

Social Welfare Department

After the dismemberment of one unit in West Pakistan in July, 1970 the former provinces of Sindh, Punjab, NWFP and Balochistan were revived. As result the West Pakistan Directorate General of Social Welfare and the West Pakistan Council of Social Welfare were bifurcated into four parts. One Directorate and one Council were established in each province as such.

In other words, two organizations have principally been set up by the provincial governments to look after social welfare programs in their respective provinces. In 1979 a separate department of Social Welfare was established. Afterwards in 1996, the segment of Women Development and in 1998 the segment of Bait-ul-Maal was also attached with Social Welfare Department. Later on in 2012, a separate department of Women Development was established and the segment of women development was separated from Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Maal Department.

Functions of Social Welfare Department

According to Rules of Business 2011, Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Maal Department perform following functions:

- Registration, technical assistance and monitoring of social welfare agencies
- Social protection including institutional care, skill development and rehabilitation
- Registration, assessment, training, employment, and rehabilitation of disabled persons
- Eradication of social evils
- Coordination with and grant-in-aid to non-governmental organizations engaged in the field of narcotics control and rehabilitation of drug addicts
- Relief during calamities and emergencies
- Financial assistance to poor and needy through Punjab Bait-ul-Maal