITED OMBUDSMAN SINDH OFFICE FOR INAUGURATION OF NEW LIBRARY AND PLANT A SAPLING AND FOR A FORMAL MEETING ON 14.03.2023**

President IOI Mr. Chris Filed and Assistant Ombudsman Ms. Rebecca Poole visited Sindh Ombudsman Office . During visit he planted a palm tree in garden of Ombudsman Office and then President IOI and Honourable Ombudsman Sindh jointly inaugurated the new library.

The Honourable Ombudsman Sindh, Secretary POS and senior Officers of Ombudsman Sindh Office warmly received the President IOI and Assistant Ombudsman. They welcomed him on his visit to Ombudsman Sindh Office.

In the afternoon President IOI met with Ombudsman Sindh in his Office to share his views on his visit to Pakistan. He also appreciated Ombudsman Sindh performance and was happy to visit Pakistan as first President of the IOI.



A formal presentation on "Complaint Handling" process was given by the Registrar POS Office which was attended by senior Advisors and Consultants of the Ombudsman Office. This was followed by detailed discussion to address the queries raised by the President IOI.

## **PRESIDENT IOI MR. CHRIS FILED VISITED MAUSOLEUM OF QAUID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH ON 15.03.2023**

President IOI Mr. Chris Field and Assistant Ombudsman Ms. Rebecca Poole visited the mausoleum of founder of Pakistan along with Ombudsman Sindh and Senior Officers.

Ceremonial Naval Guard of honour was presented to President IOI who laid an inscribed floral wreath at the tomb of founder of Pakistan Muhammad Ali Jinnah and also recorded his impressions in the Visitors' Book.

The President IOI also visited the tomb of Paksitan's first Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan and Mother of Nation Mohtrama Fatima Jinnah. Later, he visited the adjoining museum and greatly appreciated the artifacts related to the life of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.



## **PRESIDENT IOI VISITED THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PAKISTAN WITH HONOURABLE OMBUDSMAN SINDH**

President IOI visited the National Museum of Pakistan with Ombudsman Sindh and other officers of this Institution. He visited different galleries of the Museum that house a treasure trove of our glorious past. Some of this includes the Gandhara collection, the Indus Valley civilization collection, some of the rarest coins dating back to 600BC, anthropological material consisting of Hala-made utensils and wooden crafts, Kashmiri art and craft and as many as 10,000 are manuscripts of Holy Quran.



## **PRESIDENT IOI VISIT TO MOHATTA PALACE MUSEUM AND TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL**





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28 March 2023

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Dear Ombudsman  
Dear Friend

Thank you again for your very gracious invitation to visit the Sindh Province. It was my most sincere pleasure to provide an address at the Launching Ceremony of the Research Study, "Assessment of Malnutrition (Stunting) in District Tharparkar".

The Research Study is a great testament to the work of your outstanding institution and an important example of a modern Ombudsman institution working for the most fundamental of human rights for people of the greatest need.

My friend, I am deeply grateful to you for the extraordinary level of attention you provided for my official visit to Pakistan. The hospitality and warmth of the people of Pakistan will be a life-long cherished memory for me and for Rebecca. It was a particular privilege to be the first President of the IOI to visit Pakistan and to have that visit be to the Sindh Province.

Thank you also for discussing with me your proposal to increase the frequency of meetings of the IOI Board. I am deeply grateful to you for bringing this matter to my attention, which I have placed on the Agenda of the meeting of the IOI World Board in Vienna in May 2023.

Warm regards

Chris Field PSM  
**PRESIDENT**

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'Stunting down to 50% in Tharparkar'

Study says factors include poverty, poor access to water, seasonal migration, early marriages

By Hina Siddiqui

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Poverty, lack of potable water among major causes of stunting

Murad claims stunting among children under five is gradually decreasing in Tharparkar, assures ombudsman. His recommendations will be implemented

By Hina Siddiqui

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Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Sindh ombudsman's performance lauded

By our correspondent

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Tuesday met the visiting president of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI), Chris Field, here at the Governor House. Sindh Ombudsman Ajaz Ali Khan was also present on the occasion.

The meeting took into consideration matters related to the importance and role of the institution of the ombudsman in ensuring the speedy dispensation of justice to the aggrieved public.

The governor warmly received the IOI president and welcomed him on his visit to Karachi. He appreciated that a global forum had been present to let the ombudsmen associated with various countries and regions usefully interact with each other.

The IOI president told the governor that he was happy to visit Karachi. He appreciated the services and performance of the provincial ombudsman in Sindh.

IOI delegation concludes visit

KARACHI: The President of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) and Ombudsman of Western Australia, Chris Field, along with Rebecca Poole, Principal Assistant to the IOI President, have left Pakistan after their successful visit to Pakistan. During their visit, they attended the launching ceremony of a research study on "Assessment of Malnutrition in District Tharparkar" at the Chief Minister's House, where they were welcomed by the Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah. Additionally, they also met with the Governor of Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori, and were accompanied by the Ombudsman of Sindh, Ajaz Ali Khan. The IOI delegation also visited the Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, where they planted a sapling and were briefed on the functioning of the Sindh Ombudsman Office. During their stay in Karachi, the IOI President and his team also paid visits to Mazar-e-Quaid, National Museum of Pakistan, Mohatta Palace, and the Holy Trinity Cathedral Church. OUR CORRESPONDENT

Saturday, March 18, 2023

IOI president returns after Pakistan visit

News Desk

President International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) and Ombudsman Western Australia Chris Field and Principal Assistant to President IOI Rebecca Poole left Pakistan after the completion of their successful visit, said a Sindh information department press release on Thursday.

During the first-ever visit by the IOI president, they attended the launching ceremony of a research study on "Assessment of Malnutrition (Stunting) in District Tharparkar" at the Chief Minister's House where Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah welcomed them.

They also called on Governor Kamran Khan Tessori accompanied by Sindh Ombudsman Ajaz Ali Khan.

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IOI President calls on CM Sindh

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