

About

- Vimochana, Bangalore-based feminist collective initiated in 1979 in collaboration with Centre for Informal Development Studies (CIEDS) collective by Dona Fernandez
- Focused public campaigns on dowry harassment, violence against women, sexual harassment
- Also deals with medico legal part involved in the unnatural deaths due to burns
- Launched a campaign on - right to die with dignity to address the dismal conditions in the burns unit in the city hospital



Initiatives:

Angala (The Courtyard) : The women's crisis intervention center, helping women to heal within, even as her immediate support needs – medical, social or legal are addressed.

- **Kuteera (The Refuge)** : Initiated at Kolar, a rural community. Address on issues relating to violence against women and on human rights violations



Campaigns

- To protect right of a woman/girl child to live
- **Victoria Hospital Burns Survivors Group:**
 - Support survivors who face rejections from family due to scars and disfigurement
 - Work of negotiating with families of survivors for supporting their growth
 - Training for police in investigations



Networks & Associations

- Asian Women's Human Rights Council
- National Network of Autonomous Women's Groups (NNAWGS)
- Streelekha
- Karnataka State Commission for Women
- Centre for Women's Development Studies
- Department of Women & Child Development



Training Programs

- Gender Sensitization and Awareness
- Sexual Harassment at Workplace
- Student Fieldwork, Internships and Volunteer Placements



Funds

- Medical treatment
 - Education support for women/children
 - Legal action support
 - Sponsorship for Skill Trainings for girls
- Tax Exemption: Exempt under Section 80(G)

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- To support women and strive for their rights particularly in tribal, rural and slum communities
- Focused public campaigns on dowry harassment, violence against women, sexual harassment
- The Vimochana Fund- received funds is used for medical treatment, education support for women and their children, Legal action support, Sponsorship for Skill Trainings for young girls

Answering the cry

The core of Vimochana is to respond to violence against women, especially domestic violence. **Most of the cases have been registered as cooking accidents and stove bursts.** All the services are free, but with that comes the difficulty of funds. With the help of charcoal artist Rupesh Patric, they have launched their 2012 calendar titled "Speed, Weed And Birth Control" which is for sale in an effort to bring in the money



A burning issue: Study links domestic violence to burn injuries in Bengaluru

Although a majority of burn cases are associated with domestic violence, it has been neglected as an area of research. To draw attention to this fact, Sochara, a community-based health group, and Vimochana, a forum for women's rights, have brought out a report titled '**Surviving burns with care: A gender-based analysis of burns epidemiology in Bengaluru and challenges to the health system**'.



Analysis Outcome: Burns Institute with more beds and the latest equipment to cater to the increasing number of burns cases

Vimochana to hold 'Court of Women'

Bangalore-based women's group Vimochana and the Asian Women's Human Rights Commission (AWHRC) are organizing a national-level "Court of Women" on dowry and related forms of violence against women in Bangalore in partnership with several voluntary organizations



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