

Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS)

Gender Based Violence Project



Introduction

This report presents the progress of the GBV project, through which a series of events organized under the theme of 16 days of activism from 11th till 24th January, 2012. This project is awarded under the USAID- supported Gender Equity Program (GEP), Aurat Foundation and The Asia Foundation.

HANDS is the provincial as well as district sub-grantee of the project. The Gender Equity Program aims at closing the gender gap in Pakistan by proactively supporting the development of women and seeks to facilitate behavioral change in society by enabling women to access information, resources and institutions, and improve societal attitudes towards women's rights issues. This is a five month project having a breakdown of three phases, in first phase, grantees has to conduct activities under the theme of '16 days of Activism' , in second under 'Pakistani's women day' theme and in last phase activities will be conducted under 'International women day' theme.

In first phase of District grant HANDS has to conduct awareness activities in all eighteen towns of Karachi. So far from 11th till 24th January 2012, newly hired team of GAD started their journey from Baldia Town GBSS school and till 24th January 2012 they organized 12 events in 12 towns of Karachi with an average of 100 participants in each town and having recognized speakers as Dr. Shahnaz Shallwani (UNFPA), Ms. Farhat Perveen (NOW), Ms. Zarafshan Arbab , Mr. Karamat Ali (PILER) and many more. These speakers gave orientation about the women rights, education rights, women laws and recently passed bills. Through these events GAD team sensitized almost 1210 people.

Documentary: 'Main Safar Main Hoon' by Aurat Foundation

During all these sessions a documentary "*Main Safar Main Hoon*" was also screened. The documentary focused on the 100 year journey of women all over the world, particularly highlighting the achievements and sacrifices of Pakistani women, starting from 1911 till 2011. The objective of the documentary was to portray a positive image of Pakistani women and highlight their achievements in different fields of life and carries a very motivating message, that is, women can excel at anything they do provided they are determined, committed and strong. After this sensitizational video our speaker highlighted the issues and problems faced by women in our society and gave awareness about women rights and laws related to women. At the end of all these sessions' participants had to sign a banner demanding equal rights for women in every field of life.

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1. Baldia Town: The Objective of the seminar was “**Women’s Right & Women Laws Orientation**”, held at M.H.G.G.S.S., Bladia Town. 104 participants attended the seminar.



2. Bin Qasim Town

A CBO Convention under the theme of “**Gender based violence & Women Laws Orientation**” held on 12th January, at HANDS District Office, Jam kando Bin Qasim Town. 71 participants attended the seminar.



3. Shah Fiasal Town

Seminar on “**Women’s Right & Women Laws Orientation**”, held at Agro technical GBSS Shah Faisal Shah Town colony). In this seminar 113 participants including students, teachers, principal and all working staff presence made this seminar meaningful.

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4.GADAP TOWN KARACHI

The objective of this CBO's Convention was 'Women Laws Orientation and Rights Awareness Gender Equity Program', 100 people participation made this event successful.



5.Gulberg Town Karachi

The Objective of the seminar was "Women's Right & Nekah Nama", held at 'New method School', Gulberg Town, Karachi. 114 participants attended the seminar.



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6.GULSHAN TOWN(Karachi University)

Theme of this Seminar was 'Women Harassment at work place'; seminar topic attracted 103 students, teachers and working staff and converted the sessions little bit interactive and the credit of this interactive session goes to speakers.



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Jamshed Town

The Objective of the seminar was “**Women’s Right & Women Laws Orientation**”, held at F.P.A.P.(Family Planning Association Pakistan), Jamshed Town. In that seminar 80 youth from FPAPA joined the session.



8.Korangi Town, Karachi

Held at Vocational Training Centre Korangi Town Karachi, seminar had the participation of 71 community women.



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9. Landhi Town

Seminar on 'Women Harassment at work place' held at Landhi Technical Centre with 111 community women and girls, speakers panel include Mr. Ijaz Banghash Advocate, President Malir Bar Association, Ms. Urooj Akhlaq and Zafar .O. Zama.



10. Liaquata Bad Town

Seminar on the Anti women practices bill specifically on inheritance issue organized at Major Ziauddin GBSS, Nazimabad # 2. Ms. Sidra Mehmood (Youth parliament Member) and Advocate Yasmeen gave orientation regarding the laws.



These are some highlights from the last 10 activities organized by GAD department.

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