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Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign 2009



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Introduction:

The International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) is the global movement against gun violence - a network of 800 civil society organizations, working in 120 countries to stop the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons (SALW). IANSA seeks to make people safer from gun violence by securing stronger regulation on guns in society and better controls on arms exports. It represents the voices of civil society on the international stage, for example in the UN process on small arms, and draws on the practical experience of its members to campaign for policies that will protect human security.

Aims:

IANSA aims to reduce small arms violence by:

- raising awareness among policymakers, the public and the media about the global threat to human rights and human security caused by small arms
- promoting civil society efforts to prevent arms proliferation and armed violence through policy development, public education and research
- fostering collaborative advocacy efforts, and providing a forum for NGOs to share experiences and build skills
- facilitating civil society participation in global and regional processes
- promoting the voices of survivors, in solidarity with them and their families

Each year the Global Week of Action against Gun Violence is being celebrated to raise awareness, campaign for better gun laws and push for stronger regulation of the global arms trade. This time IANSA's focus area for the 2009 Global Week of Action is the campaign 'Disarming Domestic Violence' or to find out the women who has to undergo through small fire arms violence at home. Because it

is noticed that Women are three times more likely to die violently if there is a gun in the house. Usually the perpetrator is a spouse or partner, often with a prior record of domestic abuse. Gun violence can be part of the cycle of intimidation and aggression that many women experience from an intimate partner. For every woman killed or physically injured by firearms, many more are threatened. This is why IANSA has launched a campaign to demand policies which would keep women safe from gun violence. And for this Awaz CDS being the member of this network taken the initiative to conduct survey to strongly supports the need for effective firearm control & to meet the above criteria (of IANSA) and for this purpose we disseminated 100 questionnaires formats among the relevant Civil Society Organizations & Peoples Awareness & Rights Committees (PARC Networks) in District Multan, Muzaffar Garh, D.G Khan and Rajanpur but as per the sensitive nature of the issue we could able to receive only 64 filled questionnaires i.e. 1 from Multan ([See Annexure 1](#)), 5 from Muzaffar Garh ([See Annexure 2](#)), 35 from Rajanpur ([See Annexure 3](#)) & 23 from DG Khan ([See Annexure 4](#)). This study presents a detailed survey of the Domestic Violence through small arms. Awaz Foundation Pakistan's Policy Research & Advocacy Unit conducted this study in 4 Districts of Southern Punjab i.e. Multan, Muzaffar Garh, Jampur & DG Khan.

Objectives:

- Identify local women's organizations &/or shelters working on domestic violence & talk to them about the guns at home.
- Conducting survey on Gun violence with the coordination of civil society organizations & Networks.
- Interview of women to find out how many are affected by the gun.
- Coordinating with different NGOs, Local Networks & women shelter homes for conducting survey on Guns at home.
- Consolidating & analyzing the survey data.
- Organizing awareness raising events at District level with the collaboration of local women's organization & shelters working on domestic violence
- Printing, Publishing and disseminating of survey report & leaflet among partner organization, civil society organizations & Networks.

Methodology:

To fulfill the above objectives we carry out the following methodology:

- Mainly adopted quantitative as well as qualitative methodology for this research study.
- Basic information gathering through Questionnaire involving PARC Networks, this method was used as the main data gathering source in this study & for this purpose a questionnaire was provided to us & we translated it in Urdu.
- Conducted different meetings & Focus Groups Discussions in District Multan, Muzaffar Garh, Jampur and DG Khan.
- Meetings with all possible resource persons & stakeholders in Multan and gathered the available data. (See Annexure 5)

- Meetings with the representatives of Government institutions (Women Crises Centers, Women Shelter homes, Police stations and Bar Associations) for information sharing and data collection.

Question Wise Quantitative Findings:

As mentioned above that as per the sensitive nature of the issue we could able to receive only 72 filled questionnaires out of 100. But when we did the question wise analyses, it is revealed that even from those **72%** responders, most of the people did not respond for some questions i.e. Question No **1, 10, 12** and **13** because of the fear & hesitation for the reason they feel little discomfort while sharing anything on insist. For detailed feed back ([See Annexure 6](#))

1. Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?

