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INTRODUCTION

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women is a statutory advisory body established under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act XIX of 2009 which was amended by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly under the new Act XXVIII of 2016. The Commission in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the first ever Provincial Level Commission in the country, established with functions to oversee implementation of laws, policies and programs related to women and propose new measures where gaps exist. The third term of the Provincial Commission on the Status of Women was notified in January 2017. Emancipation, equalization of opportunities and socio-economic conditions amongst women and men and elimination of all sorts of discrimination of women. The basic purpose to establish the Commission was to have a regulatory monitoring body that can work with sister government organizations as well as with NGO's towards the emancipation of women, equalization of opportunities including socio economic condition among women and men. Also to eliminate all forms of discrimination/ violations against women. Commission has a mandate to conduct research on the issues related to the women of KP especially those deprived women living in the remote areas of the province. These Researches will also be shared with the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and will help the legislators to concentrate on women issues including Gender Based Violence (GBV). The Researches will also help the NGO sector to understand the current status of women in the light of facts provided through Research papers.

Vision:

Emancipation, equalization of opportunities and socio-economic conditions amongst women and men and elimination of all sorts of discrimination of women.

The foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world is the recognition that women are born with equal in rights and dignity. Women have individual and common roles, expectations and interests in society but in the processes of democratization, conflict resolution, peace building, and security, sustainable solutions are not possible if women's voices are discounted or ignored.

Gender equality is an important right and a powerful driver for growth, development and stability. Promoting gender equality is integral to advancing Pakistan's national interests and reflects Pakistan's values of fairness and substantive equality.

The Commission of the Status of Women aims to highlight the role of women in all spheres of life, as women hold a large portion of the population and play key roles. The more women are visible in the so-called non-traditional gender roles, the more impact they have, the more creativity, added value, problem-solving skills and energy is transmitted to the society.

The commission is playing its role to develop synergy with all relevant stakeholders on grass root level and monitor the mechanism and institutional procedures to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in many ways. We believe that women should benefit along with men in all parts of life which will not only help shift norms but develop legal frameworks and policies towards equality wherever opportunities arise.

This commission has been established to ensure the involvement of women in all walks of life, it is an understood fact that women play a key role in conflict prevention, peace negotiations and peace building and they should be equal partners in decision making. We will seek to ensure that gender equality issues are addressed and measures to address gender inequality can be taken to have a positive impact in promoting growth in our society.

KPCSW appoints new Secretary:

In January 2019, the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa appointed Ms. Shama Naimat (PMS BS-18) as Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women.



KPCSW celebrates 16 Days of Activism:

To Commemorate 16 Days of Activism, The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women organized several divisional level events in Kohat, Swat and Abbottabad to spread awareness regarding Gender Based Violence. The event was attended by Civil Society members, Lawyers, Journalists and Public Sector Representatives from the local community.



The event carried out a detailed discussion on GBV issues and addressed different aspects of violence against women and how it can be countered. Gender inequality is an issue which has not only affected the lives of females but males too and needs to be countered to enhance a just and equal society.



Commission on the Status of Women held awareness meetings:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the status of Women organized a divisional event in Dera Ismail Khan on raising awareness around issues of Gender Based Violence. The event witnessed high influx of members from Civil Society Organisations, Lawyers, Youth members and journalists. The event was chaired by Member Commission, Ms. Rubina Naz.



KPCSW trains stakeholders on GBV & SRHR:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women held a four-day training on GBV & SRHR Peshawar, the training was organized for Civil Society members and Public sector Representatives from Dir, Peshawar, Mardan, Battagram and Tank to spread awareness regarding issues of Gender Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights.

10 training sessions were executed for more than 275 people across the province which helped to enable and acknowledge the importance of debate on such issues which persist in our society.



Cross Learning Session for Experience Sharing Between KP and Sindh SGBV Networks:

Members of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women took part in a cross-learning session to enhance knowledge, experiences and best practices sharing between both provincial networks and commissions to improve coordination and communication among different stakeholders.



KPCSW members take part in multi stakeholder consultation:

Members from the KPCSW took part in a Multi stakeholder consultation to discuss the status and updates regarding the pending pro women legislation and role of government and non-governmental departments and actions required for the passage of Domestic Violence against Women (Prevention and Protection) Bill-2019



Mandate of KPCSW under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2016 The Commission shall:

- (a) Examine the policy, programs, projects and other measures taken by Government, for women development and gender equality, to assess implementation and make suitable recommendations to the concerned authorities, where considered necessary for effective impact;
- (b) Review all provincial laws, rules and regulations affecting the status and rights of women and suggest repeal, amendments or new legislations essential to eliminate discrimination, safeguard and promote the interests of women and achieve gender equality in accordance with the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and obligations under International Covenants and commitments;
- (c) Monitor the mechanism and institutional procedures for redress of violation of women's rights, individual grievances and facilities for social care, and undertake initiative for better management and efficient provision of justice and social services through the concerned forums and authorities;
- (d) Examine and review policies/programs and plans of each department to ensure that they address gender concerns adequately;
- (e) Establish and constitute in consultation with the Government, District Committees, consisting of such number of members with female majority and to be headed by a female Chairperson on such terms and conditions and for such a period as may be prescribed through regulations to examine and review policies/programs and plans for each office in the district and to ensure that they address gender concerns adequately; provided that two female members of district council shall be added to the District Committee and meetings and quorum of the District Committee shall be such as prescribed by regulations;
- (f) Provide guidelines to a District Committee for implementation and receive periodic reports on the implementation status to the Commission;