

Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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Result area 1 - Preventing violence against women

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RESULTS

Projects under Gender and SRHR portfolio focus mainly on gender based violence (GBV). Awareness raising programmes employed different modalities and were carried out in various (social) settings, like in schools/madrashas/colleges, in rural communities as well as in semi-urban and urban communities. Recently, the country has seen an alarming rise in (child) rape, sexual assaults and incidents of violence against women (VAW). Projects like ASTHA aim to create a sustainable model for prevention of GBV through raising awareness in the community and treatment of the victims by offering protection, and legal, health and psychosocial support. ASTHA has re-activated 125 Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committees (NNPC, GoB initiated committee to address VAW) in the four districts. ASTHA has also established two project Women Friendly Spaces (WFS) in the Rohingya refugee camps, assisting women and girls who have been subjected to GBV. The IMAGE Plus project raises awareness on prevention of child marriage by showing the degrading and agonising lives of early married girls (EMGs) in terms of health and social position. The number of prevented early/child marriages is still low due to the social and cultural barriers with current heightened degrading safety-security situation for girls. Projects on Water Management and Agriculture, RMG, PSD also contributes to the Women's Rights and Gender Equality (WRGE) results by improving situation of girls and women to become productive member of the community.

| INDICATORS | Baseline | Target | Result | Source |
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| SP_# of people who received training about gender based violence (ToT) | NA | NA | 34 | 4000000637 |
| ST_1.1.1 With which results has your gender specific programme contributed to stronger capacity of women and organisations to further women's empowerment in relation to the four IMPACT goals? [violence] | NA | NA | Practice and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and HIV testing as well as treatment are often influenced by the power imbalance between genders. In most cases women and girls cannot exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights. For sustainable and right-based development gender equality and equity needs to be addressed. Therefore SANGJOG committed to reduce the negative impacts of gender inequality in SRHR and HIV. Meaningful and effective participation of women, girls, boys, men from all levels was ensured in the planning, design, and implementation of SANGJOG. | 29443 |
| ST_Number of demonstrable changes regarding violence against women in values and norms at the levels of groups (women, men) communities, organizations and society (EE2: changes in values and norms) | 0 | 0 | 49126 | 24861; 29494 |
| ST_Number of demonstrable linkages with networks, movements, action plans, inter-sectoral collaborations (EE4: changes in association) [regarding outcome violence against women] | NA | NA | 4433 | 27827; 29494; 28992; 4000000900; 4000000637; 4000000801 |
| SP_Number of joint or collaborative activities of consortium partners including those with participation of implementing partners | 0 | 1 | 4 | 27977; 4000000900; 27827 |
| SP_Number of women and girls that have increased capability to demand their rights and respond to violence | NA | NA | 994 | 27827; 29494; 4000000900 |
| SP_Number of women experiencing violence who are receiving essential services | NA | NA | 279 | 29494; 4000000900; 4000000637 |
| ST_With which results has your activity contributed to improved pre-conditions for the elimination | NA | NA | The Nirapod-2 project | 27965 |

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

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| Assess achieved results compared to planning: | C. Results achieved as planned |
| Reasons for result achieved. | Working with the GoB system to improve access to multi-sectoral services for the GBV victims proved to be effective. Projects shared the same information across target groups (the women, their spouses, their mother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, the community leaders, gate keepers and wider local government representatives). Media outreach through dissemination of IEC/BCC, video material aired by national/private media channels had an impact on national awareness. Reporting of GBV cases is increasing (paradoxically, this is a positive sign, showing that girls are speaking up about a taboo subject) and some cases are going for legal actions. GBV cases are still under-reported due to fear of further violence, break-up of marriage and insecurity. |
| Implications for planning. | Projects continue to work with different GoB departments to strengthen the system to address GBV in both the public and private spheres. For example, ASTHA continues to work with Ministry of Women & Children Affairs, Home and Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, while IMAGE focusses on networking, media advocacy and linkages. |

Result area 2 - Women taking advantage of economic influence opportunities

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IMAGE Plus links early married girls to income generating activities (IGA)/entrepreneurship. EMGs are also participating in awareness raising activities, IGA trainings; the fact that health care services are being accessed indicates increased mobility and decision making power. Making Market Work for Women (MMWW) supports women in running their own business by creating access to the local markets. MMWW linked 740 women (not reported in the results report) entrepreneurs' group leaders and Farm Business Advisors (FBAs) to different agri related training. This led to dissemination of knowledge to another 6,002 female entrepreneurs. Also SAFAL has empowered women by connecting them to institutional buyers in the agri-value chain.

| INDICATORS | Baseline | Target | Result | Source |
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| SP_# of girls, by age category and marital status, who were linked up with income generating opportunities through the project | NA | NA | 2379 | 29494; 27965 |
| SP_# of girls, by marital status, who participated in activities organized by the project to help prepare them for income generating opportunities | NA | NA | 621 | 29494 |
| ST_1.1.1 Number of women and organisations with strengthened capacity to establish relations and coordinate with key partners and stakeholders (C3: capacity to relate to external stakeholders) | NA | NA | 12840 | 4000000013; 27941 |
| ST_1.1.1 Number of women and organisations with strengthened capacity to generate substantive outcomes and added value (C2: capacity to deliver) [economic] | NA | NA | 5052 | 27941 |
| ST_1.1.1 Number of women and organisations with strengthened competencies and capacity for effective action (C1: capacity to commit and act) [economic] | NA | NA | 5052 | 27941 |

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2

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| Assess achieved results compared to planning: | C. Results achieved as planned |
| Reasons for result achieved. | To have a wider impact and achieve inclusive results, projects utilized mass awareness events locally like rallies with the government, joint days observation, popular theatres, health camps and legal aid fairs etc. Networks have been strengthened with Government, Donor Partners, CSOs and CSO platforms for joint advocacy towards policy change/implementation. For sustainability, stakeholders are (more) linked to public service providers. Direct engagement of/with the private sector on gender and women's issues are seen as an effective pathway to lasting women's (economic) empowerment. |

Implications for planning.

The Netherlands continues its intervention on issues like GBV, Child marriage, etc. With the phase out of SRHR programs, gender advocacy and women's economic empowerment will receive more focus and attention.

* Find more information on the projects on Openaid.nl with the activity numbers listed under 'Source'