A total of 72 females from 4 Districts were asked this question.

Only **59%** responded yes.

28% responded No, its not the first time they are reporting.

10% said they have reported so many times but police is reluctant &

3% as No.

The reason behind why 3% females have not reported it at police stations, include not only the police, who resist filing their claims and misreport their statements but because domestic violence is generally condoned by social customs and considered as a private family matter.

2. Does the perpetrator has an access to, or own, a gun?

82% responded as perpetrator has his own gun.

18% as perpetrator has an access to a gun in other words he can acquire a gun by neighbour, friend or by his relative.

3. Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?

65% responded as illegal gun.

33% responded as legal gun & **2%** as they don't know the status. It is very alarming in the sense that if guns are illegal then where is the role of law enforcement institutions? Because it is an exploitation in other words.

4. What sort of work does the perpetrator do?

22% responded farmer, **31%** responded as laborer, **8%** responded as perpetrator is doing a Gov. Job, **5%** responded as he is a Shopkeeper, **13%** responded as he is Unemployed, **6%** responded as he is doing a Private Job, **5%** responded as he is a Drug Addicted, **1%** responded as a Hotel Worker , **1%** responded as he is a Teacher, **1%** responded as he is a Waiter, **5%** responded as he is a Land Owner, **2%** as Hawker & as Criminal.

If we look into deep we will come to know that the perpetrators who are laborers & farmers are more often involved in this crime. The reason can be the illiteracy & ignorance or we can say that this has become the part of our society & culture to suppress and threat the woman with the use of force in each & every condition, seeing that she is a feeble & weak.

5. Does she feel she is in danger?

All responded as yes that every time they feel threat of not only gun violence but of physical abuse. The reason behind this issue is woman's life is a journey of subordination. When she is young her father decides for her on matters ranging from whether she will get any education, to the all important matters of whom she would marry. After marriage, her husband and her in-laws get hold of her reins and decide matters on her behalf; like shall she or shall she not have a child every year, or whether she would produce only boys. She is simply forced to accept certain bare facts of life once she grows up to be a woman that is why each and every moment of life as a subordinator she feels she is in a threat & insecure condition.

6. Has he threatened her directly?

94% responded as Yes while **6%** responded as No.

7. Is someone she knows at risk from the gun?

Herself/ Her children/ Another Person/ Perpetrator (suicide)?

39% responded as she is herself at risk, **40%** responded as herself & her children are at risk, **10%** responded as her children are at risk, **1%** replied as her brother is at risk, **1%** answered as his husband himself is at risk (suicide) while **6%** responded as her children, husband (suicide) & family all are in danger & **3%** replied as her whole family is in threat.

8. Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?

64% replied as her children are aware while **36%** answered as children are not aware. It means 64% children are in danger of accidental cases because of the firearms as we do read in the news papers, the reports of accidental incidents i.e. while playing with a gun a boy killed his brother or sister or any relative. So we can assume that not only woman but her children are in danger as well.

9. Is there a gun in the home?

78% responded Yes, there is a gun while **19%** as No & **3%** retorted as they are not aware.

10. What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?

49% replied as he possesses a rifle & **46%** answered as hand gun while **5%** are not aware about the type of gun. In some cases we found that perpetrator was using rifle's butt plate for beating & whipping.

11. Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?

6% responded as Yes, police came but he was not at home & **8%** responded as yes, the police came but did not take any action while **86%** replied as No, police

never came. This has a link with the first question that how many times they have reported & **97%** victims replied as they have reported in police stations but police is reluctant towards this type of issues, considering it as private issue.

12. How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her?

30% retorted as So many times he has done this, **11%** replied as he used continuously to threaten, **10%** said 2 or 3 times, **7%** answered as 4 times he threatened her till now, **6%** responded as 3 times till now, & **17%** replied as 2 times till now while **19%** replied as 1 time till now.

13. Number of times she has been:

13.1. Hit with a gun

41% hit with a gun, **23%** hit with a gun 1 time till now, **6%** as Yes 2 times, **12%** hit with a gun 2 or 3 times, **5%** hit with a gun 4 times while **13%** replied as No.

