







SHE-The Peacebuilder: Women's Inclusion in Transforming Violent Extremism

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Group of 75 Women Peace Architects from across Pakistan

Staff Report

Aurat Foundation (AF) is implementing a national level program for two years to raise an all-women peace architects (WPAs) cadre under the project 'SHE - The Peacebuilder' with the support of Search for Common Ground (SFCG), and in partnership with Kadam Communications and Consultants (KCC). Believing in the principle that social inclusion is the key to a tolerant and peaceful society. Religious and ethnic minorities, women Persons with Disability (PWDs) and Transgender Individuals (TIs) were included in the 75 Women Peace Architects (WPAs) group from different sections of society and cultural influencers. Over a 2-year-period, these WPAs were equipped with relevant information, knowledge and skills. These WPAs have become the trailblazers of a new dedicated journey for peace in Pakistan.



Dr. Masuma Hasan, President, Aurat Foundation, Ms. Anastasia Kolivas, Mr. Shahid Rahim, Programme Lead, SFCG, with other guests and WPAs at a Common Ground Approach (CGA) training in March, 2023, at Marriott Hotel, Karachi.

A view of the consultation on Building Bridges for Women in Peace on 30th October 2023, at Roomy Hotel, Islamabad. Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman Islamic Ideology Council, Ms. Naela Chohan, Special Federal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shabana Fayyaz Sahiba, Head of Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Dr. M. Zia-ul-Haq, DG Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Ms. Beenish, Deputy Director FIA, Shahid Rahim, Programme Lead, SFCG and Mumtaz Mughal, Director Programmes, AF along with WPAs and civil society activists were present on stage.





Peshawar Consultation: Dr. Faiz Ullah Jan, University of Peshawar, Ms. Zohra Aslam, BISP, KP, Ms. Amna Durrani, Director Programmes, KP CSW, Ms. Saeeda Shaheen, Gender Desk Officer, Ms. Shabina Ayaz, Resident Director AF, KP, and Ms. Mumtaz Mughal, AF, with WPAs and other guests.

Impact and Achievements of SHE-The Peacebuilder Project

By Mumtaz Mughal

Aurat Foundation (AF), Search for Common Ground (SFCG), and in partnership with Kadam Communications and Consultants (KCC) made a strong footprint on the national agenda of peace through SHE-The Peacebuilder programme. Many activites and training were held with the WPAs and other stakeholders, including marginalised groups of society, over a period of two years.

Some achievements and impact of the programme:

 Launched a new peace initiative led by women at household, community and societal level for women's role in peacebuilding (Continued next Page)



A group photo after the sensitization session of Police Officers at CPC, Police HQ, Islamabad with Muhammad Mahfooz Kiayani, Principal CPC as the chief guest, Imrana Komal, WPA, and Naeem Mirza, ED, AF, are also present.



Group photo of 3-Day training workshop on TVE with WPAs of Punjab & KP at Maisonette Hotel, Lahore. Dr. Raana Malik, Chairperson Gender Studies Department, Punjab University, Lahore, chaired the















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AF signed MoU with Sindh Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Nuzhat Shirin, Chairperson SCSW and Ms. Mahnaz Rehman, AF signed MoU on 22nd Sept 22.

AF singed MoUs/LoC with Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments and universities

Aurat Foundation signed Memorandum of Association with Balochistan and Sindh provincial governments and relevant departments of University of Peshawar and University of Punjab. These MoUs facilitated the smooth implementation of SHE-The Peacebuilder Project.

Eventually, these entities became effective and active as stakeholders of the programme by providing guidance and also participating in the programme activities.



AF signed MoU with Provincial National Commission on Human Rights. Ms. Farkhanda Aurangzeb, Member NCHR and Mr. Allaudin Khilji signed MoU on 14th Sept 22.



AF signed MoU with Gender Studies Department of Punjab University. Dr. Raana Malik, Chairperson, Gender Studies Department, signed MoU on 21st Sept. 22



AF signed MoU with Balochistan Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Fouzia Shaheen, Chairperson BCSW and Mr. Allaudin Khilji signed MoU on 20th Sept 22.



