

Annual Reporting Template – Creating Spaces

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List of Abbreviations	
ITA	Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi
CEFM	Child Early and Forced Marriage
CS	Creating Spaces
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
WPF	Women's Protection Forums

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1. Changes to Context (1/2 a page)

Keeping in view the sustainability and legacy of the Creating Spaces project, ITA with the assistance and clear guidelines from Oxfam in Pakistan (OIP) implemented NCE activities of the project in-person to work more promptly to achieve the project's objectives and to leave long lasting impact in this. ITA executed project activities in person with the beneficiaries – community actors, women leaders. Parliamentarians and youth groups.

In field, the groups of influencers were accessed and reformed for immediate and efficient implementation of the project.

2. Project Progress (Outcomes and Outputs) Achieved

*5 pages total, highlights from the PMF Progress Updates

Ultimate Outcome: Reduce violence against women and girls and child, early and forced marriage in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and Philippines

Intermediate Outcome 1100: Strengthened engagement of key religious, community, private sector and political actors and youth in advancing women's leadership, women's rights and in reducing VAWG

In the year 6, **34** targets (1111, 1114, 1121, 1124, 1131 & 1132) were achieved to guarantee the active participation of previously formed group under the CS umbrella. Women, Youth, Men and religious groups were involved in the trainings to comprehend the vitality of provision of rights in forming ways towards adequate knowledge and quality leadership that ensures reduction in VAWG and the initiatives taken up by these groups to reduce VAWG. These groups shared their personal experiences and identified their responsibilities through interactive sessions and actions plans which strengthened the engagement of these key stakeholders to reduce the VAWG. Also, the comparison between previous and recent methods of propagating for reduction of VAWG has created a link amongst these groups to initiate new interventions and action plans to join voices to end VAWG and CEFM together. Young girls and Women were also supported in Y6 to effectively participate in decision making activity to have their say at decision making tables and authorities.

Immediate Outcome 1110: Increased knowledge, skills, and capacity of influencers to enact and implement laws, including customary and religious laws, policies and accountability mechanisms to reduce VAWG and the prevalence of CEFM

- 2 activities were conducted on legal frameworks (*In-person in Lahore and Karachi*) with influencers such as religious, community, private sector and political leaders and other leaders including Social welfare departments, child protection welfare and bureau, MPA's, Counsellors, local civil society organizations, religious leaders, young leaders, community leaders and lawyers, who act as custodians of customs, practices and social norms within communities, who shape expectations about appropriate behavior and who, as duty bearers (relevant Govt. departments), have the power to support implementation of formal and informal laws and rules in both Sindh and Punjab.

These awareness consultations increased the knowledge of the participant's especially CS groups and other community leaders about the referral mechanism and build liaison between the community and duty bearers regarding the referral mechanisms particularly for cases of GBV and CEFM from the community. Referral pathway describes primary duty of facilitator with information of how to respond GBV survivor and where to seek the assistance at different levels.

- 5 activities were conducted on advocacy and lobbying for drafting new laws and implementation of existing laws (*In Karachi, Rawalpindi and Lahore*) to discuss the identified gaps and lacunas within the implementation of pro women laws specifically women protection laws targeting VAWG and child marriage restraint Acts to stop CEFM and to discuss and take up the issues of GBV and CEFM with the concerned stakeholders & Departments; their roles & limitations for the execution of the laws related to VAWG and CEFM laws to understand the core issue and taking significant actions in their departments.
- Under this immediate outcome, **276 (148 Males, 125 Females & 3 Transgender)** were engaged in these trainings, influencers were given comprehensive understanding of Local accountability and its role in increasing the possibility of implementation of laws. A clear knowledge of how it improves the standard of living and how when you practice questioning. These training enable the influencers to practice self-accountability while propagating for reduction of VAWG and CEFM in communities.

Immediate Outcome 1120: Improved positive attitudes modelled by influencers and youth in support of social norms to prevent VAWG and CEFM.

- 3 activities were conducted in different districts (2 districts i.e. Lahore and Kasur in Punjab and 1 district i.e. Shaheed Benazirabad in Sindh) many young boys and men from different walks of life were engaged and trained to end GBV & CEFM by promoting positive norms. Action plans were also developed by the end of these sessions so that the role of these groups is strengthened by their own active agency to support positive norms.
- In Y5, after the youth trainings, our youth members developed Social Action Plans to be implemented in different communities focusing on ending gender based violence. In NCE, 9 detailed youth based activities; Social Action Plans which includes Youth Baithaks and Theatre Performances) were organized in 5 districts of Punjab e.g. Lahore, Kasur, Sialkot, Rawalpindi and Jhelum and 3 districts of Sindh e.g. Shaheed Benazirabad, Shahdadt and Karachi with adolescents and youth on Gender Based Violence/CEFM, signs, patterns and situations of violence, mental health, youth policies, Social Media campaigning, Pro-Woman Legislation and Implementation Mechanisms ending violence and role of youth to end VAWG and CEFM. Youth learned to develop advocacy plans, project designing, social media campaigning, theatre for social change and take action by using different available mediums and institutions around them to raise their voices and to be the voices of voiceless people. Youth groups are supporting the project as change makers of the community and have been participating in our social and electronic media campaigns as well and shared their pictures and video messages to aware and sensitize other people on international days like 16 days of activism, national and international women day, international youth day, international peace day, international education day etc.
- Fortunately, in Punjab, all the youth groups of 6 districts are certified by Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) as their Youth

