



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women

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ACCRONYMS

CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CM	Chief Minister
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CII	Council of Islamic Ideology
CrPC	Code of Criminal Procedure
DVB	Domestic Violence Bill
DCSW	District Committees on the Status of Women
HRDC	Human Resource Development
KAP	Knowledge, Attitude and Practices
KPCSW	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women
LOA	Letter of Agreement
MPAs	Members Provincial Assembly
NCSW	National Commission on the Status of Women
PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
SW,SE&WED	Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Empowerment Department
TAF	The Asia Foundation
TEVTA	Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority
TORs	Terms of References



CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It is a proud moment for me to write this message for the readers of our Annual Report for the delivery year 2016-17.

"Nothing about women without women', is the ideology that lies at the heart of our efforts at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Commission on the Status of Women (KP CSW). Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is a province with the lowest socio-economic indicators and our aim is to help improve the conditions for women in the province by closing the gender gaps in opportunities for them. With re-enactment of the law governing the formation of the Commission in 2016, we are striving hard to implement the enhanced mandate bestowed therein in true spirit. The review of legislation and policies in the province to suggest amendments and repeal are some of mechanisms employed for this purpose which is achieved in coordination and collaboration with different stakeholders including policy makers, policy implementers, and national and international development community for the improvement of status of women and girls in the province.

Annual Report for the performance period 2016-17 offers a snapshot of our activities during the period and we hope it conveys a fair idea of the Commission's mandate and functions.

We hope to continue to strive for achieving a favorable and enabling environment for women in the province in making the society a just and prosperous place to live for all.

Neelum Toru
Chairperson, KP CSW

INTRODUCTION

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women (KP CSW) was established in 2009 under an Act no. XIX of 2009 of the Provincial Assembly. In 2016, the new KP CSW Act XXVIII with financial and administrative autonomy was enacted. The Commission is mandated to examine the measures taken by the government for women development and gender equality and monitor the mechanisms and institutional procedures for redress of violation of women rights and eliminate the violence against women. The formation of District Committees on the Status of Women (DCSWs) is another key and unique feature of the Commission's mandate.

During the financial year 2016-17, the Commission's contribution has been immense in influencing legislation concerning the status and rights of women. It has time and again played an advisory role and provided the legislature with ample feedback and ideas, pertaining to the status of women in the Province. This has helped shape legislation essential to safeguarding and promoting the interests of women. The Commission has effectively monitored existing mechanisms and institutional procedures aimed at addressing violation of women's rights and has strived to bridge the gap of gender inequality through its recommendations to the Provincial government. The Commission, as result of its advisory and monitoring role has played a crucial role in advancing the cause of gender equality.

This Report aims to provide an overview of the Commission's many engagements during the year 2016 -17. A concise overview of these is provided below:

1.LEGISLATION: New Proposals and Amendments in the Existing Laws

The Commission met with experts in the technical and legal fields to review draft legislation pieces with their opinion and expertise. The various types of drafts that the Commission liaised with the experts on are mentioned parawise below:

I. The Domestic Violence Bill, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

During the year, the Commission continued the process of refining the draft bill for Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) through meetings with selected MPAs and lawyers familiar with Sharia law. With added recommendations, The Bill was forwarded to the Social Welfare department that submitted it for vetting to the Law Department. The Law Department furthered the bill to Islamic Ideology Council before sending to the Cabinet. The Islamic Ideology Council however returned the bill with observations.



After the notification of the Commission's 3rd term, keeping in mind the observations of Islamic Ideology Council, a new bill was drafted and sent to the Social Welfare department on the 7th March 2017.

After the Law department's approval, the Commission engaged the office of Chief Minister for pushing the legislation. The bill is soon to be placed before the Provincial Assembly.

II. Acid and Burn Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation Bill

Like the Domestic Violence Bill, the Commission incessantly worked on refining draft legislation pertaining to Acid and Burn Prevention and Rehabilitation Bill for the Province. The proposed legislation provides for a comprehensive and holistic approach in protecting victims of Acid attacks. The bill was sent to the Social Welfare department on 4th May 2017, when forwarded to Law department, it raised a few observations, on the basis of which the Commission engaged in consultations to address the grievances. The bill is to be tabled soon before the Provincial Assembly for enactment.



