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Special Message from the AWAM President



Warm greetings to all members of AWAM.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank AWAM staff – past and present and Exco members for their unwavering support and guidance. AWAM continues to grow in exciting, and innovative ways and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be part of it.

When I started my journey with AWAM as a legal aid pupil, I was mesmerised by the passion and enthusiasm shown by staff in their commitment to the work they do. It was clear that AWAM played a huge role advocating Women's rights, and I felt that I could contribute and make a difference towards this cause.

In times of crises heroes are born. This proved true early this year, when AWAM faced several internal challenges. It was daunting but the entire Exco especially, Christable Divya Mary, Tee Michelle, Ng Nee Kee jumped on board to support AWAM's mandate.

Through it all, the staff were ready and willing to continue and get the job done while assisting us on the day-to-day operations of the organisation. I'm happy to say that we not only managed to rectify and solve the challenges, we also ensured that staff well-being was protected. Together we are cultivating a work environment at AWAM that is open and to be transparent, ensuring we build a healthy work culture.

Despite the obvious issues during the lockdown, when we had to be flexible in our working arrangements, AWAM continued to provide support and services via the Telenita helpline.

At this point, pupils doing legal aid services were suspended by the Bar Council, so I decided to become more actively involved in the operations of the services department to fill that gap by equipping AWAM in providing legal information and counselling online for gender-based violence. AWAM also extended much-needed support to survivors who faced additional stress due to the pandemic and the recent floods.

In addition, we looked inward to improve AWAM's internal structure. Some key contributions include:

- Training staff and intern counsellors on the finer points of the law when attending to survivors' needs via the AWAM helpline.
- We streamlined AWAM's database and developed corresponding SOPs.
- Regular after-action reviews at meetings with the service department to improve support to survivors.
- Capacity building of members in the area of women's issues (i.e., domestic violence, sexual harassment and rape)

Thanks to teamwork, we achieved most of our targets.

Most recently, AWAM was highlighted in Tamil media, Makkal Osai newspaper. Following a meeting with the CEO of Makkal Osai, we have now been given a regular column to highlight issues on gender-based violence i.e., sexual harassment, domestic violence. We hope this will help bring awareness to the Tamil-speaking community about gender violence and AWAM's helpline. Besides this, we have also begun networking with other industries for training and funding opportunities eg. cosmetics, automobile, Berjaya group among others.

With Exco coming onboard, we reinstated the Human Resource Committee (HRC) and allowances for Interns working in AWAM, which were previously removed without proper approval or documentation. The HRC, which comprises 4 main Exco members, is to ensure that each and every staff member is treated with respect, without fear or favour. We aim for transparency among Exco and staff.

I am very proud of the way everyone worked together to overcome these challenges with flexibility, courage and a caring heart for AWAM.

Lastly, a special thanks goes out to Ms. Camelia for guiding us with the process for the upcoming AGM and also to Ms. Betty, our co-founder for her valuable support and also accommodating our requests to participate, conduct training and give talks whenever needed.

Best wishes, and thank you everyone. Let's work together for AWAM's growth and mission.

Sincerely, Premalosani

Special Message from the Honorary Secretary

If I could sum up the last 2 years of AWAM in one word, it would be resilience.

Resilience in the face of the raging global pandemic and unpredictable lockdowns that felt like they lasted forever; plagued by inconsistent and hypocritical SOPs. The pandemic was especially difficult for non-profit, non-governmental organisations like ours who did not conveniently possess the resources to fully transition to a Work From Home (WFH) model for staff under our care, but we were forced to adapt nevertheless despite the overwhelming statistics of increased domestic violence during the strict lockdown periods and our hotlines were sought after more than ever.

With that, we acquired portable hotlines and our team did their best to accommodate survivors remotely as compared to our pre-lockdown capacities which allowed us to accompany survivors to police stations or console them in the private counselling rooms at our headquarters away from their abusers.

Our resilience was tested when the tabling and reading for the Anti–Sexual Harassment Bill (D.R. 18/2021) was consistently postponed and delayed due to the suspension of Parliament for 7 months. The long duration of the lockdowns brought about an exponential increase of sexual harassment cases which were deeply reliant on the provisions in the Bill and the expectation of a Sexual Harassment Tribunal to be the saving grace of overcoming (or at least combatting) the violence and harassment that individuals faced in their universities, workplaces, public areas and everyday places at large.

Unfortunately, the actual Bill that was finally tabled in Parliament (First Reading) on 15 December 2021 was marred with loopholes, inadequacies, and misdirection. AWAM rightfully believes the Bill to be disappointingly lacking in survivor-centric provisions and erred in its focus of a non-gender, all-encompassing law that should provide for every survivor regardless of their gender, sexuality, chromosomal makeup, or preferred identity.



Thus began the resilient battle to campaign against the Bill (aptly titled the 'Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill Campaign') which – along with the Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG), ENGENDER Consultancy and Young Women Making Change – AWAM representatives met with the Minister of Women, Family & Community Development, YB Datuk Seri Rina Harun, to discuss the need to review the Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill 2021 and additionally fought a headstrong online campaign to educate and spread awareness on the improvements that should be made in the Bill before the next reading in July 2022.

Despite the grit AWAM endured to promote this Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill Campaign, it would be hypocritical for me not to declare that our organisation had its own internal hurdles throughout this cycle. We had to endure a turnover rate of staff that can only be described as challenging and eye-opening. In the past year, we bid goodbye to old staff and welcomed new promising additions to the team – with the same mission to promote feminism, eliminate gender inequality and advocate a safe environment all individuals regardless of their biological or preferred identities.

The HR Committee was resurrected during Q1 of 2022 comprising the organisation's Office Bearers: President Premalosani Arivananthan, Vice President Christable Divya Mary, Honorary Secretary yours truly, and Honorary Treasure(r) Ng Nee Kee. Despite juggling our self-made businesses, full-time employment and / or studies, we had to put forward a resilient front in the face of growing staff concerns relating to alleged workplace bullying, excessive workload, work-related stress and depression, fear of retaliation, and tensions regarding funding.

It was a challenging time for AWAM, and I cannot express enough gratitude to the amazing staff, my fellow Office Bearers and Ordinary Council Members (i.e., the full Executive Committee) for their time, patience, effort, and mutual determination to see this organisation pull through during the toughest times.

This transitional period was abrupt and an intense process of growth for all of us because it made us question how much this organisation meant to us, how much more stress and challenges were we willing to face in the day-to-day operations, and how much we love the people that continue to strive their best to see this organisation evolve and succeed every day.

I can only sincerely hope that after the last 2 years, we can put all the past troubles and negative energies behind us. I may have inherited my position as the Honorary Secretary a little under 2 years, but I felt like I have participated in an insane amount of thought-provoking discussions, late-night Zoom meetings, and meaningful strategy-making more actively than I have ever had since becoming a member in 2014. I am proud to say that I have also developed a whole lot of genuine friendships from this experience, and I cannot thank everyone enough for sitting through all my loudness, non-stop cussing, and slightly long-winded Memos.

