

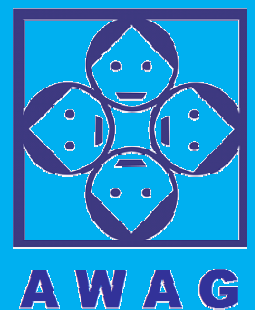
ANNUAL REPORT

(2022-2023)



AWAG

A Struggle for Equality



- **Gender Violence**
- **Counselling**
- **Legal Aid**
- **Health & Hygiene**
- **Child Abuse**
- **Economic Empowerment**
- **Life Skills**
- **Mental Healthcare**
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FROM MY DESK.....

I extend warm greetings to all associated with AWAG. As we reflect on the year 2022-23, I take pride in sharing the significant achievements of our organization.



Our unwavering commitment to empowering women and providing support persisted throughout the year. We conducted extensive awareness sessions on Gender-Based Violence, with a specific focus on women and adolescent girls. These sessions aimed to equip them with knowledge and the confidence to lead lives free from violence. Notably, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, our psycho-social counselling centres for women and adolescent girls, legal aid centres, and livelihood generation activities continued to serve those in need. We actively advocated for the implementation of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (PoSH) Act, ensuring safer environments for women. Our commitment to women's issues extended beyond education and awareness. We actively participated in panel discussions, women's conventions and public demonstrations, uniting with other women's organizations to protest against all forms of violence and advocate for the safety and dignity of women. Our awareness sessions on menstrual health and hygiene, along with our discussions on child sexual abuse with school children, received enthusiastic support from teachers and parents. Additionally, we continued to provide counselling and psychiatric care to adolescents, assisting them in addressing their unique challenges. The well-being of our children remains a shared responsibility.

We deeply appreciate the remarkable support received from the community. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our donors, organizations, and individuals who stood with us in this noble cause. I extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the Trust Committee for their steadfast support and encouragement. I also want to acknowledge the unwavering commitment and tireless contributions of my colleagues, who work diligently day-in and day-out, overcoming various challenges. Your dedication is the driving force behind our accomplishments.

As we move forward, our focus remains on capacity building, transparency, and accountability. We will make no compromises on the three fundamental principles that guide us: integrity, discipline and sisterhood.

Our journey continues, and together, we can create a society where women are safe, empowered, and given every opportunity to thrive.

With Gratitude,

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'.

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

- ## Women's Convention

To mark the occasion of International Women's Day, AWAG along with various women organizations joined in the protest demonstration that was staged on 6 March 2023 at Sardarbaug (Ahmedabad), demanding safety and dignity of women and children.



Panel Discussions on Women's Issues



To The Point - બહેન દીકરીઓ સુરક્ષિતતા ખોટા દાવા...!! પર વિશેષ ચર્ચા on 18 June 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoYmJPpr7oQ>



Day Special - ક્યાં સુધી તાલિબાની માનસિકતા...?? પર વિશેષ ચર્ચા on 14 December 2022

<https://youtu.be/0egySKDeGsw>



લૈંગિક સમાનતા મેં પિછડતી
ભારતીય મહિલાएं ? | Strai...
Dr. Jharna Pathak || Dr Anu...

Panel discussion on status of women in India- Jus TV on 6 March 2023

<https://youtu.be/HMXvfzOjX7I>

AWAG on Atrocities against Women and Children

PE TEACHER'S CHATS WITH STUDENTS REVEAL HIS PERVERT NATURE, INTENTIONS

Gory details emerge about St Xavier's Loyola PE teacher accused of making advances at girl students; parents accuse school of ignoring his actions, boosting his morale



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I really love A**** (girl's name not revealed to protect identity) ... "I Love You, I want to hug you and kiss you" ... "Love u A****" ... "ya, but kiss is for her only" ... "You are precious for me baby" ... "Can you send your pics, hot ones". These seem like chats between two

lovebirds, but they are not. These are chats that paint a sordid picture of the teacher-turned-sexual-predator at St Xavier's Loyola School while he chatted with girl students and a boy student whose help he sought to woo his girl classmate.

St Xavier's PE teacher with chequered past had tried to court a girl student in 2011

Teacher had sought help of a boy student to court the girl; court document exposes teacher's evil intentions

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The PE teacher of St Xavier's Loyola School, who has been accused by at least nine girl students of making advances at them, has a long history of trying to get into relationships with girl students. Mirror has access to a court document in which the teacher was allegedly chatting on social media with a boy student to help him get into a relationship with his girl classmate.

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Xavier's PE teacher's chats with students reveal his pervert nature, intentions

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Till now nine class-9 girl students have come forward to file complaints of indecent messages sent to them by their Physical Education (PE) teacher on Instagram.