13.2. Shot

55% replied as Yes & **5%** replied as so many times while **40%** responded as No.

13.3. A shot has been fired

64% replied as yes, **30%** as No & **3%** as yes 2 times while **3%** responded as 3 times till now. It is very alarming & frightening because 64% replied as a shot has been fired which is very unsafe and may cause to a serious loss.

13.4. A pet or possession has been shot

41% responded as Yes while **59%** responded as No.

Conclusion:

This research study is first of its kind although on women violence much work has been done but study on women violence focusing firearms/gun violence issue is very exceptional. The survey has been conducted in Multan, Muzaffar Garh, Jampur and Dera Ghazi Khan. As far as the resources are concerned, they were limited for such kind of study. For the reason we had to rely on the quantitative data only and what could make it better, can be the in depth focus groups' discussions and one to one meetings.

Following are some key findings:

- 65% illegal firearms are being used for violence against women.
- Farmers & laborers are more involved in this crime; because of the illiteracy.
- 94% perpetrators use to threaten her wives directly which is alarming.
- 49% rifles are not being used just to threat but also as for beating & whipping at home against woman.
- In 86% cases, police is reluctant towards this type of issues, considering it as private issue.

Recommendations:

- Government, Local authorities, armed groups, and political, community and religious leaders should publicly denounce violence against women whenever and wherever it occurs. They should make it clear that such violence is a violation of women's human rights and will not be tolerated.
- Government should ensure that violence against women is prohibited not only in national law but in international law as well.
- There should be strict criteria for the issuance of license for firearms so that it may not be easy for any one to have a gun
- Government should treat domestic violence as a serious crime on a par with assaults in other contexts, and in a way that protects and supports women who report it.
- Governments and local authorities, in partnership with civil society and police, should develop participatory community safety programmes that promote practical ways of halting the violence arising from the proliferation and misuse of guns and address its specific impact on women and girls.

Common Observations:

- Women do not have easy access to legal & officially authorized institutions, the very reason for unregistered cases.
- Women Shelter Homes like Dar ul Amaan needs urgent government's attention in order to provide better legal aid as well as living facilities.
- There are no proper rules & regulations for Police departments for the maintenance & filing of the crime data.
- Usually domestic violence at homes is considered as the part of a woman life.
- People do have some of their reservations about these types of matters because of the fear of defamation of the dignity & honor of their family for the reason; they feel little discomfort while sharing anything on insist.

Annexure 1:

No	Questions	No. of Responders	Feed Back
1	Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?	1	She says No
2	Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun?	1	She says He has an access
3	Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?	1	She says Illegal
4	What sort of work does the perpetrator do?	1	Criminal
5	Does she feel she is in danger?	1	She says Yes
6	Has he threatened her directly?	1	She Says Yes
7	Is someone she knows at risk from the gun? Herself/her children/ another Person/perpetrator (suicide)?	1	She says Herself & her children
8	Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?	1	She says Yes
9	Is there a gun in the home?	1	She says Yes
10	What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?	1	Handgun
11	Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?	1	She says Yes, But he was not at home at that time.
12	How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her?	1	She Says So many times

13	Number of times she has been		
	Hit with a gun	1	She says Yes so many times
	Shot	1	She Says Yes
	A shot has been fired	1	She says Yes
	A pet or possession has been shot	1	She Says No

Annexure 2:

No	Questions	No. of Responders	Feed Back
1	Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?	5	5 say Yes
2	Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun?	5	5 say Yes
3	Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?	5	4 say illegal, 1 says Legal
4	What sort of work does the perpetrator do?	5	Teacher, Farmer, Waiter, Land Owner, Unemployed
5	Does she feel she is in danger?	5	5 say Yes
6	Has he threatened her directly?	5	5 say Yes
7	Is someone she knows at risk from the gun? Herself/her children/ another Person/perpetrator (suicide)?	5	4 say Herself, 1 says to her brother
8	Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?	5	4 say No, 1 says yes
9	Is there a gun in the home?	5	4 say Yes, 1 says No
10	What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?	5	4 say Rifle, 1 says Hand Gun
11	Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?	5	3 say Yes, 2 say No
12	How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten	5	5 say So Many Times

	her?		
13	Number of times she has been		
	Hit with a gun	5	5 say Yes so many times
	Shot	2	2 say Yes
	A shot has been fired	2	1 says Yes, 1 says No
	A pet or possession has been shot	3	3 say Yes

