

WCC Wishes You a Roaring New Year!

Bidding Farewell to 2021

**Supporting Women & Children,
Embracing Digital Inclusion**



How WCC Helped in 2021

SERVICE

COUNSELLED **1,368** women & children



326
Face-to-Face

+



1,042
New Calls

455
(33%)

Domestic
Violence

356
(26%)

Marital &
Relationship Issues

330
(24%)

Info Seeking

154
(11%)

Child
Sexual Abuse

73
(5%)

Adult
Sexual Assault

ADVOCACY



PROVIDED VICTIM SUPPORT

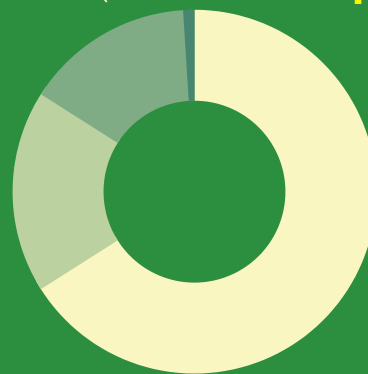
73 cases

Domestic Violence
13 (18%)

Adult
Sexual Assault
11 (15%)

Others
1 (1%)

Child
Sexual Abuse
48 (66%)



OUTREACH

REACHED **1,936** students



963
Children

OK Tak OK programme

+



973
Teenagers

Cybersafety programme

PUBLIC AWARENESS:

58

No. of Webinars

22,478

No. of Webinar Views

47,185

No. of Webinar Reach

Protecting Young Ones Online

Between July 2021 to Dec 2021, we educated
1,184 CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS online about
OK Tak OK and cyber safety.



OK TAK OK

17 sessions teaching children about
good touch and bad touch.

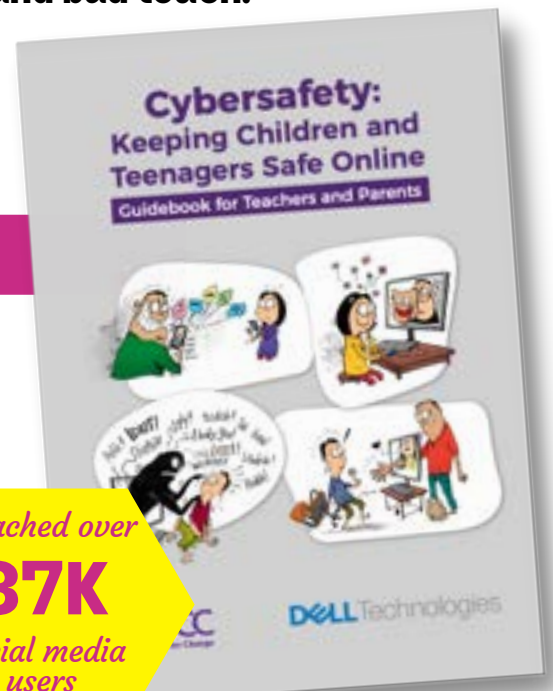
CYBERSAFETY

14 sessions teaching teenagers
how to stay safe online.

50 new volunteers trained to conduct
programmes.

Available online at
www.wccpenang.org/books/

Reached over
37K
social media
users

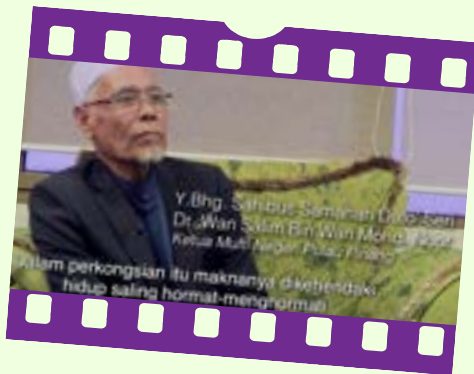


**Thank you to Dell Technologies for supporting WCC
in protecting young ones online!**

Promoting Muslim Women's Rights

WCC produced three videos on building a harmonious marriage, *ta'liq* (marriage condition) and *nafkah* (maintenance), and organised a webinar to empower Muslim women on their rights in the family and how to access justice under the domestic violence law.

2K views
on social media



Membina Istana Idaman



Memahami Perjanjian Ta'liq



Nafkah dalam Islam



Video Keganasan Rumah Tangga: Pandemik Senyap features testimonies by real-life survivors, to educate Muslim women on their rights under the Domestic Violence Act and how to seek help.

845
social media
views



1.2K
social media
views

Webinar in collaboration with the Penang State Islamic Affairs Department.

Thank you to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives for supporting WCC in empowering Muslim women!

