

Annual Report

2016-2017



International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care



Message from Founder and Managing Trustee

Dear Friends

I am humbled and equally proud to witness the long 16 years journey of PCVC. We have come a long way from our vision of enabling violence free lives for women and children.

The year has seen its ups and downs. Like always we celebrate our successes, take lessons from our failures and continue to move with even longer strides.

The greatest challenge has been to sustain our burn rehabilitation programme. We have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to conduct a 4-state research with an aim to develop a new system of support for women survivors of burns due to violence. We launched the 'Beyond Burns-Surviving to Thriving', a psychosocial handbook for practitioners and police makers empowering women burn survivors, in 5 languages and also announced the launch of National Support line for Women Burn Survivors.

I want to say a very special thank you to all our donors for joining us in our journey to make change possible in tolerating violence against women.

You helped us with time, money and resources to keep our lights on.

I am happy to present to you our 2016-2017 annual report. I take this opportunity to thank our board for their relentless support. I bow to the women and children who have made us proud by choosing not to choose violence in their lives.

To all our supporters, foundations, trusts and individuals we hope you continue to rest your faith in us and pave the way to realise our vision. Every day there is more work to be done, new battles to be fought, but we're encouraged knowing we have you on our side.

In solidarity for violence free communities



Prasanna Gettu

Founder & CEO

PCVC

Research Study to provide holistic support to women survivors of burns as a result of violence

Supported by British Deputy High Commission, Chennai



State-level research and knowledge sharing among burn-care practitioners in four target states (Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Telengana).



At the end of the study

- *'Beyond Burns-Surviving to Thriving', a psychosocial handbook for practitioners and police makers empowering women burn survivors. launched at New Delhi on 23rd Mar '17 in 5 languages*
- *Announcement to launch 24-hour crisis line for women burn survivors*

Our Flagship Programs

125 intakes at hospital, 33 home visits, 27 resident intakes and 31 non-resident intakes

Vidiyal: Rehabilitation Program for Women Survivors of Burns

PCVC began its work with women burn survivors of burns at KMC hospital in 2004. The living condition for women in the burns ward was not good and lacked hygiene and essential burns diet. PCVC started providing disposable gowns and sheets, drinking water and nutritional high protein diet. The survival rate for women was very low most, succumbed to their injuries due to high degree of burns or lack of proper care in the hospital and post discharge. PCVC decided to expand their work to meet this need. In Dec 2012 we inaugurated a 10 bedded burns rehabilitation unit under technical guidance of Sunshine Foundation, Taiwan supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Taiwan. The 3 year collaboration ended in Dec 2015. Since Jan 2016 PCVC has sustained the high resourced project on its merits supported by domestic community and individuals.

*Out of 708 admissions at the hospital, 481 succumbed to injuries during treatment**



** as per PCVC recorded data*

Over 500 calls received, 207 seek support, 186 follow-up calls and 38 cases for counseling and support

Crisis Intervention program

We run a 24-hour crisis line where women in an emergency or otherwise may call for any kind of help. Depending upon their need we then directly help them or refer them to other places for support.

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16 women in Astitiva and Vetri Padi



Vetri Padi

Supported by Frauenhilfe Frankfurt e.v, Germany

Astitiva is short stay home in an undisclosed location where women with their children may come and stay once they decide to leave their abuse partners. PCVC provides basic amenities at the Astitiva home and pays for their food and medical expense. Here they are prepared mentally and emotionally to become strong to face the challenges. PCVC's team helps them find jobs and/or supports their training and equips them to get jobs.

Vetri Padi is another short stay home where the woman along with her children is shifted to, once she starts working and until she independent enough and moves out to be on her own.

The journey from Astitiva to Vetri Padi is important and is well marked physically as well, even if it may mean shifting from one room to another in the same building...

48 cases referred by the Annanagar all women police station



Community support initiative in collaboration with Anna Nagar all women police station

Devika was only 17 when she was married off. Husband was abusive from the very beginning. He always wrongly accused her that their son was illegitimate. When the abuses become difficult to bear, Devika left him and returned to her parents. She fell in love and remarried. Later came to know that her second partner was already married...During one of regular fights that she used to have with him, she threatened to kill herself by pouring kerosene, she was severely burnt. There were no chances of her survival when she was brought to burns ward of Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai. After her treatment at KMC, she was admitted at PCVC's burns rehabilitation unit.

Devika spent 8 months at PCVC, going through tough regime of physical therapy and psychosocial intervention. Today she is on PCVC's team inspiring, and helping others.

About Us

PCVC is a non-profit organisation and registered as a trust in 2001. Founded in response to the state's noticeable absence of support agencies for women survivors of domestic abuse, PCVC's journey from 2001 has been challenging in an attempt to formulate better and effective interventions for women survivors.

Services include:

- 24-hour crisis support hotline
- Safe emergency shelter
- Counselling and referrals for legal aids for cases referred by local police stations

Support services for burn survivors of domestic violence in association with Kilpauk Burns Ward, Chennai.

1000 vulnerable women from Choolaimedu community

Uridhi: An initiative for prevention and effective intervention of gender-based violence in communities affected by floods.

