

WOMEN CENTRES

Women Centre is a place where we provide temporary shelter, free legal aid, medical relief and psycho-social counseling services to women in distress. 10 Women Centres were established upto 2003-04. Out of these, nine centres are operational and functioning at Islamabad (Women Centre with shelter home), Sahiwal, Vehari, Karachi, Lahore (Women Centre with Shelter Home), Peshawar, Kohat, Mianwali and Quetta. The Centre at Rawalpindi is still under construction. Ten more Centres have been inducted during 2005-06 i.e Sialkot, Faisalabad, Multan, Bahawalpur, Mirwala (Muzaffargarh), Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Abbotabad, Sibi & Mirpur (AJK). These Women Centres are operating to achieve the following long term and short-term objectives:-

Long term objectives

- a) To protect women against all forms of violence.
- b) To eliminate every type of discrimination against women.

Short term objectives

- (a) To provide temporary shelter to vi
- (b) To provide medical/first aid;
- (c) To provide/arrange free legal assistance/aid;
- (d) To investigate cases of violence/prejudice; and
- (e) To liaise with agencies competent to redress grievances of women at individual and collective levels, especially those concerned with combating violence against women.

2. Provision of following services fall within the purview of the functions of the Women Centres:

- Temporary shelter
- Free legal aid
- Free medical aid
- Social counseling
- Psychological Counseling
- Establishing linkages with law enforcing agencies/police complaints cells.
- Micro credit (in case of Women Centre established in the initial stage i.e Sahiwal, Vehari & Islamabad)
- Telephone Helpline

3. There is only one Shelter Home at Islamabad which provides shelter facility to the needy women. Since its establishment in 2004 it has provided shelter to 914 women. This Centre provides shelter to deserving cases upto a period of six months. After 8th October, 2005 this Centre has also provided shelter to about 655 female earthquake affectees (including minor children).

4. In March 2005 the Women Centre at Lahore was converted into Women Centre-cum-Shelter Home and since then it has provided shelter to 51 women.

5. Other Centres do not have any shelter facility. The victims are provided temporary shelter in these Centres for a maximum time period of 48 hours.

6. 05 new Centres at Jacobabad, Khushab, DG Khan, Khuzdar & Swat (Mingora) are to be set up during financial year 2006-07 for which the respective DCOs have been contacted to facilitate the Ministry.

7. Other details of the above Centres are appended below:-

Sr. No	Name Manager	Addresses of Centre	Telephone (UAN-111-12-13-14 at all the Women Centres/Shelter Home)
1.	Mrs. Saira Furqan (Women Centre)	Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre for Women, behind The City School, Sector H-8/1, <u>Islamabad</u>	Ph # 051-9257631 9257632
	Ms. Nishat Bashir, (Shelter Home)		Ph # 051-9257630
2.	Ms. Mithan Khadim,	Women Centre, Barrack No. 79, Sindh Secretariat, Sindh Assembly Road, <u>Karachi.</u>	Ph#. 021-9206770 9206771
3.	Ms. Rabia Usman	Women Centre, 98 Ferozpur Road, Near Shama Cinema, <u>Lahore</u>	PH # 042-7594722
4.	Ms. Syeda-un-Nisa Alia	Women Centre, H. No. 141, St. 06, Sector H-4, Hayatabad, <u>Peshawar.</u>	Ph # 091-9217872

5.	Ms. Ambreen Naz Syed	Women Centre, H. NO. 03, Ahmed Zai Colony, Saryab Road, <u>Quetta</u>	Ph#. 081-2445169
6.	Ms. Samina A. Rehman,	Women Centre, Street No. 2, Y-Block, Tariq Bin Zyad Colony, <u>Sahiwal</u>	Ph # 040-920084
7.	Mrs. Munazza Kausor	Women Centre, E-Block, Near Imam Bargah, Hadri Chowk, <u>Vehari</u>	Ph # 067- 3365440
8.	Ms. Aneela Rehman,	Women Centre, H. No. 5, Sector-6, KDA, Kohat	Ph # 0922-513577
9.	Mrs. Zubaida Shaheen	Women Centre, Old Vetnary Hospital Building, Katchehri Road, <u>Mianwali.</u>	Ph # 0459-237018
10.	(Vacant)	(Building under construction) Rawalpindi.	
11.	(Vacant)	Sialkot	
12.	(Vacant)	Faisalabad	
13.	(Vacant)	Multan	
14.	(Vacant)	Bahawalpur	
15.	(Vacant)	Mirwala	
16.	(Vacant)	Hyderabad	
17.	(Vacant)	Nawabshah	
18.	(Vacant)	Abbotabad	
19.	(Vacant)	Sibbi	
20.	(Vacant)	Mirpur (AJK)	
21.	(Vacant)	Jacobabad	
22.	(Vacant)	Khushab	
23.	(Vacant)	DG, Khan	
24.	(Vacant)	Khuzdar	
25.	(Vacant)	Swat (Mingora)	