

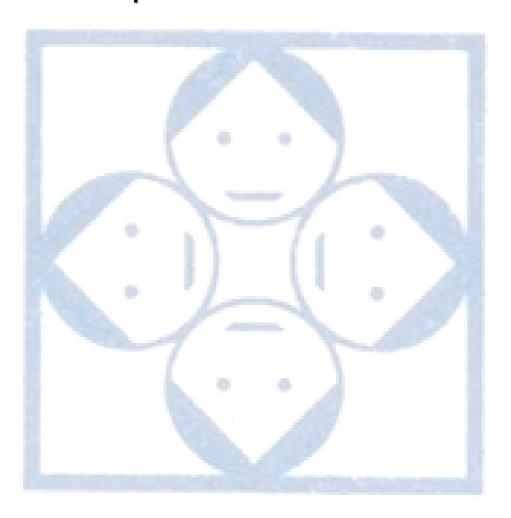
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A Struggle for Equality



- Gender Violence
- Counselling
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FROM MY DESK.....

It gives me great pleasure to present this report which contains a detailed description of the work carried out by our team during the financial year 2021-22. The entire team has worked with commitment and dedication to meet the goals we had set for ourselves, overcoming several hurdles.

As in previous years, much of our work has revolved around issues of both sexual and domestic violence against women. This work involves conducting awareness and gender sensitisation training with the community, providing counselling to women and children, help women access police, courts, and other legal and para-legal machinery to achieve positive outcomes.



However, like other countries, our country also had to grapple with the adverse public health, economic, and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The world as we know has changed considerably after the pandemic and has forced humanity to rethink its vulnerable groups mainly women and children as it has affected them the most. Their resilience in the face of the crisis has given us hope to begin our journey of recovery.

We at AWAG were witness to the resolve of women who were faced with domestic violence during the lockdown. Children also suffered from mental health problems during this time. The year of AWAG began with the consolidation of learning and reflection to determine the future of our work on violence against women. We enhanced our capacity by deepening our reach among adolescent girls and women. With our belief in rational thinking and the power of collectivization, we continued working with adolescent girls on menstruation and menstrual protection practices that are still clouded by taboos and socio-cultural restrictions. Adolescent girls remain ignorant about the scientific facts and hygienic health practices and this often results in adverse health outcomes. By virtue of this intervention, a large number of myths/blind faith and problems regarding menstrual health issues, hygiene, and nutrition were demystified. It has been extremely rewarding to observe the change in menstrual healthcare resulting in sustained behaviour change towards menstrual protection practices and nutritional diet, thereby leading to improvement in their health and wellbeing.

The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic was devastating. To ease the economic vulnerability of women, various training workshops were organised for women on stitching garments. With the support of our partners, we could provide them with sewing machines, catering equipment for home-based businesses, iron and handcarts for selling items, equipment for beauty parlours and so on that will enable them to draw their own destinies. We hope to instill hope and energy in them with this effort.

All these efforts were possible with the generous support of our partners. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us in this journey and we look forward to their continued support in the future. We would have not been able to cross the bridge without your support. I would like to warmly thank all those State Governments for their support without which much of our work would not have been possible.

Jharna Pathak Secretary – AWAG

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AWAG'S VISION, MISSION, GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

To realize the identity of women towards dignity, equity and empowerment.

MISSION

• Supporting adolescent girls and women for equitable access, control, decision making and mobility in their lives.

• Sensitizing the societal forces towards changing the mindsets and behaviour of various stakeholders of the society towards empowerment of less privileged women.

GOAL

To empower women through assertion of their individuality, to strategize towards survival, to get social justice and equality.

OBJECTIVES

- To strive for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.
- To strengthen the identity of women, support for knowledge building, develop skills with an aim to make women secure and resilient to face challenges.
- To contribute to the national agenda of women's empowerment.

• To enable to improve social position of women by empowering them to take decisions and control of their lives and supporting to understand their 'SELF' & 'DIGNITY'.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

AWAG has been active on the issue of violence against women and continually devises fresh strategies to counter this social evil by:

- Protesting against all forms of violence against women through public programmes and demonstrations.
- Raising awareness about their rights among community women and support them to lead a life free of violence.