A parent reporting anonymously said that the teacher often invited the students playing board games to drink games in the evening. The parent said, "He acted weird and sent out suggestive signals. If students played a 10-15 min game on the bench, he would pin and stare at them in places of 10 or 15 and look at the girls to know their reaction. The school ignored his actions which only boosted his morale to send out dirty messages to girls. This is not all, he often reached out to boy students to reach out to their girl classmates. The proof of that submitted to the court, to expose the teacher's pervert nature, revealed his intention to get physical with his pupils."

In the chat, a copy of which is with Mirror, the PE teacher continued about his love for a girl student. Chatting with a boy student, the teacher said, "He was one of the few boys who had been with me. I haven't gotten through to him yet. I have been with him for a year, but I haven't gotten through to him yet."

The student then asked, "Really?"

But (Soni) didn't answer. He said to Soni, "I don't want to answer."

The student went on to ask, "So, he is not a boy?"

The PE teacher replied, "He is not a boy, he is a girl."

In the last case, the PE teacher had sent similar messages to a girl student about her looks. He reported them to meet him outside school and send him his love letters. It was based on these girls' complaints that the school formed an inquiry committee to look into the matter.

In charge principal Jashant Shrivastava did not respond to Mirror calls to get further details about the matter and status of the inquiry committee's report.

Teacher with chequered past had tried to court a girl student in 2011

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The document was submitted to the court by the father of a student who was sexually harassed by the teacher in the school grounds.

A complaint was lodged against the teacher in the Gujarat University police station on November 13, 2011. The charge sheet is already filed in the case and an affidavit is pending in the court.

The court has also issued a notice to the teacher to appear in court.

For the father had moved an application under the Protection of Women from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, in the court, alleging sexual harassment by the teacher.

The father had also attached documents of chats on social media to show the character of the teacher. The chats presented show the teacher working help from his son's classmate to court a girl student.

The father went up to the court to get justice and eventually the metropolitan

court ordered investigation in the case in 2011. The boy's father Pradeep Lohia claimed the alleged chat between his son's classmate and the teacher took place in 2011.

The conversation between the boy and the teacher allegedly proved that the father wanted to come into an understanding with the underage girl student and eventually marry her. The teacher had also been in one of the chats with the boy's father in 2011.

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ચિત્રલેખા - ૧૯ ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૨૨

મહિલાઓ પ્રત્યેનો દષ્ટિકોણ બદલવો પડશે!

ડૉ. ઝરણા પાઠક 'ગુજરાત ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ડેવલપમેન્ટ રિસર્ચ'ના આસિસ્ટન્ટ પ્રોફેસર-સેવાભાવી સંસ્થા 'અવાજ'ના સેક્રેટરી



(૧) નવી સરકારે શિક્ષણ અને આરોગ્ય ક્ષેત્રને અગ્રિમતા આપવી જોઈએ તથા સમાજ અને શાસકોમાં મહિલાઓ પ્રત્યે સંવેદના જગાવવી જોઈએ. (૨) ગુજરાતમાં શિક્ષણનું ખાનગીકરણ થવાથી ઘણા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ઉચ્ચ કે વ્યવસાયી શિક્ષણ મેળવી શકતા નથી. એ જ રીતે, ખાનગી હોસ્પિટલોની સંખ્યા વધવાથી સારવાર મોંઘી બની છે. કોરોના કાળમાં ઘણા દરદીઓએ ખાનગી હોસ્પિટલોમાં મોટી રકમ ચૂકવવી પડી હતી. નવી સરકારે સરકારી શાળામાં ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત શિક્ષણ અને સરકારી હોસ્પિટલોમાં રાહતદરે આરોગ્ય સારવાર સુલભ કરાવવી જોઈએ.

(૩) લોકસભામાં મહિલાઓનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ વધારવું જોઈએ, જેથી એ સમાજના વાસ્તવિક પ્રશ્નો રજૂ કરી શકે. ■ ખેતીમાં કોર્પોરેટ ક્ષેત્રનું પ્રમાણ ઘટાડવું જોઈએ. ■ બાંધકામ ક્ષેત્ર માટે બેન્કો જંગી રકમની લોન આપે છે, પરંતુ એનો લાભ પ્રોપર્ટી ખરીદદારોને મળતો નથી. ખરેખર તો બેન્કોએ બાંધકામ ક્ષેત્રમાં ડેડ ઇન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરવાને બદલે પ્રોડક્ટિવ ક્ષેત્રોમાં વધુ લોન આપવી જોઈએ.

