

## IDEA

### CONTEXT

More than 50% of IDEAs grant portfolio (59 grants) has been awarded to organizations that either specifically focus on securing women's rights and in improving the status of women or include a component that addresses SGBV.

A special focus was placed on enhancing the capacity of local organizations working with society's most vulnerable women's groups and LGBTIQ community members.



### PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

- **3,044** people have been trained to advance gender equality or women's empowerment outcomes.
- **20** national and regional CSOs have worked on advocacy and awareness campaigns to address SGBV.
- IDEA has supported **9** studies related to women's rights, gender equality, discriminatory laws and SGBV forums to be used to influence legal and policy changes to advance gender equality and inclusion in Sri Lanka.
- **12** national and regional CSOs have held **17** public campaigns to raise awareness on SGBV issues, workplace harassment and gender equality.
- **72** commercial sex workers empowered to defend and promote their human rights.

- **1 in 4 (24.9%)** women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence since age 15 by a partner or non-partner.
- **2 in 5 (39.8%)** women have experienced physical, sexual, emotional, and/or economic violence and/or controlling behaviors by a partner in their lifetime.
- **1 in 10** women have already experienced a form of cyber violence since the age of 15.
- **24%** women and girls have experienced online harassment of a sexual nature.

### INTERVENTIONS

#### SGBV FORUMS

**81** district and divisional level multistakeholder forums across Sri Lanka that address women's rights and violence against women and girls have been revived and/or strengthened by 20 IDEA grantees.

#### INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

**5466** survivors of SGBV received the following services one or more times:



Emergency assistance provided to **1151** SGBV survivors.



**1974** survivors received psychosocial counselling.



Legal support provided to **1210** women/girls



**2575** women assisted in dealings with Quazi courts.



**5915** hotline calls supported during COVID-19 lockdowns.

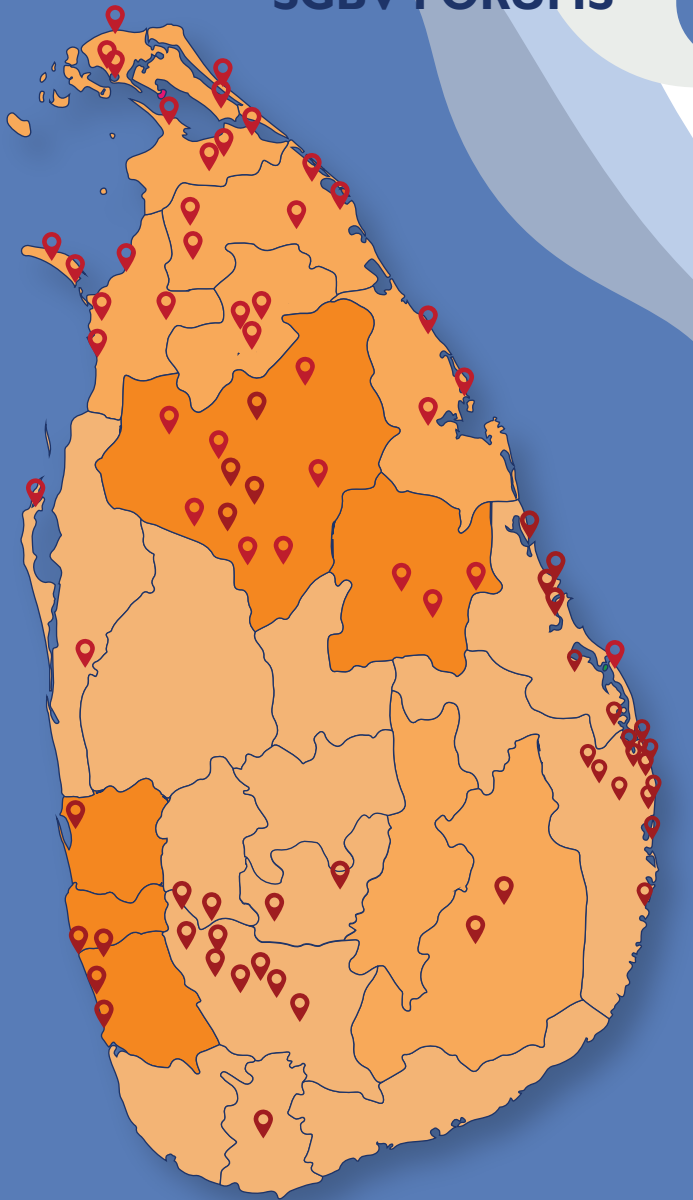


**114** women in shelters received COVID-19 assistance care packs.



**16** survivor groups set up

# SGBV FORUMS



## SGBV FORUMS SUPPORTED BY IDEA GRANTEES

<b>AWF</b> 13	<b>RPK</b> 05	<b>FOSDOO</b> 08	<b>MWDT</b> 01	<b>WIN</b> 05
<b>CFCD</b> 05	<b>ESDF</b> 04	<b>CHANGE</b> 01	<b>ECDIC</b> 09	<b>MPDF</b> 02
<b>ALSDC</b> 04	<b>PREDO</b> 02	<b>PWA</b> 01	<b>FRC</b> 06	<b>SWCDF</b> 03
<b>RGNK</b> 02	<b>IWARE</b> 01	<b>AHAM</b> 03	<b>JSAC</b> 04	<b>DABINDU</b> 01

## A WAY TO IMPROVE MULTISTAKEHOLDER RESPONSES TO SGBV

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF SGBV FORUMS

- **Prevention activities:** to influence changes in the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior of a community by addressing root cause and contributing factors of gender-based violence, empowering women and improving access to information and services.
- **Response activities:** to minimize the consequences of SGBV and prevent further trauma through effective coordination and referral systems.
- **Data collection** within communities can play a vital role to inform evidence-based programs to address SGBV and advocate for laws/policies that reflect the lived experiences of the most marginalized women and girls.
- **Advocacy** to influence decision makers and policy makers to create laws/policies that protect women and to strengthen systems within the country to address SGBV.

### COMPOSITION

These multistakeholder forums include the membership of stakeholders from both government and civil society including:

- Divisional Secretary/ Additional Divisional Secretary
- Women's development officers
- Representatives of the zonal education departments
- Police
- Mithuru Piyasa representatives
- Counselors
- Representatives of the MOH
- Probation officers
- Early childhood development officers
- Individual Activists
- Child rights protection officers
- Samurdhi officials
- Social service officers
- Civil society/NGO representatives

### ILLUSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Facilitated over 100 case conferences through which survivors received – livelihood support, psychosocial support and legal advice, welfare benefits etc.
- Handled referrals of survivors to hospitals, the Legal Aid Commission, shelters and women's development officers.
- Facilitated emergency response to survivors.
- Trained government stakeholders and CSO representatives from 58 divisional and district SGBV forums on gender and women's equality, responsibilities of the forum, on facilitating case conferences etc.
- Supported women development officers and other government functionaries in reaching out to survivors including facilitating site visits.
- Contributed to annual national and global campaigns like '16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV)' and cofacilitated public awareness raising events to commemorate International Women's Day.
- Conducted awareness-raising events and activities on SGBV prevention in identified areas including schools and villages.