

# Towards SSE with women in Informal Economy for Sustainability

**Social Solidarity Economy**

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# HomeNet Pakistan

HomeNet Pakistan(HNP) is a membership based network, comprising of membership-based organizations representing the majority of home based workers across Pakistan.

## **Vision**

- HomeNet Pakistan envisions a society in which home based workers are ensured visibility, recognition, legal and social protection, and a decent standard of living.

## **Mission**

- HomeNet Pakistan strives to empower home based workers and other women in the informal economy to realize their economic, political and social rights through the strengthening of their respective organizations, adoption of fair trade practices, resulting in the improvement of their working and living conditions, thus ensuring that home based workers have security of income, and participation in governance related to their concerns and livelihood. It represents 360 organizations of home based workers and currently has over 50,000 women members in 50 districts.

## **Objectives**

- Mainstreaming issues of informal workers including home-based workers and domestic workers in national and provincial policies
- Undertaking initiatives for Making informal workers visible
- Striving towards building an international network for home-based workers, and domestic workers, their organizations and NGOs, cooperatives, trade unions, researchers, women's groups etc. working in this field
- Coordinate an regional and international campaign for the improvement of informal workers' conditions of work
- Collect information on informal workers and to disseminate it to the members of the network and other interested organizations
- Provide technical assistance to women at all levels

## **Four Areas of Work**

- Policy watch
- Advocacy and Research for effective legislation
- Capacity development and leadership development
- Information development and dissemination

## Special Focus

- Organizing and Networking of women in the informal sector including home-based workers, domestic workers ,women worker and their organizations.
- Supporting development of policy and advocacy on key issues pertaining to women; with the government.
- Women economic development
- Demonstrating pilot approaches including social protection for the vulnerable groups; skill development for CVE affected groups (women and youth).
- Promoting fair trade practices for economic development
- Capacity development on human rights, women, legal and labour rights.
- Advocacy , networking and implementation of SDGs ( goal 5, 8)

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## DIMENSION

- **Socially responsible governance**

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- Believes in Inclusion and leaving No one Behind.
- Decision making is participatory with representation from grass root
- Works with Women , TGs, PWD, Youth , ethic groups, migrants and religious minorities

## **Edifying ethical values**

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- Human rights framework
- Feminist principles
- Decent work agenda
- UDHR
- CEDAW
- Core value of the SSEO

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## **Socio-economic benefits of the community**

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- Women economic empowerment
- Ensuring inclusion of all
- Creating equal opportunities for all for income generation
- Innovation for creating online marketing opportunities
- Digitalization
- Linking with government
- Access to MFI for collective businesses based on profit sharing

## **ECOLOGICAL CONSERVATION**

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- Collaboration with local government Clean city campaign
- Promotion of recycling materials for creating livelihood opportunities for income generation
- Skill development of women micro enterprise on organic kitchen gardening, poultry, home made food items (pickles, snacks,)for local Sunday markets and home delivery through app.
- Recently during COVID, supporting women HBWs to prepare face masks etc



## **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY**

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- Solidarity with women and Human rights
- Collaboration and networking
- Hard times during COVID but full facilitation to community, government and humanitarian org by creating linkages with women, TG and PWD groups for provision of ration in many cities


# Women groups across Country targeting Goal 5 & 8



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