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INTRODUCTION

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women is a statutory advisory body established under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act XIX of 2009 which was amended by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly under the new Act XXVIII of 2016. The Commission in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the first ever Provincial Level Commission in the country, established with functions to oversee implementation of laws, policies and programs related to women and propose new measures where gaps exist. The third term of the Provincial Commission on the Status of Women was notified in January 2017. Emancipation, equalization of opportunities and socio-economic conditions amongst women and men and elimination of all sorts of discrimination of women. The basic purpose to establish the Commission was to have a regulatory monitoring body that can work with sister government organizations as well as with NGO's towards the emancipation of women, equalization on of opportunities including socio economic condition among women and men. Also to eliminate all forms of discrimination/ violations against women. Commission has a mandate to conduct research on the issues related to the women of KP especially those deprived women living in the remote areas of the province. These Researches will also be shared with the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and will help the legislators to concentrate on women issues including Gender Based Violence (GBV). The Researches will also help the NGO sector to understand the current status of women in the light of facts provided through Research papers.

Chairperson Message:

I am entrusted with the responsibility of leading the KP Commission on the Status of Women. I have always been a dreamer, and my dream and vision for the women of KP is to see them enjoying their full potential, being able to identify their own capacities, and achieving what they want in life. I have known many young girls aspiring to do so much.

Pakistan has been rated low on the international Gender Development Index and the Gender Inequality Index. My first and foremost priority will be to support the Government in improving indicators on women especially related to maternal mortality, adolescent birth rate, secondary education of girls, and women participation in the labor market. Whether it is women dying of child birth, or a girl-child delivering a baby, or girls marrying early and unable to complete secondary education, or women being worse off economically than men; are the elements of a vicious cycle, and are driven by poverty.

I have hope. Pakistani women and men are hardworking people. They have the resilience and the power to cope. With a little bit of help they can achieve great strides. Improving the status of women so that they are not faced with discrimination and exploitation, and enjoy full equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Pakistan, is the ultimate goal of the Commission. My effort will be to bring the links together of communities, Government, civil society, women parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and businesses, and all those who matter to make it possible, that the status of women in KP is improved. Women and men of KP have to change their mindset; women have to believe in themselves, and want to have the desire to enjoy equality, health and education, and equal opportunity for economic prosperity. My mission is to change this mindset, if not wholly even partially.

Khyber Pakhtukhwa Commission on Status of Women (KPCSW) Members:**Dr. Riffat Sardar (Chairperson)**

She has done Ph.d from University of Massachusetts; and Masters from Peshawar University Pakistan. She worked 20 years with UNICEF as Project Officer, Education Specialist, Child Protection Specialist responsible for working closely with the Government and NGOs in the areas of Child Protection and Education. She also worked as Assistant Professor in SZABIST (Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology University Islamabad, teaching four courses of Social Sciences and Development Studies. Currently appointed as the New Chairperson of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women.

**Ms Ayesha Bano (Official Member/MPA)**

Aisha Bano is a Pakistani politician who has been a member of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since August 2018. She was elected to the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as a candidate of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on a reserved seat for women in 2018 Pakistani general election. She is appointed as the official member of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status for the reminder term after the expiration of term of the previous MPA members of the Commission.

**Ms Humaira Khatoon (Official Member/MPA)**

Humaira Khatoon is a Pakistani politician who has been a member of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since August 2018. She was elected to the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as a candidate of Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal on a reserved seat for women in 2018 Pakistani general election. She is appointed as the official member of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status for the reminder term after the expiration of term of the previous MPA members of the Commission.



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Ms. Shamamatul Amber Arbab (Director Euro Industries (Pvt) Ltd)

Ms. Begum Nargis Samin (EX Member of Provincial Assembly)

Ms. Sameena Imtiaz (Director PEAD Foundation)

Mr. Asadullah Khan (lawyer and Social Worker)

Ms. Seema Riaz (Member Provincial Zakat Committee)

Ms. Robina Masih (Executive Director ICDI)

Secretary (Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Department)

Chairperson KPCSW as Panelist in event by UN Women and NCSW on " Trafficking of Women and Girls"

Dr. Riffat Sardar, Chairperson Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women participation in the Event arranged by NCSW and UN Women regarding " Trafficking of Women and Girls"



Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on Status of Women meeting with regional transport officer regarding Awareness of sexual harassment at workplace

Sexual harassment remains a persistent problem in the workplace at large and to find an effective way to combat this issue and protect females working at transport companies as staff or bus hostess, Secretary KPCSW Ms. Shama Niamat met with Regional Transport Officer Peshawar Mr. Nadeem Akbar Tanoli to discuss different areas where charts and other awareness materials regarding Sexual Harassment at workplace can be displayed and awareness campaigns can take place.



58th Statutory Meeting of the Commission

The 58th Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 5th August, 2019 at the office of the Commission under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Riffat Sardar, Chairperson Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women. The newly appointed official Members were formally Welcomed by the Commission Members. The Basic Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Three Legislation forwarded by Social Welfare Department.



Solidarity Rally by KPCSW through its Secretary and staff of the Commission



Media Visibility of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women

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Chairperson KPCSW Dr. Riffat Sardar first Interview with Media

KPCSW took notice of the incident of honor killing

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women on report of civil society network strongly condemned brutal honor killing incident which happened in Kohistan. FIR of the honor killing was lodged on the report and notice of KPCSW. The Commission also wrote letters to the authorities for immediate necessary actions in the matter and ask to furnish report to the Commission on immediate basis.



KPCSW condemned honor killing incident

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/kp-commission-on-status-of-women-condemns-hon-631346.html?fbclid=IwAR0JYOeoEEyErJQsvRDX4sfJKF1maQfC6s2gTa3jKsmG5b2kTTWCf9PX0oY>

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