III. I.Re-enactment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women Act and Reconstitution of the Commission as KP CSW

After its inception in 2009 the need for amendments to the extremely constrained Act of the Commission were realized overtime. To enable the Commission to perform its duties true to the spirit of its mandate, the Commission engaged in consensus building, holding in-depth discussions within the Commission and its stakeholders. The Commission's governing body during second term (2013-2016) worked tirelessly and selflessly to empower it. It was eventually agreed to replace the existing law with a new one.

The new draft law was eventually placed before the Provincial Assembly in October 2016 and agreed upon, after which it was assented to by the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and notified on 3rd November 2016, in turn making the Commission financially and administratively more able autonomous body fulfilling its role of narrowing gender disparity and empowering women faced with all sorts of violence and abuse.

2. FEEDBACK CEDAW REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016

The Commission furnished its input in preparing the Provincial CEDAW Report for the year 2016. The Commission held several meetings with the Finance Department so as to collect data related to financial resources and initiatives for eliminating Gender based Violence and Violence against Women. The data collected was sent to the Social Welfare department for reflecting in the report.

3. NOTIFICATION OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION

As per its mandate, it is necessary for the Commission to notify its internal committees for the smooth running of its operations. As per the Act the following committees were notified during the reporting period:

1. Executive Committee.
2. Law Committee.
3. Research, Advocacy & Communication Committee.



4. NOTIFICATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE

To encourage and strengthen the partnership between the KPCSW and all national and international development partners as well as civil society organizations, a committee was notified. The aim being a collaborated and coordinated working relationship towards mutual goals highlighting and seeking sustainable solutions towards gender-based violence with all relevant stakeholders in the province.





1. FOLLOW UP ON CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW)

In the reporting period the Commission undertook follow up on a number of cases ranging from honor crimes to attempted murders and those related to acid and burn crimes. A brief overview of these cases and follow-up undertaken by the Commission is provided as follows:

I. HINA SHAHNAWAZ MURDER CASE KOHAT

Hina Shah Nawaz held an M.Phil. degree hailed from a village in Kohat. Her cousin murdered her in the name of honor.

The Commission took up the case with the Inspector General of Police Mr. Nasir Khan Durrani and Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Azam Khan. They ordered the concerned authorities to act swiftly in the case ensuring justice for Hina's family.

II. MS. NADIA BIBI ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE, DISTRICT PESHAWAR

Nadia's case was brought to the Commission's notice in February 2017. The background of the case is that Nadia's husband sold his thirteen-year-old daughter Rabia in marriage to his nephew in lieu of payment of his accumulated debt of Rs. 20,000/-. Nadia however never approved of her daughter's marriage. The couple developed differences and Nadia filed for a khula suit against her husband based on disagreements. While leaving the court after her hearing one day, Nadia was shot in the leg on 19th June 2017 by her husband Mehboob-ur-Rehman. The Commission took a serious notice of the case. It urged the concerned authorities for the provision of security as she could be targeted again. Her case was registered at Tehkal Police Station. The Commission involved the Child Protection & Welfare Commission (CPWC) as the daughter being a minor fell under their protection mandate.

III. MS. ALMASS BIBI BURN CASE NOWSEHRA

The incident took place on 26th June, 2017 at District Nowshera Village PABBI when ALMAS BIBI was burned by her in-laws and was fighting for her life in the hospital. The Victim's brother lodged an FIR on 27th June 2017. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women took a serious notice of the matter. The Commission urged the concerned Authorities for support and immediate justice.

6. RESEARCHES AND ASSESSMENTS

The Commission carried out two researches during the performance period. The projects and assessments undertaken during the reporting period are listed below:

I. RESEARCH ON INTERNAL WOMEN TRAFFICKING

Pakistan is a source, transit and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to human trafficking, especially forced labor and prostitution.

There are numerous reasons for trafficking in Pakistan the major factors being poverty, conflict, displacement, criminal networks amongst various others.

KPCSW Initiated a survey-based research in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with a focus on districts where trafficking rates and trends are on the rise. The finding of the research once complete shall be shared with all stakeholders and will be used to guide legislative recommendations of KP CSW to the government.

7. LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY THROUGH CONSULTATION SESSIONS

The Commission held a number of consultation sessions for lobbying on different issues as follows:

I. Consultative/Lobbying Meetings on Domestic Violence Bill

Throughout the performance year, the Commission held focused meetings with groups of MPAs for building consensus on draft Domestic Violence Bill. These meetings aimed at closely and critically analyzing the draft bill to build consensus on the new proposed draft prepared by the Commission in the light of observations of Council of Islamic Ideology. The meetings held with the notables for supporting the Legislation were:



- a. Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- b. Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- c. Deputy Speaker, Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- d. Senior Minister and Minister for Social Welfare Department KP
- e. Women Parliamentary Caucus KP
- f. Secretary, Law Department & Secretary, Social Welfare Department KP

8. CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2017

National and international women's day is celebrated with fervor each year by the global sisterhood; this is not just a frivolous ritual but also a campaign for promoting the women's movement and furthering the basic human rights of women.

In showing solidarity towards the cause the Commission planned events to celebrate National Women's Day on 12th Feb 2017 and International Women Day on 8th March 2017 with an aim to raise awareness in promoting and protecting women rights in the province.



9. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND DONOR ENGAGEMENTS

The Commission was successful in securing projects and activity based technical assistance with the civil society partners including.

- 1) White Ribbon Pakistan
- 2) TRO- CAIRE
- 3) Blue Veins

The aim is to strengthen capacity of the Commission to promote rights awareness and protection for women.

10. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES FOR AWARENESS ON WOMEN ISSUES

1. TV Talk Shows

TV Talk shows were held and attended by the Commission's Chairperson, Secretary of the Commission and its Members. The theme of the shows was the Commission's role, functions and key achievements for women empowerment in the province. Shows were aired on Sabaoon TV a Pashto language channel widely viewed across the Province, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and other parts of Pakistan. The talk shows created awareness and communicated the Commission's role to the broader public. It also informed the public as to Government's measures for women empowerment in the province.



2. Press Briefing Regarding Domestic Violence Bill

When the legislation for elimination and prevention of Domestic Violence was sent to the Council of Islamic Ideology, the Commission held a press briefing regarding the Domestic Violence Bill Highlighting the Following:

- i. Three letters were sent to the CII, which were not replied to for five months. If anything was against the constitution of Pakistan or Islam, the CII needed to underline it.
- ii. CII has also raised objections against PPC and CRPC meaning that they wear questioning the constitution of Pakistan.
- iii. KP Assembly is not obligated to the CII, they can debate and pass the bill without their input as their role is a an advisory one.
- iv. JUI(F) should not politicize this bill. They have agreed to the same bill in Punjab so why oppose it in KP.
- v. Pakistan is a federation so a bill passed in Sindh and Punjab, should not be denied to the women of KP.
- vi. Sindh and Punjab also follow the same Islam, so if they have passed the bill, why it is not passed in KP.
- vii. Why did the department of Law KP send it to CII.
- viii. The KP CSW demanded that the Chief Minister use his powers to safeguard the rights of women of KP

The Commission also urged Mr. Imran Khan Chairman PTI to safeguard the rights of women in KP and

3. Awareness Campaign on 16 Days of Activism on Violence Against Violence against Women or Gender Base Violence in 2016

Every year the 10th of December is commemorated as International Day for Violence against Women. This day is also the last day of the global campaign of Violence against Women (VAW)/Gender Based Violence (GBV) officially called 'Sixteen Days of Activism against Violence against Women or Gender Based Violence'.

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women with the collaboration of White Ribbon Pakistan arranged an awareness campaign in many Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Banners and posters were displayed in different Districts creating awareness regarding different legislation related to eliminating women violence against women.



