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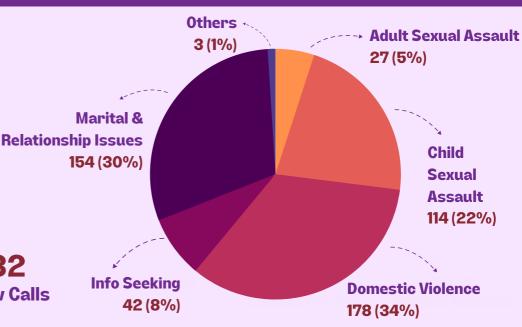




2022: Our Work at a Glance

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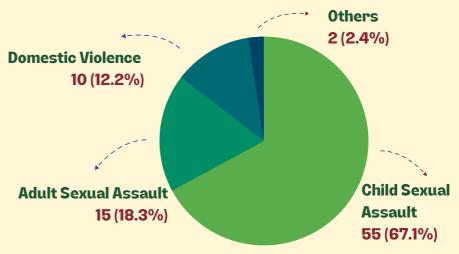




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PROVIDED VICTIM SUPPORT IN COURT





OUTREACH



33 webinars



15,288 online users

REACHED 5,530 STUDENTS



3,598 children OK Tak OK programme





1.932 teenagers Cybersafety programme



Working with Corporates on Children's Safety



- Conducted 22 sessions (online & physical) of OK Tak OK for 1,804 children on body safety
- Conducted 8 sessions (online & physical) on
 Cybersafety for 596 teenagers on online violence





Thank you to Dell Technologies and Intel!



Equipping Educators to Empower Young Ones

Trained 62 secondary school counsellors in Penang to handle online violence in schools and educated 1,000 students on Cybersafety.



Thank you to OCBC for sponsorship!

Trained 58 primary school counsellors on handling child sexual abuse.



Thank you to MMK Pembangunan Sosial Pulau Pinang for sponsorship!



Best Jumble Sale in Town!

WCC Jumble Sale took
place on 10 & 11 Dec
2022 to fundraise
for our work on
women & children.



Branded auction items!













Our Amazing People



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A fulfilling experience!
- Jacqueline

Caring & hardworking team! - Erika



THANK YOU

to all our volunteers & supporters who made this event a huge success!



Act for a good cause! - Siew Eng









Capacitating Local Leaders against **Domestic Violence**



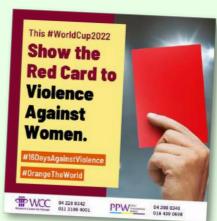
- Conducted two training workshops for a total of 45 community leaders in supporting domestic violence victims.
- Produced 500 posters in 3 languages to promote First Support Point services.



Thank you to the **Netherlands Embassy** for your support!

Engaging Men Against Cyber Violence





Thank you to the **Swiss Embassy** for your support!





Vasuki* is a domestic violence survivor with three daughters in their late 20s. She endured violence for almost 30 years. Even her daughters were not spared. Vasuki's husband, Nantha*, had physically assaulted her since the beginning of their marriage. He restricted her communication with her family members, working colleagues, and neighbours. He also spread rumours that she was having extramarital affairs. Initially Vasuki was very upset with his lies, but later realised his dirty tricks to gain sympathy from his family members.

One day, Nantha picked a fight with Vasuki. When her daughters came to her defence, he threw a brass oil lamp at them and injured her youngest daughter, Sneha*. Enough is enough. Vasuki and her three daughters decided to put an end to his extreme behaviour: from physical violence to not allowing them to communicate with her relatives, and forbidding them to go out.

Vasuki made a police report against him and Sneha was treated in the hospital. Nantha was remanded by the police but his family members kept pestering Vasuki to withdraw the case. Vasuki and her daughters came to WCC for support.

*Not their real names

A Brighter Future

In this CLIENT'S STORY, read how Vasuki and her daughters rebuilt their lives free from control and abuse.

During the counselling sessions, WCC's social worker listened actively to their pains and struggles and reaffirmed their efforts to end the abuse. Vasuki's daughter recalled how their father brought in a woman into his bedroom when their mother was at work. When their maternal uncle died, he did not allow his wife nor daughters to attend his funeral.

When their eldest daughter, Thanu*, realised that they were entirely dependent on their father to drive them around, she took driving lessons and bought a car when she started earning. This made their father more insecure and angry. Vasuki decided not to withdraw her police report.

When Nantha came out from remand, they did not allow him to return to their house which belonged to Vasuki. He went back to his family.

Today, they are much happier. All four of them are able to just sit in the living hall and have casual conversations without Nathan watching them like a hawk. They are able to go out together and rebuild bonds with their relatives and friends. They are thankful that they are able to regain their lives once again.



Improving Court Processes for Child Victims

WCC organised a one-day high level national judiciary dialogue on improving court processes for child sexual crime victims on 8 October at St Giles Wembley, Penang.



32 attendees comprising:

- 20 representatives from the judiciary nationwide
- Speakers from the Attorney
 General Chambers and UNICEF





Thank you to Canada Fund for Local Initiatives for supporting our advocacy work!





Raising Awareness Online



WCC Interns: Helping a Good Cause



Alex Ruble
"I feel more confident
standing & speaking up
for this cause."



Eunice Chang
"I'm more sensitive & aware
of the social issues that
women and children face."



Ruby Toh
"I learned to use different
lenses in viewing this world."



Sarah Leung
"I gained firsthand
exposure to working in
the non-profit sector."



Yi Jie
"WCC's work inspired me
and gave me insights for my
future studies."



Yee Hong
"I learned a lot of skills
from communication
to design."



Celebrating CK's 25 Years @ WCC!



Thank you to WCC Executive Director, Loh Cheng Kooi, for 25 years of outstanding service!









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