I have no doubt that with the right leadership and a team of brilliant, hardworking staff and an Executive Committee who are dedicated and relentless that we will see AWAM on an upward trajectory to being at the forefront of advocating against sexual harassment and gender inequality. As we brace ourselves for this upcoming AGM, I know I've got my boots strapped and knuckles held on for another hell of a ride with the rest of the squad.

Till then, let's continue to be kind, resilient and treat others with mutual respect. Know that under all these tattoos and potty-mouth exterior, I have nothing but love for all of you and this organisation.

With love, Tee Michelle

Vision

AWAM envisions a just, democratic, and equitable society where all persons, women especially, are treated with respect and are free from all forms of violence and discrimination.

Mission

Based on feminist principles, we seek to achieve our vision by building a movement that informs, connects and mobilises towards:-

- securing women's rights and bringing about gender equality,
- building capacities for women's empowerment and social transformation; and
- supporting women in crisis.

Values

AWAM operates on the strength of a dynamic and dedicated group of members and staff who shape the direction and policies of the organization. As a collective, AWAM strongly believes in having an inclusive participatory and empowering organisational culture.



ADVOCACY

In 2021, we conducted . . .

15

trainings & workshops

focus group discussions

59

talks, forums and webinars

video interview

FOCUS: Creating Gender-Sensitive Institutions

Throughout 2021, funded by Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI),

we implemented 4 projects related to gender sensitivity involving various institutions.

In 3 of these projects,

we partnered with the Centre for Governance and Political Studies (Cent-GPS) in survey and research participant recruitment and data collection.

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1 consultation session with ACP Siti Kamsiah & division heads from the Sexual, Women and Children Investigation Division (D11) of PDRM

MARI PROJECT 1

Research on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Case Management in the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM)

Research Data Collection



POLICE CONDUCT ON GBV CASES

Round Table Discussion

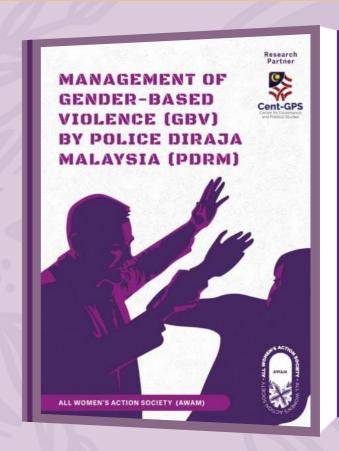
- In-depth interviews with 6 NGOs and 5 lawyers with expertise in GBV and experience in dealing with the police on such cases, as well as 4 GBV survivors and 10 retired police officers (*in collaboration with Cent-GPS)
- Focus group discussion with 5 division heads from
 D11 and 1 representative from the Prosecution and
 Law Division (D5) of PDRM



- 48 attendees, consisting of representatives from civil society organisations, D11 and various district police headquarters in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, as well as lawyers who deal with GBV cases
- Recommendations include:
 - using the report as a baseline for monitoring & evaluation efforts of progress in police GBV case management
 - further research of this topic area in East Malaysia
 but with specific focus on cultural differences
 - setting up a district-level working group comprising police, CSOs, lawyers and other governmental agencies for more effective exchanges on GBV case management

MARI PROJECT 1

Research on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Case Management in the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM)



Research Report

Management of Gender-Based Violence by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM)

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE UNDERREPORTING IN MALAYSIA



SURVIVOR-CENTRIC INTERNAL POLICE PROCESSES



SENSITIVITY TRAINING



INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES



On social media, we shared interesting information about international examples of genderresponsive policing and the current local landscape of GBV cases and avenues of redress.

Our infographics on what survivors of domestic violence, sexual harassment and rape can do, as well as tips on making a police report were especially praised by our funder.

WHAT TO DO WHEN

YOU WANT TO REPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



WHAT TO DO WHEN
YOU WANT TO
REPORT RAPE



WHAT TO DO WHEN
YOU WANT TO REPORT
SEXUAL HARASSMENT



TIPS ON
HOW TO MAKE
A POLICE REPORT



Research Data Collection

Phase 1: quantitative survey on opinions on women's representation and barriers to participation in politics, with a respondent sample of 118 female political party members

Phase 2: in-depth interviews on challenges faced by women in Malaysian politics, with 17 respondents from 6 women's rights NGOs and 8 political parties

MARI PROJECT 2

Research on Women in Politics (*in collaboration with Cent-GPS)

2 Stepping Into Power Trainings in July 2021

- 27 participants from 5 political parties
- Learned and discussed gender in relation to power, privilege and leadership, as well as sexual harassment and ways to create gender-sensitive political parties

Roundtable Discussion on Research Findings

- **7** attendees, consisting of political party members and MPs
- Recommendations include:
 - o imposing limits to duration of tenure of Member of Parliament and Prime Ministership
 - having more women-support-women initiatives/networks
 - o innovating from the 'Lean In' movement to better support women politicians





Women in Politics



Under this project on social media, we posted about prominent women political leaders both internationally and nationally, Malaysia's current progress in women political representation and barriers faced by women politicians, as well as benefits of supporting women political leaders.

Within this themed series, our posts on Malaysian women politicians and political party leaders received the highest engagement on Instagram.

MARI PROJECT 3

Diversity & Inclusion Trainings with the Youth & Sports Ministry (KBS)

Phase 1

2 Workshops

- Diversity & Inclusion attended by 63 staff
- Prevention of Sexual
 Harassment at the
 Workplace attended
 by 59 staff

Phase 2

2 Sexual Harassment Awareness Redress and Prevention (SHARP) Training of Trainers

Attended by 59 staff

Social media content involved exploring critical gender issues in the sports arena using bite-sized information but highly visual graphics



Gender Wage Gap



Undercoverage of Women Athletes



Dress Policing



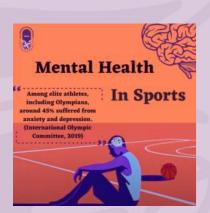
Pregnancy-Based Discrimination



Menstrual Health



Sexual Violence



Mental Health



Sexism/Racism



Ableism

Consultation with Dr. Nizam Mydin bin Bacha Mydin (Secretary of the House of Representatives), Muhd Sujairi Abdullah (Secretary of the Senate) and other Parliament staff on the viability of the idea of a code of conduct for Parliamentarians

MARI PROJECT 4

Research & Advocacy on Code of Conduct for Parliamentarians





Research Data Collection

Phase 1: quantitative survey administered by Cent-GPS to gauge public awareness on the role of Parliament and public perception of behavioural conduct among members of Parliament (MPs) in Parliament.

