

SRHR Violation Factsheet (2011-2012)

*“Violence on women means physical, psychological and social oppression. It includes physical abuse, rape, acid attack, burning, killing, etc. It is a violation of women's rights to physical integrity, to liberty and all too often, to her rights to life itself”. **

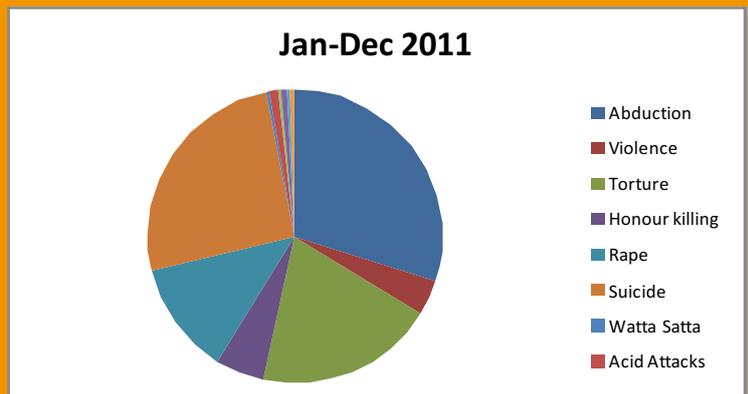
Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) violations targets women- the most vulnerable group of the society, who are more susceptible to violence and abuse.

- South Punjab has a rich history of tribal, feudal, and capitalist social structure and a woman's status is linked to socioeconomic status, caste and cultural norms. Data collected from 15 districts of South Punjab showed that these areas have reported the highest incidents of crime against women in the country.

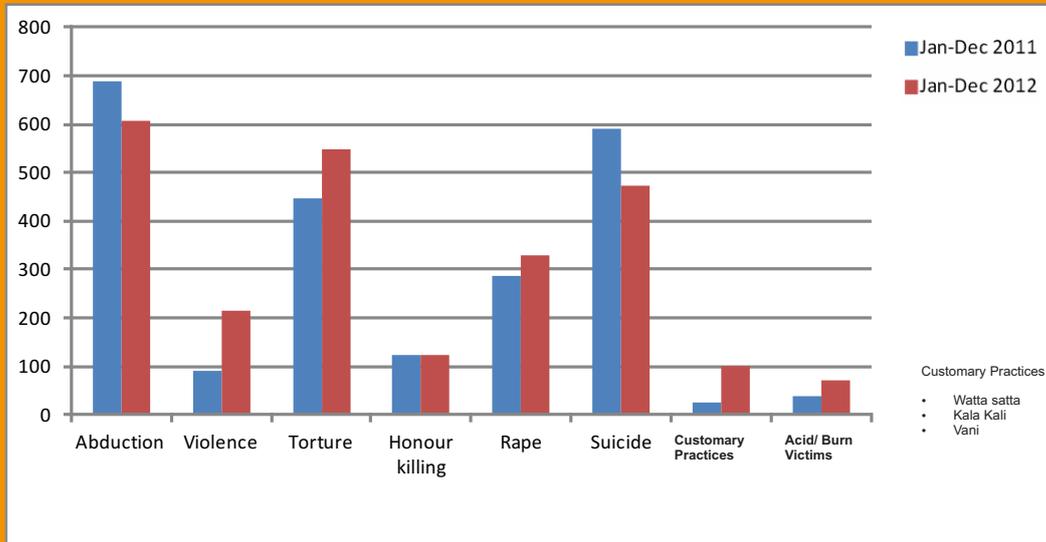
The term violence against women has been defined as the range of sexually, psychologically, and physically coercive acts used against women by current or former male intimate partners. It is the most pervasive yet least recognized Human rights abuse in the world.

- Awaz CDS data base unit keeps record of human rights in South Punjab. Information on GBV and SRHR violations is compiled through newspapers.
- Statistics in 2011 show:
 - 687 women were abducted in South Punjab region. Family disputes were a common cause.
 - 286 cases of rape were reported out of these 08 cases women were raped by police while in custody.
 - 448 torture cases against women were reported, out of which 90 were victims of domestic violence.

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Comparison of Gender Based Violence in 2011 and 2012



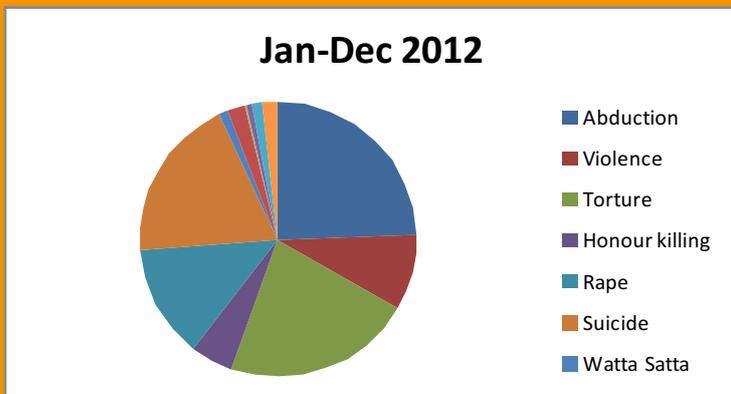
The statistics from the year 2012 also paint a similar picture.

- 606 abductions were reported.
- 329 women were raped.
- 122 women were victims of honor killing, 47 young girls were victims of Vani, 27 of Kala Kali and 26 of Watta Satta.
- 474 women committed suicide, while 199 women were murdered.

- 53 women suffered acid attacks, while 17 were burned alive.
- 135 women who married a person of their own choice were subjected to violence. 22 women were tortured by police.

** The figures shown are reflective of cases reported in the media, actual figures are thought to be higher than reported*

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National laws have been passed to protect the rights of women, including laws against anti women practices, domestic violence, protection against harassment and acid throwing. The onus now lies with the provincial assemblies to enact and implement laws to ensure that women across Pakistan are safe from all forms of violence.

* South Punjab, comprising of Multan, Bahawalpur and Dera Ghazi Khan division, makes up 48.5% of the total area of Punjab Province.