Advocating for Victim Support Services



The online launch of 'Standing with Sexual Crime Victims: WCC Support Services Report' reached over **500 viewers online** and was covered by **9 media reports.**



*"I know that the findings in **this Report** will assist policy and best practices and each of us must play our small part in encouraging and assisting those noble ends. The participation of all is absolutely vital."*

– Yang Arif Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Honourable Federal Court Judge



*"We all have a role to play in **creating a culture of respect, defending women's rights and ending sexual and gender-based violence.**"*

– Dr. David Krivanek, Deputy Head Mission, German Embassy Kuala Lumpur (our funder for the report)

"WCC's effort clearly shows that it is possible to make remarkable changes in victims' lives." - Lalitha Menon, Chair, Advocacy Working Committee, WCC

Embracing Digital Inclusion with Dell

On 10 November 2021, WCC attended the virtual cheque presentation ceremony for the Dell Strategic Grant 2021-2022 amounting to USD 70K. Under this project, WCC targets to enhance the digital literacy skills of a total of **109,500 beneficiaries** through webinars on digital entrepreneurship, student forums, and online posters on basic life skills.

Last year, through Dell Progress Made Real Grant 2020-2021, WCC was able to benefit over **346,000 women, children, and members of the public** through our crisis counselling, personal safety programmes for children and teenagers, webinars, and online posters. We are delighted to continue this meaningful partnership with Dell.



FB Webinar
1K views
3.4K reach



Online Forum
101 students
UiTM, UPSI & USM



E-Poster
31K
online reach

Thank you Dell Technologies for your continued funding and support!

Creating Herstory - Women's Tribunal



Illustration: Shika

Malaysia's first ever Women's Tribunal, organised by the Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG) and ENGENDER Consultancy took place on 27 to 29 November and 4 December 2021, featuring **26 testimonies from women on the ground.**

Guided by principles of inclusivity and intersectionality, the Women's Tribunal served as an alternative platform to amplify the voices of women, especially from marginalised communities.



Illustration: Merissa Victor



Advocate Statements

- Legal & constitutional framework
- Economy
- Education
- Health
- Violence against women
- Political & public life
- Family & marriage
- Gender identity

The judges were Zainah Anwar, Shanthi Dairiam, Nadia Malyanah

Raising Awareness on Gender-Based Violence

From July to December 2021, WCC was invited to speak at 24 webinars, covering domestic violence, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, parenting skills & more.

Reached
10K
social media users



Under the Hasanah Special Grant, we produced a multi-language poster series to raise awareness on domestic violence.

Reached about
100K
social media users



Finding Courage

In this **CLIENT'S STORY**, read how Anna found the strength to leave her abusive relationship.

Anna* is a mother of two. After five years of marriage, her husband left her for another woman but did not divorce her. Anna managed to pick up the pieces with the support of her father and friends. She started a small food business selling *nasi lemak* and was able to provide for her family.

A few years down the road, Anna fell in love with Rayan*, a divorcee with two children. He was young and broke and their similar situation drew Anna to him. He showered her with so much love and care. However, marriage could not be on the table due to Anna's married status.

Just when Anna thought things were going well, Rayan turned abusive. He stopped working and forced Anna to give him money for alcohol. With her modest earnings, it was difficult for Anna to support her children as well as Rayan and his children. When Anna got fed up and wanted to walk away from the relationship, Rayan would get possessive.

Anna became pregnant and Rayan became suspicious of every male that she interacted with. He even warned her neighbour against giving Anna banana leaves for her *nasi lemak* business. Every minor argument ended with physical violence.

When Anna decided that she had had enough, she moved back to her father's house. However, this did not stop Rayan. He took to harassing Anna at work and at her father's house. He screamed at her while she was working and badly insulted her to potential customers. Her neighbors started to find him a nuisance.

Rayan threatened that he would ruin her life so that she would have no choice but to get back to him. Anna was depressed and felt suicidal. She locked herself in the house with her children to avoid any contact with him. Anna felt that she didn't have a way out. That was when Anna contacted WCC.

WCC's social worker affirmed Anna for seeking help even at her lowest point. Anna was assisted when making police reports and the social worker followed up with the inspector in charge to ensure Anna and her children's safety. Anna was also advised on issues of child custody as Rayan threatened to take their child away.

Anna and the social worker discussed alternative ways for Anna to earn income from home. **Her courage and willingness to reach out for help has allowed Anna to move on.**

**Not their real names*

Interning @ WCC: Our Amazing Experience



Aida

"Inspired to change unjust systems."



Alia

"Activism is hard work."



Chia Wei

"WCC values my contribution."



Yok Yee

"Better understanding of feminism."



Edwin

"Proud to be a part of change."



Celine

"Increased awareness on gender-based issues."



Narmathaa

"Realised the importance of ending victim-blaming."



Rhuthshana

"Learned about women empowerment."



Sofia

"Learnt about challenges faced by social workers."



Khar Ying

"Had opportunity to participate in different projects."



Faith

"Ignited my passion for helping women."

WCC in the Media



Increasing Cybersafety Awareness to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation

19 Sep 2021



Keeping Young Ones Safe Online

6 Oct 2021



Interview on Domestic Violence

29 Oct 2021



WCC: Solution to Social Problems

16 July 2021

Online Edition
newslink

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