A social media campaign was launched from 19 June to 19 July 2021. We collaborated with 14 politicians and 4 youth leaders in releasing 1-minute videos encouraging the public to complete the survey. Together with Cent-GPS' respondent recruitment efforts, we managed to obtain 1071 survey respondents.





YB FUZIAH SALLEH



YB DATO SRI ROHANI





YB RAMKARPAL SINGH



YB SYED SADDIQ



YB DR KELVIN YII



YB ALICE LAU



YB TEO NIE CHING



DR THANUSSHA



DR MATHEN



YB M. KULASEGARAN



YB YEO BEE YIN





YB CHONG ENG



YB NURUL IZZAH ANWAR

AYMAN HAZWANI



YB RUSNAH ALUAI

Phase 2: 2 semi-structured focus group discussions with

YB Hannah Yeoh

YB Fahmi Fadzil

YB Prabakaran

YB Kasthuri Patto

YB Khalid Samad

YB Teo Nie Ching

on their perceptions and experiences on MP conduct in Parliament

Roundtable Discussion on Research Findings

- 5 attendees, among whom include YB Hannah Yeoh (representing Parliament's Standing Orders Committee) and Dato Seri Shamsul Iskandar representing Parliament's Committee of Privileges
- Recommendations include:
 - Having better processes in place that empower the Speaker of the House in decisions related to behaviours that should be reprimanded
 - Including specific examples of discriminatory behaviour in the Standing Orders, with periodic review for relevance to current context

Research Report

Behavioural Conduct in the House of Representatives (Dewan Rakyat), Parliament

Acceptance of research report for publication in the Journal of the Malaysian Parliament Vol. 2 - 2022

We used our social media platforms to educate the public on gender equality challenges seen in international Parliaments, as well as past instances of discriminatory behaviour by members of Parliament in Malaysia's Parliament.



FOCUS: Sexual Harassment and Period Spot Checks in Schools

Our advocacy on the issue of period spot checks and sexual harassment in schools began with a press statement in collaboration with Sisters In Islam and WOMEN: girls.

From April to December 2021, on this issue, we . . .

Released 5 press statements

Co-drafted 7 out of 11 collective press statements

Had 3 radio, 4 TV and 2 podcast appearances

Spoke in 11 online forums/webinars

Organised 2 online forums

We also produced 2 reports analysing testimonies by former and current students on sexual harassment, period spot checks and bullying in public and private educational institutions.

275 testimonies

compiled with the help of Nalisa Alia Amin and Terry Die Heiden from 16 to 26 April 2021



770 testimonies

compiled by Save the Schools MY from 26 April to 13 August 2021

770 Testimonies

OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT,
PERIOD SPOT CHECKS,
BULLYING AND OTHER ABUSE

FOCUS: AWAM-Cent-GPS Survey On Sexual Harassment



- Targeted population was women aged 18-30 across Malaysia.
- Enumerators were based in North, Central, South peninsula. East Malaysia was also represented. Enumerators utilized a computer assisted personalized interview method (CAPI). Respondents were asked in a language of their preference.
- Survey was run from Aug 24 Sept 15 2021

Methodology & Respondents

- 1056 women respondents were surveyed.
- The survey was conducted August 24th 2021-15th September 2021
- Respondents were selected through random sampling along the lines of state, ethnicity, level of income.
- 79% of respondents were Malay, 21% non-
- Income level of respondents, 78% earn below RM2000, 15% earn between RM2001-RM4000, 4% earn between RM4001-6000 and 3% earn more than page 2000.
- All women studied are Malaysians.
 Respondents were given option to answer in BM or Eng.
- . Survey margin of error is estimated at ±31



In collaboration with the Centre for Governance and Political Studies (Cent-GPS), we conducted a survey among Malaysian women aged 18 to 30. Survey data was collected from 24 August to 15 September 2021. A total of 1056 women were surveyed.

FOCUS: AWAM-Cent-GPS Survey On Sexual Harassment

This survey paints a bleak picture of women and girls' safety. By the time Malaysian women reach 30 years old:-

Many of them are already sexually harassed at least once, most commonly on the streets (79%), online (71%), physically (57%), and verbally by teachers (44%).

They are already fearful for their safety in public spaces. This includes changing travel routes when going to school or work (71%), not feeling safe driving alone at night (68%), watching movies alone in cinemas (52%), even whilst being treated by a male doctor (37%).

As such, this survey also highlights the urgent need to table a survivor-centric Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill that not only provides redress for survivors of sexual harassment in all contexts, but also mandates a whole-of-society approach via public and private institutional commitment to reduce and eradicate sexual harassment in Malaysia.

FOCUS: #DaruratBanjir

In the last 2 weeks of December, we collected donations and bought daily essentials for flood victims.

RM10,016.25

20.9% (RM2093.20) funds from Maybank Heart

79.1% (RM7923.05) public donations













to...

Bukit Tadom Orang Asli Community





Hope City Church

Gurdwara Sahib Petaling Jaya





Sri Sithi Vinayagar Temple

P.S. On 21 December 2021, our staff also volunteered at Gurdwara Sahib Petaling Jaya to prepare meals and flood kits.

FOCUS: Sanitary Napkin Donations



In January 2021, we donated boxes of Kotex sanitary napkins to flood victims in Bentong and Raub districts in Pahang, in collaboration with ADUN Kampung Tunku YB Lim Yi Wei and Member of Parliament (Raub) YB Tengku Zulpuri Shah Raja Puji.

FOCUS: Addressing Gender-based Violence Within Communities with Yayasan Hasanah

5 focus group discussions with communities in Petaling Jaya, Kota
Damansara and Rembau

We conducted:

- 1 training of trainers and 4 talks on gender-based violence (GBV), including toxic masculinity
- 3 GBV briefings in collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) on avenues of redress for GBV survivors
- 2 first responder trainings to empower participants in supporting GBV survivors within their communities



FOCUS: FAS Women's Football Focus Group

In November 2021, we were invited by the Football Association of Selangor to participate in a focus group discussion on strategies to empower women in football. This discussion led to the development of action plans and targets in 4 areas, namely:

Equal access to football for women

Realising women's potential in Football Safe environment for women's football Enhancing messaging and promotions



FOCUS: International Women's Day and 16 Days of Activism Campaigns

Throughout March for International Women's Day, we:-



spoke in 8 external talks/forums



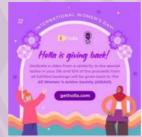
gave the opening speech at Nexus
International School Malaysia Model
United Nations 2021



co-organised **1 forum** with **Canon Malaysia** on gender equality in the
workplace



worked with **students from UOW KDU Penang** to produce **infographics** challenging traditional gender roles and myths in gender-based violence









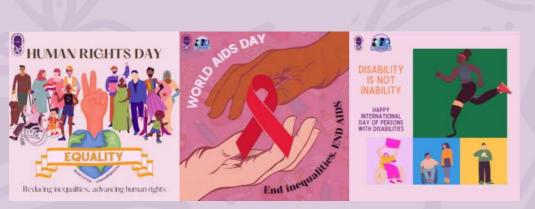
had **4 collaborations**, in which we also received **donations** for our gender-based violence services and sexual harassment programmes