Ambassadors to eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Child Early and Forced Marriages (CEFM). Now they will bridge the gap between departments and community to address the issues at grassroots level.

- Our targeted activities for youth were 8 in NCE but we organized an additional activity (Theatre Performance) from our underspent budget. In this activity, we performed 3 theatre performances with different audience at Children Learning Festival (CLF) in Karachi and have reached 171 adolescents and youth.
- Under this immediate outcome, **499 (282 Males & 217 Females)** were directly engaged and trained to improve positive attitudes in support of social norms to prevent VAWG and CEFM

Immediate Outcome 1130: Strengthened skills and capacity of women and girl leaders to advance their rights and contribute to the prevention of VAWG and CEFM

- **74** women and girls were educated and capacitated through 3 training sessions in Gujrat, Jhelum and Shahdadt to be the leaders to advance their rights and to play their vital role to end VAWG and CEFM. These women were member of women leaders groups, women protection forum, women rights organizations, female teachers/lecturers, students, lawyers, social and political activists. The objective is to make them well aware of the different terminologies related to GBV and its types.
- Different examples of the gender stereotypes from participants' own life were discussed so they would realize how negative and impatient behaviors leads to violence and what are the different possible solutions to prevent and reduce GBV in their own lives and society. These sessions also gave them awareness regarding their rights by discussing the available laws for the protection and prevention of women from all kinds of violence and CEFM, along with the other women friendly laws and the laws of harassment at Public, at workplace and cyber harassment.
- The tools of advocacy and lobbying was also discussed with these women and girls so they would develop action plans to be implemented in their communities to end GBV and CEFM. These sessions were aiming to enhance their skills of negotiation, to raise their voice for their rights, and to communicate their needs for local governance planning and on making their circles of women more empowered.
- The women and girls also learned about the international declarations (UNCRC, CEDAW, UDHR) of which Pakistan is signatory and is bound to follow. Knowing the rights provided to them legally, empowered them to excel more in their respective areas of intervention.
- 13 girls and women effectively participated in workshop/decision making activities (9 in Punjab and 4 in Sindh). These activities further enabled the girls and women to enhance their knowledge and have their say at decision making tables/activities and to play their vital role in community and to bridge between community and decision-making platforms. They have attended sessions on women participation in local government elections, Role of women in the awareness of Women Safety App by Punjab Police and Umerkot Development conference and they replicated their learning their community and aware the women and girls that how they can effectively and participate in upcoming local government elections and how they can protect them selves by using women safety app.

Pillar 1 Outputs (one paragraph summary)

Under pillar 1 – **862 beneficiaries (430 males, 429 females and 3 transgender)** from project targeted districts of both provinces (Punjab and Sindh) were given awareness about their rights, responsibilities and their roles as leaders to make society a safe place for every individual by reducing VAWG and CEFM. Our CS youth members are now certified Ambassadors of Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) to eliminate VAWG and CEFM.

Through Social Action Plans implemented by our young leaders with the real essence of gender equality and gender equity for a peaceful, just and sustainable society for all were a remarkable achievement of Y6 which fueled the movement.

Intermediate Outcome 1200: Greater access to support services and economic opportunities for women and girls affected by violence and early and forced child marriage

In year 6, 27 targets (1215, 1219, 1222 & 1223) were achieved under this pillar. Service providers, girls and women groups were given trainings to enhance their capacity on women's economic empowerment, to seek justice by introducing them to their legal rights and abilities to advocate for to comprehend their status in the society and hurdles they face in everyday while advocating for their rights. Greater access to support services and economic opportunities were ensured by providing them information regarding available support services and economic opportunities in their areas. Training workshops were also conducted with women and girls who have experienced violence or CEFM to improve their capacity to access economic and livelihood opportunities. A platform was given to survivors to evaluate the progress they have made in past few years as part of CS team and what measures can be taken to improve the present status.

