Access to Justice for Refugee Women who are survivors or at risk of SGBV

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MIGRATION & ASYLUM PROJECT

- Formed in 2013

- Mission: to adopt innovative methods to expand the protection space available for refugees, especially women and girls

- Programmes focus on access to asylum, legal empowerment and economic empowerment

- Engage in policy and advocacy work

- 80% clientele are women and children, many of whom are at risk of SGBV
REFUGEES IN INDIA

- India hosts over 240,000 refugees
- Not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention; no domestic asylum law
- Refugee women – at risk of SGBV in home country, transit and country of asylum
- Lack of reporting – ambiguous legal status, fear of authorities and inaccessible state redress mechanisms; also, stigma, lack of awareness, cultural barriers.
PILOT SGBV PROJECT

In 2017, we pioneered a pilot project to promote legal literacy and awareness to combat SGBV.

3 phases:

• **Research**: Indian laws looked at from a refugee lens

• **Information Material**: Pamphlets covering different forms of SGBV

• **Dissemination**: Through individual and group counseling sessions

Based on this, in 2019, we launched a two-year project.
CREATION OF ACCESSIBLE TRAINING MATERIAL

Illustrated booklets
- 6 SGBV themes
- Illustrated format
- Avoiding stereotypes
- Representation of different communities
- Avoiding legalese
- Translation to refugee languages

Informational videos
- Short animated video
- Voiceover in refugee languages
COMMUNITY TRAINING AND OUTREACH

• Legal awareness campaign tailored for each community
• Training of community focal points in different states in India
• Network of barefoot community advocates for wider reach and sustained engagement
TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Focus Areas

Capacity building and sensitization
- Judicial academy
- Police
- State legal aid authorities

Training and engagement
- UNHCR
- CSOs working with refugees
- GBV service providers not currently working with refugees

Establishment of refugee law clinic
- Seminars in law schools across India
- Creation of refugee law clinic for access to quality legal aid
- Supportive coaching by M.A.P.
Thank You