

THE PROBLEM

Gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls is rooted in harmful social norms, patriarchal structures, and rigid gender roles, which normalize and sustain violence. Cultural practices and economic and political inequalities further perpetuate violence, affecting women and girls throughout their lives in forms such as physical, sexual, emotional, and economic abuse. Stigma and fear of societal judgment prevent most survivors from reporting abuse, leaving them without access to justice or support. This systemic cycle demands urgent action to challenge harmful norms, empower women and girls, and ensure access to effective support and protection.

HIGH-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- Consistent, evidence-based and targeted community outreaches and training to inform, educate and maintain awareness of domestic violence.
- Build the capacity of PeaceMakers, the local community women to be influential agents of change within their communities.
- Host community forums and dialogues, where women, men, girls and boys can actively engage in discussions about domestic violence, and shift harmful norms at household-, community- and societal levels.
- Engage and partner with local and national government authorities including police to prevent and respond to domestic violence.
- Provide training to the police officials/justice sector on survivor-centred care, counselling and support approaches.
- Provide psychosocial support, skill development and livelihood training opportunities for survivors.
- Train and supervise counsellors to provide individual and group psychosocial interventions for vulnerable communities.
- Conduct regular and context-appropriate reviews, studies, and research on DV and related topics, and disseminate the generated evidence to key stakeholders. Integrate Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) across all levels and phases of the programmatic design.
- Provide training to and support the development of sector-specific risk mitigation plans and responses.
- Advocate for and establish partnerships for domestic violence programmes for vulnerable women and children and/or survivors of domestic violence.
- Build alliances and networks with like-minded organisations to advocate for the effective implementation of laws at the state and national levels.
- Support the government and organisations through training and resource sharing to assist survivors of gender-based violence.
- Serve in the committees under the Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 to make workplace safer.
- Conduct programmes with institutions, children and parents to raise awareness about child safety including recognising and preventing abuse and provide support mechanisms for reporting and addressing incidents.
- Engage men and boys through targeted programmes to promote gender equality and empower them to become champions in preventing gender-based violence within their communities.

MISSION

We aim to give women, children and families choices to live lives free from abuse, violence and sexual exploitation.

GOAL

Promote gender equality, reduce the prevalence of domestic violence and improve the quality of life (especially women and girls) by addressing the root and structural causes of violence faced by women and children.

Output 1.1: Selected PeaceMakers are engaged and trained to mobilize men and women in their communities to change behaviour, attitudes and practices about violence against women and girls.

Output 2: Selected Community leaders and/or key decision makers and authorities advocate for changes in behaviours, attitudes and practices and take action to prevent violence against women and girls.

Output 3: Women and girls have improved confidence and/or are equipped with knowledge to report violence.

Output 2.1. Cases of domestic violence and child sexual abuse are more effectively and/or often reported and provided psycho, social, and legal support and safe shelter.

Output 2.2. Specialist support services are set up or improved to help women and girl survivors and those at risk.

Output 2.3. Women and girl survivors or those at risk can access services through improved ease of accessibility (e.g. geographic distance, facilities for differentiated needs, knowledge of services).

Outcome 1

Improved prevention of violence against women and girls through changes in knowledge, attitude and practices of individuals and communities.

Outcome 2

Improved access for women and girls to essential, safe and adequate services to end violence against women and girls.

OUTCOMES

Outcome 4

Enhanced safety measures for the survivors of child sexual abuse, and improved gender-equitable attitudes and behaviours among adolescents and youth.

Outcome 3

Increased effectiveness in the institutional response to prevent violence against women and girls.

Output 4.1. Safe spaces and platforms are established for children, adolescents and youth to discuss safety and gender-related issues. Young and adult girls and boys have improved knowledge of gender equality, safety and prevention of harmful practices.

Output 4.2. Parents, teachers and caregivers are equipped with knowledge and tools to create a safe and supportive environment for children, promoting their safety and well-being.

Output 4.3. Reported cases of child sexual abuse receive necessary support and assistance.

Output 3.1: Institutions improve effectiveness to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls (e.g. through improving capacity, resources, efficiency or coordination etc.).

Output 3.2. The capacity and skills of the service providers (MCF's partners and other allied actors) are strengthened to provide quality domestic violence services.

Output 3.3. Mechanisms are in place to gather evidence and data, monitor domestic violence trends and patterns, and inform policy and programme design.