Incident of Sexual Harassment & exploitation of Women Attendants of Guru Govind Singh Hospital, Jamnagar

The incident of sexual harassment of young women attendants of Guru Govind Singh Hospital, Jamnagar shook the entire state. Though the Government formed investigation committee immediately, there seemed to be lot of loopholes and liberal attitude. Therefore on 17 June 2021 as a part of fact-finding, AWAG along with All India MSS and Majoor Mahajan Sangh (women's wing) visited the Hospital and met the victims and other women attendants



and raised a voice against the issue and additionally also put in our demands for justice for the victims.

Protest Demonstration against Dahod Incident of Public Assault of a Woman

In the aftermath of gruesome behaviour and public assault towards a woman from Khajuri village in Dahod (Gujarat), as a mark of solidarity and support, AWAG participated in the protest demonstration that was jointly organized at Ahmedabad on 15 July 2021 by All India MSS and other organizations. Following this, on 16 July 2021, a field visit was undertaken to Dahod as a part of fact-finding in relation to this incident. AWAG also participated on the discussion programme "To The Point" (https://youtu.be/6kE-ulzOWX4) by Nirmana News, Gujarat.



Celebration of International Women's Day

To mark the occasion of International Women's Day, a gathering of community women was held at AWAG's head-office at Bhudarpura on 5 March 2022, to honour the significance of International Women's Day and to continue to strive for gender parity and women's rights.



'Hun Puchun Chu, Kem?' (I ask, Why?)

In an endeavour to apply Street Theatre as a medium to highlight issues like sexual harassment of women at workplace & public spaces, sex determination and girls' education, AWAG has produced a street play 'Hun Puchun Chu, Kem?' (I ask, Why?), based on the injustice faced by women in society. A total of twenty-two shows were staged across various colleges and urban dwellings of Ahmedabad.





The Ahmedabad Women's Action Group (AWAG) on Sunday organized a street play at Vadaj and Rama Pir no Tekro. The officials said that the play, titled 'I ask, Why?' highlighted issues such as good touch-bad touch, sexual harassment at workplace, sex determination and girl education, said Jharna Pathak, AWAG secretary.

Outreach Programmes on Violence against Women and Gender Awareness

In order to raise awareness about their rights among community women and support them to lead a life free of violence, under Project PANKHI, AWAG conducted periodic awareness sessions on Gender Based Violence with community women, and adolescent girls.

Total No. of Outreach Sessions conducted: 68

Total No. Attendees: 1731

The topics covered were:

- Understanding and handling Gender violence
- Gender Awareness and Sensitization
- Reproductive health and Rights
- Promotion of Pankhi Helpline and availing of the facility





MENTAL HEALTHCARE OF WOMEN

AWAG has been instrumental in implementing the Mental Health Project for Women since December 2008 covering the slum areas of Bapunagar, Rakhiyal, Gomtipur, Saraspur and Ramol in the industrial belt of east Ahmedabad.

The main objectives are:

- a) To provide counselling and psychiatric support to women suffering from mental illnesses,
- **b)** To strengthen women suffering from Domestic Violence to have better quality of life.

The following activities were undertaken to fulfil these objectives -

- Approaching communities to disseminate awareness about mental health through community leaders
- Guiding the patients to the path of curative treatment
- Counselling
- Psychiatric care with medicines
- Group therapy through workshops

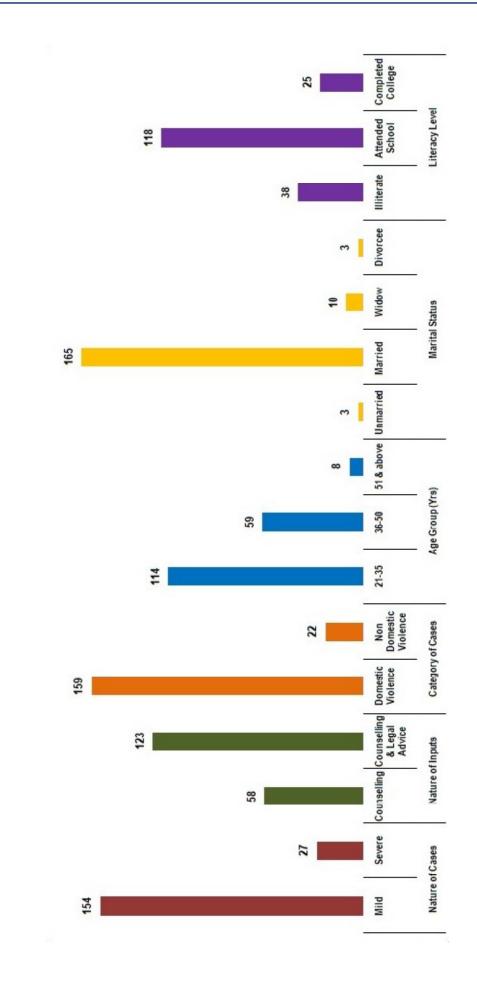
The awareness raising meetings were conducted in the defined areas through a total of 135 meetings covering 2250 women. The theme of the meetings was to provide a general understanding of mental disorders and the need to treat them for a healthy living. Over the year, 181 women approached AWAG's Centre to avail of the facility for treatment of mental illness through counselling and medical help. A majority of cases (88%) pertained to domestic violence wherein the victims were married, falling in the age group of 21-35 years and had completed schooling. These cases were largely rendered counselling. All the severe cases sought psychiatric help with regular follow-ups. This required provision of medicines which was supplied by AWAG with the support of Dr. Ajay Chauhan from the local Hospital for Mental Health, Ahmedabad.



