

Musalihat Anjumans effective in checking gender violence

ISLAMABAD—Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMAP) is providing conducive corridors to women to fight against gender based violence.

Musalihat Anjumans are administering justice to the victims of various forms of violence alongside playing their vital role in resolving different types of disputes, which may breed violence, said National Project Manager GJTMAP Hamid Raza Afridi here Monday.

He said women are, in most cases, politically and economically powerless, even in the most specific areas, pertaining to women and their respective problems, they remain victims of whimsical decisions made and imposed by men on them without

their consent.

Therefore, one way of having a say to women, at least in their own affairs, is to make them part of the whole decision making process. Accordingly, Musalihat Anjumans are going a long way in giving representation to women in decision making process.

According to Local Government Ordinance (LGO) 2001, a Musalihat Anjuman should, preferably, include a woman as its member. Bringing social change and breaking through the age old status quo, predominantly held by men, is not an easy task.

It needs consistent, dedicated and sustained efforts to bring about the desired results.

GJTMAP has been making

its efforts since 2005 persistently to bring about this change in the society, in selected districts, so that women should not only be aware of their legal rights but they should also be able to enjoy them too.

In this connection, all out efforts are being made to increase women representation in the Musalihat Anjumans in all the Project Districts. Out of total 1054 Musalihat Anjumans constituted, 680 have women representation (68 percent).

An amazing 100 percent women representation has been witnessed in Musalihat Anjumans notified in five new Project districts (Loralai, Gwadar, Ziarat, Mianwali and Jhelum).—APP