FOCUS: International Women's Day and 16 Days of Activism Campaigns

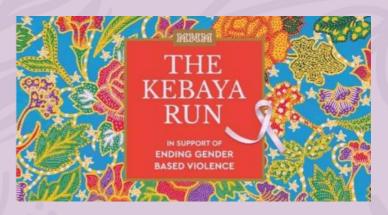
For 16 Days of Activism:-



6 external talks/forums



Infographics and videos on different types of abuse and violence, including those experienced by specific populations such as women with disabilities, elderly and indigenous women



RM1500 donation from Malaysia Women Marathon



Social media collaborations with 31 CSOs on 9 and 10
December 2021, in which they posted about the change they wanted to see for women in Malaysia or their thoughts on what is gender equality

FOCUS: #ActForEqual Feature



In conjunction with Generation Equality Forum and their #ActForEqual campaign, our international partner Women's Learning Partnership (WLP) featured 2 staff, 1 Exco and 1 member who are youths, along with their views on leadership.





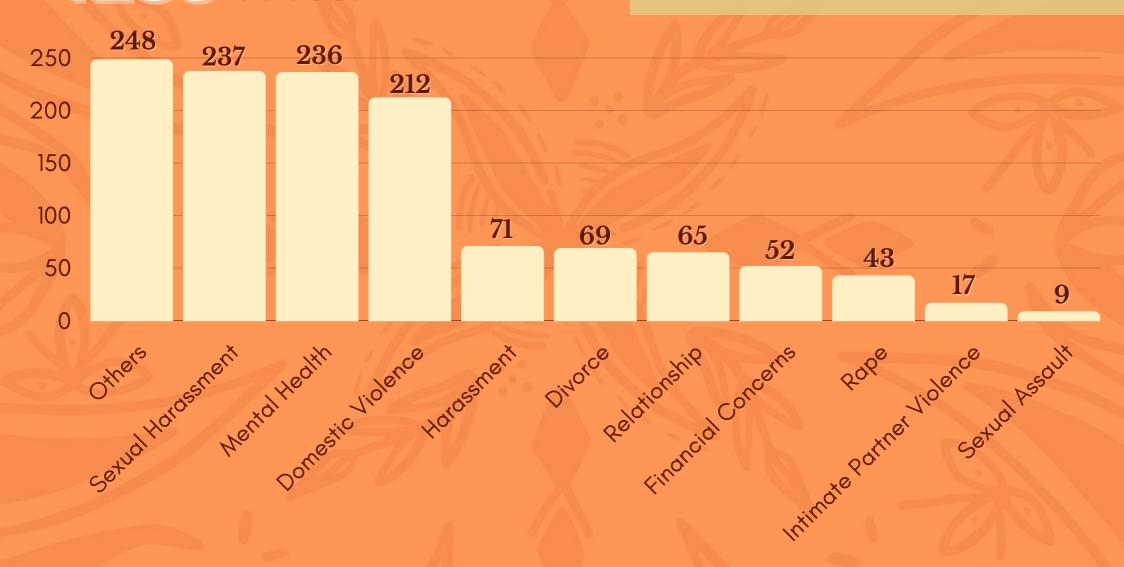




SERVICES

In 2021, we received 1259 cases.

AT A GLANCE

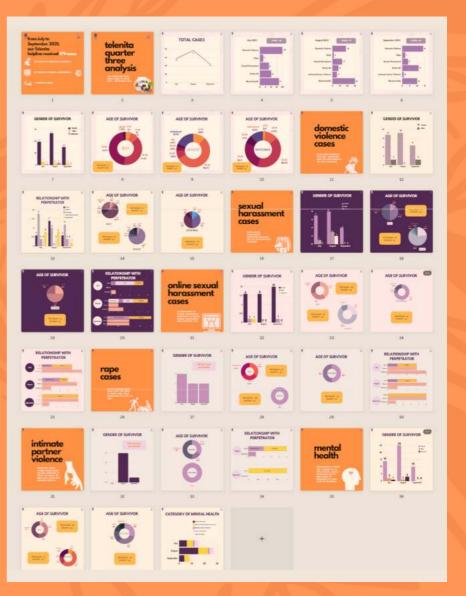


For gender-based violence cases, total case numbers increased by 96% from 2020.

Aside from monthly case statistics on our social media platforms, we have also published 3 quarterly reports that provided further information about the gender-based violence and mental health cases that we received.







Special Features

Our Telenita statistics, specifically the increase in physical and online sexual harassment cases that we received, were mentioned by Dr. Wan Azizah in Kongres Nasional Wanita KEADILAN in June 2021.



Our Telenita statistics from 2019 to May 2021 were also featured in Tampil Bersuara's campaign launch in June 2021.



Survivor Stories

A-13-year-old female survivor contacted us via email requesting for counselling. Survivor shared with AWAM that she had a problem in managing her emotions due to her family's situation. She has been receiving counselling from us, accompanied by her mother in all counselling sessions.

A single and unemployed mother with an autistic child contacted AWAM for financial help. We referred the survivor to other related NGOs and MPs, and were subsequently informed by the survivor that she received financial and food aid from them.

A-19-year-old male survivor was physically abused by his stepfather when he was seven years old. AWAM assisted the survivor by providing information to lodge a police report and he has also been receiving counselling services from us ever since.

A 17-year-old female survivor was raped by her stepfather. Upon receiving a message from the survivor requesting to be rescued, with the help of the Welfare Department (JKM), the rescue effort was successful. She received regular counselling from AWAM for 2 years from 2020 to 2021.

A 55-year-old woman divorced her husband. She approached AWAM for emotional support because she felt lonely and was in the midst of adjusting to her current situation.

A 47-year-old female survivor reached out to us for guidance on job seeking for disabled persons. She experienced difficulty in walking, which affected her ability to apply for jobs.

^{*}These stories are non-exhaustive, and are included in this Annual Report to represent the diversity of cases that our Telenita helpline received.

FOCUS: Online Forum on Male Sexual Harassment



On 15 December 2021, we organised an online forum on male sexual harassment.

With the session moderated by our Services Programme Officer How Eugene, 2 male survivors shared their experiences of sexual harassment and seeking help or redress.

They also imparted insights on the ways in which experiences would have been different had they been women and the current legislative and societal gaps that need to be tackled to effectively address sexual harassment.

Collaborations and Donations

THANK YOU

Azmina Fathima Haris

Dk Nur Reem Rashah Pg Mohammad Apri

Liew Xin Ping

Ng Mae Jane

Rausha Aminath

Sangeetha A/P V Supramaniam We worked with students from Taylor's Design School from May to June 2021 to produce promotional posters for Telenita's helpline and free legal information and counselling services in four languages.