The group therapy in the form of awareness-raising workshops has been very beneficial in providing openness and acceptance of personal issues and dealing with them more effectively. Over the year, three such workshops were conducted covering a total of 76 women.

On the whole, through awareness women

have gained an understanding of living a better quality of life by strongly facing the hurdles that come by. Counselling has provided better coping skills and a supportive environment where they feel empowered.



Summary of Cases

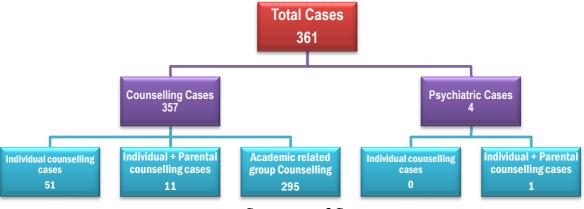
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MENTAL HEALTHCARE OF ADOLESCENTS

The Mental Health Project for Adolescents, undertaken by AWAG is functional since September 2008. With common adolescent issues identified as adjustment problems, relationship issues, negative attitude towards marriage, educational issues, low self-esteem, family issues etc., the project makes an attempt to reach out to the adolescent group both in community as well as in schools and undertakes the following activities:

- Approaching schools to contact adolescents enrolled
- Approaching communities to contact non-school going and dropped out adolescents
- Guiding adolescents to curative path
- Counselling
- Psycho-education of parents
- Psychiatric care with medicines
- Teachers training for care of adolescents and monitoring of Teachers' performance

The project intervention had a two-pronged approach to reach out to the adolescents so as to provide them with a better understanding of mental health leading them towards cure through counselling and medical help as per need. Due attention was paid to providing more strength and support to the adolescents by working with both parents and teachers by making them more aware of their problems and developing a better understanding of the same. To start with, awareness raising meetings were organized in community as well as in schools with the help of community leaders and school authorities whereby AWAG conducted a total of 147 meetings covering 2536 adolescents. A total of 361 cases were handled over the year. Of these, 15 cases approached the Centre whereas 346 cases were handled in the school by the counsellor.



Summary of Cases

DIAGNOSIS OF ISSUES UNDER EACH CATEGORY

- Academic issues 344 cases
- Emotional / behavioural / personal issues 9 cases
- Family issues 4 cases
- Psychiatric problems 4 cases diagnosed as Seizure Episode, ?Migraine, Mild Depression Disorder, Borderline Intelligence with behaviour disorder.



Individual Counselling of Adolescents



Academic Related Group Counselling

Additionally, a total of 19 teachers from Shayona School underwent training workshops conducted by psychologists and psychotherapists. The objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- a) To create awareness about mental health
- b) To sensitize teachers to the psychological needs of the adolescent students so as to support them.
- c) To provide primary psychological and emotional help in academics, family issues etc.

Regular monitoring and follow-up of teachers was also conducted by AWAG. Likewise, in counselling cases, parents were provided with suitable suggestions to improve the mental health of their children.

The resultant effect of AWAG's interventions with adolescents over the year is that the affected children, their parents and teachers have gained considerable awareness psychological regarding the among problems prevailing adolescents. Moreover, through training workshops and



Teachers' Training

counselling sessions, they have developed skills to cope effectively with their lives wherein the children experience a warm, secure and a healthy environment.