(૪) સરકારે નવી શાળા-કોલેજો ખોલી સંતોષ માની લેવાને બદલે શિક્ષણનો સ્તર સુધારવાની લાંબા ગાળાની યોજના હાથ ધરવી જોઈએ. સ્માર્ટ શિક્ષણને લીધે ઘણાં બાળકો ગૂચલ દ્વારા માહિતી મેળવી રહ્યાં છે. એના બદલે બાળકો વાંચન, સંશોધનથી પાયાની કેળવણી મેળવે એ જરૂરી છે. ■ સરકારી હોસ્પિટલોની સંખ્યા વધારવામાં આવે તો ખાનગી હોસ્પિટલો પણ સ્પર્ધાત્મક દરે સારવાર આપશે. હેલ્થ સાથે સેનિટાઇઝેશનમાં પણ સુધારણા થવી જોઈએ. ■ મહિલાને મતદાનનો હક છે, પરંતુ ઘણી મહિલા અમુક સરકારી નિયમો કે કાયદાની અંતરિયાળી લીધે પોતાના હક ભોગવી શકતી નથી. એ ઉપરાંત, ગ્રામીણ ક્ષેત્રમાં સમાન કામ બદલ સમાન વેતન મેળવી શકતી નથી. મહિલાઓ પ્રત્યે સરકાર અને સમાજનો દષ્ટિકોણ બદલવો પડશે.

Distress calls citing extramarital affairs rise 2.5-fold in 5 yrs in Guj

'Dating Apps And Social Media Key Reasons For Discord'

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Ahmedabad: A woman in a western area of the city got pregnant with second child. The family celebrated the occasion with pomp, but the woman was surprisingly morose. An accidental eavesdropping by husband revealed that the child was not his, but that of his elder brother. The conversation indicated that while the brother was happy with the affair with his sister-in-law, he was not ready to leave his wife for her. Eventually, the pregnant woman was forced out of her home by her husband.



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50% of calls from 4 major cities of state

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The calls were primarily from Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodra and Rajkot. Of the 9K-plus calls, 4,426 or nearly half the calls were from the four major cities.

Falguni Patel, the helpline coordinator for Ahmedabad, said that for the past three years, they have seen growing impact of dating apps and social media on extramarital relationships. "It's often a close family member, colleague, friend or online acquaintance that plays the third corner of the triangle. Either the wife or the girlfriend approaches the helpline, seeking assistance."

"Earlier, the cases were more concentrated in major cities. But now we are getting calls from almost all the regions. There's also a rise in awareness that it could be a way of resolving the issues," said Jashvant Prajapati, COO, EMRI Gujarat. "One of

This was one of the 9,382 calls handled by Abhayam 181 women helpline in 2022 related to extramarital affairs at the rate of one case every hour. In fact, from 2018 to 2022, the rate of a spouse have increased from 3,837 to 9,382, indicating a 2.5-fold rise. After domestic violence and harassment, extramarital affairs was the category with the third highest calls to the helpline.

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the reasons for the overall rise in calls to the helpline could be better awareness and wider reach."

Jharna Pathak, secretary of city-based AWAG NGO working for women issues, said that they have seen a rise in domestic violence cases in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2021.

"Extramarital affairs are found to be one of the primary reasons for the phenomenon along with economic issues. The cases could even be higher, as often women don't approach the formal agencies," she said.

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: 41

Total No. of Attendees: 2068

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

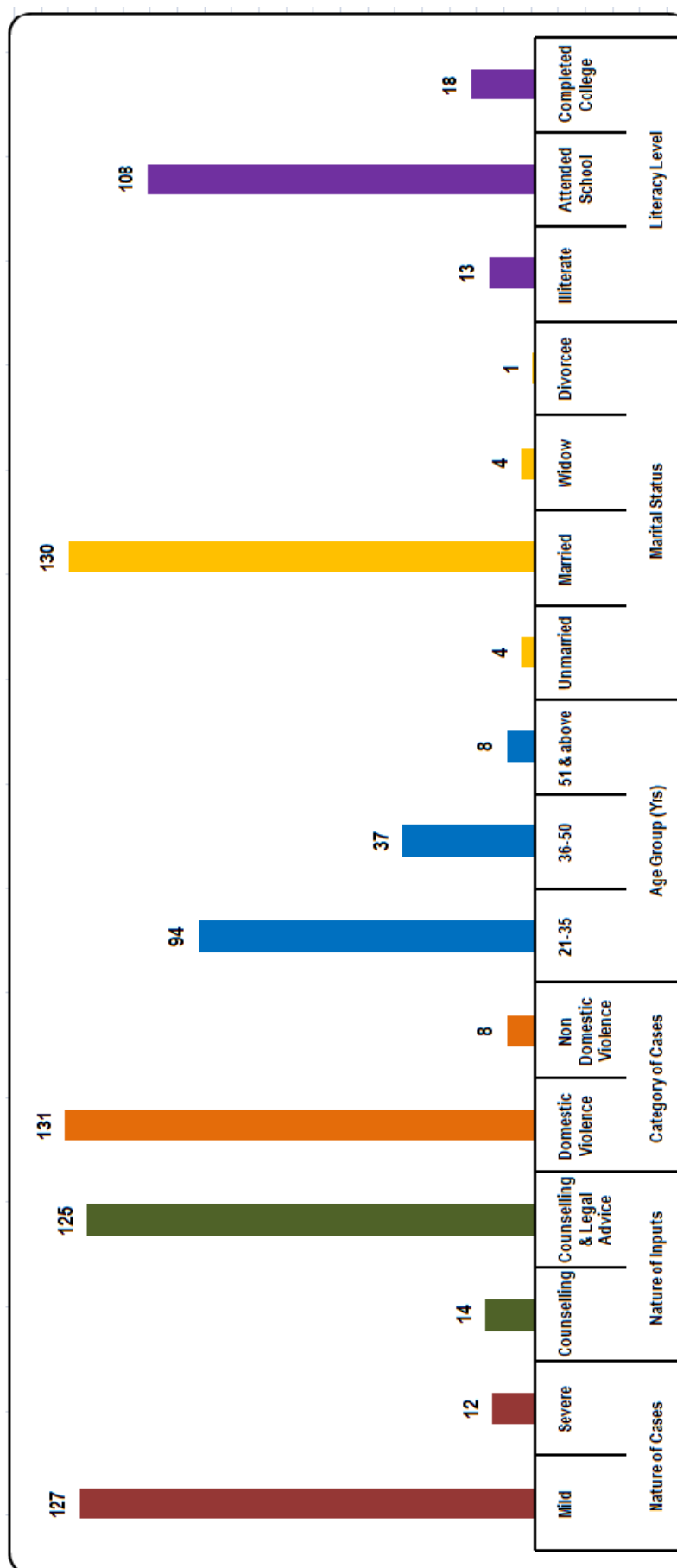
The awareness raising meetings were conducted in the defined areas through a total of 144 meetings covering 3607 women. The theme of the meetings was to provide a general understanding of mental disorders and the need to treat them for a healthy living. Over the year, 139 women approached AWAG's Centre to avail of the facility for treatment of mental illness through counselling and medical help. A majority of cases (94%) 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 and/or legal advice. 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 78 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

