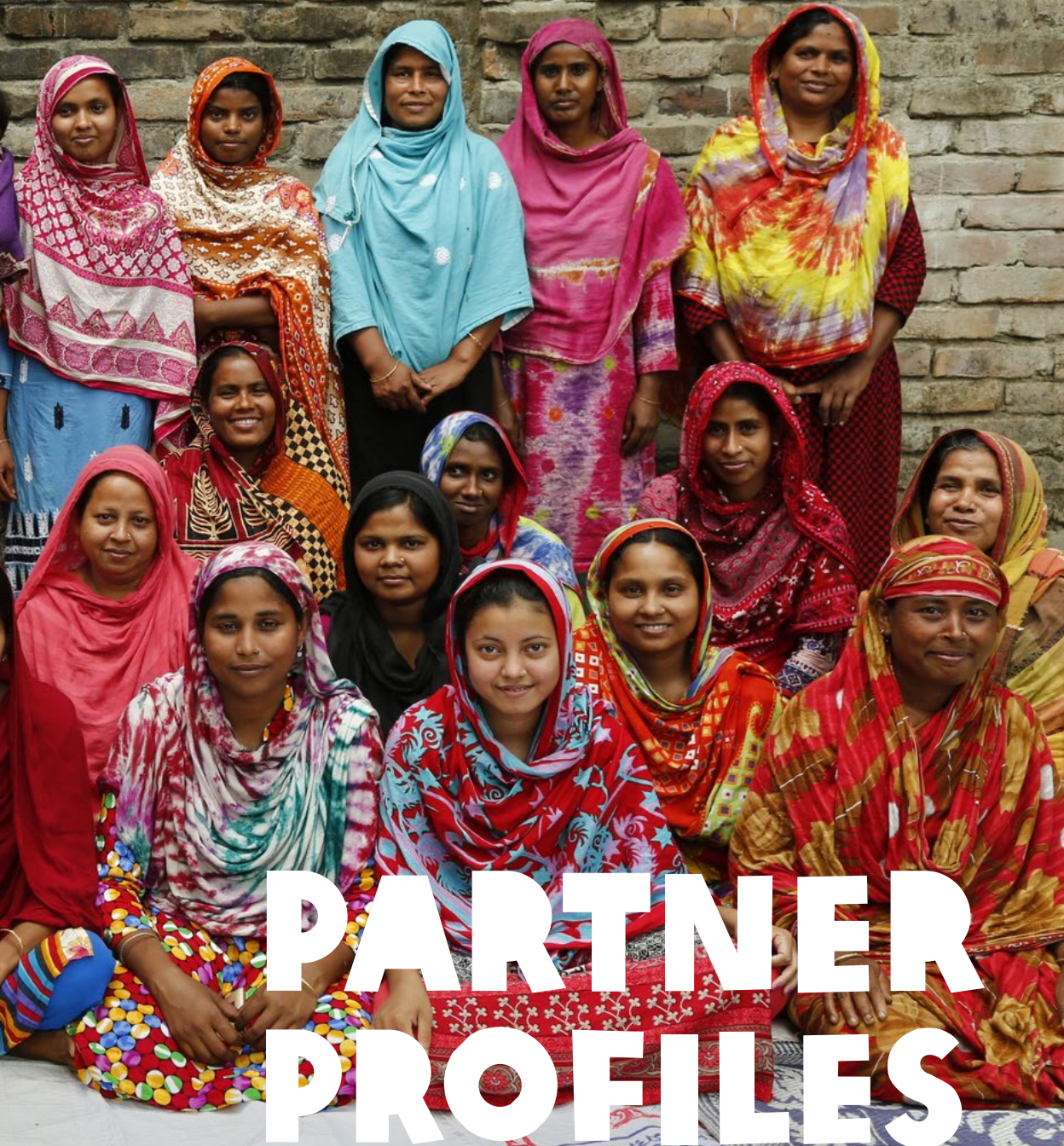




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AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS



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Creating Spaces aims to reduce violence against women and girls and child, early and forced marriage, through coordinated prevention and response in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and Philippines. Across these countries, Oxfam works with local partners, predominantly women's and women's rights organizations. We support our partners in an integrated approach, acting on multiple levels - individual, community, institutional and societal - to promote lasting change towards norms and behaviors that allow women and girls to live free from violence.



