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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.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Award 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 access to justice, and combat gender-based violence

RESULTS TO DATE

- Support provided to National Commission on the Status of Women for policy research studies to improve government program planning and implementation.
- Public awareness mobilized on a nationwide basis about women issues and the impact of gender-based violence
- Support provided for the rehabilitation of Women's Crisis Centers to provide shelter for battered women.
- Support provided to facilitate the registration of marginalized women
- Support provided to reestablish women's home-based micro-enterprises destroyed in the 2010 floods
- 1.1 million women registered for National Identity Cards
- 2,000 women in crisis supported with essential relief items, water and sanitation services, and basic shelter
- Provincial Departments of Women's Affairs strengthened to perform essential program planning and implementation tasks