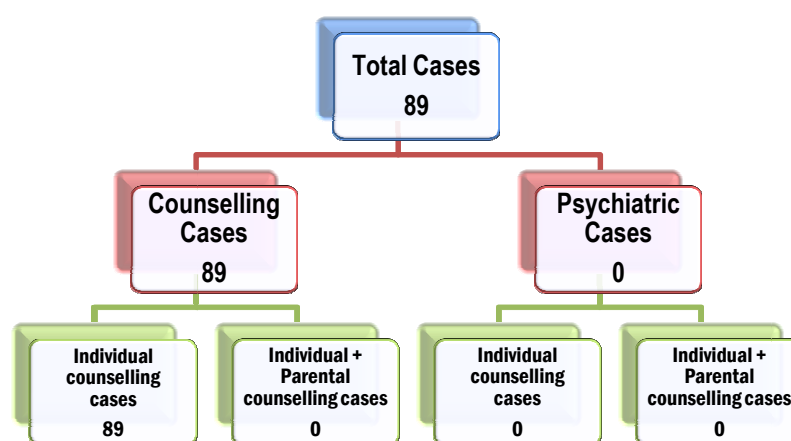


MENTAL HEALTHCARE OF ADOLESCENTS

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 154 meetings covering 4313 adolescents. A total of 89 cases were handled over the year. Of these, 4 cases approached the Centre whereas 85 cases were handled in the school by the counsellor.



Summary of Cases

DIAGNOSIS OF ISSUES UNDER EACH CATEGORY

- Academic issues – 83 cases
- Emotional / behavioural / personal issues – 3 cases
- Family issues – 3 cases



Individual Counselling of Adolescents



Motivation and Academic Related Group Counselling

As part of the project activities for conducting training for teachers, a total of 17 teachers from Anjuman-E-Islam High School underwent training, the objectives of which 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 regarding the psychological problems prevailing among 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

In India, a child is sexually abused every 15 minutes. Thus, the rising incidence of child abuse is a problem that cannot be ignored. About 85% of the offenders are known to the victim and only 25% of the victims speak about their plight. Since it is not possible to keep an eye on the children all the time, AWAG continues to address the issue of preventing child sexual abuse by undertaking awareness meetings and programmes with children from schools as well as participating communities in its work area in urban dwellings of Ahmedabad. These meetings are conducted through the story of Komal developed by CHILDLINE and focus 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. **Consequently, last year, a series of Awareness Meetings on 'Safe Touch–Unsafe Touch' were conducted covering 7597 children from schools and communities.**

No. of Meetings held	Schools/Areas Covered	Total Participants
33	25	7597



AWARENESS ABOUT MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND WOMEN

Menstruation is a natural process and healthy part of life for women, yet it tends to be stigmatized. Adolescence is a critical period and the spurt with which changes take place in the body and mind of adolescents, generates a number of concerns which they find difficult to understand on their own. Young girls often grow up with limited knowledge of menstruation and reproduction because their mothers and other women tend to shy away from discussing the issue. As they stand at the threshold of adulthood, these young girls need authentic knowledge that helps them understand the process of growing up.