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BANGLADESH

NATIONAL LEVEL



A national alliance, **Amrai Pari Paribarik Nirjaton Protirodh Jot (WE CAN Alliance)** works to stop violence against women by mobilizing change makers at the national and local levels. WE CAN Alliance uses a range of methods, including edu-tainment (educational entertainment), collaboration with universities and law enforcement agencies, training for young change makers, and conducts research to provide evidence for policy change.

^ BNPS Creating Spaces community group in Netrakona, Bangladesh. Photo credit: Rotbah Nitia/Oxfam Canada

NETROKONA DISTRICT



Feminist organization **Bangladesh Nari Progati (BNPS)** has been operating in Bangladesh since 1986 and has been at the forefront of challenging conservative mindsets in the country, particularly in respect to inheritance laws that affect women and women's participation in politics. The organization works on empowering marginalized women and advocating for sexual and reproductive health rights and services.

DINAJPUR DISTRICT



Since 1987, the organization **Pollisree** has worked in close collaboration with local government at district, sub-district and union levels. Pollisree organizes opportunities for youth to become change makers and actively works to stop violence against women. Pollisree also concentrates

on the effective implementation of state policies and laws, working to empower women and strengthen institutions.

FARIDPUR DISTRICT



With more than 34 years' experience in the development sector, **Population Services and Training Centre (PSTC)** has strong alliances with national youth forums and other networks protecting women's rights. The organization has done extensive work to challenge VAWG in public spaces, to build gender responsive policies and public services and works with those living in poverty.

TANGAIL DISTRICT



For more than 25 years, **Unity for Social and Human Action (USHA)** has been building alliances with marginalized and poor women, as well as those affected by violence, to address violence against women. In close collaboration with local NGOs and government departments, USHA has built community-level committees as safeguards against violence. USHA has strong linkages with local government, service providers and the judiciary system.

^ BNPS Creating Spaces Change Agent training in Netrakona, Bangladesh. Photo credit: Rotbah Nitia/Oxfam Canada





[INDIA]

BIHAR STATE

Women's rights organization, **Sakhree Mahila Vikash Sansthan** works with women from marginalized communities (particularly Dalit and Muslim). Through mobile counsellors and Sakhi Panchayats (women led informal councils) they create safe spaces for women who have experienced violence to access support services. These safe spaces ensure that domestic violence is not seen as a private matter behind closed doors. They have also built the leadership of women to contest Panchayat (village council) elections, where many women have successfully contested elections and become ward members and Sarpanchs/village presidents. They work closely with various stakeholders such as the police, lawyers and district magistrates.



CHHATTISGARH STATE

Nivedita Foundation is one of the few women's rights organizations focusing on VAWG and CEFM in Chhattisgarh. They formed and support a women's collective, Chhattisgarh Mahila Manch (CMM), in 12 districts in Chhattisgarh. The foundation has a strong presence at the state level working on violence against women issues and prevention and redressal mechanisms on VAW. They consistently engage with both the state and local communities on issues of violence against women, alcoholism and rights of Dalit and Indigenous women.



JHARKHAND STATE

For the last 16 years, feminist organization **Lok Swar** has been working in more than 45 villages in 8 districts of Jharkhand on issues of violence against women and children, economic empowerment of women, formal



education, health and environment. They have developed women task forces that proactively identify and respond to cases of women who have experienced violence, including sensitive and high profile cases in the state. Lok Swar has a significant presence in various state and national networks, having built strong relationships with various senior government officials and media groups.



ODISHA STATE

National Alliance Of Women (NAWO) is a feminist alliance with a strong district base and considerable experience in working with youth and gender issues. They work extensively on early marriage and domestic violence issues, with an excellent track record of advocacy and campaigning at the state level. NAWO has members in all

districts and a network of 234 organizations and individuals in Odisha.