Immediate Outcome 1210: Increased awareness of women and girls who have experienced violence and CEFM of their rights and ability to access quality support services

- **5 training** workshops were organized with Service Providers on Gender Mainstreaming and Positive Norms Modelling in Shahdadt, Karachi, Umerkot, Lahore and Rawalpindi to aware and train service providers from Social Welfare Department, Bait-ul-Mal, Punjab Women Protection Authority, Punjab Social Protection Authority, Human Rights Department, Punjab AIDS control Program, Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), Public Prosecution Department, Association of Family Physicians, Women Development Department, Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Child Protection Unit, Bar Council, Punjab Police and Sindh Police. During this training, service providers were sensitized on how to provide better services to the support seekers especially those women and girls who are affected by violence and early child and force marriages. On the basis of previous trainings, Punjab Police department approached to organized a dedicated training of Punjab Police staff who are appointed in new established GBV cells in Lahore on this topic. So, out of 5, one training was dedicatedly organized for Punjab Police Staff and this was our success that very relevant department has approached us in the recognition our services to capacitate their staff.
- **Ten** activities were conducted in Punjab and Sindh (Jehlum, Kasur, Gujrat, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Sialkot, Shaheed Benazirabad, Shahdadt)

and Umerkot) around confidence building, leadership, self-advocacy and supporting services with the women groups including teachers, community leaders, nurses, lady health workers, women from police departments etc. These sessions were focusing on 1) Social Rights (2) Political Rights and (3) Economic Rights of girls and women. Group works and group presentations enabled the participants on how to advocate for their own rights and rights of other women and enhanced their knowledge regarding what their Human Rights are, how to claim them using which channels.

- **These trainings provided a platform to women and youth** to share their experiences with each other and show support towards one another for seeking deserving place in society. Sharing personal experiences gave them confidence and allowed them to discuss the available opportunities and hurdles they face in availing them. Moreover, how service providers can play a vital in reducing the VAWG by providing better services through gender responsive mechanisms and positive norms modelling.
- Under this immediate outcome, **385 beneficiaries (301 females and 84 males)** were directly engaged and trained to increase on gender mainstreaming and positive norms modeling.

Immediate Outcome 1220: Increased economic skills, knowledge and capacity among women and girls who have experienced violence

- 3 consultative meetings were conducted on improving access to economic opportunities for those women and girls who have experienced violence, women's economic rights, financial literacy and financial stability in Lahore and Karachi. In these consultations, multiple relevant stakeholders, parliamentarians and departments were engaged including Punjab Information Technology Board, Punjab Vocational Training Council, Akhuwat and National Rural Support Programme.
- In Y6, 9 training workshops were conducted at different shelter homes (Dar Ul Amans) to train women and girls (GBV Survivors) from who has experienced any kind of violence and being sent to Dar-ul-Aman until their cases were being decided by the court and to build confidence and instil entrepreneurship & leadership skills and capacity to self-advocate to access support services. These 9 trainings were organized in Gujrat, Lahore, Kasur, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Jehlum, Sukkur, Hyderabad and Karachi. Through these trainings girls and women learned that
 - Women's economic empowerment boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality in addition to other positive development outcomes.
 - Increasing women's and girls' educational attainment contributes to women's economic empowerment and more inclusive economic growth. Education, up-skilling and re-skilling over the life course – especially to keep pace with rapid technological and digital transformations affecting jobs—are critical for women's and girl's health and wellbeing, as well as their income-generation opportunities and participation in the formal labour market.
 - Being victims of gender based violence is not the end, women can be independent and can initiate their businesses.
- Under this immediate outcome, **289 beneficiaries (249 females and 40 males)** were directly engaged and trained to increase on gender mainstreaming and positive norms modeling.

Pillar 2 Outputs (one paragraph summary)

Under this pillar total number of **674 (550 females & 124 males)** including women leaders, GBV victims and survivors capacitated on their rights, building their confidence, leadership skills and their economic rights. The focused aspects covered in these activities were to build leadership skills of women and girls who have experienced violence, to build their capacity on economic empowerment. They owned their experiences and improved attitudes towards one another, they also increased confidence to advocate for rights and support, improved skills on how to communicate for a cause. **129 (84 males and 45 Females)** service provider were sensitized to provide the better services to survivors by ensuring positive norms.

Intermediate Outcome 1300: Increased use of innovative knowledge, including best and emerging practice, and accountability systems by partners and influencers to end VAWG

Immediate Outcome 1310: Improved VAWG and CEFM prevention and response knowledge generation, learning and dissemination

Immediate Outcome 1320: Improved country and regional linkages, alliances and relationships on issues of VAWG and CEFM

Immediate Outcome 1330: Increased capacity of partner CSOs and WROs to deliver effective, transparent and accountable programs that contribute to reducing VAWG and prevalence of CEFM

Pillar 3 Outputs (one paragraph summary)

This pillar was not included in Y6 for us so there are not activities done under this pillar.