AWAG continues to address this issue through awareness building on nutrition, blind beliefs/superstitious practices as well as hygiene related to menstrual health and advocate the use of sanitary napkins. Over the year, these meetings covered a total of 2549 adolescent girls from various urban dwellings and schools across Ahmedabad. The awareness building process was facilitated with the use of relevant IEC material and audio-visual aids. While these sessions helped clarify myths, blind beliefs and problems regarding menstruation, sanitary napkins were also distributed to all the participating girls.

No. of Meetings held	Schools/Areas Covered	Total Participants
15	10	2549



COMMUNITY WELFARE PROGRAMME

In order to effectively implement its CSR initiatives, Light Microfinance Private Limited partnered with AWAG for the Community Welfare Programme in Gujarat. The focus for this year was on school-going children wherein eye check-up camps were conducted at the school level for the students as well as the local village populace. Awareness sessions on safe-touch and unsafe-touch were also carried out with the school children. The students were provided with a kit containing notebooks, stationery material and a comic book on safe-touch and unsafe-touch. In order to promote sustained livelihood among deprived women from urban dwellings of Ahmedabad, support to these beneficiaries was given by providing each of them with a sewing machine, thereby enabling them to either initiate or further their business and get engaged in sustainable livelihood processes. Following a recce of the potential project areas, the planned activities were implemented in three phases, the output of which is tabulated below.

Location	Eye examination	Spectacle distribution	Medication for eye problems	Children's kit	Sewing machine to women to promote livelihood
Phase I - Shehra Tehsil, Panchmahal district, Guj	1674	991	1674	2500	-
Phase II - Limdi in Jhalod Tehsil, Panchmahal district, Guj	1473	513	1473	2500	-
Phase III - urban dwellings of Ahmedabad	-	-	-	-	40



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. Project Pankhi (supported by TBZ, The Original) helps in providing counselling and rehabilitation to the women victims of domestic violence through on-phone counselling and face-to-face counselling services in Ahmedabad.

A total of 351 cases were handled over the year under discussion. Details of the nature of all these cases and how they were resolved is tabulated below.

S. No.	Types & Causes of Violence	Urban Centre		Rural Centre	
		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	51	06	13	-
2.	Verbal	25	03	-	-
3.	Domestic Violence due to Alcoholism	12	-	09	-
4.	Dowry	05	-	-	-
5.	Suspicion	04	-	04	-
6.	Extra Marital Relations	21	03	-	-
7.	Drug addiction	03	-	-	-
8.	Emotional/Psychological Distress	06	-	-	-
9.	Economical /Financial constraints	24	-	-	-
10.	Gambling	-	-	-	-
11.	Sexual Harassment	01	-	-	-
12.	Maintenance	06	21	-	-
13.	Others (sterility, mental disorder, physical non-attractiveness, disappointment from partner)	10	01	03	-
	Total registered cases	168	34	29	-
	Cases offered help through on-phone counselling & guidance	120	-	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	351			

Interventions by AWAG**Action Taken**

S. No.	Action taken by AWAG	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Police Assistance sought	15	05
2.	Child brought into mother's custody	03	01
3.	Hospital Assistance sought	-	-
4.	Sent to Short-Stay Home	02	01
5.	Joint Meetings	90	-
6.	Legal cases filed through Lawyers	03	-
7.	Counsel – Social	231	-
8.	Counsel – Legal	105	-
9.	Counsel - Psychological	27	-
10.	Psychiatric Treatment	11	-
11.	Psychiatric – Follow up	27	-
12.	Any others	12	-
13.	On-phone Counselling (social & legal)	120	-

**Counselling sessions with social and legal counsellors**

Visits

S. No.	Visits	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Police Station	07	03
2.	Home Visits	04	-
3.	Follow up Home visits	40	-
4.	Courts	-	-
5.	Hospitals	01	-
6.	Others	12	25

Pending Cases

S. No.	Pending Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Battering and Mental torture	06	-
2.	Conflicts within family	03	-
3.	Divorce	-	-
4.	Bigamy	03	-
5.	Doubtful Death	-	-
6.	Maintenance	21	-
7.	Physical / Mental harassment by husband / in-laws	-	-
8.	Any other	01	-

✍ Conclusion of Cases

S. No.	Conclusion of Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Settlement in AWAG	18	02
2.	Settlement in Community	15	03
3.	Settlement in Court	11	-
4.	Withdrawn by the applicant	26	03
5.	File closed by AWAG	107	-
6.	Rehabilitation through Short Stay Home	03	-
7.	Counsel only	232	25

✍ Conclusion of Legal Cases

S. No.	Conclusion of Legal Cases	Urban Centre	Rural Centre
1.	Settlement during the court procedure	02	-
2.	Exaction of maintenance order	05	-
3.	Punishment to the Accused	02	-
4.	Any other	03	-
5.	Pending	21	-