Among the notable donations that we received are . . .

thank you to Lim Yi Wei for the allocation of RM10,000 (!) for Tabung Telenita



RM10,000 from our partner, The Office of Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Kampung Tunku



RM5000 from R
Talents Sdn Bhd
and artist
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thank you to YB Lee Kee Hiong for the allocation of RM2,000 for Tabung Telenita

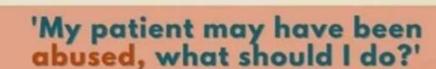


RM2000 from YB Lee Kee Hiong



RM1993 from MBPJ Councillor Nalina Nair



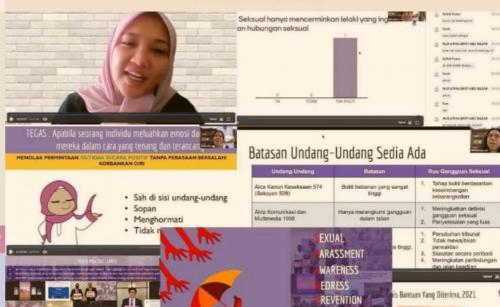


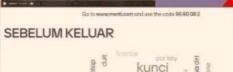
Discussing a doctor's role in managing abuse cases and possible barriers to providing care and comfort to victims of abuse.















ONLINE WORKSHO

MEDIA OUTREACH

IN BM ZH TA NGO报告揭770宗校园暴力,大多是性骚扰 Nov 30, 2021 8:13 PM · 重新: 8:17 PM Tinjauan: 44 peratus wanita pernah saksikan guru buat jenaka seks Diterbitkan: Sep 21, 2021 10:15 AM · Dikemyaskini: 10:15 AM Tinjauan awal dilancarkan oleh Pusat Kajian Tadbir

Tinjauan awal dilancarkan oleh Pusat Kajian Tadbir Urus dan Politik (Cent-GPS) - sebuah firma penyelidikan sains politik dan sosial yang berpusat di Kuala Lumpur - bekerjasama dengan All Women's Action Society (Awam) dan berlangsung dari 24 Ogos hingga 15 September ini tahun.

Responden melengkapkan kaji selidik melalui kaedah temu ramah yang dibantu oleh komputer dalam bahasa pilihan mereka - sama ada bahasa Inggeris atau bahasa Melayu.

AT A GLANCE



mic NEWS

graphic by syariman (malaysiak

Awam: Institutional change, diversity needed to fight sexual harassment in sports

Published: May 27, 2021 2:22 PM · Updated: 2:22 PM

Key sports agencies and institutions must make a firm stand of zero tolerance of sexual harassment and assault by creating an ecosystem that both prevents and addresses the issue, said the All Women's Action Society (Awam).

"The preventive prong should take the form of sexual harassment training programmes that inculcate awareness on types, causes and channels of redress

NEW / MAGAZINE ARTICLES RADIO APPEARANCES 439 11 PODCAST EPISODES TV APPEARANCES

AWAM on the News

We were in 50 online news/magazine portals.

Our organisation and/or its services were mentioned in 129 articles.

Our comments
on genderbased violence
and other
women's issues
were featured in
101 articles.

26

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7

sexual harassment survey in collaboration with Cent-GPS



anti-rape petitions



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radio appearances on BFM 1

report on sexual harassment, period spot checks and bullying in schools that was released in April 2021

1

Anti-Sexual
Harassment Bill
petition







public surveys on MPs' conduct in Parliament

'The Future of Youth Activism' forum

'AWAM x Canon: Gender Equality in the Workplace' forum

1

on our partnership with Truecaller

11

on talks organised by external stakeholders in which we were panellists

3

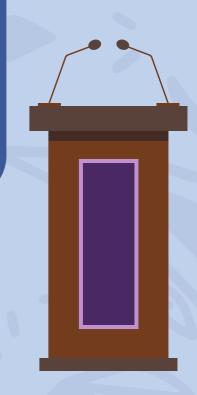
on our involvement in the Women's Tribunal and the Labour Day silent protest







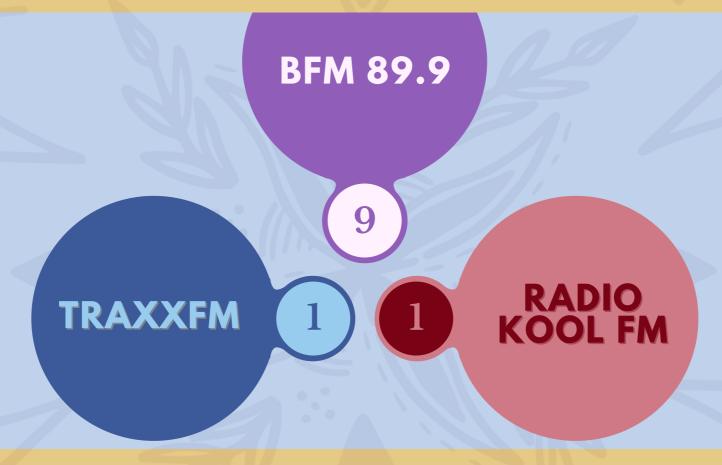
We released 2 press statements as an organisation.



We also jointly issued 42 press statements on women's issues and human rights violations with various civil society organisations and coalitions, such as . . .

the Joint Action for Gender Equality (JAG), CSO Platform for Reform and Gabungan Bertindak Malaysia (GBM).

AWAM on the Radio



We spoke about sexual harassment and abuse in schools, rape jokes, domestic violence and other current issues related to gender-based violence.

AWAM on Television

5

"Consider This",
"Fokus Minggu Depan"
and "Awani Tonight"
on Astro Awani

On sexual harassment and period spot checks, in general and in schools

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"八点最热报" on Astro AEC

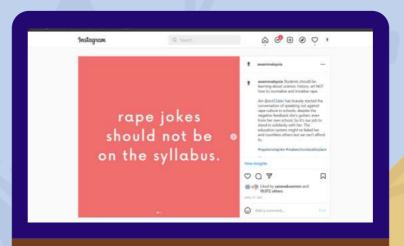
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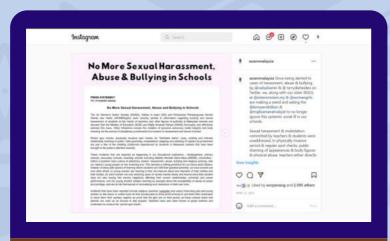
Month	Podcast	Topic
January	Gavelcast (by ALSA Malaysia)	Sexual Harassment: What You Need to Know
March	The Full Frontal	Malaysia Safe? Who Say Wan?
May	Seek to Speak	Deconstructing the Issues and Stories Behind #MakeSchoolASaferPlace Campaign
June	What Say Youth (by Centre for Independent Journalism)	Make School A Safer Place
August	(i) The Hubb Movement (ii) Gavelcast	(i) Women's Right or Plight? (ii) Sexual Harassment - Technically Not A Crime in M'sia

