

**Independent Evaluation of ‘Challenging Gender Based Violence in Khyber  
Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, Pakistan’ Program.  
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE**

**Initiative Summary**

<b>Initiative Name</b>			
AidWorks initiative number	INL236		
Commencement date	June 2014	Completion date	May 2018
Total Australian \$	7,457,440.00		
Implementing partner(s)	Trócaire		
Country/Region	Pakistan/West Asia		
Primary sector	EVAW		
Initiative objective/s	The Challenging Gender Based Violence in Pakistan program (GBV program) is a four-year (2014-18) AUD 7.46 million aid investment by the Australian Government to reduce violence against women and girls in targeted districts of two provinces – Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).		

**Evaluation Summary**

**Evaluation Objective:** To assess progress against objectives, to identify lessons learnt and recommendations to inform the remainder of the investment, and to begin scoping for a potential next phase of Australian support for EVAW in Pakistan

**Evaluation Completion Date:** May 2017

**Evaluation Team:** The evaluation team comprised a DFAT Independent Team Lead Ulla Keech-Marx (Performance and Gender Specialist) and a local Pakistani Gender Expert, Rukhsana Rashid. First Secretary Development Cooperation Stacey Greene and Gender Program Manager Najma Khan participated in the evaluation as observers.

**DFAT’s response to the evaluation report**

DFAT’s overall assessment is that the evaluation report is strong and meets the DFAT Monitoring and Evaluation Standards.

The evaluation made a range of recommendations which will be used to inform the design of the proposed two year extension / phase two of the program.

DFAT’s response to the specific recommendations made in the report are detailed in the table below.

Recommendation	Response	Actions	Responsibility
1. Document the revised Theory of Change that clearly articulates how the changes in the third year of the investment are expected to lead to program outcomes, including assumptions and lessons learnt from the first two years of the program.	Agree	Trócaire will document the change in ToC that now underpins the remainder of the investment.	Trócaire
2. Revise the M&E Strategy and Results Framework to include: - stronger outcome level reporting - tracking of unintended consequences (positive and negative) - corporate indicators to track partners' progress on promoting gender equality internally.	Agree	Trócaire will revise the M&E strategy and RF for a stronger outcome level reporting, to record unintended consequence of the investment and to track progress on promoting gender equality internally.	Trócaire
4. Closely monitor risks associated with women and girls increasingly speaking out about their rights.	Agree	Trócaire will include a specific 'conflict sensitivity' indicator in M&E strategy and track any negative unintended consequences via Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Survey.	Trócaire
5. Collect data on UNHCR referrals and include in the progress reports.	Agree	Trócaire to report on referrals from UNHCR in the progress reports.	Trócaire
6. Set clear time bound targets for Noor Education Trust (NET) regarding ongoing concerns on number of survivors accessing shelters and linkages with the government department for referrals.	Agree	Trócaire will share these targets with Post before the end of Year 3 (June 2017) and Post will closely monitor progress in quarterly meetings.	Trócaire/Post

<p>7. Improve performance under objective 3 (Strengthened GBV related Laws and Policies in place and being implemented)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify KP advocacy partner ASAP</li> <li>- ensure close coordination between all partners working on advocacy at the different levels.</li> </ul>	Agree	<p>Expedite contracting of advocacy partners in the provinces to actively engage policy makers in progressing pro-women legislation work committed to in the investment. Post will closely monitor progress in quarterly meetings. Trócaire will share advocacy plans and will maintain close liaison with Post.</p>	Trócaire/Post
<p>8. Ensure partners and stakeholders have regular opportunities for cross learning.</p>	Agree	<p>Trócaire will organise a 2-3 day lessons learnt workshop before the end of Year 3 (June 2017) to ensure all the shelter, prevention and vocational training partners are able to exchange knowledge and good practices. Trócaire will leverage Pakistan EAWG Alliance network to better link stakeholders.</p>	Trócaire
<p>9. Continue to ensure disability considerations are integrated throughout the Program.</p>	Agree	<p>Trócaire will ensure partners are focused on Disability Inclusive Development (DID). Post will continue consistent messaging around the importance of disability inclusiveness, and link Trócaire to support provided by DFAT Canberra.</p>	Trócaire/ Post

<p>10. Strengthen efforts to build linkages with the relevant government and political stakeholders at all the tiers e.g. national, provincial and district</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Trócaire will build/strengthen its relationships with the National and Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women and Human Rights Commission and partners, and national and provincial level Women's Parliamentary Caucuses to establish better linkages at the district level. Trócaire to provide overall coordination.</p>	<p>Trócaire/Local Partners</p>
<p>11. Additional opportunities to harmonise with other key stakeholders and donor investments in the EAW sector should be actively explored.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Post to carry out donor mapping to harmonise its EAW work and consider developing synergies.</p>	<p>Post</p>