AF signed MoU with Department of Journalist and Mass Communication of KP University on 14th Sept. 22.

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- and conflict-resolutions through a nation-wide group of 75 Women Peace Architects (WPAs).
- Developed and promoted citizens' peace narrative based on tolerance, harmony and co-existence of all without discrimination, prejudice and fear.
- Reached out to 20,000 Direct Beneficiaries, including women peace architects, representatives of political parties, government officials, law-enforcements departments, office-bearers of women's and human rights commissions, ombudspersons, academia, students, journalists, lawyers and social and political activists. These included members of religious minorities, persons with disabilities and transgender individuals.
- Reached out 1,500,000 Indirect Beneficiaries, through posters and illustrations, stickers, mass media campaigns, including public service messages, -- one-hour radio programmes, thematic videos, advocacy campaigns, including "Rickshaw Advocacy Campaigns highlighting role of women in decision-making, inheritance rights, cultural diversity and inclusion, impact of climate change on women and children, role of women in ending domestic violence, role of women in building violence-free Pakistan, interfaith harmony and peace, freedom for girls in choosing a career path and animal care.
- Linked SHE-The Peacebuilder
 Programme agenda with Fundamental
 Rights Chapter of the Constitution of
 Islamic Republic of Pakistan, National
 Action Plan (NAP) 2014 (revised in 2021),

- SDGs particularly SDG 16, 10 and 5 through training sessions based on a comprehensive manual.
- Educated and trained WPAs on United Nations Security Resolution 1325 (women's role in peacebuilding and negotiations). Through SCR 1325, the international community for the first time recognized the need to include women as active agents in peacebuilding.
- Educated and sensitized all stakeholders and focused groups including WPAs on the forms and dynamics of VAWG, significance of 16-Days of Activism and; imparted knowledge about progressive laws enacted in Pakistan for prevention of domestic violence, sexual harassment and customary practices.
- Focused group and beneficiaries that women's peace framework is based on Pakistani women's struggle for women's empowerment.
 - Enhanced capacities, knowledge and skills of WPAs through "Common Ground Approach, Transforming Violent Extremism and Profession Leadership Skills" training conducted by national and international trainers, "Transforming Violent Extremism Study Circles", "Building Bridges Provincial and National Consultations", and finally releasing 33 "Community Action Grants" replicating the learnings of the programmes. Public office holders, ministers, representatives of government departments, including youth and sports, heads and members of women's and human rights commissions, parliamentarians, religious scholars, senior academicians, media

- personnel, lawyers and senior police officers and prison authorities, scholars and intellectuals attended these events. These events drew extensive print and broadcast media coverage.
- Project partners KCC aired 30 Live Radio Shows from FM-101 Islamabad, FM-92.2 Peshawar, FM-101 Karachi and FM-101 Quetta in Urdu, Pashto, Sindhi and Balochi languages engaging WPAs, women activists, women with disabilities, transgender individuals and other stakeholders as well as general public. These talk shows were also disseminated through social media channels.
- Developed and utilized a programme thematic song titling "Khwateen Maimar-e-Aman" highlighting role of women in promoting peace. This was used as a signature tune in radio live shows and posted and promoted on social media platforms.
- Sindh government issued notification for inclusion of women in District Peace Committees. The process of notification has started.
- 7 women are notified for DRC SWAT; 11 women's applications are under process.
- 20 women applications are processed for inclusion in district committees KP.
- One woman seat in Anti-Harassment Desk/Cell at Provincial Directorate of Education (Schools) Balochistan, Quetta, has been included in the Desk/Cell.
- One woman seat in District
 Departmental Inquiry Committee Under
 Section 3 of the Anti-Harassment Act
 hase been added.
- 3 WPAs notified member of women empowerment committee, by Commissioner Quetta.

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Celebrating 8th March 2024 in Karachi with Dr. Masuma Hasan, President, AF, Malka Khan, Muneezeh Saeed, Mahnaz Rehman, Mr. Anthony Naveed, Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly, Indira Aslanova, International Trainer, SFCG regional office Kyrgyzstan & Shahid Rahim.



Advisor to Chief Minister Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi addressing at the Consultation held in Quetta under SHE-The Peacebuilder.