AWAM ON SOCIAL MEDIA



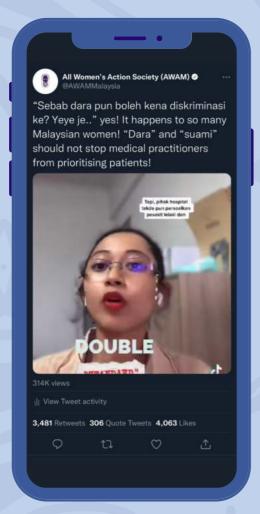








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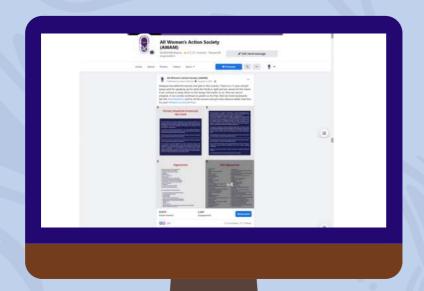
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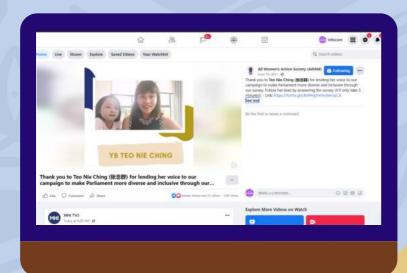


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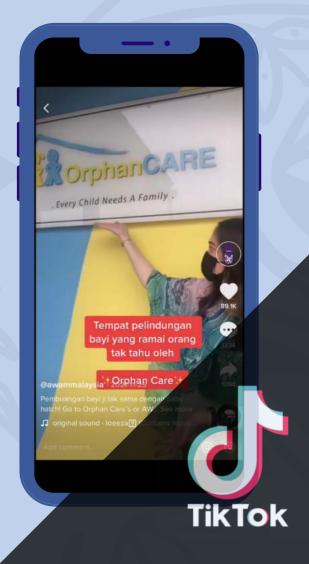




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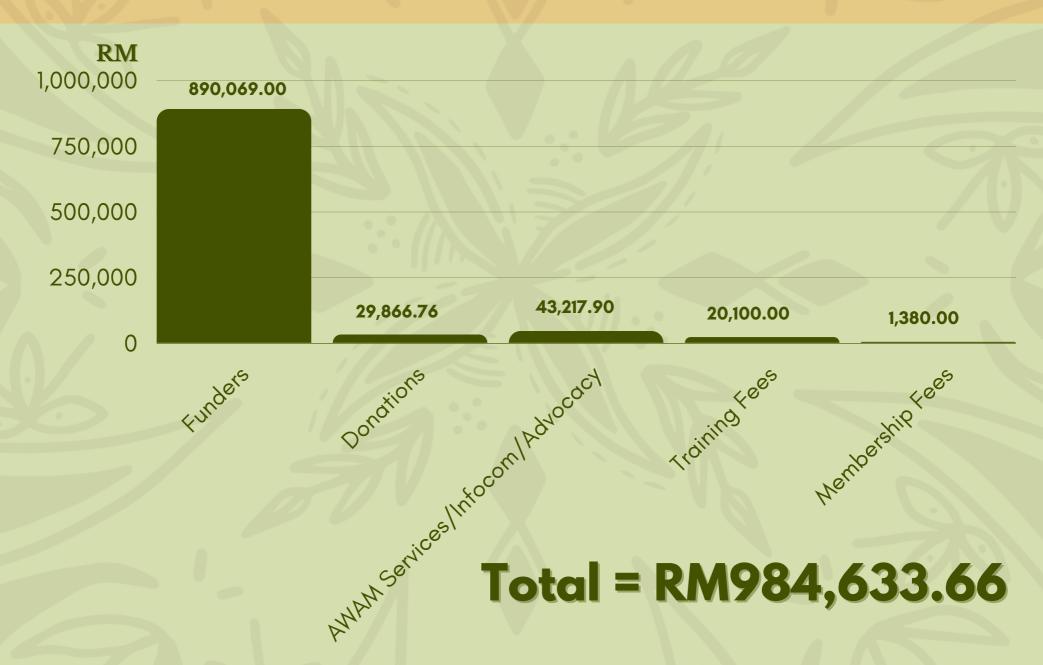




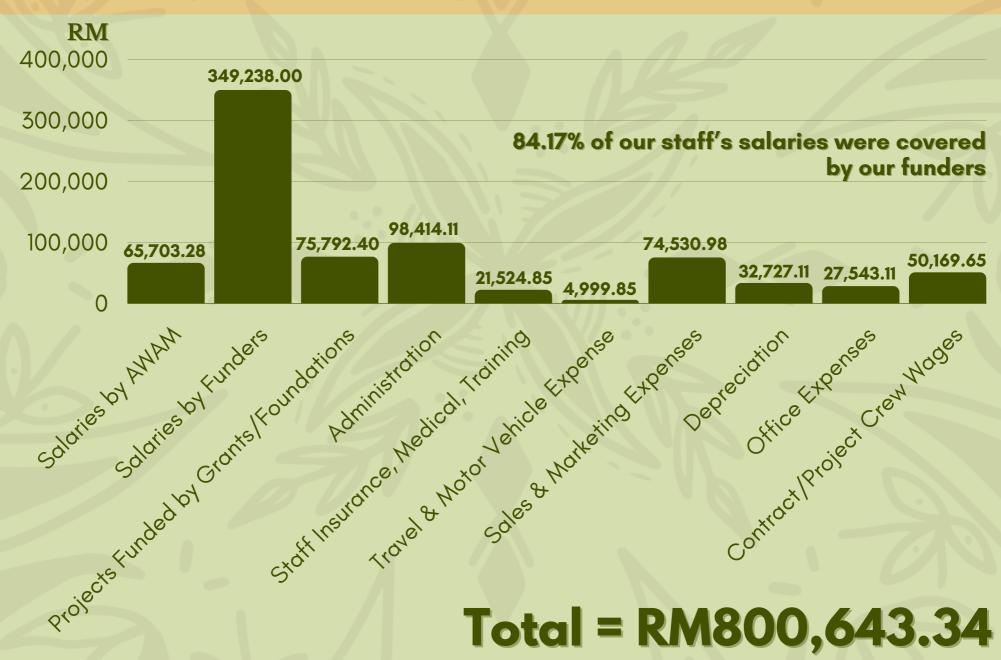


FINANCIALS

Breakdown of Income



Expenses



Total = RM800,643.34

PEOPLE OF AWAM

Our Board



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Sexual
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> > Aug '20 - Jul '21

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Programme Officer

Aisyah Nisa

(Joined in Oct '21)

