

# NOOR EDUCATION TRUST

*Stands for Women and Children  
Protection Program*



# ABBREVIATIONS

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|---------------|--|
| <b>GBV:</b>   | Gender Based Violence                        |
| <b>INGOs:</b> | International Non-Governmental Organizations |
| <b>KP:</b>    | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa                           |
| <b>MG:</b>    | Mera Ghar                                    |
| <b>NET:</b>   | Noor Education Trust                         |
| <b>NGOs:</b>  | Non-Governmental Organizations               |
| <b>TCM:</b>   | Therapeutic Community Model                  |

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# INTRODUCTION

Noor Education Trust (NET) is a non-governmental, non-profit trust, working for the protection of women and children since 2003, registered under Private/Public Trust act 1882 with the sub-registrar office Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). It supports and provides protection to women and child survivors of violence.

## VISION:

A society that ensures fundamental rights, social justice and allows opportunity for self actualization of people as individuals in their own rights.

## MISSION:

The NET mission is to work for the protection and empowerment of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of society and to promote awareness and education regarding their fundamental rights.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- ☑ Raise awareness on Gender-Based Violence and mobilize community to protect the rights of women and children.
- ☑ Provide safe Shelter, Legal Aid, Psycho-Social Counseling, Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration to women survivors of violence and their children through Mera - Ghar crisis intervention program.
- ☑ Prevent Gender-Based Violence through collaboration with statutory agencies and other organizations working for protection and rights of women and children.
- ☑ Promote Child Rights, Education and Protection to displaced children through the child focus program called Rarr'an.

- ☑ Empower Youth as movers and change agents to advocate for protection and promotion of Human rights.
- ☑ Protect dignity and respect of vulnerable communities, women and children during armed conflict, displacement and emergencies.

### **CORE VALUE:**

- ☑ Commitment and ownership to gender equality
- ☑ Belief in shared leadership, collective wisdom and team spirit
- ☑ Acceptance and open to other perspectives
- ☑ Show dignity and respect to all without prejudice
- ☑ Transparency and accountability at all levels

### **LINKAGES:**

Having a good working relationship with counterparts facilitates the Trust's efforts. Our work includes assistance and support to women and children through liaison and networking with;

1. The Police, Jail Authorities
2. Judiciary, The Bar Councils, Lawyers,
3. Local and National NGOs
4. Social Welfare and Govt. Departments
5. Other Shelter Homes
6. International Organizations

### **OUR FOCUS IS ON:**

1. Capacity Building Initiatives
2. Community Awareness and Campaigns
3. Skill Training

4. Research & Advocacy for effective legislation
5. Facilitate Implementation of Law

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## COMPONENTS

Five basic components work under Noor Education Trust.

### **MERA GHAR (MY HOME):**

Mera Ghar (MG) program with a shelter known by the same name. Mera Ghar component of the trust seeks to support women and children survivors of violence through safe shelter, psychological rehabilitation, medical and legal aid program.

### **“RARR'AN” (LIGHT, ENLIGHTMENT) CHILD PROTECTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

A children's program called **“Rarr'an” (Meaning: Light)** is providing support to the displaced and abandoned children.

### **“HOPE” EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH:**

**“Hope”** portfolio has mainly to do with capacity building and empowerment of youth on Human Rights Issues, International Instruments and Treatise signed by the comity of nations based on the concept of fundamental rights, equity and justice.

### **“POHANTOON” TRAINING AND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE:**

The central brain of the Trust, **“Pohantoon”** (An Institute of Learning and Knowledge), develops and designs the NET program portfolios, carries out action research about the specific needs of women and child survivors of violence and youth in our

socio- cultural context, and on that basis, develops rehabilitation and other developmental programs. Pohantoon is also responsible for development and further expansion of the Trust, fund raising and exploring sustainability of its programs and the institution.

## **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (EMERGENCY & RELIEF):**

Under this component, relief activities are designed for emergency situations, to the displaced and / or affected communities due to conflict or natural/man made disasters.

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# **MERA GHAR SERVICES**

NET has made a major contribution in the service delivery to GBV Survivors (Women and Children) by adapting holistic approach to benefit the survivors through provision of temporary shelter, legal aid, medical aid, psycho-social counseling, rehabilitation and social re-integration programs. Practical approach of this service delivery is based on three sub-programs, prevention, response and advocacy in order to be effective.

**PREVENTION** consists of reducing/eliminating the root cause of GBV and the factors that contribute to increase in GBV through awareness and education within the communities and key stakeholders such as Community Elders, Women, Men, Youth and Nikkah Khawan etc.

And **ADVOCATING** through; working groups that are proactively involved in lobbying for policies and improved legislative change against GBV and striving for effective implementation of laws.

**RESPONSE** involves direct intervention with GBV survivors by providing them protection and support through specific programs such as Safe Shelter, Legal and Psychological rehabilitation and adjustment in the outer community.

Following are the main services delivered in “Mera Ghar” Response Program:

### **PSYCHO-SOCIAL COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION:**

These services are communicated through the provision of psychosocial / emotional support and counseling sessions along with therapeutic activities based on TCM (Therapeutic Community Model) concept. Psychologists / Counselors take regular individual and group counseling sessions with the GBV survivors for their emotional health and well being.



### **FREE LEGAL AID AND LEGAL COUNSELING:**

Free Legal Aid and Legal counseling is also an important service of the Mera Ghar Program. It is designed to facilitate the Shelter/Outdoor Survivors with legal support. Legal sessions are provided on weekly and / or need basis with registered shelter survivors. Panel of pro-bono lawyers is actively working in 12 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) to support GBV survivors and children under NET free legal aid program.

### **MEDIATIONS AND FAMILY COUNSELING:**

Noor Education Trust believes that most of the GBV cases can be resolved with viable solution before a survivor goes into court procedures. Mediations with legally binding conditions are found to be a more fruitful way for settling disputes without going to the court. When a case is registered with NET; both parties are



informed about availability of mediation services.

In mediation process, both parties sit together face to face with “Mediators” to find a mutually viable solutions. If the Mediation process is unable to reach a satisfactory results then the case is referred to a pro-bono lawyer with consent of the survivor.

## **EDUCATION FACILITY FOR GBV SURVIVORS AND CHILDREN:**

Non formal and kindergarten education is provided to adults and children. Education is imparted through activity based learning facilitated by a professional teacher. A proper schedule is designed and followed for separate age groups.



## **SOCIAL RE-INTEGRATION:**

“Mera Ghar” works under a systematic approach to re-integrate GBV survivors into community life, that includes individual appraisal of survivor’s social status, provide life coping skills, education and follow-up support. Survivors and their children are re-integrated back into the society through networking and referrals mechanism. Re-integration program, consists of assistance, such as Micro Business Assistance, Financial Assistance, Legal Aid, Job placements and Admission in Schools / Colleges to Survivors and Children.

## **NETWORKING AND REFERRALS:**

To provide adequate protection to the GBV survivors along with their children; Noor Education Trust has strong networking and linkages with Lawyers, Police, Judiciary, Health Service

Infrastructure, Doctors, Community Organizations, Partner Organizations, INGOs, Other Shelter Homes and Government Services.



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## DONATIONS

Your donations can contribute to save a life, heal a person and educate an individual for a violence free healthy life.

# PICTURES GALLERY



Medical Facility inside "Mera Ghar"



Bedroom for Survivors



Kindergarten facility at Shelter Home

# PICTURES GALLERY



Lawyer's Referral Network



Men/Boys are Involved to Prevent Gender Based Violence



Shelter Homes for Flood Affectees in District Charsadda