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 1272 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 કલ્યાણ કેન્દ્ર
રાધાનપુર

અવાજ

કમિશનરશ્રી, મહિલા અને બાળવિકાસના સૌજન્યથી

રાજ્ય સરકારની “ઉત્કર્ષ પહેલ” હેઠળ તાલુકા વહીવટી તંત્ર દ્વારા વૃદ્ધો, નિરાધાર વૃદ્ધો અને ગંગા સ્વરૂપા બહેનોને લગતી સરકારની ચાર યોજનામાં ૧૦૦% સિધ્ધિ હાસલ કરાવાના પ્રયત્નો શરૂ કરેલ છે.

નિરાધાર વૃદ્ધ સહાય

- રેશનકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- આધારકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- બેંકની પાસબુકની ઝેરોક્ષ
- પેટીનામું
- આવકનું પ્રમાણપત્ર
- પાસપોર્ટ ફોટો
- ઉમરનો આધાર પુરાવાની નકલ જન્મનો દાખલો અથવા મેડીકલશ્રી દ્વારા ઉમરનો દાખલો
- ગ્રામ્ય વિસ્તાર માટે વાર્ષિક આવક રૂ. ૧,૨૦,૦૦૦/- અને શહેરી રૂ. ૧,૫૦,૦૦૦

ઈન્દિરા ગાંધી રાષ્ટ્રીય વૃદ્ધ સહાય યોજના

- રેશનકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- આધારકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- બેંકની પાસબુકની ઝેરોક્ષ
- ૦ થી ૨૦ બી.પી.એલ. સ્કોર
- આવકનું પ્રમાણપત્ર
- પાસપોર્ટ ફોટો
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ગંગા સ્વરૂપા આર્થિક સહાય યોજના વિધવા સહાય

- અરજદારની ઉમર ૧૮ વર્ષની ઉપરની હોવી જોઈએ.
- આવકનો દાખલો
- વિધવા પ્રમાણપત્ર
- પતિના મરણનો દાખલો
- રેશનકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- આધારકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- રાષ્ટ્રીયકૃત બેંકની પાસબુકની ઝેરોક્ષ
- પાસપોર્ટ ફોટો
- તલાટીશ્રીનો અભિપ્રાય

સંકટ મોચન સહાય

- અવસાન પામનાર કુટુંબને મુખ્ય કમાનાર વ્યક્તિ ૦ થી ૨૦ બી.પી. એલ હોવો જોઈએ.
- ગ્રામ્ય વિસ્તાર માટે વાર્ષિક આવક રૂ. ૧,૨૦,૦૦૦/- અને શહેરી રૂ. ૧,૫૦,૦૦૦
- મૃત્યુ પામનારની ઉમર ૧૮ થી ૬૦ વર્ષ વચ્ચે
- અવસાન થવાના બે વર્ષની અંદર અરજી કરેલ હોવી જોઈએ.
- ઉક્ત સહાય અંતર્ગત સરકારશ્રી દ્વારા એક જ વખત રૂ. ૨૦૦૦૦/- સહાય મળવા પાત્ર છે.
- રેશનકાર્ડની ઝેરોક્ષ
- પાસપોર્ટ સાઈઝના ફોટા
- અરજદારનું આધારકાર્ડ અને મૃત્યુ પામનારનું આધારકાર્ડ
- રાષ્ટ્રીયકૃત બેંકની પાસબુકની ઝેરોક્ષ
- આવકનું પ્રમાણપત્ર
- મરણનો દાખલો

મહિલાઓને લગતી કોઈપણ પ્રકારની મદદની જરૂર હોય અથવા તો કોઈ તકલીફ હોય તો તે ફોનથી અથવા રૂબરૂ સંપર્ક કરી શકો છો. તમારી વાત અને ઓળખ ખાનગી રાખવામાં આવશે.

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સમય ગાળો : ૧-૬-૨૦૨૨ થી ૩૧-૮-૨૦૨૨

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AWAG'S CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

➤ Counselling Centres

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.

➤ Income Generation

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.

સ્ત્રી દમનના વિરોધમાં ભેગા થાશું રે...
અવાજ ઉઠાવશું રે...આનંદ લહેરાવશું રે...



