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Q1 Name of the organization:

Shirakat-Partnership for Development

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

The motto of Shirakat is "working together for equality and social justice"

The purpose of the organisation is reflected in its Vision and Mission statements:

Vision: A just, peaceful and tolerant society where all can exercise their human rights.

Mission: To pilot innovative initiatives; strive for behavioral change; and action beyond boundaries for contributing towards social justice.

Shirakat's gender justice, economic justice, climate justice, peacebuilding and social cohesion, volunteer programme and engaging men and boys for gender equality and women's empowerment contribute to the achievement of the following SDGs:

SDG 4 – Quality Education (leadership, tolerance and TVET)

SDG 5 – Gender Equality

SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth

SDG 13 – Climate Action

SDG 16 – Peace Justice and strong institutions

Rights of Older People is a cross cutting aspect in all of our programmes with particular focus on life long learning and social protection as well as violence against older persons.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

Shirakat is a member of Policy Advisory Group being coordinated by Helpage Pakistan and is engaged in national as well as global level lobbying and advocacy. At the national level the Advisory Group meets every quarter and provides guidance on gaps in legislation, implementation hurdles in enacting legislation. It meets with relevant Public functionaries as well as parliamentarians. Shirakat has been instrumental in carrying the voice of older persons to the Minister Human Rights on several occasions.

Shirakat has also provided technical input to advocacy briefs developed by HelpAge Pakistan and shared the briefs and information with the Ministry of Human Rights regularly.

Supported by HelpAge International, Shirakat co-produced a video on social protection of older people in Pakistan and participated in two panels at CSW 63 where personal experiences of old age as well as legislative and rights situation in Pakistan was shared with the participants at the forum and the short video documentary was screened.

As a member of Global Alliance on the Rights of Older People (GAROP), Shirakat has had close involvement in two working groups of GAROP - social protection and lifelong learning. For the last Open-Ended Working Group, we lobbied and advocated with Pakistan Mission in New York to support the process globally.

It is also supporting 4 groups of older people in the low-income communities of Islamabad.

Shirakat has recently submitted a shadow report in advance of Pakistan CEDAW review in Geneva in February 2020 which also focused on older people's rights.

At the national level, we keep in touch with the Ministry of Human Rights so that it keeps human rights of older persons on its agenda.

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

Shirakat in collaboration with HelpAge documented the lives for older people in Pakistan. The aim of the project was also to highlight the need for social protection programs for the age group. However, due to lack of age wise aggregated data, it is hard to carry out an in-depth analysis on the situation of older people in Pakistan.

Following is the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4tKk2CwYoo>

This documentary was presented at CSW, NY.

Shirakat also worked with HelpAge and drafted an advocacy brief , which can be shared if needed. Shirakat was also presented by Ms. Bilquis Tahira ED Shirakat, on a panel discussion on 'Social protection and older women's economic empowerment' organised by HelpAge on 19th March, 2019 at FEDCAP.

Shirakat worked for advocating for implementation of Senior Citizen Act for Khyber PakhtunKhawn

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

1. Name: Bilquis Tahira,
Nationality: Pakistani
Designation: Executive Director

2. Name: Farrah Naz,
Nationality: Pakistani
Designation: Chair Person

3. Name: Syed Safdar Raza
Nationality: Pakistani
Designation: Treasurer and Co-signatory to Shirakat bank accounts

4. Uzma Shahid
Nationality: Pakistani
Designation: Board Member

5. Fatima Bilquis
Nationality: Pakistani
Designation: Board Member

Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

1. MenEngage Global Alliance
 2. PEACE
 3. Foresight Institute for Education and Leadership Development (FIELD)
 4. Trocaire
 5. Rutgers
 6. International Labour Organisation (ILO)
 7. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 8. Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA)
 9. Bretton Woods Project
 10. European Union (EU)
 11. Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
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Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

Shirakat Annual Report 2019.pdf (1.8MB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Shirakat Audit Report 2018-19.pdf (1.5MB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

MenEngage Alliance South Asia

MenEngage Alliance is a global network with more than 700 members including NGOs from Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Asia and Europe. Shirakat currently hosts the Secretariat for MenEngage Alliance South Asia which consists of over 200 NGOs from Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Maldives will soon join the South Asian Network. The objectives is engaging men and boys for gender equality and women's empowerment in a feminist informed, accountable and gender transformative ways. Transforming hegemonic expression of masculinities is also one of the priority focus areas. Strategic direction has been described in the Theory of Change and MenEngage Alliance South Asia's strategic plan, a process actively supported by Shirakat.

MenEngage Alliance Pakistan

Shirakat is also the National Secretariat of MenEngage Alliance Pakistan which works towards destabilising and dismantling patriarchy and hegemonic masculinities through a gender transformative approach and being mindful of accountability to women's movements and feminist movements closely collaborating with them. It consists of 18 NGO members and over 20 individual members.

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG)

Shirakat is one of the over 30 active members of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG), a national network.

Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

Shirakat is an engaged member of Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, a network of over 330 members worldwide.

Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ)

GATJ is global network of hundreds of organisations with five regional networks of Africa, Asia-Australia, North America, and Europe. Shirakat is also a member.

Child Rights Movement (CRM)

CRM is the consortium of 180-member organization, who are working for the protection of children rights in Pakistan. Shirakat has been a member for the past 7 years and has contributed to CRC shadow report submission process as well as UPR.

Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Alliance

The Alliance has around 100 member organisations from all over Pakistan and Shirakat is also a member.

Coalition for Inclusive Pakistan (CIP)

The coalition focusses on enhancing political participation of women and citizenship and has been engaged in long term and short term observation of elections as well as supporting the communities to become active voters. It consists of 15 member organisations from all over Pakistan – 5 Women's Rights Organisations; 5 NGOs working with transgender community and NGOs working on disability. CIP's particular focus is inclusion of marginalised persons into political processes and frameworks. Shirakat is one of the 15 members.

(It is difficult to list all the member organisations)

Along being member of afore mentioned global and local networks rights of older people are cross cutting issue in all programs of Shirakat.

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

Shirakat Deed of trust.pdf (1.7MB)

Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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