

CSOs Charter of Demand for Parliamentarians to Take Action & Keep Promises on Ending Violence Against Women and Children & Ensuring SRHR for all

We the below CSOs from all across Pakistan including member organizations of Ujala Network and Pakistan Development Alliance endorse the CSOs Charter of Demand on VAWC & Ensuring SRHR for all

We Assert our identity as women & human rights defender organizations / platforms from all across Pakistan

We Further Assert our indispensable role in the promotion & protection of women / human rights, addressing SGBV and demanding rightful spaces and choices of all life for all that are built on the foundations of Constitution of Pakistan and other universal/ global human rights instruments signed and ratified by government of Pakistan.

We are Alarmed by the rapid increase in sexual & gender based violence instances against most vulnerable communities including women and children, transgenders, minorities and even people living with disabilities in Pakistan

We are Deeply Concerned over the negligence and delays at the end of government, aligned ministries, departments and Parliamentary forums towards timely legislations and policy interventions to address SGBV and to ensure SRHR for all in Pakistan

We Stand in Solidarity with victims of SGBV and their families and **Appreciate** their firm stand against culprits and perpetrators

We Condemn State and non-state actors especially leaders of religio-political parties, government functionaries, and their other extremist outfits and media persons on victim blaming and releasing misogynistic statements on women / girls physical appearance especially dresses

We Note that pandemic has exacerbated the extent and dynamics of VAW&C both at domestic & societal level

We Further Note with Concerns that pro-women and girls legislation especially the latest bill on ending domestic violence is being delayed by sending it to Council of Islamic Ideology

We remind the government and ministries that nothing is being asked beyond the commitments made by them at Global and National level through various human rights treaties, accords, especially under UNCHR, ICPD, CEDAW and most recently SDGs.

We Further Remind to all political parties and their legislatures that nothing is being asked beyond their commitments made by them in their respective political party manifestoes as well as by the Parliament. SDGs were adopted as National Development Goals by Parliament of Pakistan in March 2016.

Therefore, We Call for

1. Immediate and effective legislation to End Domestic and Spousal Violence that include provisions regarding prevention of violence against women, protection and support for the complainant/survivor, and prosecution and strict punishment of the perpetrator.
2. Implementation mechanisms to end gender based violence such **as enhanced budgetary support on SDGs 5 related targets & indicators**, the creation of **specific centralized institutional mechanisms to monitor implementation and for the collection of comprehensive & sex-disaggregated statistical data of Rape and Violence against Women and Children cases**.
3. Gender sensitive budgeting including other all allocated resources be matched with the requirements of national policies to end violence against women & SRHR for all.
4. Legislation with minimum age of 18 for marriage across Pakistan.
5. parliamentarians to use their oversight powers to monitor violence against women.
6. Parliamentarians to speak up, explain the laws, and call the media, civil society organizations, the private sector and others to join in public education programmes.
7. Parliamentarians to ensure that information and updates on VAW & SRHR related laws are easily accessible and translated into local languages.
8. Parliamentarians to show strong political will in order to address Domestic Violence, Rape and Early Age Marriage issues as a matter of priority.
9. National strategies to mainstream gender should be developed and supported to secure a coordinated approach and response to violence against women and to achieve SDG5.
10. Parliamentarians to hold public hearings on VAW&C issues.
11. Parliamentarians to raise concern and disappointment on sending only pro-women & girls legislations to Council of Islamic Ideology and using it as one of the delaying tactics by government.

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Commenced by:

- AwazCDS-Pakistan
- Ujala Network
- Pakistan Development Alliance
- Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights

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