## Imece Women's Centre's IMPACT

Assisted over 30,000 women and children to flee from various forms of violence including Forced Marriage (FM) and Honour Based Violence (HBV);

Supported more than 150,000 women and children to have better lfe chances and access and practice their rights and entitlements;

Advocated on behalf of women with No Recourse to Public Fund (NRPF) refugee and women asylum seekers to ensure that they gain access to protection;

Addressed social and economic inequalities experienced by our users by providing quality information, eractical support and opportunities

practical support and opportunities for women to achieve their aspirations;

Secured resources to maintain our core services and develop new services to meet the various of needs of women from our communities;

Adopted a flexible, culture and gender-sensitive and user-centered approach for our service provision and have always looked for better practices;

Campaigned against issues affecting women and children in our communities and succeeded to change some attitudes and perceptions within the community;

Developed effective partnership working practices with other women's organisations, statutory service providers and the police;

Carried out various research projects to identify needs and gaps and develop sustainable solutions;

Over the years we went beyond our communities in service provision and started supported women from other Black Minority Ethnic communities;

Provided intensive capacity building programmes and training for over 50 organisations to set up their domestic violence service to support women in their own communities;

Made a remarkable contribution to work force development through our successful volunteering project – Many of our volunteers are subsequently recruited by mainstream service providers;

Achieved relatively stable financial position under very difficult economic climate;

Consistently searched for better practices and quality assurance systems. Achieved and retained the Advice Quality Standard (formerly Community Legal Service Quality Mark) and OICS.

Shared our expertise with other frontline practitioners by providing specialist training, workshops and conferences; and shaped local and regional VAW service provision for the women from BME communities.

Led a European-wide project to highlight the VAW experience of BME women in European members states and demonstrated how states are failing to protect them due to racism and discrimination;

Provided trainings on combating violence against women to hundreds of civil servants such as police, social services, health services, municipal officials and teachers;

Organized healthy relationships programs for children and young people at schools;

Took part in the panels on femicide based on domestic violence as an expert. Wrote reports and made presentations for the correction and improvement of the applications of authorized institutions;

Continued tirelessly from a small local service organization to an institution that produces, influences and contributes to the policies at the Britian and European Union level.