Shania Khan, WPA Meeting with Governor Balochiatan under SHE-The Peacebuilder Project for establishment of Peace Committees at District level.



WPAs delegation led by Ms. Samreen Hakeem & Minhas Yousafzai with District Police Officer of Swat, Dr Zahidullah Khan.



Meeting with Deputy Speaker Ms. Ghazala Gola, Balochistan Assembly at her office to discuss women's rights issues under SHE-The Peacebuilder Project.

Capacity building of Women Peace Architects and social inclusion lead to success of SHE-The Peacebuilder

The Constitution of Pakistan gives the security of person, no person shall be deprived of life or liberty save in accordance with law. All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law.

In 2000, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 1325, the first time the international community formally recognized either the impact of conflict on women or the need to involve them as active agents in peacebuilding.

Women Peace Security (WPS) framework lie in the overall struggle for gender equality in Pakistan. Women's participation in peacebuilding is linked to women's social, economic, and political participation in the country.

In 2014, Government of Pakistan approved 20 Points National Action Plan (NAP) for countering terrorism and extremism from the Parliament. The NAP was revised in 2021.

Under "SHE-The Peacebuilder" project Aurat Foun-



dation engaged community women leaders (75-Women Peace Architects) from all over the country and built their capacity by educating them on how women can counter the challenge of extremism, and to promote peace and tolerance within the society, and role of women & youth in their respective communities.



Women hockey player depicting Khawateen Maimar-e-Aman logo in Haripur - photo by Zainab Mehmood, WPA



Persons with Disability on speacial bikes at Sports Complex Karachi - photo by Fatima Jaffery, WPA



Women hockey players in a promotion of peace pose, Haripur



SSP Sukkur, Amjad Ali Sheikh, at a training session with Adv Ghazala Kashif, WPA (L); certificate distibution (R)



Trainees with Mansoor Ahmed, Bureau Chief, ARY in Quetta - photo by Mah Noor Wahid & group, WPAs.



Asiya Munir, WPA, presenting the shield to Ahmed Nawaz, DIG Traffic Police in Karachi.



Presenting shield to Chief Guest Ms Kishwar Zahra, at an event in Karachi - photo by Shazia & Maria



Farkhanda Aurangzeb, Member, NCHR and Zainab Nisar WPA presenting souvenirs to children in Quetta.



A training session of apparel women workers at Rawalpindi - photo by Areas Jabeen Awan, WPA



Mr. Ramesh Singh Arora, Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minorities Affairs (above); with with Kanji Ram (Ex-MPA), Moulana Abdul Khabir Azad, Bishop Sebastian Shah, Archbishop at Express Forum, Lahore (below) - photo by Ms. Amna Malik WPA, Lahore



Amir Nawaz Warraich, President Karachi Bar Association and Asiya Munir, WPA, at a training session in Karachi





Murtaza Wahab Siddiqui, Minister, Sindh, Saina Ali, WPA awarding a certificate



Raheela Durani, Minster for Education, Balochistan speaking at a sport festival in Quetta.



Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledhi Advisor to Chief Minister for WDD Balochistan with Roshan Khursheed Bharucha, Member, Board of Governors. AF at consultation in Ouetta.



 $Building\ tolerance\ against\ stress\ and\ anger\ through\ sports\ in\ Quetta.\ A\ girl\ in\ Taekwondo\ action\ -\ photo\ by\ Shania\ Khan,\ WPA$



Doultana Kausar, WPA, at the launch of Rickshaw Campaign in Rawalpindi.



Group of women peace architect of Rawalpindi at the launch of Rickshaw Awarness Campaign with Dr. Shaista Jadoon, PMLN, MNA.



