

Resham

My name is Resham. For the last five years, I have been living in Chowk Koharan Wala, Multan. At times, the friends as well as clients would bring illegal arms as well as drugs to our place (dera). Sometimes, I would take drugs with them. I had no clue that the recovery of illegal arms was against law or that it would harm me. It was only when VISION's team visited our dera that I found out about our basic human rights as well as our responsibilities as citizens of Pakistan.

It was very helpful for me to know about the laws, because as it was, I was scared of police and did not want to do anything illegal. Since then, if we suspect a visitor or a client carrying illegal arms or drugs, we make an excuse to get away from them and keep our distance.

In the past, a friend of mine from Mian Chuno had her dera raided by the police. The police found illegal arms on the premises, arrested the clients as well as took my friend and other murats to the police station. My friend and other murats (local term used for female transgender) were released on bail after five days. After that, when I attended the session conducted by VISION's team, I realized the severity of carrying, or, having illegal arms recovered from one's dera.

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I am so very grateful to VISION's team for telling us about the laws related to our rights, as well, as responsibilities.