

**WAR AGAINST RAPE
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
June to August 2014**

The internship program of War Against Rape (WAR) during the summer months of June to July 2014 has been a very successful and productive one. The interns worked in cooperation with WAR’s professional staff and took part in compiling data, editing research reports in English and their translations into Urdu, assisted in fund raising events, updating the web site, making field visits to shelter homes, courts, police stations, meeting with survivors of sexual abuse receiving free legal aid, psychotherapeutic counseling, basic medical assistance, and crisis intervention.

One of the interns, Hannah Sutton, prepared a project proposal for the security needs for WAR.

The interns came from various national and international schools, colleges and universities.

NATIONAL

Institute of Business Administration

Osama Hayat Khan-BBA

Nixon College

Ilma Husain-A level

Bahria University

Saima Nouman-Bahria- BS Psychology

Sana Raheel-BS Psychology

Maheen Bandhani- BS Psychology

INTERNATIONAL	
<p>Australia Hannah Sutton B.S Sociology & Anthropology Curtin University</p>	<p>Turkey Ozge Kaya B.S. Political Science & International Relations Bogazici University, Istanbul.</p>
<p>Netherlands</p> <p>Marloes Thijs B.S. Conflict Studies, Cultural Anthropology & Development Sociology. Utrecht & Leiden University</p> <p>Anne Westerweele M.S. History & Conflict Studies Utrecht University, Utrecht</p>	<p>Germany</p> <p>Sophie Ebbecke B.A. in Political Science & Islamic Studies Christian-Albrechts University, Kiel</p> <p>Vivian Hille B.A. International Studies Bielefeld University, Bielefeld</p> <p>Stephanie Gast Zepada B.A. International, Cultural & Business Studies University of Passau, Passau</p>
<p>United Kingdom One student came to work as a volunteer intern on her own initiative. WAR provided her with accommodation, hospitality and transport in Karachi.</p> <p>Nadine Mariah Kamalaneson B.A. English Literature Queen Mary, University of London</p>	

Most of WAR’s international volunteer interns came from various countries via the AIESEC-IBA (Association of International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce partnered by Institute of Business Administration) program. AIESEC-IBA provided them with

accommodation, hospitality and transport in Karachi. WAR provided them the facility of working in our projects in cooperation with our staff.

Pakistani students studying abroad elected to intern with WAR while visiting Karachi for their summer vacation.

Aniqah Sheikh

LLB Law & International Relations
University of Surrey London UK.

Noor Sattar

LLB
School of Oriental And African Studies (SOAS).

Hiba Thobani

LLB University of London, UK
Bar Professional Training Course.
University of West England (UWE) Bristol, UK

COMMENTS OF INTERNEES

NAME: Hiba Thobani (Aug-Sept 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: University of West England (UWE) Bristol

EXPERIENCE AT WAR: As a lawyer starting my career in Karachi, WAR provided a smooth transition from student life into the legal profession. It was a pleasure to work with WAR's permanent staff and in particular it's in house lawyer Ms Munir. Her passion came through in all her work and it was a wonderful learning experience to attend city court with her. I have huge respect for the people working tirelessly to run this organization and hope to continue working with them in the future.

NAME: Noor Sattar (Aug-Sept 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: School Of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

EXPERIENCE AT WAR: I joined war as a third year law student hoping to gain some experience in the legal field, however I left with a reformed identity and much more to offer. The work ranged from research projects to developing and editing the annual news letter as well as city court visits, where we sat in on actual cases and even witnessed encounters with the accused and survivors' families. My experience at WAR has been a whirlwind (to describe it best) where not only have I learned the day to day workings of an NGO, but also adopted a lot of qualities from the staff such as empowerment, confidence and strength to strive till success. I enjoined every minute of my time here, made some great friends and experienced a whole new meaning to life as I knew it.

NAME: Sophie E (Sept 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: CAU

EXPERIENCE AT WAR: My internship at WAR ensured me a great overview regarding social issues faced by many women in Pakistan. It provided me with a practical experience about the work in the field of human rights. My work included going through the newspaper finding incidents regarding sexual abuse and harassment as well as working in the marketing apartment. I am thankful for the time I spend here and the things I learned during my internship.

NAME: Hannah Sutton

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: Curtin University

EXPERIENCE AT WAR: WAR is a place of inspiration, filled with people passionate about making a change in Pakistan and empowering women. Being an NGO that focuses on an issue which is a social stigma in society, there have been many threats against the staff both in the office and on the field. I then feel that my task of applying for security grants to help the safety of the staff is important and I love coming in to work on it every day. It is a work environment that keeps you informed, active and always ready to challenge yourself.

NAME: Ozge Kaya (Jun-Jul 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: Bogazici University



EXPERIENCE AT WAR: For the first time in my life I am working for an NGO for sexual violence survivors in Karachi. This project was one of the most attractive aspects for me to come to Pakistan. We search newspapers everyday for sexual violence and rape cases. It is done because in Pakistani society rape is a common crime. But, unfortunately, survivors and their families hesitate to reveal affairs and to challenge for justice. Additionally, we visited a shelter house for sexual violence survivors which were really interesting. In our small NGO office, in fact, we cannot do something crucial to emancipate women in Pakistan society. However it has been a great experience.

NAME: Maheen Bandhani (Jun-Aug 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: Bahria University



EXPERIENCE AT WAR: My experience at WAR went beyond just the internship exposure it offered me. The work that we did, as well as being in the company of international internees changed my thinking about social issues greatly. It not only opened my mind to the prevailing social issues in Pakistan, but also exposed me to the problems faced by young girls my age. Therefore, I feel like I have become more compassionate and sensitive to issues like these.

NAME: Marloes Thijs (Jun-Jul 2014)

UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL AFFILIATION: Utrecht University



EXPERIENCE AT WAR: My time at WAR was something special. It was so inspiring to see both the permanent staff as well as the volunteers being so passionate and committed to a cause so controversial in Pakistan. This autumn, WAR will celebrate its 25th anniversary, hopefully the wonderful people at WAR will be able to provide services for rape survivors and fight for social change for many years to come.