Surriya Manzor, WPA along with Muhammad Nasir, Traffic Police at launching of Peace Awareness Rikshaw Campaign on 15 June 2024 at Gujranwala



Exposure visit to a church, organized by Zehra Shallwani, WPA, in Maripur, Karachi





A view of training at Rawalpindi - photo by Najeeba Syed, WPA

Ms. Ismat Afridi, Deputy Director Women Welfare and Development Centre, Islamabad inaugurating the training in Islamabad (right); students of the Development Centre durining an activity (below); Asia Mughal, specialized trainer on SME and Digital Marketing conducting a session (bottom). - by Mehak Fatima Jaffery, WPA







Trailblazers of Women's Pe

Women Peace Architects undertaking measures for conflict-re



Shania Khan, Member NCRC,



Zarghoona Barrech, Advocate, Member BCSW. Ouetta



Engr. Kavish Mehboob, Headmistress, GGHS Khuzdar



Zainab Nasir, Psychologist,



Maryam Tanveer, Freelance News Reporter, Ouetta



Yasmeen Mughal, Social & Political Activist, Quetta



Afnan Shah, journalist, activist, Quetta



Sabra Sultana, lawyer, activist, Quetta



Saira Igbal, Co-founder of Raniya's Collection, Quetta



Tania Mubeen, Officer at S&GAD Dept., Quetta



Musarat Dawood, Miniorty Right Activists, Quetta



Reedha Kanwal, Social &



Fizza Kanwal, Journalist, Quetta



Dr. Rukhsana Sharif, Principal Public Health School, Sibi



Kaneez Fatima Mengal, Political Activist, Quetta



ashmina Khilji, Student,



Haida Abdul Karim, Student,



Shazia Malik, Social Activist &



Alina Afroz, Student,



Masooma Ahmed, Ex. Councilor, Quetta



Hafiza Imbisat Javed, Student,



Mah Noor Wahid, Psychologist,



Bushra Bano Arain, Chairperson, LHWs Union, Jacobabad



Fatima Jaffery, Disability Rights Activist, Karachi



Zehra Shallwani, CEO Dastaan Tours Pvt Ltd., Karachi

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solution through training, sports, study circles and campaigns



Chairperson, UC, Sukkur



Kiran Fatima, Assistant Director FBR, Karachi



Shazia Arshad, Journalist Karachi



Niomi Bashir, CEO St Jeremiah Nursing School & Church, Karachi



Saina Ali, Gender Specialist & Social Activist, Karachi



Safia Lakhao, Advocate High Court, Social Activist, Karachi



Maham Qamar, Student,



Maria Ismail, Reporter, Daily Awami Awaz, Karachi



Asiya Munir, advocate, Gender Specialist, Karachi



Nazia Ghulam Abbass, Founder of Fun-e-Mussawari, Karachi



Convent School, Karachi



Shabana Owais. City Councilor KMC, Karachi



Gurya Baloch, Transgender Rights Activist, Karachi



Hiba Rizwan, Student, Karachi



Rida Rehman, Student, University, Karachi



Razia Usmani, CEO, Hum Qadam, Hyderabad



Health Department, Karachi



Mahrukh Aftab, Student, University, Karachi



Neelam Suleman, CEO, Shumaila Vocational Institute, Karachi



Atlas Abeer Shah, Member WAF, Hyderabad



Zohra Jakhro, Social Activist, Karachi



Sadaf Hussain, Disability Rights Activist, Karachi



Aliya Fatima, Disability Rights Activist, Karachi



Ishrat Batool Malik, CEO, Educationist, Dera Ismail Khan



Samreen Hakeem, lawyer, Human Rights Activist, Swat

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Trailblazers of Women's Peace Movement in Pakistan

Women Peace Architects undertaking measures for conflict-resolution through training, sports, study circles and campaigns



Zeenat Bibi, Film Maker, journalist, Peshawar



Naina Samson, Women Rights Activist, Peshawar



Sumbal Yousaf, Women worker Rights activist, Peshawar



Mashal Mushtaq, Social Mobilizer, Peshawar



Carol Malaika, Program Officer, Caritas Pakistan, Peshawar



Zainab Mehmood, Hockey Player, activist, Haripur



Minhas Yousafzai, Advocate High Court, Swat



Najeeba Syed, Peace Expert, Islamabad



Amna Malik, Human Rights Activist, Lahore



Razia Sultana, Educationist, activist, Rawalpindi



Samina Shoaib, Political Activist, Rawalpindi



Saeeda Begum, President SWF, Rawalpindi



Doultana Kousar, Ex. Councilor, Rawalpindi



Nishla Anjum, Women Right Activist, Lahore



Faiza Hassan, Media Rights Worker, Rawalpindi



Surriya Manzoor, President, WDO, Gujranwala



nrana Saghar Komal, journalist, author, Islamabad



Moazammah Hasnain, Advocate High Court, Multan



Aeras Jabeen Awan, Coordinator Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan, Islamabad



