



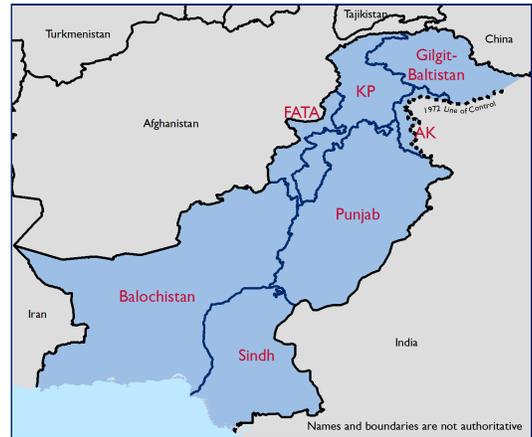
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Gender Equity Program

The Gender Equity Program works to close the gender gap in Pakistan by actively supporting the development of women. This grant-making program seeks to facilitate behavioral change in society by enabling women to access information, resources, and institutions and improving public attitudes towards women's rights issues. The program provides small grants to Pakistani organizations for projects that expand women's access to justice; increase knowledge of women's rights; enhance opportunities for women to exercise their rights; combat gender-based violence; and strengthen the capacity of Pakistani organizations to advocate for gender equity, women's empowerment, and the elimination of gender-based violence.



OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Gender Equity Program is to support the development of Pakistani women by increasing access to justice, information, and resources and improving public attitudes towards women's rights issues. GEP also aims to improve the capacity of partner organizations so that they will continue to address gender issues after the program has ended.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- GEP awards grants ranging in value from \$25,000 to \$250,000 to government and non-governmental entities working to further women's legal and economic empowerment, expand and improve access to justice, and combat gender-based violence.



RESULTS TO DATE

- Strategy on combatting GBV endorsed by the National Advisory Forum of GEP and adopted by three provincial governments
- The launch of the first Pakistani 3D animated cartoon series, which is designed to prevent and combat gender based violence, occurred in November. Since that time, the show has aired on two major television networks in Pakistan. Support provided for the rehabilitation of Women's Crisis Centers throughout Pakistan to provide shelter for battered women.
- Supported 12 private shelters across the country to strengthen helplines and referral system, provide economic rehabilitation and legal services to the victims of Gender-based Violence
- Support provided for rehabilitation of women inmates in two jails
- National Lawyers forum created for 160 female lawyers which provided internships for women who aspire to work in Pakistan's legal system
- Training of civil judges, court officials, session judges, Ministry of Human Rights, and public prosecutors on Gender-based Violence and the laws that pertain to Gender Based Violence
- Launch of Pakistan Gender Coalition and a series of activities undertaken by the members during 16 Days of Activism
- 315,000 women registered for CNIC.
- 834 public awareness events were conducted to campaign against Gender-Based Violence nationwide