



FACTSHEET

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE THROUGH ACCESS TO JUSTICE, SERVICES AND SAFE SPACES

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In Pakistan, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is widespread, normalized and legitimized because of pervasive gender inequality and deep-rooted patriarchy. Pakistan ranks at 151 out of 153 countries according to the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap report 2018 and 164 out of 167 in the Women, Peace and Security Index 2019. Violence Against Women (VAW) is significant in Pakistan and pervades every class, ethnicity, religion, geographical location and age group.

Under its Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW), Governance and Human Rights portfolio, UN Women Pakistan helps create a conducive environment for ending VAW through collaborating with partners on research, legislative reforms, and the adoption and implementation of national and provincial action plans. It supports women's access to justice through capacity building of partners, provision of quality services to survivors and creation of safe spaces.

For real transformative change and action, UN Women is fully dedicated towards ending VAW in Pakistan through a multi-sectoral approach that focuses on all the areas needed to address the issue and involves a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

GEOGRAPHIC OUTREACH

Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan

Rawalpindi, Karachi, Khairpur, Dadu and Quetta

PROJECT DURATION

2016 – 2020



OBJECTIVES

This initiative builds upon efforts by the Government and the Pakistani civil society to end VAW, deepen ownership of EVAW and ensure appropriate support and quality services for survivors. UN Women is building the capacity of law enforcement and service providers dealing with VAW, including police officers, prosecutors, judges, lawyers, and health and social workers.



Supporting Shelters

Needs assessment of the physical and technical capacity of women's shelters undertaken with a view to improve their facilities and operating procedures in line with UN Women's global flagship programme on Essential Services Package for survivors of violence.



Women Protection Units

established in Karachi and Khairpur to support survivors of Gender-Based Violence

2431 survivors accessed protection services set up under this project

1506 survivors received counselling services under this project



Training of Justice Sector stakeholders

25 Trainings Conducted **1110** Officials Trained



Training of Police Officers

27 Trainings Conducted **536** Officers Trained



275

Students and faculty members participated in multiple awareness raising sessions

Policies Formulated



Gender Equality Policies and Implementation Frameworks developed for Balochistan and Sindh

Legislative Reform



Conducted a comprehensive gap analysis of ERAW laws at the Federal, Balochistan and Sindh level

Strategic Planning



Developed the Strategic Plan for the Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) through a consultative and participatory process

Knowledge Products

developed for Police and Justice Sector stakeholders to build their capacity on ERAW & GBV



Increased capacity of FIA investigators on issues related to cyber harassment from a gender lens, this included detailed orientation of related legislation so cases are dealt in a gender responsive manner



National Gender Data Portal

In partnership with the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) developed a National Gender Data Portal, the first of its kind in Pakistan, to improve collection, compilation and use of standardized data for reporting on Pakistan's national and international commitments relating to gender. The portal will collect, collate, analyze and disseminate data on gender indicators to help inform policies for targeted and sustainable interventions and will generate an annual national report on the Status of Women in Pakistan.



Generating Political Will

On November 27, 2019 the Provincial Assembly of Sindh was lit up in orange to express solidarity with UN Women Pakistan for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Sindh Assembly also passed a Resolution to acknowledge UN Women's 16 Days of Activism campaign and urged the government to take actions to end VAW.



Women's Safety Audit

Women's Safety Audit conducted in the 5 project districts (Karachi, Dadu, Khairpur, Quetta and Rawalpindi) to assess safety measures for women and girls in public spaces and transport hotspots as well as come up with recommendations for policy interventions to make public spaces safer and more accessible.



Data and Trend Analysis

Generated monthly data on cyber harassment trends in Pakistan including its rise during COVID-19, based on these trends policy recommendations were formulated.



Civil Society Engagement

Developed multi-year strategic plans for ERAW alliances in Sindh and Balochistan through an inclusive and participatory approach to ensure that the alliances implement their vision in a strategic and impactful way.



Policy Briefs

developed on cyber harassment issues and challenges in Pakistan along with policy recommendations for government partners



Helpline at the Ministry of Human Rights

Deployed a helpline at the Ministry of Human Rights to deal with cases related to violence against women, this helpline includes innovative features including a dashboard for case management and a mobile app integrated with a panic button equipped with geotagging to enhance swift redressal support for survivors, particularly affected during the COVID-19 pandemic.