

Pakistan — Human Rights and Women's Rights

QUESTION

What is Canada doing to promote women's rights in Pakistan?

SUGGESTED REPLY

- Women's rights are the cornerstone of Canada's development cooperation program in Pakistan, which seeks to make women full agents and beneficiaries of development.
- Some projects like the \$17-million Development of Women Health Professionals Program and the \$25 million Vocational Training Program specifically target women. In other cases, assistance is provided to local community based organizations to implement women's programs at a grassroots level.
- Through the Women in Development program, projects have sought to influence change with respect to discriminatory policies and attitudes, assist victims of violence, provide human rights training and mobilize women voters.