

## Dialogue/Seminar on ending violence against women

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<b>Seminar/Dialogue on ending violence against women/girls. @PIPS.</b>	
<i>Description of activity:</i>	<p>Violence against women in Pakistan has become a problem that cannot be neglected and overlooked, as it has become social norm in the household. Pakistan has ranked sixth most dangerous country for women to live in.</p> <p>FoRBLN Pakistan organized a seminar/dialogue on gender-based violence. Coordinator FoRBLN Ms.Asiya Nasir open the dialogue session with her short speech on the subject. She presented the recent facts and figures of the women who are the victim of gender-based violence either at work place, home or at public places. A large number of multi-disciplined expert were invited to participate in this dialogue. MS.Huma Chughtai with her great experience moderated this session. She engaged extremely well with the participants. In her opening remarks she said It was an honour to have you in the session. She also thanked all the participants you for making this event a great success The main speakers in the dialogue session presented their valuable views that hitting women or exercising domestic violence is much more prevalent in Pakistani society and households, where men consider it a tool to control women. All the speakers agreed that a woman in Pakistani society face multiple threats because of her gender. She is seen being publicly harassed, raped, killed in the name of honour. The men who commit such crimes without having fear of being punished and charged guilty. Though Pakistan has been successful in passing laws to control violence against women, however implementing these laws is a still challenge for the government and relevant institutions.</p>

Dr. Aisha Anees Malik, HOD, Dept. of Gender Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, very briefly shared about the research studies they have taken to identify the reasons of gender-based violence. She shared that her department which is established through act of parliament is working closely with different stakeholders. She actively participated in the dialogue and appreciated the RWN initiative on raising awareness on gender-based violence. She expressed concern over growing trend of gender-based violence in the country. She showed her interest to work in collaboration with RWN. Senator Rubina Khalid appreciated the courage of RWN and Mrs Asiya Nasr on working such sensitive issues. She shared her experience about some legislation she has presented in the parliament and how they got rejected? She highlighted the mind-set of some political forces that they are not willing to give spaces to the women.

Ms. Tanzeela a leading anchor asked the senator number of questions and kind of challenge female journalist face in the media industry. Answering those questions, the senator admitted that over all the mind-set of the society needs transformation and have to remove those taboos exist in the society about the women.

Ms. Jenifer Jag Jeevan Scholar, Social Activist, highlighted the scenario of minority women living in the country. She expressed her concerns with the sitting MPs to really implement existing laws to ensure the protection of vulnerable women who work in the offices and as household. She highlighted that the minority women are more vulnerable as compare to majority women.

Professor Hazir in his remarks appreciated the work of FoRB and RWN. Visting faculty from the university of Gloucestershire, DR. Adeela Shafi, surprised to see the kind of workwomen doing in Pakistan, she especially thanked the Mrs Asiya in mainstreaming the women at all levels of the government institutions as well as in the society. She expressed her hope that inclusion of women in all decision making will pave the way for her development. To end violence the role of parents and society is critical. All the participants agreed that every individual needs to play role and end discrimination against women.

At the end of the session Ms. Sabeen Rizvi thanked all the participants and their valuable views on how to end violence on gender bases in Pakistan. Sitting MPs assure to work in the parliament on women related issues particularly ending violence against women, Participants

	agreed to implement laws and punish those who takes law in their hands.
<i>Aim (1 sentence):</i>	Raising awareness among policy makers, government officials, civil society, human rights activists on gender-based violence.
<i>Intended output:</i>	Advocacy for comprehensive legislation to counter gender-based violence.
<i>Intended impact:</i>	To minimize the trend of violence/ forced conversion cases through the implementation of existing laws/ legislation.
<i>Gender dimension:</i>	ForBLN Pakistan is a collaborative effort with RWN. RWN is a women-led initiative and is too concerned for the inclusion of women at all levels of dialogue. ForBLN tries hard to have equal representation of both men and women. ForBLN has raised its voice for women to get equal opportunities, equal resources, and equal representation in decision-making. ForBLN strongly preaches inclusivity and believes in an inclusive democracy. ForBLN has raised its voice for women to get equal opportunities, equal resources, and equal representation in decision-making.
<i>What indices will you use to evaluate this activity:</i>	There were sitting and former parliamentarian who attended this session. There was tremendous participation of women who are heading their respective organization. There were 40 participants who attended this session.

<b>Sr.No</b>	<b>Name</b>
1.	Ms.Huma Chugtai
2.	Sabeen Rizvi Ex-MNA
3.	Moris John
4.	Dr. Noreen
5.	Dr. Seema Farzad
6.	Ms.Jenifer Jagjeevan
7.	Ms.Nisar Tanveer-Ex-MNA
8.	Neeraj Saddiq
9.	Ms.Alia Naseer
10.	Dr. Hazirullah-Quaid e Azam University
11.	Dr. Aisha Anees Malik. Quaid- e- Azam University
12.	Mr.Adnan Sakhawat
13.	Mr.Azhar Ali Abidi
14.	Dr. Adeela Shafi(UK)
15.	Salamat Bhatti
16.	Ms.Amber
17.	Sherjan Afridi
18.	Mrs.Ruby Kamil



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19.	Dilshad Sami
20.	Ms.Rabia Ghani
21.	Syed Saddam Hussain Shah
22.	Ms.Huma Tariq
23	Senator Rubina Khalid
24	Mr.Naveed Amir Jeeva MP.
25	Miss Tanzeela TV Anchor.
26	Mrs.Asiya Nasir