

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights-(UAF)

Grant Report Form

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Organization: **Roshni Welfare Organization, Sialkot-Pakistan**

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1. Please provide a brief accounting of how grant funds were used?

ANS. Please find attach a brief expenditure report on how the grant funds were used as Annex-01.

2. Did the money help you reach your specific goal or objective? Please explain/describe

ANS. Roshni Welfare Organization tried its best to achieve its goal and objectives set for the project. During the past three months Roshni Welfare Organization managed to educate, aware and equip women, young girls, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations as well as Community Based Organizations working for Women Empowerment and public at large with the information which could help in eradicating violence against women from the society, and we managed to receive positive and good response from the said stakeholders. The message we intends to deliver through this awareness campaign was moreover delivered and people attended the program promised to work jointly to spread the information learnt during the programs regarding the new laws passed by the Government of Pakistan in order to provide Protection, Promotion and Prevention of Women Human Rights, through i.e. Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Act 2011, Acid Crimes and its Control.



The people having power to enforce laws promised and articulated during the program that a Women Protection Cell will be formed in District Sialkot which will provide protection and support to women in times of need and distress and a one month survey will be carried out within the district to collect information about women problems and solutions will be given and

culprits will be held and penalized for the evil crimes they do. The survey team includes civil society members, NGOs, Lawyers and Law Enforcing Officers.

Roshni Welfare Organization also received appreciation, appeal and request from various corners of the district to further expand their program towards their area or institutions, i.e. Girls Colleges & Schools for Students and Teaching Staff-(Government/Private), Women Labor Organizations, Tehsile level women organizations. We have promised to organize programs in their area or institutions very soon.



3. What is happening now as a result of your assistance or intervention in this situation?

ANS. Roshni Welfare Organization intervention in the situation created a sense of change and motivation in public to help and protect women from various violence they face while living in male dominated society.

The District Police Officer-Sialkot represents the Law Enforcing Department articulated during the program to form a Women Protection Cell, which is a positive result occurred after the intervention of Roshni Welfare Organization in creating awareness and organizing programs for women empowerment.



On the other hand women groups, civil society organizations, NGOs and CBOs also promised to share information on the laws and its importance with women community members in their respected and target areas.

Furthermore, the President of Sialkot Bar Association promised to provide Free Legal Aid to Women in need and also gave his telephone number to the participants during the program which is a positive sign after the intervention of RWO through the project sponsored by UAF of Tides Foundation, USA.

The Journalist Community also actively participated in the activities of RWO and promised that they will promote and publicize laws and articles in favor of women and expose evil practices of people, so that they could be punished and only than we can change the mindset of the public to stop doing crimes against women.

One of the major differences this project brought after the intervention of RWO is that people were not fully aware about the new laws passed to protect, promote and prevent women from various evil crimes practiced in the society. After the implementation of various activities and awareness campaigns we have tried to make a small difference in the lives of women, as they managed to get proper information about the laws, and we are sure that the violence against women crime rate will be reduced. We are confident that we have made a huge dent in the evil thinking of people through Awareness Campaigns and we are sure that things will change gradually and crimes of violence against women will be reduced and one day they will be eliminated from the society provided that we continue to pursue the issues positively and on regular basis.



4. How did the grant enable you to further your overall strategy for advancing women’s human rights? Please describe.

ANS. Roshni Welfare Organization with the limited amount of US \$ 5,000 granted by Urgent Action Fund for Women Human Rights of Tides Foundation, USA tried its best to implement its strategy for advancing women’s human rights in the community. RWO requested nearly 10,000 US \$ amount to target a large number of community living in Sialkot, but keeping in mind the funding limitation and directions of UAF, Roshni Welfare Organization revised the budget and similarly reduced the activities.

Moreover, with limited funds in hand Roshni Welfare Organization organized 4-Public Awareness Meetings, i.e. 01-each in four sub-districts of Sialkot. These programs were attended by a good number of women community members as well as by young girls. Participants actively participated in program activities and were surprised to hear about the new laws being passed by the Government of Pakistan in order to provide protection and prevention from various evil practices done with them. Women participants as well as young girls shared their problems during the program activities which were given due consideration and ways for its solution was shared and accepted.



Roshni Welfare Organization also managed to carry out 4-walks in four sub districts of Sialkot. The event was largely appreciated by the public, male and female who actively participated in the activities. There were people from Law enforcement and Intelligence agencies, lawyers, Councilors, Journalist, members from civil society organization, NGOs & CBOs as well as women and men from general community equally participated in the walk. During the walk participants were holding various ply cards having quotations in favor of the law and to end violence against women from the society. Hand bills and informative literature was distributed among the public to gain awareness about the laws passed. RWO also managed to put on air information through local Cable TV Network which also helped in creating awareness among the public regarding the laws passed by the Government of Pakistan.

Roshni Welfare Organization also managed to organize a combine program with Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies, Civil Society Organization, NGOs, CBOs and Women representing various professions and walks of life to attend the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the District Police Officer, DPO Sialkot along with his staff including male and female. DPO expressed his valuable views regarding the law and program organized for creating awareness. DPO further said that he will form a



Protection Centre for Women in Sialkot which will look after the women facing violence. It was also very surprising to note that most of the people participating in the program were not aware about the Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Law 2011 and other laws too. Therefore, there is a need to further carryout Awareness Campaign on laws protecting women in Sialkot, so that a large number of people could get information about the positive activities which are taking place in the country to empower and end violence against women.



Roshni Welfare Organization would like to request Urgent Action Fund for Women Human Rights to provide additional increased amount of financial support to create and continue Awareness Campaign on the Laws legislated by the government to protect and prevent women from being

exploited by the male members of the society. New laws being passed recently i.e. Protection from Domestic Violence, Acid Control laws and many more but lack publicity and awareness. We hope that UAF will further help RWO to continue its campaign of educating women and general public and only then we can make a difference in the society and stop violence against women.

5. Have you been able to raise sufficient funds to continue this effort?

ANS. Roshni Welfare Organization is not able to raise sufficient funds to continue this effort. However, we again humbly request to Urgent Action Fund for Women Human Rights, USA to provide additional and increase amount of funds to further educate and aware women community members about the laws and their rights given to them in the constitution of the country, as we received request and appeals from the community members and various institutions to organize programs in their areas.

6. Were you able to involve other groups in this activity? What groups?

ANS. Roshni Welfare Organization managed to involve small groups, like NGOs, CBOs and women groups to motivate and mobilize women to participate in the programs organized for women and general public to get information about the new laws passed by the Government of Pakistan in order to protect and prevent women from various evil practices done with them.

7. If your grant was confidential, would you like the grant and report to remain confidential?

ANS. No, Roshni Welfare Organization did not keep the grant amount confidential; therefore, there is no need to keep the report and grant confidential.

8. If your grant was not confidential, can we also share the information in this report?

ANS. Yes, UAF can also share the information in this report.

9. If you have included photos with your report, please check one of the options below:

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