# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS PROGRAMME

(Part of Sexual and Reproduction Health Rights-SRHR)

### What we do?

Gender-based violence against women and girls programme recognized that change was based on complex processes which would unfold over, sometimes long, periods.

Therefore, programme activities needed to encourage, empower, and inform women in the community. The programme, for this reason, worked closely with women groups' leaders. The programme addressed context specific gender-based violence as well.

- a) Climate change induced violence;
- b) Landownership induced violence
- c) Environment defenders and violence
- d) Violence against dalit women and girls

Women and girls' groups-based approach and governance enabled leaders to help women and girls claim their rights to the land, water-bodies, environment and natural resources they owned and supported those who suffered from displacement-induced physical and mental violence. In return, participation in a community-based feminist movements enabled women to protect and response gender-based violence and to challenge injustice.





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#### How we do?

Programme has been amplifying women's voices that combined and collectively addressed land grabs and violence against women and girls with the ultimate goal of helping reduce the rates of both phenomena in their communities. Tools included open dialogue, women federation meetings, citizen charter, meetings with police station, union councils, legal aid committee, land offices, protest, rallies and press conference.

Within the three years changes were supported by

- (1) mobilizing, organizing and educating women and girls in the community, including survivors of violence, on land ownership, and assisted with obtaining succession certificates and legal aid,
- (2) training union councils, land offices, police stations to be responsive in assisting women who experience violence related to land disputes.

#### What are achieve?

Since 2020, a total of 324 women reported seeking legal assistance, and 49 cases were directed for legal aid. 97 women received the succession certificates from union councils. 87 women groups consisting of 1,532 women and 105 girls mobilized and aware on gender-based violence.

In addition, programme assisted six (6) union councils to prepare register for issuing correct inheritance certificates, which has reduced the landownership conflict and violence as well. 14 women rights and women-led organisations gathered and initiated a women's land rights network' in order to address VAW through movement building activities. Most importantly, the project has established a systematic communication pathway with union councils, police stations, land offices, legal aid committee, through building women groups' leaders capacities.

## Who are supporting?

UN Trust Fund to end Violence against women and girls, The Fund for Global Human Rights, The Resilience Fund for Women, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Equality Fund.



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