



Ending violence against women

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP MODEL

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All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of sex yet

Domestic violence
Honour killing
Acid Attacks
Rape/gang rape
Stove Burning
Polygamy
Informal divorce,
Dowry,
Exchange marriages,
Child bride marriages
Denied right to
education
Denied right to
Health
Lack of Economic
opportunities



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Pakistan is a signatory of seven core international treaties yet

2nd worst country in terms of gender inequality – global gender gap report 2013

40% of girls in Pakistan married before their 18th birthday

8% of adolescents are already mothers

80% women suffer some kind of domestic violence



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MAJOR CAUSES OF VAW

Patriarchy

VAW an accepted norm

Poor legislation

Poor implementation of laws

Growing extremism,

Aggressive attitudes /behaviours

Poverty and its fall outs

Rise in feministic face of poverty



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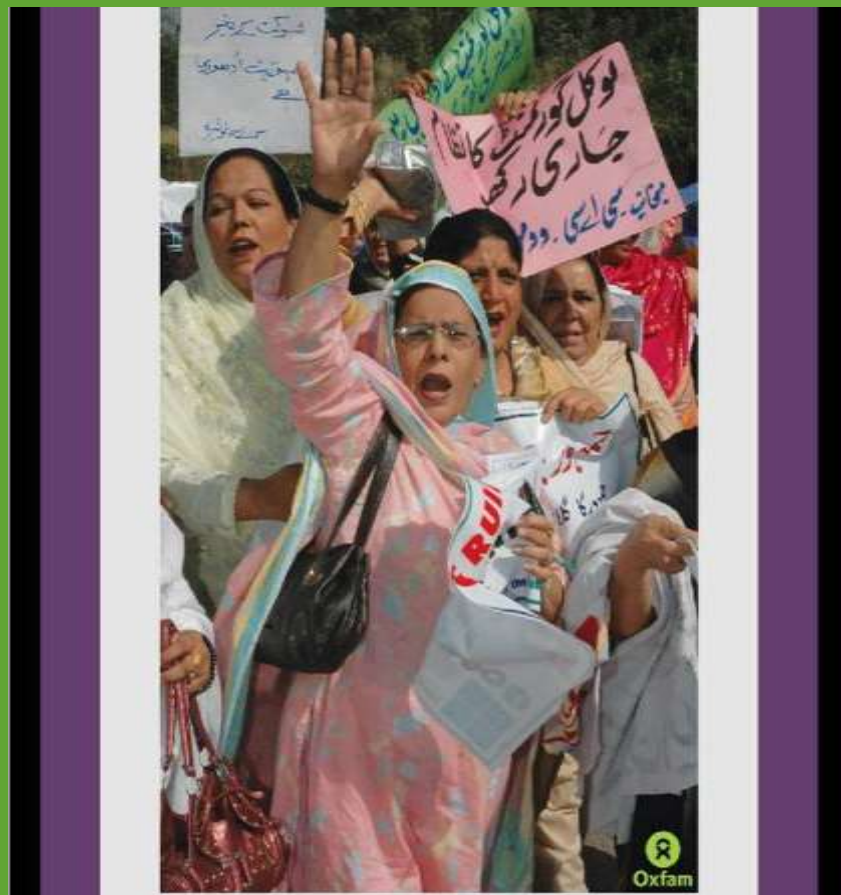
Oxfam entered this very complex and sensitive space with its allies and established the '50 Women Leaders Groups' (WLGs) in 30 districts across Pakistan.



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EVAW Programme 2005 -2015

- to promote activism within their communities
- to defend and promote individual and collective women's rights
- to represent marginalized women
- to raise women's collective voice at local and district provincial and national level.



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Strategies for change

- Demand generation
- Media stunt to mobilize women to caste vote
- Formation of district resource pool to meet capacity development needs
- Women leaders meeting with elected representatives
- Using policy environment in favor of women and youth – example of working women hostel demand by women leaders, day care centers, ect
- Theater was found highly impactful for women and men, and generated their interest into the project.
- Holding study circles by engaging women and youth into a dialogue opened direct inroads into government departments.