AWARENESS ON SAFE-TOUCH AND UNSAFE-TOUCH

During AWAG's periodic interactions with the participating communities, women voiced their concerns with regard to safety and security of their children while they were out at work. The women further added that they often have to choose between safety of their children and earning their wages. Parents of sexually abused children are scared to tell anyone due to fear of being shamed in society. The trauma of sexual abuse in children often impacts the children through life; they become guilty, fearful, lonely and worried.

Since it is not possible to keep an eye on the children all the time, creating awareness on the issue was sought as a viable option. Thus, based on the above concerns voiced by the community women, AWAG addressed the issue of preventing child sexual abuse by undertaking awareness meetings with community/school children in its work areas. These meetings were conducted through the story of *Komal* developed by CHILDLINE and focused on creating a widespread on the message of 'safe touch-unsafe touch' along with other safety measures that parents and children must adopt in order to prevent abuse. Over the year, a total of 80 awareness meetings on the issue were conducted covering 2822 children from schools and communities.

No. of Meetings held	Schools/Areas Covered	Total Participants
80	80	2822



SARALSAMUDAY - SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR RESILIENCE & ADVANCED LIVELIHOOD

SARALsamudaay program is inherently based on the integrated sustainable development of individual, family, community, and village. It's an inclusive program which involves relevant stakeholders in driving change across various components to fulfil the community needs and create a visible and meaningful impact on ground. The program was implemented by AWAG in collaboration with L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering, along with our technical partner SCORE Livelihood Foundation. Building on the experiences of the project that were undertaken over the previous years, the current year covered two new villages viz Khatamba and Navi Jambuvai in addition to the existing work areas in Ropa, Mastupura, Bakrol, Sikandarpura and Hanumanpura in Waghodiya Taluka of Vadodara district, Gujarat.

The focus of the programme was to conduct follow-up of the last years programme activities, strengthening community institutions, handholding support to the entrepreneurs through capacitating on business management practices and branding, engaging community resources persons to facilitate programme implementation in previous phases' villages and skilling of women and adolescent girls, creating awareness on sanitation and hygiene, formation and nurturing women self-help group etc. in newly added villages were some of the initiatives of this phase. The programme was rolled out by a dedicated field team and supported by an advisory and review process for strategic communication, planning and implementation. Involvement of community at every stage cannot be undermined.

The programme has impacted lives of more than 1500 women, adolescent girls, children and other community members wherein...

- 196 women and adolescent girls were made aware on sanitation and hygiene issues and adopted safe and hygienic practices in day-to-day life;
- 74 women and girls were trained on vocational, life and entrepreneurial skill;
- Around 100 income generation activities/micro-enterprises strengthen through continuous handholding and introducing business management practices, branding, promotion etc;
- Around 300 community representatives along with media and government participated in a stakeholders interaction event SAMVAD
- Tobacco de-addiction awareness sessions were also organized in Hanumanpura and Bakrol covering 1031 community members.



Overall, by virtue of this project, the organization has been instrumental in building communities to enhance their lives and livelihood through simple and engaging activities.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 50 WOMEN SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

With women constituting 48% of the overall population in India, there is an acute need to build and promote entrepreneurial skills among them so as to make them self reliant. AWAG addresses the issue by providing deprived women & domestic violence survivors with Skill Training in Sewing and Tailoring. Following a preliminary interaction that was undertaken by AWAG with women survivors of domestic violence under Project Pankhi, the women expressed a need to learn Tailoring and Sewing because most of them are housewives and can pursue this vocation from their homes along with their domestic responsibilities that they have to fulfil.

The trainings imparted helped the women participants to enhance their vocational skills and also develop an understanding of business and enhance their personality through life-skill training that was covered.

Certificates were awarded to women who successfully completed the course and had performed well in their assessments. This project has equipped 50 women survivors of domestic violence with competent sewing skills thereby enabling them to achieve economic self reliance and lead a life of dignity.



INTEGRATED PROJECT FOR WOMEN, YOUTH GIRLS AND CHILDREN

In order to effectively implement its CSR initiatives and based on past experience, Light Microfinance Private Limited identified and approached AWAG for the said purpose. Through due interactions, a consensus was arrived upon to partner with AWAG for the effective implementation of the 'Integrated Project for Women, Youth Girls and Children in Ahmedabad, Gujarat'.