Annexure 3:

No	Questions	No. of Responders	Feed Back
1	Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?	35	28 say Yes, 5 say its not first time they are reporting & 2 say No
2	Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun?	35	32 say his personal, 3 say he has an access.
3	Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?	35	19 say illegal, 16 say Legal
4	What sort of work does the perpetrator do?	35	13 say Farmer, 18 say Laborer, Hawker, 2 Land owner, & Job
5	Does she feel she is in danger?	35	35 say Yes
6	Has he threatened her directly?	35	35 say Yes
7	Is someone she knows at risk from the gun? Herself/her children/ another Person/perpetrator (suicide)?	35	9 say Herself, 21 say herself & her children, 4 say her children & 1 says his husband himself.
8	Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?	35	29 say yes, 6 say No, children are not aware.
9	Is there a gun in the home?	35	33 say Yes, 2 say No
10	What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?	35	14 say Rifle, 21 says Hand Gun

11	Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?	35	34 say No, 1 says 1 time.
12	How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her?	35	13 say So Many Times, 8 say continuously he threatens, 7 say 2 or 3 times, 3 say 2 times he threatened till now & 4 say 1 time.
13	Number of times she has been		
	Hit with a gun	30	20 say Yes so many times, 5 say Yes 1 time, 4 say Yes 2 times & 1 say Yes 2 to 3 times.
	Shot	15	9 say Yes, 6 say No
	A shot has been fired	15	13 say Yes, 1 says Yes, 2 times, 1 says No
	A pet or possession has been shot	9	4 says Yes, 5 say No

Annexure 4:

No	Questions	No. of Responders	Feed Back
1	Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?	30	12 say Yes, 14 say its not first time while 7 say we have reported so many times but police is reluctant.
2	Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun?	31	22 say his personal, 9 say he has an access.
3	Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?	31	23 say illegal, 7 says Legal & 1 says she doesn't know.
4	What sort of work does the perpetrator do?	31	2 say Farmer, 4 say Laborer, 5 say Gov. Job, 3 say Shopkeeper, 8 say unemployed, 3 says Private Job, 3 say Drugs Addict, Hotel Worker, Hawker, 1 say Gov Job
5	Does she feel she is in danger?	31	31 say Yes
6	Has he threatened her directly?	31	27 say Yes, 4 say No, not directly.
7	Is someone she knows at risk from the gun?	31	15 say Herself, 7 say herself & her

	Herself/her children/ another Person/perpetrator (suicide)?		children, 3 say her children, 4 say children, family & her husband & 2 say whole family is in risk.
8	Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?	31	15 say yes, 16 say No, children are not aware.
9	Is there a gun in the home?	31	18 say Yes, 11 say No & 2 say they don't know.
10	What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?	26	15 say Rifle, 8 say Hand Gun & 3 are not aware about the type of gun.
11	Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?	31	26 say No, 5 say Yes but did not take any action.
12	How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her?	29	2 say So Many Times he threatened her, 5 say 4 Times he threatened her, 4 say 3 Times he threatened her, 9 say 2 times he threatened her, 9 say 1 time he threatened
13	Number of times she has been		

	Hit with a gun	30	10 say Yes 1 time, 7 say Yes 2 to 3 times, 3 say Yes 4 times & 1 says so many times, 9 say No
	Shot	20	9 says Yes, 2 say So many Times & 9 say No,
	A shot has been fired	15	6 say Yes, 1 say Yes 3 times & 8 say No
	A pet or possession has been shot	16	5 say Yes, 11 say No.

