

Project Title:An Examination of NGO Strategies and Interventions to Address Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan: Imp

Abstract:

This project examines the strategies, methods of intervention and perceived impact of NGO's that empower women and seek to delimit gender based violence in Pakistan. This multi-site study will utilize ethnographic research methods to examine a range of family and community-oriented interventions and economic skill programs from multiple sources and perspectives. In-depth interviews with stakeholders such as NGO staff and leaders and consumers of the NGO programs and services will be supplemented by participant observation and analyses of other written materials. The aims of the research are to examine (1) How do the social, religious, and cultural context of Pakistan shape and influence the organization's work and choice of strategies to respond to gender violence and inequality? (2) How are programs and services tailored to local conditions and norms to facilitate access and empower women? (3) What do stakeholders (leaders, management, staff and program consumers) identify as most effective elements of services and programs and what the distinctive impacts, successes and drawbacks of the organizational approaches? The findings from this project will broaden the international research base on violence against women with a focus on Pakistan, will highlight diverse contextually relevant approaches and interventions that are being implemented and disseminate much needed information regarding effective services and best practices that may be replicated in Pakistan and in other contexts.