The project activities included providing support of equipment and resource material to women and youth girls to initiate/boost their livelihood opportunities. The beneficiaries included women and youth girls who were survivors of domestic violence and so also Covid survivors who had lost a main earning member in their families. A total of 123 women/youth girls from various areas in Ahmedabad were provided equipment/material such as Sewing machines, catering equipment for home-based business, equipment for beauty parlour, sale of sanitary napkins, Iron and handcart for selling vegetables/food items/snacks.



Likewise, with an objective to improve their overall educational/learning experiences, support of resource material was also provided to school-going children belonging to municipal schools. A total of 761 students (Std 5 to 7) from six Municipal schools in the areas of Bapunagar, Gomtipur and Rakhiyal received kits containing school bag, geometry box, note books and stationery items, comic book on 'good touch-bad touch', drawing/sketch books, colours, supplementary nutrition items.





SUSTAINED MENSTRUAL PROTECTION FOR 1250 UNDERPRIVILEGED ADOLESCENT GIRLS & NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR THEM

Building on our prior partnership, this year too, AWAG in collaboration with Lendingkart Finance Limited implemented a project for Sustained Menstrual Protection for 1250 Underprivileged Adolescent Girls & Nutritional Supplements for them. With menstruation and menstrual protection practices still clouded by taboos and socio-cultural restrictions, adolescent girls remain ignorant about the scientific facts and hygienic health practices and this often results into adverse health outcomes. The project thus addressed this issue through a two-pronged approach by raising relevant awareness and so also providing the participants with necessary resource material to promote and support the intervention on a sustained bases.

The planned activities for 1250 participants were delivered through batches of approximately 50-70 of them from East and West regions of Ahmedabad and covered the following

- Awareness session on menstrual health and behaviour change towards menstrual protection practices,
- Screening of audio-visuals related to the topic,
- Providing sanitary napkins to the adolescent girls/participants,
- Providing nutritional supplements for them,
- Dissemination of related IEC material in the form of a comic book

By virtue of this intervention a large number of myths/blind-faith and problems regarding menstrual health issues, hygiene and nutrition were demystified by the facilitators, wherby the adolescent girls are better informed about menstrual healthcare resulting in sustained behaviour change towards menstrual protection practices and nutritional diet, thereby leading to improvement in their health and wellbeing.



COUNSELLING

AWAG continues to offer counselling services to violence-affected women in need. This service is available at its Centres at the urban area of Ahmedabad and rural area of Radhanpur.

A total of 325 cases were handled over the year under discussion. Details of the nature of all these cases and how they were resolved is tabulated below.

	Types & Causes of Violence	Url	ban Centre	Rural Centre	
S. No.		No. of New Regd. cases	No. of pending cases from previous period	No. of New Regd. Cases	No. of pending cases from previous period
1	Physical	203	06	12	02
2.	Verbal	291	07	08	01
3.	Domestic Violence due to Alcoholism	28	01	09	-
4.	Dowry	10	-	-	-
5.	Suspicion	17	-	-	-
6.	Extra Marital Relations	39	-	02	-
7.	Drug addiction	03	-	-	-
8.	Emotional/Psychological Distress	291	07	-	-
9.	Economical /Financial constraints	64	05	-	-
10.	Gambling	06	-	-	-
11.	Sexual Harassment	13	-	-	-
12.	Maintenance	-	-	02	02
13.	Others (sterility, mental disorder, physical non-attractiveness, disappointment from partner)	03	-	01	01

Interventions by AWAG

🗷 Action Taken

S. No.	Action taken by AWAG	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Police Assistance sought	09	01
2.	Child brought into mother's custody	02	03
3.	Hospital Assistance sought	-	-
4.	Sent to Short-Stay Home	04	-
5.	Joint Meetings	110	03
6.	Legal cases filed through Lawyers	03	02
7.	Counsel – Social	583	64
8.	Counsel – Legal	73	10
9.	Counsel - Psychological	11	-
10.	Psychiatric Treatment	03	-
11.	Psychiatric – Follow up	03	-
12.	Any others	-	-

🗷 Visits

S. No.	Visits	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Police Station	10	-
2.	Home Visits	02	-
3.	Follow up Home visits	01	-
4.	Courts	-	03
5.	Hospitals	-	-
6.	Others	-	-

🔊 Pending Cases

S. No.	Pending Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Battering and Mental torture	07	03
2.	Conflicts within family	03	01
3.	Divorce	-	-
4.	Bigamy	-	-
5.	Doubtful Death	-	-
6.	Maintenance	-	02
7.	Physical / Mental harassment by husband / in-laws	06	-
8.	Any other	-	-

