

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Centre for Law & Policy Research
Name of the project TFN funded:	Strengthening Transgender Rights in India
Date Funded by TFN:	21/05/2019
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	The grant supported the Centre for Law & Policy Research (CLPR) with their work on Transgender Rights in India, in particular in maintaining the Translaw Database, expanding the work of the Trans Law Cell and the organisation of events on the rights of transgender people. 1. Trans Law Cell Since 2016 CLPR has been extensively working on transgender rights issues. One of our flagship initiatives is the "Trans Law Cell". The Cell is a free legal aid platform for people from transgender and sexual minorities communities to come once a week to CLPR and interact with a lawyer. The Cell provides assistance on a range of areas including legal advice and litigation and till date has provided legal assistance to around 24 persons and filed more than 4 cases before various courts for transgender persons. The grant supported the expansion of the Cell by providing legal services free of cost to members of the transgender community. 2. South Asian Translate Database In 2018, CLPR conceptualised and developed a one-of-a-kind Translaw Database. This is an online repository of all legal sources and developments around transgender rights in the South Asian region. It includes judgments, laws, policies, reports, international conventions and declarations in the countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka. This database needs constant research, procuring and uploading resources, tracking new cases, judgments, laws, policies, reports, international conventions and declarations and writing summaries of all these resources in an accessible and intelligible format. The grant goes towards maintaining and updating the database regularly, as well as technical support. This included tracking of the legal developments, procuring and uploading resources, uploading on the Database, and drafting summaries of the legal resources. 3. Transgender Rights Litigation a) The challenge to The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 In 2019 the Indian Parliament passed The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. This Act has received severe opposition for several reasons including violation of the right to self-

TFN Impact Report

	identification of gender identity and privacy, unequal punitive measures for violence against transgender persons, lack of reservation in public employment and education for transgender persons. CLPR has been challenging this Act before the various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. b) COVID Relief Litigation In dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India gave a four-hour notice for a countrywide lockdown, followed by the closing of borders. Various marginalised populations, including the transgender community, found themselves abandoned and state administrations underprepared for the scale of human need. The lockdown and the pandemic have brought to the fore how trans persons have been unable to access state benefits and welfare such as food security, LPG gas cylinders, social security, cash support and health care because they do not have, state-administered ration cards, Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards or do not fulfil other eligibility requirements in welfare schemes. And they are not targeted specifically in policies, and the stigma excludes them from coverage under universal welfare. The grant covers costs relating to the transgender rights litigation including challenges to The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and COVID relief litigation. 4. Other - Design costs for the quarterly TransLaw Newsletter and other publications. - To cover the costs of research materials and resources needed for the Trans Law Cell and the Database. - Organize outreach events/workshops for creating awareness around Transgender rights.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	no answer given
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	no answer given
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	no answer given
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	no answer given

TFN Impact Report

If yes, how much were you able to raise?	no answer given
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	no answer given
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	no answer given
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	no answer given
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	no answer given
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	no answer given
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	no answer given
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	no answer given
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	no answer given