Annexure 5:

Cases registered in Dar ul Amaan		
No.	Types of Cases	Rate
1	Women General domestic Violence Cases.	49
2	Widows	3
3	Violence through Small Arms.	1
	Total	53

Cases Registered in Women Jail		
No.	Types of Cases	Crime Rate
1	Women involved in Murder Cases of their Husbands by using simple domestic arms i.e., daggers, knives & sheath etc	71
2	Women involved in Narcotics Crime.	7
	Total	78

Cases Registered in which Woman is victimized in 2009

No.	Types of Cases	Crime Rate
1	Murder Cases	8
2	Attempted Murder	6
3	Hurt	15
4	Rape	26
5	Kidnapping	96
6	Out Rage of Women	51
	Total	202

General Crime Profile

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
All Reported:	14020	10834	9313	8626	9001
Against Person:	2230	1660	1869	1587	1851
Against Property:	3999	3146	3397	2464	2788
Local & Special Laws:	3665	3640	3079	3311	3040
Miscellaneous:	4126	2388	968	1264	1322

Over All Crime Minus Local & Special Laws Cases

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Against Person:	2230	1660	1869	1587	1851
Against Property:	3999	3146	3397	2464	2788
Miscellaneous:	4126	2388	968	1264	1322
Total:	10355	7194	6234	5315	5961

Crime Against Person 2008					
Offence	Registered	Under Investigation	Untraced	Cancelled	Challaned
Murder:	131	28	5	9	89
Attempted Murder:	166	19	19	15	113
Hurt:	932	89	5	84	754
Kidnapping:	634	128	6	303	197
Kidnapping for Ransom:	10	1	0	4	5
Rape:	108	3	1	43	61
Gang Rape:	8	1	0	3	4
Other:	241	23	8	14	196

All Reported Crimes			
	2008	2007	Difference
Investigation			
Cases Registered:	14020	10834	3186
Challaned:	9390	7894	1496
Under Investigation:	2039	1226	813
Untraced:	854	730	124
Cancelled:	1737	984	753
Prosecution			
Convicted:	2538	3313	-775
Acquitted:	1850	668	1182

Annexure 6:

No	Questions	No. of Responders	Feed Back
1	Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence?	71	42 say Yes, 20 say its not first time while 7 say we have reported so many times but police is reluctant & 2 say No
2	Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun?	72	59 say his personal, 13 say he has an access.
3	Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally?	72	47 say illegal, 24 say Legal with license & 1 says she don't know.
4	What sort of work does the perpetrator do?	72	16 say Farmer, 22 say Laborer, 6 say Gov. Job, 3 say Shopkeeper, 9 say Unemployed, 4 say Private Job, 3 say Drug Addicted, Hotel Worker , Teacher, Waiter, 3 Land Owner, 2 Hawker & Criminal
5	Does she feel she is in danger?	72	72 say Yes
6	Has he threatened her directly?	72	68 say Yes, 4 say No, not directly.
7	Is someone she knows at risk	72	28 say Herself, 29 say

	from the gun? Herself/her children/ another Person/perpetrator (suicide)?		herself & her children, 7 say her children, 1 say to her brother, 1 says to his husband himself (suicide), 4 say children, family & her husband & 2 say whole family is in risk.
8	Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun?	72	46 say yes, 26 say No, children are not awared.
9	Is there a gun in the home?	72	56 say Yes, 14 say No & 2 are not aware.
10	What type of gun – rifle or handgun (big or small)?	67	33 say Rifle, 31 say Hand Gun & 3 are not aware about the type of gun
11	Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away?	72	4 say Yes but he was not at home at that time, 6 say Yes but did not take any action & 62 say No.
12	How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her?	70	21 say so many times, 8 say continuously he threatens, 7 say 2 or 3 times, 5 say 4 times he threatened her, 4 say 3 times he threatened her, 12 say

			2 times he threatened her, 13 say 1 time he threatened.
13	Number of times she has been		
	Hit with a gun	66	27 say Yes, so many times (In 1 case, daughter had been killed) 15 say Yes 1 time, 4 say 2 times, 8 say Yes 2 to 3 times, 3 say Yes 4 times & 9 say No
	Shot	38	21 says Yes, 2 say so many times & 15 say No,
	A shot has been fired	33	21 say Yes, 10 say No, 1 says Yes 2 times & 1 say Yes 3 times.
	A pet or possession has been shot	29	12 say Yes, 17 say No

Photographs:



A Mess of Data in Police Head Quarter Multan



Victim of Firearm Violence at home

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