⊯ Conclusion of Cases

S. No.	Conclusion of Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Settlement in AWAG	24	06
2.	Settlement in Community	29	01
3.	Settlement in Court	09	-
4.	Withdrawn by the applicant	48	05
5.	File closed by AWAG	95	18
6.	Rehabilitation through Short Stay Home	04	-
7.	Counsel only	208	04

S. No.	Conclusion of Legal Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Settlement during the court procedure	03	-
2.	Exaction of maintenance order	05	-
3.	Punishment to the Accused	01	-
4.	Any other	04	-
5.	Pending		02

MULTI PURPOSE WOMEN WELFARE CENTRES (MPWWC)

AWAG runs a Multipurpose Women Welfare Centre at Radhanpur, Dist Patan, Gujarat. The Centre supported by Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat provides:

- Counselling
- Police Assistance
- Filing of DIR
- Legal Support
- Information and support in accessing the ongoing government schemes

A total of 676 women derived benefit of the said project over the year.

Leaflets were distributed on following topics:

- Legislations on Domestic Violence against Women (Domestic Violence Act-2005)
- Stop Discrimination against Girls and 'Beti-Bachao'
- Prevention of Child Marriage
- Registration of birth, death and marriage
- Ongoing Government schemes and its benefits

અવાજ વિવિધલક્ષી મહિલા કલ્યાણ કેન્દ્ર કમિશ્નર, મહિલા અને બાળવિકાસના સૌજન્ચથી અવાજ મહિલા કલ્યાણ એટલે સ્વસ્થ સમાજ, રવસ્થ સમાજનો પાયો સ્ત્રીની સ્વસ્થતા. તમારી સ્વસ્થતા જોખમાં છે ? મૂંગ્રાથા છો. ? રોજની મારગ્રૂડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, રોજની મારગ્રૂડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, રોજની મારગ્રૂડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, રોજની મારગ્રુડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, રોજની મારગ્રુડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, રોજની મારગ્રુડ, રોજની દેરાનગતિ, સંજની અકળામાણ હોય તો રસ્તો કાઢવા વિવિધલક્ષી મહિલા કલ્યાણ કેન્દ્રમાં આવો, મૂંગ્રવણનો ઉકેલ મળશે, સુંદ્રંબમાં સુમેળ સાધી શકાશે, મહત્વ કાન્દ્રની સહાય અને કાયદાનું માર્ગદર્શન મેળશે. <u>યાદ રાખો</u> દરેક લગ્ન નોધાવવાં જ જોઈએ. જેમ જામ અને મરણની, તેમ લગ્નની નોધણી કરાવવી જરૂરી છે. <u>વગન નોધાવીને તેનુ સાર્ટિફિકેટ જરૂર મેળવો.</u> પોતાનું કલ્યાણ સ્ત્રી પોતે જ કરે, સમજો, સમજાવો અને સંગઠિત થઈને રહો.	અવાજ વિવિધલિક્ષી કલ્યાણ કેન્દ્ર રાધનપુર અવાજ અવાજ
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AWAG'S CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

> <u>Counselling Centres</u>

The counselling service provided by AWAG is available at its centres in the rural and urban work areas. Each year, an average of 400 women derive benefit from these services.

> Legal Aid Centres

Similarly, AWAG runs Legal Aid Centres where women seeking legal assistance are provided counselling and aid. They are also offered support in attending court proceedings.

> <u>Income Generation</u>

The survivors of domestic violence are offered skill training to meet their economic needs. They acquire skills and upgrade their learning to a high level and then start working to generate an income. Most women get absorbed into tailoring/stitching at the organization's Production Centre at Bapunagar. The rest undertake other activities. Linkages have been established with Fabindia for garment making.

In view of the festive season of Diwali, AWAG organized an exhibition and sale of various handicraft items like fairy lights, purses/sling bags, cushion covers, rugs etc created by the survivors of domestic violence at the organization's Production Centre at Bapunagar. The exhibition that was held from 22 October to 2 November 2021 at Ahmedabad Haat, Vastrapur received an encouraging response and provided a morale boost to these women.