Project Coordinator

Elsa Sabrina Fuad

Mar '21 - Sep '21

Social Media & Advocacy Officer

Shahirah Alyssa Yuzari

Mar '21 - Dec '21

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Tania Rajendran

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: AWAM'S ADVOCACY EVENTS

WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS AND TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT)

Date	Topic/Event Name	Organiser	Beneficiaries/Audience
26 March	Diversity & Inclusion: Cause and Effect of Sexual Harassment	AWAM & Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI)	Youth & Sports Ministry (KBS)
27 March	Sexual Harassment Awareness & Prevention	AWAM & Paralympic Council Malaysia (PCM)	Staff
27 March	Gender-Based Violence	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Activists & community members in Petaling Jaya
11 April	First Responder	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community leaders & CSO representatives in Kota Damansara
16 & 17 June	Skuad Waja (Wanita Anti- Jenayah)	Jabatan Pembangunan Wanita (JPW) Negeri Sembilan	

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15 July	Sexual Harassment At The Workplace	Honda Malaysia	Management and staff
18 & 19 July	Stepping Into Power: Faktor Cabaran Gender Dalam Parti Politik	AWAM & Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI)	Political party members
24 & 25 July	Stepping Into Power: Faktor Cabaran Gender Dalam Parti Politik	AWAM & Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI)	Political party members
20 September	Diversity & Inclusion: Cause and Effect of Sexual Harassment	AWAM & Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI)	Youth & Sports Ministry (KBS)

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22 September	Bengkel Latihan Jurulatih Kesedaran & Pengendalian Gangguan Seksual	AWAM & Malaysia Reform Initiative (MARI)	Youth and Sports Ministry (KBS) staff
27 September	Anti-Harassment Policy	Teach for Malaysia	Management
28 October	Sexual Harassment Awareness & Prevention	Acumen Academy	Participants from the Acumen Fellows program
26 November, 3, 10 & 17 December	WWF Network Standard	World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Malaysia	Staff

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3 January	A Safe Space: Let's Talk About It	University Malaya Students Union & A Safe Space	The public
22 January	Gangguan Seksual: Virus Dalam Masyarakat	Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM) & WAPtv Malaysia	The public
8 February	Sexual Harassment: The Freedom of Expression (FOE) & Laws Protecting the Victims	Manusia Bukan Boneka	The public
14 February	Santai Ahad: Istimewa Tahun Baru Cina	Institut Darul Ehsan (IDE) Selangor	The public
17 February	The Truth of Online Gender- Based Violence in Malaysia	The IGNITES	The public
3 March	Raise Sexual Harassment Awareness in Higher Education	University of Reading Malaysia	Students & the public

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4 March	#ChooseToChallenge - Resilient, Driven, Supportive	Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership	The public
6 March	Laws Discriminating Against Women, Legal Meh? Challenges, reform and the role of diplomacy	Malaysian Youth Diplomacy	The public
6 March	"My patient may have been abused, what should I do?"	Malaysian Medics International (MMI) Doctors	The public
8 March	Women In Leadership: Achieving An EQUAL FUTURE In A Covid-19 World	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia	The public
8 March	Women and COVID: A French- Malaysian Dialog	Alliance Française de KL	The public

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13 March	TEDx UoSM Butterfly Effect	TED x University of Southampton Malaysia (UoSM)	The public
20 March	Gender Equality in the Workplace	AWAM & Canon Malaysia	The public
28 March	Sexual Harassment: Violence Against Women in the Workplace	Project Women Brunei	The public
3 April	Equality and Violence	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members in Kota Damansara
4 April	Women and COVID: A French- Malaysian Dialog	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members in Kota Damansara
10 April	Gender-based violence briefing with Polis Diraja Malaysia	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members in Kota Damansara
11 April	Gender-based violence briefing with Polis Diraja Malaysia	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members in Petaling Jaya

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14 April	Managing Sexual Harassment and the Concept of Consent	Taylor's Law School	Students from Taylor's Law School
17 April	Our Constitution: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow	UM Consti Team	The public
24 April	Sexual Harassment: Doctors - The Hidden Victims	Malaysian Medics International (MMI)	The public
28 April	COVID-19 Through the Gender Lens	International Committee of the Red Cross Malaysia (ICRC)	The public
29 April	#PeriodShaming	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia	The public
29 May	Standing Up To Rape Culture	Project Girls for Girls (G4G) Malaysia	The public

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6 June	Total Lockdown: Mimpi Ngeri Bagi Pemandiri?	AWAN Nasional	The public
11 June	An Honest Conversation: Sexual Assault and Mental Health	Standup Malaysia	The public
12 June	Jenayah Siber dan Wanita	Perundang Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	The public
17 June	Pemerkasaan Wanita Dalam Era Pandemik	Media Selangor	The public
19 June	Equality and Violence	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members
20 June	Sexual Harassment and Toxic Masculinity	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members
3 July	Bual Bicara: Gangguan Seksual Dalam Kalangan Pelajar	Rancangan Khidmat Komuniti (RKK) Universiti Sains Malaysia	Students from SMK Bukit Jambul

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7 July	Diversity & Inclusion	CIMB	Staff
7 July	Sexual Harassment At The Workplace	YTL Corporation Berhad	Staff
9 July	The Future of Youth Activism	AWAM	The public
12 July	COVID-19 School Safety & Ending Harmful Practices	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia	The public
13 July	Connect to Inspire: Break The Stereotypes by All Women's Action Society (AWAM)	Axa Life	Staff
15 July	Pemeriksaan Haid: Pengawasan Moral Melampau	Telenisa (Sisters in Islam)	The public
17 July	Keharmonian Rumah Tangga	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members
12 August	Malaysia's Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill: Why Is It So Crucial?	Natasha Lama	The public

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21 August	The Abused in the Pandemic	United Kingdom and Eire Council for Malaysian Students (UKEC)	The public
28 August	SMKCK's 26th International Understanding Day	SMK Convent Kajang (SMKCK) Interact Club	SMKCK students
18 September	Gender-based violence briefing with Polis Diraja Malaysia	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members
28 September	Minda Sihat & Bebas Dari Gangguan Seksual	Majlis Sukan Negara Malaysia (MSN)	The public
26 October	Taylor's International Conference on the Future of Law and Legal Practice 2021	Taylor's Law School	Students & the public
6 November	Keganasan Rumah Tangga	Community leader from Rembau	Community members
20 November	Empowering Domestic Violence Survivors: The Role of Courts and Law Enforcement	The Malaysian Bar	The public

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23 November	Raising the Bar: Sexual Harassment Awareness Campaign	KLBC Gender Equality & Diversity Committee and Association of Women Lawyers	The public
25 November	Are Malaysians Regressing in Its Support For This Cause?	Malaysia Women Marathon	The public
27 November	Road to Justice	United Nations Malaysia & United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia	The public
30 November	Keganasan Terhadap Wanita: Di Mana Silapnya?	Management & Science University	Students
30 November	#MakeSchoolASaferPlace: Has Anything Really Changed?	AWAM & Save the Schools MY (STS)	The public
30 November	Hear Us Out, Increasing Violence Against Women in Asia during Pandemic!	Asia Alliance Against Torture	The public

