INSAF Network Pakistan (INP) is a national organization that supports Pakistan as it further develops as a legally empowered society that promotes access to justice and adherence to the rule of law. INP endeavors to ensure the provision of equal rights to all citizens, with special emphasis on women, minorities and vulnerable segments of society. In furtherance of its goal of promoting access to justice in Pakistan, INP will launch a legal incubator program to train young and recent law graduates on the practical application of their lawyering skills.

The program’s objective is to bolster an ambience of pro bono and “low bono” legal aid mechanisms and improve the capacity of young lawyers so that they are better able to create and sustain economically viable solo or small firm practices that address the unmet legal needs of moderate to low-income individuals and families. Doing so will help to ameliorate the existing legal aid mechanisms so that the poor, physically and economically disadvantaged population, minorities, women and other vulnerable groups are in a better position to have their grievances redressed.

INP’s Center For Legal Excellence bridges the gap between the doctrinal and practical competencies taught in law school and those necessary to successfully operate a solo or small firm practice. This concentration focuses fresh graduates on courses that will enable them to build a diverse set of business, legal, and interpersonal skills they will need to effectively practice law. For example, required courses include Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling, Law Practice Management, Selected Topics in Ethics for Solo and Small Firm Practice, and Legal Research. Fresh graduates will also have an opportunity to work with seasoned practitioners on simulated cases that involve the types of matters likely to present themselves in their law practices.

From there, they will work on actual cases in a law office setting. Participation in this concentration will eliminate the mystery that often terrifies new practitioners and helps them succeed both in business and as high-caliber legal practitioners. With so much unmet legal need throughout Pakistan, incubator lawyers will learn how to “do well” in order to “do good” in their communities since they are in a perfect position to use their education and privilege in society to effectively address the legal needs of our targeted population.

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