

NGOs — betrayal in

Sumaira Altaf opines that we being women must take a serious stock of the activities of NGOs working for the cause of women. Is holding seminars, publishing their journals and paying their employees are their responsibilities then where does the huge donations of donor agencies go? We as a part of this nation must know as to where have been our names misused or exploited and why

The plight of woman folk is much regretted and pitied as tells the work of NGOs and the uproar of western calculations about the wretched populace. 'WOMEN AT PAKISTAN AREN'T FREE', women at Pakistan are the most wretched, miserable beings in the world. Many a women organizations are working in Pakistan with much ease and enjoying a status in the urban areas and this is the start and this is the conclusion of every notion and theory they arise.

They are rather theorizing the very lives of the women here. The life of them, which needs a natural flow, is being strategically in boxed to be placed on a particular site and to be viewed accordingly. Tell them women at NWFP are not that mentally crippled as they put it while making a file of their lives and patronizing them to lead and they say actually it's their males who are so and they are not much wrong in it. Their status begins to decline out of the urban areas. When retaliated they regard it as an issue of the violation of human rights that is resultantly curbing the sacred activities of the humanists.

The ratio of the education is definitely poor and hence is the economy; their interrelation sometimes defeats the vision and the broadness of a family. The state that is imposed upon by the foreign donors is not entirely applicable rather it is negligibly valid. Minus the non-governmental organizations adhering the government departments have done for the women. It's a point of celebration for them for being jointly proceeding in it. As the representation of the NGO culture is more than ever in this undefined, unidentifiable government of the present days, the government departments have found more occasions to be thankful to them — be it NADRA serving for the most reliable records or Aurat foundation for being a motivation behind the lb polls women representatives. At last they have found a strategy that



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As a result of the failure in formulating a clear policy and conveying or implementing it, they have spread more chaos than order. When they are not moving understanding the manners and the modes of the lives of the folk in their specific socio-cultural context for whom they are working for, they cannot nourish them with imported views for long. Despite the fact they have good brains among them the women related to such organizations are themselves devoid of creating an impression in either field in the real sense. They abhor the family system, are abusive of the rituals, the rebels

adoke of being adventurous (perhaps or courageous enough (to be strong rebels) around especially in Pakistan. They are insistent to change secondarily only that what satisfies their own purposes and the delicate hands of the women working there are being all this.

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other problems faced by them. For this they can never be blamed.

The publications by most of the women organizations are thus the eye openers — in the way they are published they themselves are a treat. Women resource centers are in access of circle-based female. Much of the needed females if they know of any charity given to them are in the form of some sewing machines and the packets of the dry milk. We need to inhibit a sense of doing, not receiving and in this way these organizations are furthering the same what is already prevalent in the society. This is the case with most of the social welfare

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They have peeped through a veil to their plight but have not reached the real number and if they had tried it ever, this has been striking with the stony systems and being swept away in no time.

The figures calculated by different NGOs are extremely apart and variant. And no two NGOs have not much friendly gestures. Rich in many professionals of the country have they ever been successful in establishing a burn unit in any well run clinic of some posh area in the city where their so much referred victims of the domestic violence may be treated out of charge. Their claims arise with their reports and die with them. But infact they are extremely cautious in making such a claim. They - the women NGOs say they are basically to sentisize the society. And in senticising it more forcefully they stress upon various methods of research. This research consulted by their representatives helps to originate their line of action. The basic research giving way to the action takes too long and definitely much hard work but believably they have their experts executing research and lack practicality. If they are responsible only for making reports, organize functions and trying desperately to make a minister their chief guest using all their strength and enforcement then where does the money goes bestowed upon them by the great donors of many international agencies; just in serving free meal and tea to the participants and the guests?

I want to ask a single NGO or any government department whose name the average women can announce confidently and reliably though there are lots claiming working only for them. Another thing, has the moderate class women ever collaborated to make platform of their own. Have they ever been free to think over it instead of worrying about the uniforms of their children being washed and ironed. Ever been given some moments to think over such an option. If not so then all the organizations working for them have actually never hit the nail aright. They have been unsuccessful in creating the very awareness that is necessary part of their fundamental policies to a lager number of masses with the appropriate number of the class and gender they are working for. They have been majorly failed in winning the trust of the women for whom they are supposed to be made.

either based. Actually who dares to take a long course to refine the generations and carving way for national prosperity, however this remains the necessary data inclusion in most of the women organizations strategy or rules.

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incidents have a best record of happenings in the society and true that they have accomplished in compiling and getting it published and distributing to the people who are considered to be aware or eager to be aware more in this regard. What they actually must target is something else. Instead of these short term programs with a lot of pomp and show and the lustful eagerness for being covered in the print media at least, they need to make long term plans for the real awareness among women in the areas where the majority of theirs don't have awareness about their own rights.

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in danger of being 'the victims of the awareness of the 'mazara' and 'hari'. After all why they fear when they have much strong backs and stronger backgrounds. They can even convince 'the feudals' with the power of it. Sadly most of the plans and actions of these women NGOs need to be directed in themselves.

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