અમદાવાદ વિમેન્સ એક્શન ગ્રુપ - અવાજ

➤ **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 organizations and companies:

- Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (I)
- BSNL, Ahmedabad
- Central Ground Water Board, WCR Ahmedabad
- eInfochips Pvt. Ltd.
- Encore Natural Polymers Private Limited
- Food Corporation of India
- Halcyon Labs Pvt. Ltd.
- ITC Limited - Packaging & Printing, Nadiad
- ITC Narmada
- Krish TechnoLabs Pvt Ltd
- Reserve Bank of India, Ahmedabad
- Roki Minda Co. Private Limited
- SEBI
- Technotrends Autopark
- Toyoda Gosei Minda India Pvt. Ltd.
- TrueCare Biomedix
- TT Recycling Management India Pvt. Ltd. (Toyota Tsusho Group)
- Veeda Clinical Research

Periodic meetings and sensitization trainings on the PoSH Act were conducted with the employees/staff members of these 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. Some key events for the year were:



On invitation as Panellist (Panel Title – ‘Awareness, Stigma and Access to Mental Health), AWAG participated in the National Conclave on Mental Health (‘On My Mind’) hosted by State Mental Health Authority, jointly organized by Unicef and Sauhard at Ahmedabad.



#OnMyMind

National, Conclave on Mental Health & Well-Being
Intensifying Focus on Children, Adolescents and Young People
15th -16th July, Ahmedabad Gujarat



AWAG was invited as a speaker on the occasion of ‘International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women’ observed by BSNL at Telephone Bhavan, Ahmedabad.

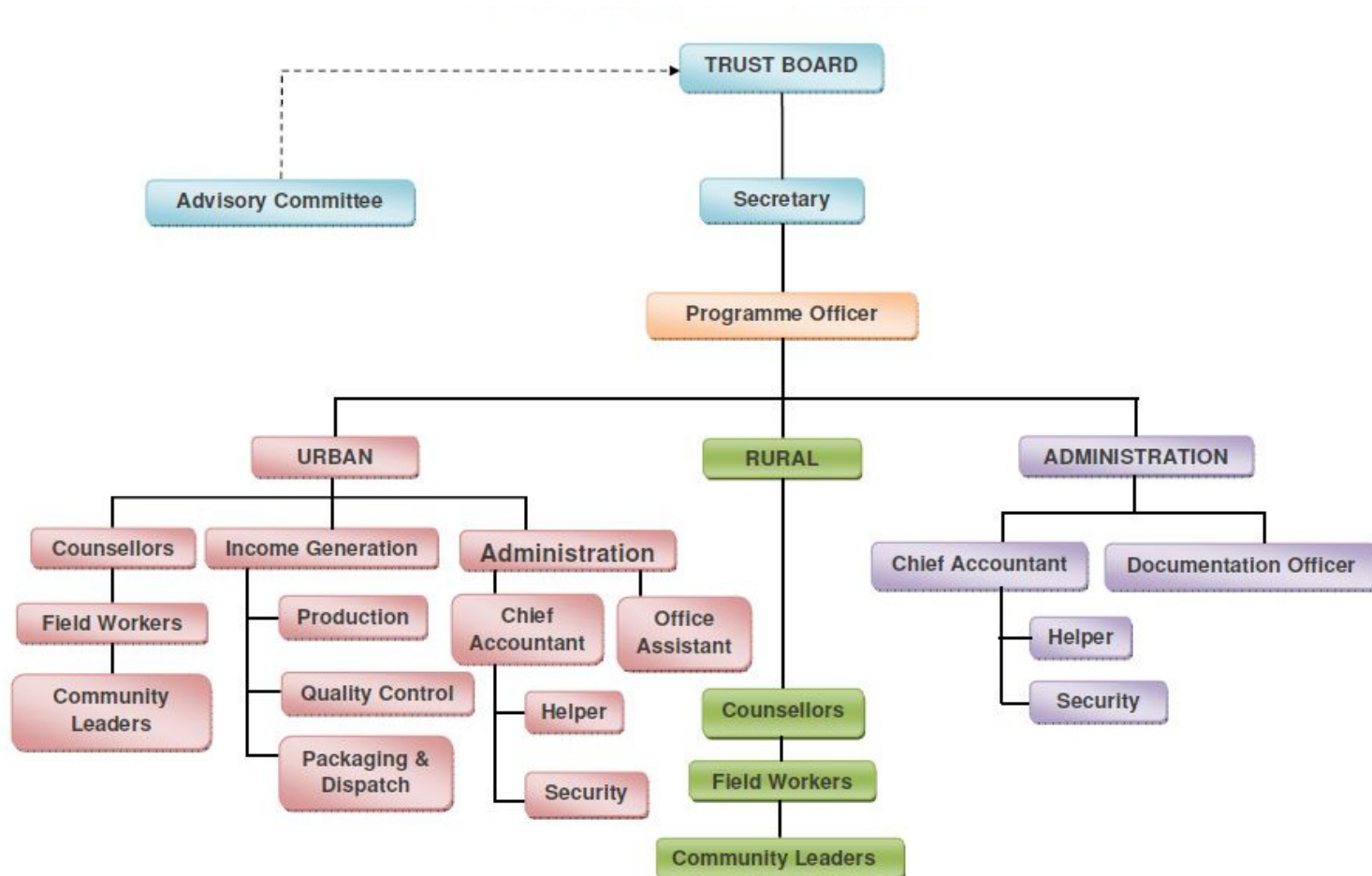


As part of their field orientation and exposure programme, a batch of students pursuing Criminology and Crime Science from School of Criminology & Behavioural Sciences, Rashtriya Raksha University at Gandhinagar, visited AWAG along with their faculty members. The students learnt about AWAG's work and experiences related to violence against women, followed by an interactive session on gender violence and victim support.