UTTAR PRADESH

Astitwa Samajik Sansthan is one of only a few organizations that works with women from Muslim and Dalit communities in the Muzaffarnagar district of Western Uttar Pradesh. Their interventions reflect a strong feminist consciousness. Astitwa's committed and passionate team consists of women who themselves have experienced domestic violence. The organization works closely with relevant stakeholders including police, religious leaders and elected representatives.

- ▣ Astitwa Creating Spaces Women's Group Bucchabasti Village, Purkazi Block, Uttar Pradesh India. Photo credit: Atul Loke/Oxfam
- ▾ Astitwa staff in Uttar Pradesh, India. Photo Credit: Atul Loke/Oxfam





INDONESIA



EAST JAVA PROVINCE

Established by a group of women activists, researchers, academics, and medical experts in 2001, **Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan (YKP)/Women's Health Foundation** works on the promotion of women's rights, specifically sexual, reproductive and health rights. With this expertise and experience, they work to strengthen the network of women's forums on health issues, improve public knowledge on reproductive health, and engage in policy transformation to achieve equal treatment for women in accessing knowledge, services, and protection of their rights.



WEST JAVA PROVINCE

Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (KPI)/ Indonesian Women's Coalition is the largest network of Indonesian women working together for women's rights in Indonesia with a membership of over 30,000 women spread across 22 provinces. Members come from various backgrounds and the coalition brings together female gender justice activists from a range of smaller civil society organizations across the nation.

^ LBH APIK Makassar Creating Spaces training recipient in Tamamaung, Panakkukang, Sulawesi, Indonesia. Photo credit: LBH APIK Makassar/Oxfam.

> LBH APIK Makassar staff in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Photo credit: Karoline Kemp/Oxfam



WEST NUSA TENGARRA PROVINCE

Founded in 1988, **Yayasan Tunas Alam Indonesia (SANTAI)** has extensive experience working with youth and children in West Nusa Tenggara, particularly in conducting advocacy to end child marriage at the village and district level. They work to fulfill the rights of children and youth through developing alternative education, and as an agency in the provincial referral system. SANTAI creates strong linkages between its research, advocacy work and service providers.



SOUTH SULAWESI PROVINCE

A leading women's organization in South Sulawesi, **Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Asosiasi Perempuan Untuk Keadilan (LBH APIK Makassar)/Legal Aid Institute of the Indonesian Women's Association** provides legal assistance to women who have experienced violence, building their capacity with legal literacy and empowering them to become volunteer paralegals. They belong to the national network of legal aid organizations in Indonesia. The organization also runs a shelter for women and participates in the referral system, linking women to police stations, health service providers and other government supports.





NEPAL

NATIONAL LEVEL



Children Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre (CWIN) is an advocate organization for children's rights, with a focus on children living and working under the most difficult circumstances. CWIN's main areas of focus include addressing child labour, street children, child marriage, bonded labour, trafficking of children, children in conflict with laws and commercial-sexual exploitation of children. They run children's help lines in six districts, with a toll-free hotline, ambulance service, counselling, emergency shelter, and medical and legal services. They are also members of the National Child Rights Bill Steering Committee and a task force member of the National Plan of Action on Children.

BAITADI DISTRICT



Mahila Utthan Samaj (MUS) is a small feminist organization whose mission is to identify gender discrimination issues and work for positive social change. MUS' work includes advocating for children's education, women's health and empowerment. They refer cases of VAWG and CFEM to district police and/or the district safe house. They represent Beyond Beijing Committee, a Women's Rights Forum, in Baitadi District. They are also a member of the Himalayan Human Rights Alliance (HIMRIGHTS) and the Women Human Rights Alliance (WHR) at the national level.

^ Creating Spaces partner coordinating meeting in Nepalgunj, Nepal. Photo Credit: Rotbah Nitia/Oxfam

> Everest Club Community Discussion Center in Dailekh, Nepal. Photo by: Aarati Sharma/Oxfam

BANKE DISTRICT



Small development and human rights organization, **Social Awareness Concerned Forum (SAC)** works on child and women's rights, social mobilization, income generation, women's empowerment, democracy and governance, health rights and capacity building. SAC refers reports and cases of VAWG to relevant district police offices and other organizations with safe houses, shelters and other support services.