3. Results Story (*on either a Pillar 1 outcome OR a Pillar 2 outcome) (½ page)

Farzana Minhas, a mother of three children and a struggling woman from Lahore. In 2018, she attended a few events of creating spaces project. Unfortunately, after the session she got some issues in her marriage and she got separated from her husband. After sometime, she married another guy but time she faced domestic violence from her second husband. She suffered for a long time without uttering a word to anyone. She became so disturbed that she even tried to end her life. No financial support, no family support and no care and respect from her spouse. Fortunately, she got an invitation from Ms. Razia Chohan (Focal Person from Lahore) to attend an event of Creating Spaces again. She

attended a few training sessions again and through our sessions we developed hope in her heart and she got empowered and much encouraged that she fought back for the sake of herself and her kids. She got so inspired by the creating space sessions that she started her own business. She requested Ms. Razia to support her so that she can start something to earn. Ms. Razia provided few materials and a small amount and she started her small business of samosa and pakora stall at the corner of the road in Youhanabad. Now she is earning her living through this stall.

All this happened because of attending creating spaces program which boosted her thoughts and gave her a new hope. Creating spaces facilitated her with a great vision that she can be her own great support.

4. Management Issues and Adjustments (1 page)

a) Project Management

- Due to some political protests by TLP, our few activities in a couple of districts of Punjab got effected, delayed and even planned in other district.
- Had some challenges in one province due to shift of our RPC to new one.

b) Risk and Analysis

- Some of the activities were difficult to be conducted at Shelters Homes (Dar Ul Amans) but it showed that we really need to work with GBV survivors more on their capacity building, confidence building and economic empowerment.

5. Lessons Learned, Recommendations and Next Steps (1/2 page)

- Project is adopting very practical grounded strategies to ensure active, sustained participation of beneficiaries with their ongoing interactions under Creating Spaces,
- In terms of recovery, rehabilitation, and long-term viability, GBV survivors should receive more attention. Though trainings and awareness sessions increase their knowledge and capacity, any suitable model of business should be incorporated for their financial and economic support, such as providing them with a seed amount to start their own business by using their innate skills, providing them with the necessary raw materials, machinery, or other assistance so that they can become economically empowered.
- Youth participation in projects resulted in positive consequences. They not only came up with new ideas, but they were also actively engaged and committed to working on this project. They are the true change agents who should be supported and provided with appropriate venues and chances to discuss and confront VAWG and CEFM. They have the education as well as the concepts. Adding

awareness and a little direction to them can help them perform miracles in our society. One of the major accomplishments that will have great outcomes in the future is connecting our youth groups with Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) and women protection center in Hyderabad, Sindh for future mobilization, lobbying, and campaigning on EVAWG.

- Building constructive partnerships and engaging with stakeholders, particularly those responsible for providing assistance to GBV survivors, was extremely beneficial. Connecting with PWPA and SCSW, as well as other like-minded groups and donors, to strengthen their ties in preparation for future work on the GAP report's recommendations. They can look into future financing opportunities and coordinated initiatives.
- ITA has conducted trainings with service providers in project regions during NCE. They were critical in improving and educating service providers' employees on how to cope with GBV and CEFM. During the trainings, it was discovered that department-specific specialist gender mainstreaming trainings should be designed and provided. Knowing this, the last training in Lahore was with the police department, in which they were taught how to handle sensitively with situations of GBV and CEFM, and it went extremely well. As a result, it is advised that need-based and personalized trainings be provided to various service delivery departments such as Helplines, Prosecutors, Police, Social Welfare Department, Medical Officers, and so on.
- Our women leaders and other community actors are well-informed, well-equipped, and well-aware of the referral mechanism, and they have established good working relationships with relevant stakeholders in dealing with cases of violence against women and girls, as well as child early and forced marriages. Furthermore, they are proactive social workers with advocacy and lobbying skills, and they are connected to various networks for women rights organizations. However, they need to be trained in proposal writing so that they can raise and generate funds to sustain themselves even if donor-specific projects are not available.
- Sustainable approaches are quite important for us to design and implement projects.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: PMF Updates

- In the Excel documents updated in annual report.
- For annual report, updates need to be provided for all targeted outcomes and output indicators.

File attached

Annex 2: Communications

Organization	Publication Title	Description	Project Support Provided	Release / Follow Up
<i>Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi</i>	<i>Broacher: To End Violence Against Women and Girls</i>	<i>Details about Creating Spaces and how Creating Spaces is working to end violence against women and girls</i>	<i>Awareness and sensitization</i>	<i>Dissemination among beneficiaries during sessions.</i>

Annex 3: List of Partners

Annex 4: Update on Beneficiary Reach (in Excel format)

File attached