12. MONITORING - DISTRICT LEVEL OUTREACH

During the reporting period, the Commission carried out visits to various districts in exercise of its mandate. A brief overview of the outcome of these visits is provided as follows:

1.	Visit to DCSW Chitral, Lower Dir	April 2017
2.	Visit to DCSW Mardan, Nowshera, Swabi	May 2017
3.	Visit to DCSW Shangla, Swat, Malakand	June 2017
4.	Visit to DCSW DI Khan, Bannu and LakkiMarwat	July 2017
5.	Central Jail Peshawar, Mardan, Chitral, Haripur	May, June, July
6.	Tevet Centre in Chitral, Swat, DI Khan, Bannu	May, June, July

During these visits, meetings were held with District administration authorities, District Social Welfare Officers and prospective members of District Committees on the Status of Women (DCSWs) regarding women issues in the districts and taking prompt measures for formation of DCSWs.

In District Chitral a special meeting was held with District Nazim. The District Nazim provided an overview of the issues faced by women in general and constraints faced in running programs for women development especially related to funds and lack of human resource. The Nazim was instrumental in extending a helping hand to the D.O SW Chitral, enabling him to forward the case to the Commission subsequently for the formation of DCSW Chitral. Similarly, a special meeting was held with Deputy Commissioner Shangla who extended help in mobilizing support for formation of the DCSW Shangla.

In Districts Mardan, Haripur and Chitral visits were paid to women cells of prisons to understand issues of female inmates. Lack of resources in provision of legal aid came up as one of the key issues for women in prisons. In follow-up to these interactions, the Commission approached a legal service providing body to assist with legal aid for these women.

In all other districts key purpose of the meeting was to meet various civil society organizations representatives and provide them an orientation on the mandate of the Commission. The District Social Welfare Officers facilitated these meetings and proactively pursued the case for forwarding nominations for membership of DCSWs.

The visits were very useful as the in person meetings with the district authorities and District Social Welfare Officers proved immensely helpful in conveying an understanding of the mandate of the Commission, the rationale for the DCSWs and the requirements for formation of DCSWs. As a result of these visits, the Commission has received nominations from twenty-three districts, the case for the notification of which has been forwarded to the Government as per statutory requirement.



In some of the districts mentioned above, namely Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, Swat and Chitral, the Commission also paid visits to the TEVTA Skill Centers. The needs identified for introducing innovative ideas for training of women in these centers were identified and conveyed for the consideration of the KP TEVTA governing body by the Chairperson KP CSW in her capacity of a member of the TEVTA Board of Directors.

13. REPORTS AND SUMMARIES PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION

a. TORs for Studies/Researches	April 2017
b. Chitral Monitoring Report	May-June 2017
c. Monitoring Report of Nominated DCSW's	May-June 2017
d. Monitoring Report of TEVTA Centers	May -June 2017
e. Monitoring Report Dar-ul-Aman and Central Jails	June 2017
g. Feedback to the SW, SE&WE on regular basis on Assembly Questions or information sought by other quarters	On-going

14. STATUTORY MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission held five meetings during the reporting period as follows

1) 47 th Meeting	26 th July, 2016
2) 48 th Meeting	03 rd February, 2017
3) 49 th Meeting	21 st March, 2017
4) 50 th Meeting	27 th April, 2017
5) 51 st Meeting	16 th May, 2017





15. REPRESENTATION OF KPCSW ON DIFFERENT FORUMS

Through the nomination of the Commission's Chairperson on different forums, the Commission represented the Commissions on the following platforms as per details below:

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| a. | National Commission on the Status of Women, Pakistan | Quarterly |
| b. | Lilsail Wal Mehroom Foundation | Quarterly |
| c. | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Technical and Vocational Education Training Authority | Quarterly |
| d. | Zamung Kor (State Children) | Quarterly |
| e. | Inter-provincial Ministerial Group Meeting | Quarterly |
| f. | National Advisory Forum | Quarterly |

CONCLUSION

As highlighted throughout this report, the performance year 2016-17 was an extremely productive year for the Commission. With concerted efforts and numerous engagements in relation to legislative agendas, Alongside seeking the approval for the formation of twenty three DCSWs and their funding, various other monitoring activities, research & advocacy for upscale measures for women and girls protection and forging new strategic partnerships for advancing the agenda of women and their empowerment in the province were undertaken. The awareness raising campaign through radio programmes, talk shows, press briefs, posters and events immensely contributed to raising a number of pertinent issues, creating mass awareness amongst listeners about not only the women but also about the Commission itself.