> PoSH Committee Member

AWAG serves as an external member of the ICC formed under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace - PoSH Act at the following institutes:

- BSNL
- Central Ground Water Board, WCR Ahmedabad
- eInfochips
- Employees Provident Fund Organization
- FabIndia
- Food Corporation Of India
- Gujarat State Police Department
- Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation
- Punjab National Bank
- Reserve Bank of India, Ahmedabad
- SEBI
- Technotrends Autopark
- TrueCare Biomedix
- Toyoda Gosei Minda India Pvt. Ltd.
- Veeda Clinical Research

Periodic meetings and sensitization trainings on the PoSH Act were conducted with the staff members of the concerned institutes.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

AWAG is active in the public domain by participating in activities related to its work issues as well as hosting events in line with the same. This year, in view of Covid-19 situation and adherence to the government protocol related to it, these activities had to be restricted across the milieu. However, some key events for the year were:

On invitation as Chief Guest, AWAG participated in the Award Function organized by Akhil Bharatiya Manavadhikar Nigrani Samiti, Gujarat held on 21 November 2021 at Thakorbhai Desai Hall, Ahmedabad.

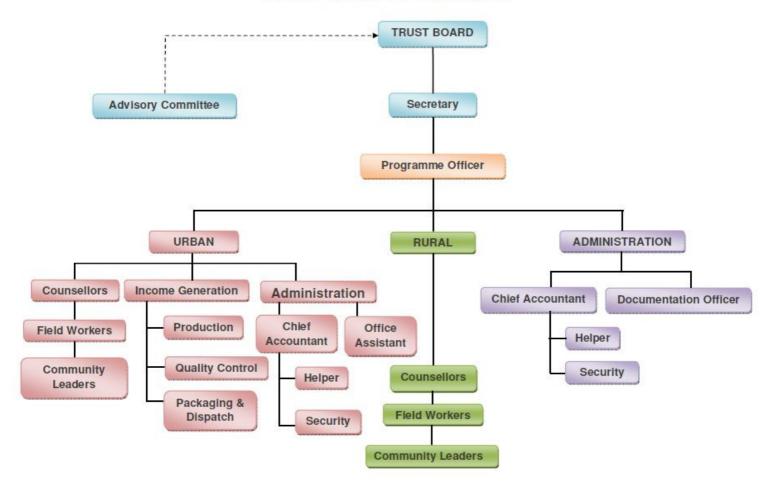


As a mark of remembrance, AWAG held an event on 8 January 2022 to pay tribute to our Founder Secretary Ilaben (who passed away on January 9, 2014). The aim of this event was to bring together some of our sisters who had knocked on the doors of AWAG since its inception in 1981. All of them expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the way AWAG helped them not only legally and financially but also socially. It was more of a get-together and a joyous occasion to celebrate the little wins of our lives irrespective of our religion, caste and class.



MISCELLANEOUS

ORGANOGRAM OF AWAG



AWAG' s Board Members

No.	Name	Position in the Board	Address & Contact	Occupation
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Cost of International Travel by Board Members and Personnel is nil for the year.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

AHMEDABAD WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (AWAG)

Charity Registration No : **F/946/Ahmedabad** Society Registration No : **GUJ/970/Ahmedabad** PAN : **AAATA2348B** TAN : **AHMA01249D** FCRA Registration No : **041910079** CSR-1 Registration No. **CSR00000709**

Balance Sheet (Abridged) as on 31.03.2022

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Trust Fund or Corpus	3585469	Fixed Assets	6252654
Other Earmarked Fund	3419886	Cash and Bank Balance	2074947
Unutilized Grant	1656001	Fixed Deposits	4547574
Reserve For Interest (FC)	535876	Grant Receivable (NonFC)	121190
Income & Expenditure A/c (NonFC)	3869691	Other Current Assets	70557
	13066922		13066922

Income and Expenditure Account (Abridged) for the year ending on 31.03.2022

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Expenditure on the objects of the Trust	10823495	By Interest	292166
Administrative Expenses	286812	Donation	115001
Establishment Expenses	22600	Grants in Aid and Donation	10337802
Contribution MPWWC	26000	Other Income	489268
Income & Expenditure Account(NonFC)	516857	EK AWAG Project	38902
		Excess of expenditure over income (FC)	402625
	11675764		11675764

Receipts and Payments Account (Abridged) for the year ending on 31.03.2022

Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
Opening Balances	6998119	Expenditure on the object of the Trust	10823495
Grants in Aid and Donation received during the year	9795486	Administrative Expenses	309412
Donation	115001	Contribution MPWWC	26000
Interest Received	271369	Closing Balances	6622522
EK AWAG Project	48272		
Other Receipts	553182		
	17781429		17781429