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Organization Structure



Interns at AWAG

In course of the year, the following students pursuing higher studies in Social Work completed their Field Work Block Placement at AWAG. During their tenure as interns, they gained a firsthand experience about social realities.

Student Name	Faculty-Institute	Duration of Internship
1) Hetal Gajera	Master of Social Work, Gujarat University	1 February to 28 February 2023
2) Hetvi Gandhi	Master of Social Work, Gujarat University	1 February to 28 February 2023

AWAG' s Board Members

No.	Name	Position in the Board	Address & Contact	Occupation
1).	Dr. Jharna Pathak	Secretary	'Ipsit' 5, Professors' Colony, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009 Ph: 9913176607 E-mail: fmjharna@gmail.com	Assistant Professor
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5).	Ms. Shrungi Desai	Trustee	A-1001 Rudraksh Residency, L.P. Savani Rd, Adajan, Surat Ph: 9925036669 Email: shrungidesai@rediffmail.com	Advocate
6).	Ms. Chinmayee (Sejal) Joshi	Trustee	44, Saket-III, Opp. Nandishwar Mahadev Temple, Vejalpur, Ahmedabad – 380051 Ph: 9879191519 Email: chinmayee_joshi@yahoo.com	Social Activist
7).	Ms. Damini Shah	Trustee	1-Mayurpankh Soc, B/h Shaligram, Satellite Rd, Ahmedabad-380015 Ph: 9825896249 Email: damininshah@gmail.com	Assistant Professor
8).	Ms. Falguni Purohit	Trustee	8-Sundarvan Bunglows, Near R.J College, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380015 Ph: 7874710101 Email: phalgunidhimant@gmail.com	Associate Professor
9).	Rupa Mehta	Trustee	24-249 Parishram Apts, Bh Bimanagar, Satellite Rd, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad-380015 Ph: 9426588079 Email: rupamanishi@gmail.com	Retd. Media Professional
10).	Priyanka Desai	Trustee	A-45 Vishal Tower, Nr. Anandnagar Crossroads, Satellite, Ahmedabad-380015 Ph: 9879987131 Email: priyanka.prashant@gmail.com	Self Employed

Cost of International Travel by Board Members and Personnel is nil for the year.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023**AHMEDABAD WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (AWAG)**

Charity Registration No : F/946/Ahmedabad

Society Registration No : GUI/970/Ahmedabad

PAN : AAATA2348B

TAN : AHMA01249D

FCRA Registration No : 041910079

CSR-1 Registration No. CSR00000709

Balance Sheet (Abridged) as on 31.03.2023

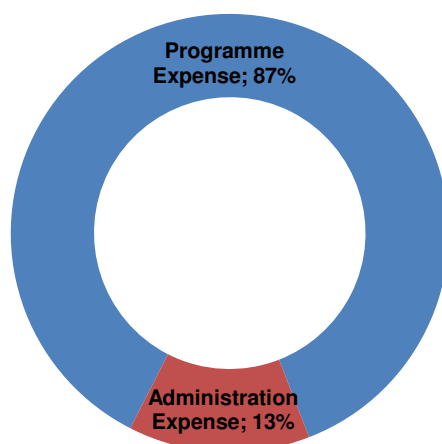
Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Trust Fund or Corpus	3585469	Fixed Assets	6252654
Other Earmarked Fund	3419886	Cash and Bank Balance	2321725
Unutilized Grant	922461	Fixed Deposits	3770899
Reserve For Interest (FC)	615760	Grant Receivable (NonFC)	59997
Income & Expenditure A/c (NonFC)	3924160	Other Current Assets	62461
	12467736		12467736

Income and Expenditure Account (Abridged) for the year ending on 31.03.2023

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Expenditure on the objects of the Trust	5137449	By Interest	277351
Administrative Expenses	835530	Donation	35000
Establishment Expenses	29613	Grants in Aid and Donation	5277199
Contribution MPWWC	50500	Other Income	597895
Income & Expenditure Account(NonFC)	54469		
Excess of income over expenditure (FC)	79884		
	6187445		6187445

Receipts and Payments Account (Abridged) for the year ending on 31.03.2023

Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
Opening Balances	6622522	Expenditure on the object of the Trust	5137449
Grants in Aid and Donation received during the year	4553990	Administrative Expenses	865143
Donation	35000	Contribution MPWWC	50500
Interest Received	247898	Closing Balances	6092624
AWAG Contribution	50862		
Other Receipts	593395		
TDS Refund	42049		
	12145716		12145716

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