

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT

To Women & Children in Seberang Perai



25 April 2022 marked a significant milestone with the signing of the **MOU for the Pusat Perkhidmatan Wanita (PPW)** project, a smart partnership between WCC and the Penang State Government under the Exco for Social Development and Non-Religious Islamic Affairs, YB Chong Eng. Since 2009, with the Penang State Government grant, PPW has been able to greatly serve women and children in crisis in the Penang mainland.

Safe Family Policy Trainings



As a strategic partner under the State Government's Safe Family Policy, WCC, in collaboration with Penang Women's Development Corporation (PWDC), conducted three trainings benefitting a total of 77 participants from Jabatan Agama Islam Pulau Pinang and five district offices.

Counselling Women & Children in Crisis

For the first half of 2022, WCC supported a total of **686** cases as follows:



Domestic Violence
211 cases



Adult Sexual Assault
40 cases



Child Sexual Abuse
95 cases



Marital Issues
90 cases



Relationship Issues
92 cases



Info | Legal Advice | Others
158 cases

Breaking Free

Dina was barely 17 when she was forced into marriage to a man ten years her senior. In her 14 years of marriage, Dina had nine children, aged one to 13 years old, and several miscarriages.

To her husband, Dina was merely a sex object and a punching bag. Her children, too, were victims of his temper and aggression. Her in-laws ignored the abuse. As a foreigner, a citizen of a neighbouring country, she had very little support.

One night, Dina was beaten and chased out by her husband. She sought help from her constituency's state assemblyperson (ADUN), who helped her lodge a police report. The ADUN then contacted WCC for help and shelter. As it was late at night, Dina and her children were placed in a hotel. Dina was fearful that her husband would find them.

The next day, Dina and her nine children were admitted to WCC's shelter. During the counselling session, the children shared how they were physically abused. WCC contacted the Social Welfare Department (JKM) for assistance, and another police report was lodged on the alleged child abuse.

In this **CLIENT'S STORY**, read how Dina narrowly escaped her abusive husband with her nine children in tow.

Over the next two weeks, WCC coordinated and liaised with the police, hospital, and JKM to make arrangements ensuring the safety of Dina and her nine children. In the meantime, Dina's sister managed to contact a social media influencer to assist her. WCC further communicated with this influencer to liaise with the embassy of Dina's country of citizenship in Kuala Lumpur to get approval for Dina and her children to cross the international border which was closed due to Covid-19.

Finally, with WCC's assistance, early this year, Dina and her nine children successfully crossed the border and safely returned to Dina's family. WCC is still in communication with Dina to support her recovery from trauma. She has started working and her older children have gone back to school. Her husband has been charged for domestic violence and child abuse. He is currently out on bail and awaits trial.

Raising Awareness Online



WCC's 7 webinars on digital entrepreneurship and issues of violence against women & children had a **23.6K online reach**. Additionally, WCC's 5 online forums on digital life skills **reached 428 students**.

WCC also received 16 external invitations to speak about various gender-based issues.



Thank you Dell Technologies, Hasanah Special Grant, and Canada Fund for Local Initiatives for supporting WCC's online work!

Protecting Children & Teens

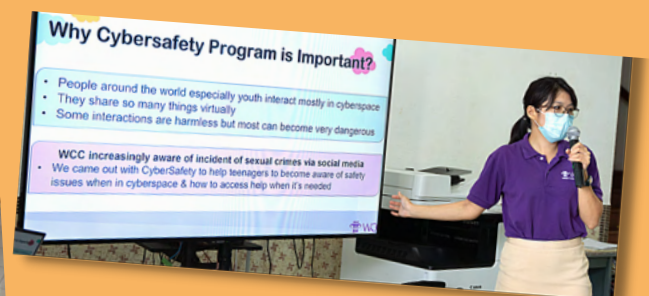
Facilitator Training

Trained **41 EDUCATORS** towards preventing child sexual abuse.



OK Tak OK & Cybersafety

Conducted 14 sessions benefitting **385 CHILDREN & TEENS**, thanks to our wonderful Dell Women in Action (WIA) volunteers!



Advocacy & Campaigns

Lobbying on the Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill 2021

From February to June 2022, WCC, as part of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Advocacy Group comprising JAG, ENGENDER, and Young Women Making Change, was actively involved in lobbying for revisions to the long awaited Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill 2021. The Group organised a press conference and issued a detailed Memorandum on proposed revisions to the Bill to kick off our #ReviewTheBill campaign. We also engaged with multiple stakeholders including the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, the Parliamentary Special Select Committee on Women and Children Affairs, Members of Parliament, political parties, private corporations, NGOs, and the media.



International Women's Day (IWD) 2022 campaign

WCC supported the Penang State Government's IWD 2022 campaign themed #BreakTheBias led by PWDC. WCC's online student forum called "Who U Talkin 2?" (on 12 March), and our Chinese language webinar entitled "GoGreen Digital Enterprise: Courage to Innovate" (on 19 March), were part of the campaign calendar. WCC also attended the campaign's online press conference on 21 February, as well as the official launch events of the campaign in March.



Interning @ WCC: Our Meaningful Experience



Xue Xi

"WCC boosted my confidence in speaking up & occupying space."



Vivian

"WCC has trained me well in multitasking in different areas of work."



Mavis

"WCC helped me understand the importance of good communication skills."



Yu Qian

"Most meaningful internship I have ever done so far."



Ke Ying

"The things I have learned here have inspired me to be of help to the community."

WCC Value Shop

WCC Value Shop @ Bayan Baru has suspended its operations from 1 June 2022 due to the prolonged Covid-19 pandemic.

Good news! We have upgraded our Value Shop @ Tanjung Tokong for better shopping!



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