

With support of continuous and regular advocacy efforts of Ujala Network since 2017, we have made transformation in following policy and practice level fronts

- 1) We are successful in supporting Punjab Commission on Status of Women and education department Punjab to prepare booklet on protection of children from Sexual abuse and books were distributed in all schools of Punjab and teachers were given responsibility to teach them lesson by lesson.
 - 2) For raising voices to Transgender community, KP government gave Health Cards to transgender community of PKRs 540000 per year with same treatment list and same hospitals as for general community in January 2018. Further, KP government also issued driving licenses to 15 transgender persons.
 - 3) The Sindh youth policy was drafted in 2012 & finally approved by Sindh cabinet on 16 April 2018. Continuous voice was raised for Sindh Youth Policy by Ujala Network-Sindh chapter.
 - 4) In May 2018, Pakistan's National Assembly passed the Transgender Persons Bill 2018.
 - 5) We succeeded in making commitments in political party manifesto from mainstream political parties to stand for stopping early marriages, improving curriculum, pro-women, youth, transgender & overall SRHR/SGBV friendly legislation.
 - 6) Through regular advocacy by Ujala Sindh Partners, Sindh Government had decided to teach Life skills based education in eight districts of Sindh: Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Khairpur, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu and Qamber- Shahdadt districts. For this purpose, chapters will be included in the curriculum of classes regarding physical abuse, self-esteem, human rights, girls' education, developmental changes, health and hygiene, gender equality, marriage rights, violence and self-defense, peer pressure, communication and decision-making.
 - 7) Due to uninterrupted advocacy, now we have recent important development in the form of Zainab Alert, Response, and Recovery Act (ZAARA) 2020. It has created hopes for better countering of child abuse by the introduction of an integrated framework. ZARRA 2020 is a classic example of Ujala Networks strengths of, grassroots mobilization for creating demands of pro-people legislation, engagement with Parliamentarians and media for better advocacy and policy influences.
 - 8) Through the constant activism of Ujala and its district civil society organizations, the government also showed their concern on taking measures to stop incidents of child abuse. Mr. Usman Buzdar-Chief Minister Punjab gave directives to the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB) to launch a dedicated campaign in Kasur to raise awareness regarding child sexual abuse and also to establish Child Protection Bureau in Kasur.
 - 9) Ujala was raising voices for the legislation of Domestic Violence Against Women Bill which was pending since long. Luckily, through vigorous efforts of Ujala and other Civil Society actors, we have made it in January 2021 at the start of year). The new law is a landmark Domestic Violence against Women (Prevention and Protection) Act 2021 is a comprehensive piece of legislation that is expected to play a pivotal role in protecting women, and equipping the duty bearers to dispense justice more effectively and efficiently.
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