Maria Qureshi, Disability Rights Activist, Islamabad



Warda Shahid, Student, NDU, Islamabad



Mehak Fatima Jafry, Journalist, Islamabad



Dr. Yusra Gilani, Disability Rights Activist, Islamabad



Hafsa Ammar, Student, NDU, Islamabad



Amira Liaqat, Entrepreneur, activist, Islamabad



Peacebuilding session with Youth organized by Maham Qamar, WPA. Kokab Jhan, District Election Commissioner



An exercise during training session at Capital Police





imrana Komai, WPA, presenting shiefd to Bifaf iftikhar Kayan (SSP/PSP), Principal, Police Training School, Rawalpindi.



Zehra Shallwani, WPA, holding training session of teachers on role of teachers in Peacebuilder at Women Dahaba, Maripur, Karachi



Sensitization session with Police Officers with Tahir Mustafa, SP Special Branch as chief guest in Multan - photo by Moazammah Husnain, WPA



St. Catherine Gill, WPA, planting a tree in Karachi.



Samreen Hakeem, Advocate, WPA Swat, conducting networking exercise on role of women in Alternate Dispute Resolution through an excercise on 14 June 2024 at DPO office Swat





Celebration of World Environment Day at D.I. Khan - by Ishrat Batool, WPA



WPAs of Swat Samreen Hakeem and Minhas Yousafzai conducting power exercise with community women leaders on ADR at DPO office Swat





Participants showing resolve to uphold Disability Rights at a training session in June 2024 at Islamabad with WPAs Maria Qureshi and Dr. Yusra Gillani (L). Another view of the training (R)



Zainab Nasir, WPA Quetta with Shabir Badini, Director General, Social Welfare Department, Quetta



WPAs Mashal Mushtaq and Carol Malaika with Mr. Rizwan, Provincial Coordinator of NCHR, KP, in Peshawar



Najeeba Syed, WPA, conducting the training Session with Host and Refugee Youth on Understanding Dynamic of Conflict for Promotion of Peace in Society, at Cambridge Academy, Rawalpindi.



Participants holding certificate after Painting Competition with Muhammad Abdullah, MIS Officer NCHD, Asma Sadaf, Assistant Director NCHD, at D.I. Khan - photo by Ishrat Batool, WPA



Zulfaqar Abbasi, DSP, Police Human Rights Cell and Chief Guest Irfan Baloch, DIG West Zone, Karachi with trainess - photo by Sania Ali, WPA



Peace Awareness Rickshaw Campaign at opposite Mazar-e-Quaid Ground, Karachi - photo by Maham Qamar, WPA



Kiran Fatima, WPA, Karachi, holding a training session (left); Asim Malik, Director AF, Mehak Fatima Jaffery, WPA, Bano Raja Advocate, distibuting certificate after the training of students and journalists on Harassment at Workplace Act 2010, at Islamabad







L to R: Saeed Sarbazi, President Karachi Press Club, Naseem Sheikh, Chief Editor Daily Sindh Amar Karachi, Sana Hashmi, anchorperson & Senior Journalist, Shoaib Ahmed, Secretary Karachi Press Club and Dr. Umair Mehmood, Department of Islamic Studies at Jamia Karachi in Media Forum on Peace and Harmony against Violent Extremism on 30th June 2024 at Press Club, Karachi.



Bushra Arain, WPA, at a computer skill training in Jacobabad



A view of the Jirga proceedings at Khyber Agency in a documentary prepared by Zeenat Bibi, WPA, Feshawar (L); Zeenat Bibi at a premiere of the documentary at the Peshawar Press Club

Advocacy campaigns for women's role in peacebuilding through posters, stickers, leaflets: a glance over



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