

**Situation Analysis**

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*Commercial Sexual Exploitation of  
Children (CSEC)*

**&**

*Risk of HIV/AIDS in Gwadar District*

*Society for Empowering Human Resources*

**[SEHER]**

## **Contextual Analysis:**

SEHER being Right Based and pro-active organization in addressing the child related issues in the province came to know that around 1200 children are involved in Sea labour in District Gwadar. This number does not include children who are involved in sea related labour such as labour with local fish traders or drive donkey carts to transport the fish from beach to the Local trader store place and from Local Tradaer's store place to the market.

Effects of Gulf remittances and commercial fishing led the costal area towards modern Launches, from indigenous small boats and increase risk factors for children employed on boats, who live more then 15 days a month in deep sea in these Launches among more then one and half dozen adults.

Launches used for commercial fishing used to remain in average in the sea for two to three weeks, these Launches has 15-18 crew with different hierarchy i.e. Captain—technical person who upkeeps and to some extend also repair the launch, Srinki—person who dives in sea and look after the net, Bandari—the cook, Khalasi—one who catches fishes, and **Walead**—small guy who work as helper to the cook. The astonishing and alarming point in Walead concept is his age, for Walead it is mandatory to be in between the 8-14 years age bracket, while his rate of wage is also not standardized, even it is on the base of his physics and fairness, the more one is handsome and fair the more his wage is high, which raises many more questions in general and his dubious role on the boat in particular.

## **Intensity of the problem:**

SEHER had conducted rapid assessment to find out the intensity and quantum of the CSEC issue with the financial and technical support of Save the Children-UK and Save the Children Sweden. One and half month long survey was only focused to the three population pockets of Gwadar District i.e. Gwadar, Peshukan and Jevni.

Results of the survey showed that as many as 1200 children are involved in the deep sea labours that have been abused in the Launches. It also came out from the process that these innocent souls used to gives sexual satisfaction to 7-10 adults a day for more then 15 days a month, even in some cases all adults on the boat sexually exploit Waleads continuously during the trip and in return they used to get Rs. 1500-1800 for their “15 days sexual Labour”.

Successive and continuous sex by number of adults puts the child in verity of risks, including STIs and HIV/AIDS, injuries in sensitive parts of the body. Mental trauma, self negation and inferiority complexes are the long term effects on these children, which affect their potential and productivity. In majority of the cases the sexual abuse victims themselves turn as perpetrators of child abuse.

### **Political Commitment for Addressing the Issue:**

Local Government, Law enforcing Agencies, Civil Society Organizations and Political Parties were very much keen in tackling the issue. Not able to tackle the issue, if they would have opportunity through SEHER, SC-UK and SC-S to learn how to address the issue, they would sustain the process after the withdrawal of these three partners.

Rapid assessment leads all three partners to decide to convert the learning and information/data in a three years Action Research project to address the children issues in holistic manners. It is also decided that the project must focus three clusters of Gwadar District – Gwadar, Jevni and Peshukan. In this regard the respective community profiles with child sexual abuse emphasis are prepared in all three clusters and submitted to SC-UK. Moreover each cluster is also divided into sub-clusters based on concentration of fishing communities.

Due to unknown reasons, Save the Children UK withdrew from the idea and the project could not be formulated. Political commitment from all important actors is there, what lack is the proper recourse base to tackled.

### **Plan/Intervention Needed:**

Full-fledged long term (initially might be for three years) Action Research project is needed to be started to address the Children issues holistically.