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4 December	Becoming an Active Bystander with MCCHR/AWAM	MCCHR	The public
10 December	人权月推介礼暨讲座:齐视,不歧视——检视我 国性别平等政策	KLSCAH Youth	The public
15 December	Male Sexual Harassment Forum	AWAM	The public
16 December	Forum on Keeping Our Schools Safe	The Malaysian Bar	The public
17 December	Malaysia Women and Girls Forum: Understanding Bodily Autonomy As A Basis to End Violence Against Women & Girls - The Civil Society Perspective	United Nations Malaysia & United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia	The public
19 December	Herstory: Malaysian Mothers' Advocacy for Equal Rights to Confer Citizenship	AWAM & Family Frontiers	The public
29 December	Sexual Harassment: Jenayah di Sebalik Jenayah?	Kolej Rahim Kajai - UKM KRK	The public

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21 March	Bicara Komuniti (Kota Damansara) [Focus Group Discussion]	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members from Kota Damansara
3 April	Bicara Komuniti (Petaling Jaya) [Focus Group Discussion]	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community members from Petaling Jaya
12 June	Bicara Komuniti (Rembau) [Focus Group Discussion]	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Community leaders from Rembau
17 June	Bicara Komuniti (Rembau) [Focus Group Discussion]	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Children from a Children's Home in Rembau
18 June	Bicara Komuniti (Rembau) [Focus Group Discussion]	AWAM & Yayasan Hasanah	Women community members from Rembau
13 November	FAS Women's Football Focus Group	Football Association of Selangor (FAS)	
26 November	Demokrasi Lab (under the theme of Promoting Inclusivity in Malaysian Politics) [Video Interview]	UNDI18	Participants in Demokrasi Lab's Promoting Inclusivity in Malaysian Politics

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10 March	Challenging The Media On Gender Portrayal
16 April	Call to MOH for Responsible and Gender-Sensitive Information Dissemination
18 May	(i) MoE, Let's #MakeSchoolaSaferPlace (ii) KPM, Mari #MakeSchoolaSaferPlace
1 September	#Lawan Intimidation and Sexual Harassment of Women Activists
22 September	Sexual Harassment Has Gone On Long Enough: We Need A Survivor-Centric Anti- Sexual Harassment Bill

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24 September	Once again, NUTP, Please Take Sexual Harassment In Schools Seriously
10 November	Clearer Directives on Addressing Period Spot Checks and Long-Term Sexual Harassment Prevention Efforts Needed
19 November	(i) Open Letter to the Prime Minister on World Children's Day (ii) Surat Kepada YAB Perdana Menteri Sempena Hari Kanak-Kanak Sedunia
27 November	No More Violence in Schools
9 December	AWAM Supports Family Frontiers: Are Malaysian Mothers With Overseas-born Children Not A Part Of #KeluargaMalaysia?

ENDORSED AS JOINT ACTION GROUP FOR GENDER EQUALITY (JAG)

6 February	Increase Women's Representation: Adopt TWOAS Across Malaysia With Accountability
16 February	Uphold Accountability, End Impunity Of Sexual Harassment
8 April	JAG Condemns Efforts to Amend Act 355
6 May	JAG Urges the Ministry of Education (MoE) to be more Transparent in Investigations on Period Spot Checks and Sexual Harassment in Schools
29 May	Protect Our Children and Our Right to Equality
20 August	(i) New Government Must Prioritise Women, Children and Vulnerable Communities (ii) Kerajaan Baru Wajib Mengutamakan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Komuniti Rentan
17 September	JAG: Yes, we need the Sexual Harassment Bill

14 January	Statement By 100 Women, Children, Health And Other Civil Society Groups And Individuals – Objecting To Shahidan Kassim's Appointment To Committee On Women And Children's Affairs
20 February	Standing In Solidarity with MalaysiaKini: Apex Court's Decision Sets Worrying Precedent
24 February	Adakah Tindakan Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia Satu Penghinaan Mahkhamah?
12 March	Consent Has Clear Boundaries That Everyone Must Learn
18 March	CSOs' Joint Statement on The Universal Use of Allah

25 March	Solidarity for Charles Hector: Contempt Proceeding Against Lawyer
14 April	Malaysian Government Should Uphold Rule of Law and Release Simon Momoh Immediately
21 April	No More Sexual Harassment, Abuse and Bullying In Schools
27 April	Rape Threats Should Never Be Referred To As Jokes
29 April	Call For More Systematic And Context-Sensitive Action On Period Spot Check Issue In Schools

30 April	(i) Police Cartel and Police Independence (ii) Call for National School Walkout Day
1 May	(i) We Stand In Solidarity With Ain Husniza (ii) Solidariti bersama Ain Husniza (iii) Hold Schools Accountable for Sexual Harassment of Students
7 May	(i) Student Welfare Should Be Taken Seriously By NUTP (ii) Public Calling for Accountability in The Ministry of Education
11 May	Protect Our Students, Not Punish Them
24 May	Media Advocacy Groups Urge Authorities to Stop Using Harassment Tactics on Media for Their Reporting

1 June	PDRM Fails to Protect Detainees: Civil Society Demands Police Accountability & IPCMC
8 June	Petition to PM: Stop operations to nab undocumented migrants, focus on controlling spread of Covid-19
21 June	(i) Protect our students, table the Sexual Harassment Bill (ii) Lindungi Pelajar, Bentang Rang Undang-Undang Gangguan Seksual
28 June	Anti-LGBT amendments by the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) have wide-ranging impact on all persons in Malaysia
5 July	Reminder to govt: like charity, human rights begin at home
30 July	Disgraceful Behaviour in Parliament Needs to Stop

13 September	(i) Urging the Malaysian Government To Not Appeal Against High Court Ruling on Citizenship Conferment By Malaysian Mothers (ii) Bring Back the Spirit of IPCMC by the 2005 Royal Commission
23 September	(i) The Continuous Persecution of Nur Sajat Underscores Growing Extremism in Malaysia (ii) Penganiayaan berterusan terhadap Nur Sajat menandakan peningkatan ekstremisme yang semakin membimbangkan di Malaysia
21 October	Sabah Government Should Investigate Claims on Sexual Harassment and Misappropriation of Funds at Sabah Wildlife Rescue Unit
20 November	What true Keluarga Malaysia means and looks like for our children
14 December	Joint Statement Led by The People's Health Forum - For public health and affordability, Say 'Yes' to implementation of Medicines Price Regulation Phase 1
18 December	The Right to Know Declaration 2021: Building Back Better with the Right of Access to Information

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