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30 districts

50 WLGs

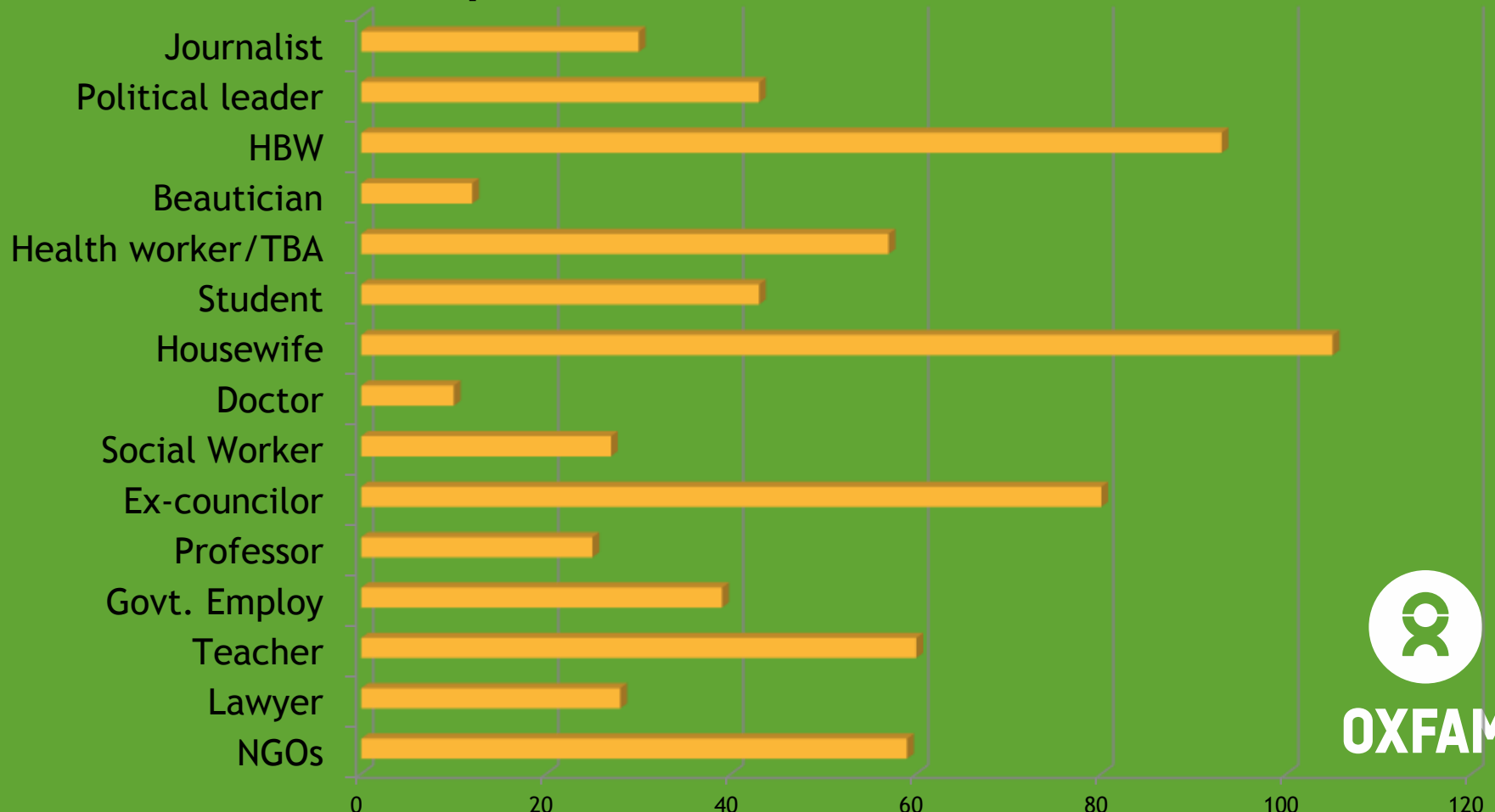
1500 Women
Leaders



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In each district a group of 50 women leaders was formed to run the project activities in their respective district. In fourth and fifth year each group added 50 more women in their group and this way 3000 women leaders were the direct beneficiaries of this program.

Occupation-wise Women Leaders



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Theory of Change Model

Political sphere
- (laws, local and traditional government structures, women's political participation)

Social sphere -
(women organizing together. public perceptions)

Personal sphere –
(independent identity, skills and confidence, knowledge of rights)

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EVAW Programme Achievements

135, 036 women were facilitated in last 4 ¼ yrs to acquire civil identity (Overall target was 75, 000)

WLGs helped women gain access to local resources i.e. the Benazir Bhutto Income Support (BIS) scheme, Zakat Committee, social welfare



EVAW Programme Achievement

Civil Registration Campaign

16,000 flood victims
women's identity
document replaced for
'Watan' cards to
benefit from government
welfare schemes.

Mobilized NADRA11 vans,
helping women with form
filling, in the space of two
years,



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- Women's cross-party Parliamentary Caucus formed.
- 5 women leaders are now MPA in Sindh and Punjab assemblies.
- Anti - Harassment bill at work passed
- Early marriages banned(2 provinces)
- Anti Torture bill in police custody is drafted with support from female lawyers
- Signing of MoU with WDD & Moljhr



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ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS POSSIBLE



- A Research Report
- on
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- Pro-women laws & Implementation gaps in women protection Institutions at district level
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