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## Survivor Support Unit Lahore



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A Referral Network Service for  
Women Survivors of Torture

## Background

Torture is used on women and men in police custody in Pakistan. It mainly includes physical, mental or psychological torture of various degrees. However women have to face some additional forms of torture especially sexual assaults and harassment. The survivors of torture have distinct sequel of sign and symptoms, lasts for years if left unattended.

Women Protection Forum (WPF) Lahore is a District-based advocacy group; comprising civil society representatives, strives for improving human rights conditions by assisting and providing extended comprehensive support to women torture survivors for reintegration in society. Though there are specialized mechanism, techniques and skills required for their handling, therapeutic and rehabilitative service delivery. By providing legal, medico-legal, psycho social and life management skill trainings through referral services; WPF aims to reintegrate women torture survivors in social life with dignity.

For this purpose, the establishment of Survivors Support Unit (SSUs) under the project of "Ending Torture & ill Treatment of Women in Police Custody" funded by Oxfam GB, European Commission and implemented by SPO is a sustained resource for the prevention of torture and ill treatment as well as the rehabilitation of women survivors.

## Survivor Support Unit (SSU) Lahore

SSU-Lahore will serve the women survivors of torture under custody including women from Darul Aman, police stations and jail in targeted areas of Lahore. It works as a referral network unit having strong liaisons with several professionals and service providing organizations based in Lahore. .

### SSU Aims & Objectives

- Empowering women survivors to reenter society, reclaim their identities through comprehensive services
- To provide legal, psycho social counseling to women survivors
- To assess and provide skills for Integration and Rehabilitation to female torture survivors

### SSU Referral Services

- Free Psycho Social Counseling
- Free Legal Counseling
- Free Legal Aid