16. Budget For The Year 2016-17

Khyber Pakhtukhwa Commission on the States of Women Annual Budget Financial Year 2016-17				
Code	Particulars	Number of Post 2016-17	Budget Estimate 2016-17	Revised Budget 2016-17
A011	Total Pay	14	6,827,412.00	6,827,412.00
A01106	Total Pay of Contract Officers	7	5,923,362.00	5,923,362.00
	Chairperson	Fixed pay	2,400,000.00	2,400,000.00
	Co-ordination Officer (BPS-18)	1	747,533.00	747,533.00
	Assistant Co-ordination Officer (BPS-17)	2	1,080,000.00	1,080,000.00
	Finance Accountant (BPS-16)	1	471,102.00	471,102.00
	Information Technology Assistant (BPS-16)	1	437,573.00	437,573.00
	Admin Assistant (BPS-16)	1	427,154.00	427,154.00
	Private Secretary (BPS-16)	1	360,000.00	360,000.00
A01156	Total Pay of Contract Staff	7	904,050.00	904,050.00
	Driver (BPS-04)	1	129,150.00	129,150.00
	Naib Qasid (BPS-01)	2	258,300.00	258,300.00
	Security Guard (BPS-01)	2	258,300.00	258,300.00
	Mali (BPS-01)	1	129,150.00	129,150.00
	Sweeper (BPS-01)	1	129,150.00	129,150.00
A012-2	Total Other Allowances		750,000.00	750,000.00
A01273	Honoraria		700,000.00	700,000.00
A01277	Contingent Staff		50,000.00	50,000.00
A02203	Consultant Based Research & Surveys		800,000.00	600,000.00
A032	Total Operating Expenses		140,000.00	140,000.00
A03201	Postage and telegraph		10,000.00	10,000.00
A03202	Telephone & Trunk Printer & Fax		100,000.00	100,000.00
A03203	Telex, Tele Printer & Fax		20,000.00	20,000.00
A03205	Courier & Pilot Services		10,000.00	10,000.00
A033	Total Utilities		277,000.00	277,000.00
A03301	Gas Charges		20,000.00	20,000.00
A03302	Water Charges		7,000.00	7,000.00
A03303	Electricity		100,000.00	100,000.00
A03305	POL for Generator		30,000.00	30,000.00
A03402	Rent For Office Building		20,000.00	18,200.00
A03603	Registration Of Vehicle		100,000.00	100,000.00

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16. Budget for Financial Year 2016-17

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the States of Women Financial Year 2016-17				
Code	Particulars	Number of Post 2016-17	Budget Estimate 2016-17	Revised Budget 2016-17
A011	Total Pay		550,000.00	550,000.00
A03805	Traveling Allowance		150,000.00	150,000.00
A03807	POL Charges		350,000.00	350,000.00
A03808	Conveyance Charges		50,000.00	50,000.00
A039	Total General		3,315,588.00	1,815,588.00
A03901	Stationary		100,000.00	100,000.00
A03902	Printing Charges		200,000.00	200,000.00
A03903	Conference / Seminars / Workshops		1,000,000.00	500,000.00
A03905	Newspapers Periodicals & Books		20,000.00	20,000.00
A03906	Uniform and Protective Clothing		10,000.00	10,000.00
A03907	Advertisement & Publicity		500,000.00	300,000.00
A03919	Payment to Others for services Rendered		1,085,588.00	435,588.00
A03970	others		100,000.00	100,000.00
A03973	Monitoring		300,000.00	150,000.00
A06	Total Transfers		200,000.00	200,000.00
A06301	Entertainment Charges		200,000.00	200,000.00
A09	Total Physical Assets		640,000.00	540,000.00
A09201	Hardware		300,000.00	200,000.00
A09202	Software		20,000.00	20,000.00
A09601	Plant & Machinery		20,000.00	20,000.00
A09701	Furniture & Fixture		300,000.00	300,000.00
A13	Total Repair		300,000.00	300,000.00
A13001	Transport		200,000.00	200,000.00
A1302	Equipments		50,000.00	50,000.00
A1303	Furniture & Fixture		50,000.00	50,000.00
	Grand Total		13,800,000.00	13,800,000.00