Supported by The Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, Chennai, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan



The Choolaimedu community near Loyola College was chosen to be embed in the Uridhi project

Given PCVC's long association with the community and its commitment to gender violence prevention there, it seemed like the most ideal option for the Uridhi project as well. Provide community women through volunteers all the necessary information and knowledge so that vulnerabilities arising due to disasters particularly on women can be minimized.

Outcomes

- . Community based support structure to address issues of GBV and other vulnerabilities of women particularly during situations of disasters
- . Identify relief centers and other public services, which the community can access during disaster situations to mitigate the identified risks and the impact.



66 children received educational support. 7 studying to acquire college degrees.

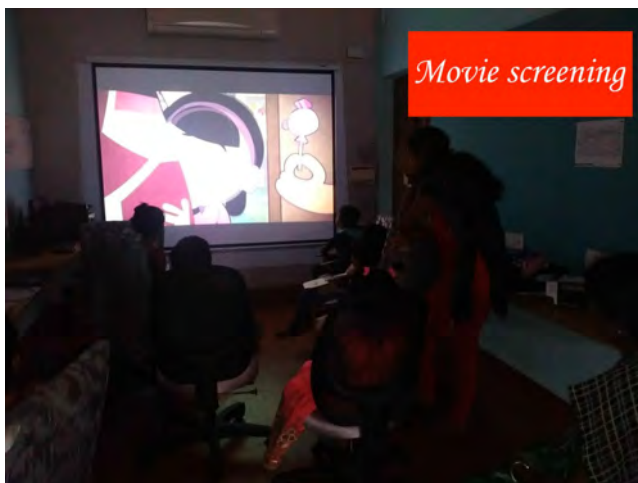


Smiles: Assisting children facing violence at home and those who leave homes with their mothers to seek violence free life

Supported by Frauenhilfe Frankfurt e.v, Germany and Foundation Marc Sauquet, Spain



Group Sessions on:
Gender and gender roles
Recognising violence
Time management
Healthy relationships
Good values
Special me
Identifying types of violence
Good and bad touch



Movie screening



Educational trips, workshops and events

Swetha “I enjoyed every bit of the two days’ trip. Every session to me was new and different. I was a little shy in the beginning seeing the surrounding and the people there but I felt comfortable later as they were very friendly and approachable

100 police personnel, 100 students, 50 persons from the community

CLAPP: Community Led Action Program with Police (CLAPP) on Women’s Safety in Public Places

Supported by U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad

Based on the philosophy of community policing, the goal of the project was to reduce sexual harassment and violence against women in public places and educational institutions through collaborative response and prevention initiatives of police and community, especially young adults and youth.

The project was based in Hyderabad and we worked in close collaboration with SHE Teams, Hyderabad Police and St. Mary’s College, Hyderabad.

Response and Assessment

For the Police

- Training module on gender sensitive policing
- A training for trainers for the SHE Team on responding to gender-based crimes

For College

- Setting up a student’s cell on sexual harassment and other gender-based issues
- Training for colleges on enacting policies and awareness measures to deal with sexual harassment within and outside the institution

General

- Devising communication material to help disseminate information
- Using current CLAPP members to share their experience, raise awareness, serve as mentors/trainers for the next group

148 Girls and 462 Boys

Endrum Punnagai: Engaging young girls and boys on the issue of gender, gender-based violence and healthy relationships

Supported by United Way, Chennai

Project aimed at engaging with young girls and boys of grade IX across five public schools in Chennai (Kolathur, old Washermenpet, Perambur Subbarayan and Nungambakkam) on the issue of gender, gender-based violence and healthy relationships.

Goal of the project was to bring a positive shift in the mindsets, attitudes and practices of young boys and girls towards promoting gender equality and healthy relationships within their personal life and also influence others.

"women have to face issues always and we are not allowed to talk or voice out our opinions",



In the safe space created children drop all inhibitions and express freely

In the media

<https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/chennai-cafe-empowers-survivors-domestic-abuse-one-coffee-time-55391>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/%E2%80%98Burn-violence-registry-willhelp-survivors-get-justice%E2%80%99/article17114038.ece>

<http://www.thehindu.com/society/i-didnt-think-the-flames-would-spread-so-fast/article18514850.ece>

<https://www.thebetterindia.com/84663/chennai-ngo-helps-women-victims-violence-counselling-protection/>



*Many thanks to Chennai Wellington
Corporate Foundation for their support in
helping us upgrade office and burns rehab unit*

Acknowledging your time, in kind and financial support...

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Networking Partners for Psychosocial Support

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SNEHA Team
Sorooptimist Team

Networking Partners for Vocational Trainings

ANew, Chennai
YWCA, Chennai
Atijeewan Foundation, Bangalore
Winner's Bakery

Networking Hospitals

Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai	Government hospital Royapetha, Chennai
Shankara Netralaya Hospital, Chennai	Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore
Tamil Nadu Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Chennai	
SIMS Hospital	

30 women trained and 30 women placed in jobs

Economic Empowerment Initiative

Women from different programs of PCVC (Astitva, Vetri Padi, Vidiyal) are assisted to secure jobs and be economically independent. We have tied up with various institutions and organisations for their trainings and absorption into jobs.

One such initiative is collaboration with Winner's Bakery. Women are trained into professional baking. Once trained they are competitive to be absorbed in the market in any good organisation or join Writer's Cafe



PCVC Board

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Weaving dreams, building inspiration, instilling self respect...walking towards equal and violence free relationships

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