DAILEKH DISTRICT



Development and human rights organization, **Everest Club (EC)** works on capacity strengthening of women groups, livelihoods, nutrition for women and children, and youth empowerment. EC has a safe house in the

district, which is run in collaboration with other like-minded organizations. They've also developed referral mechanisms to refer VAWG and CFEM cases to other relevant centres like government-supported women services.



RDC Nepal
Appointment for Change

RAUTAHAT DISTRICT

Development and children's rights organization, **Rural Development Centre (RDC)** focuses on social mobilization, youth empowerment and promotion, child rights, women's rights, human rights, livelihood and income generation, and education and health. RDC is a member of the District Child Committee and District Women and Children Service Centre. They represent India-Nepal Social Advocacy Forum (INSAP) at the national level, which works for child trafficking issues in the open borders between India and Nepal.





PAKISTAN



PUNJAB PROVINCE

In operation for more than 30 years, **Aurat Foundation (AF)** is Pakistan's largest rights-based citizen network. Their mission is to create, facilitate and strengthen civil society groups and networks to promote trust and collaboration among citizens, mobilizing public pressure for women's empowerment in the country. While AF's partnership with CS will cover Punjab, the organization spans 120 districts in the country, and has established 2,600 Information Network Centres, 110 District Coordination Committees and 73 Citizen Action Committees. At the national level, its legislative watch groups promote supportive legislation for women and lobby against discriminatory laws.

SINDH DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

SINDH PROVINCE

Working in the province for over 22 years, **Sindh Development Society (SDS)** coordinates with local, national and international organizations, focusing on development, human rights, and women's empowerment. Gender equality and men's empowerment are at the heart of what they do. They are well coordinated with other organizations and participate in the local Gender-Based Violence Cluster group, the Child's Rights Movement, and Citizen Action Committee for Women's Rights.

^ Aurat Foundation meeting in Pakistan. Photo credit: Zain/Oxfam

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PHILIPPINES

NATIONAL LEVEL



Established in 1989, **Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD)** has expertise in legislative policy, particularly in relation to women's rights. PLCPD mobilizes legislators to advance substantive legislative proposals on population and human development. They also establish partnerships to create avenues for broadening people's participation, linking them to legislators, and raising public awareness. The organization provides technical assistance to legislators, and undertakes communications and policy campaigns.

LANAO DEL SUR

Established in 1994, **Al Mujadilah Development Foundation (AMDF)** is a Muslim feminist organization with a strong presence in Lanao del Sur and extensive experience in human rights, child protection and peace and development. They advocate for gender equality and women's rights in the context of Islam and local culture, as well as for women's meaningful participation in peace-building, good governance, and poverty reduction/sustainable development.



MAGUINDANAO AND LANAO DEL SUR

Working in both provinces, **Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP)** is a national organization committed to reducing poverty by promoting business sector leadership and commitment to programs that enable self-reliance. PBSP has extensive experience in health, education,



environment, livelihoods, and has worked on the promotion of safe motherhood (pre- and post-natal care, breastfeeding and family planning). They have strong links with government services that relate to livelihoods, and experience in supporting government institutions at the local level.

MAGUINDANAO



Women's organization, **United Youth of the Philippines Women (UNYPHIL Women)** has an established presence in Maguindanao province and strong relationships at the local level. Since being established in 1990, the organization's focus is on human rights and has played a strong role in developing the Bangsamoro Women's Agenda for the Bangsamoro Basic Law. They run a women's centre, which also acts as a shelter for

women and girls who have experienced violence. Their mission is to promote women's rights to proper education and health care, to educate women on their rights as an individual, and to mobilize Bangsamoro women to participate in planning and decision making for a just and humane society.

< AMDF/UnPhil Women meeting in Davao, ARMM, Philippines. Photo credit: Rotbah Nitia/Oxfam Canada

^ PLCP staff in Manila, Philippines. Photo Credit: Karoline Kemp/Oxfam



Pollisree Creating Spaces community group in Dinajpur, Bangladesh. Photo credit: Abir Abdullah/Oxfam

