



HERvoices: From Sindh

Personal Testimonies from Women and Girls of the Sindh Province of Pakistan

After Partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947, the Sindh region in the Indus River valley was divided between India and the newly formed Pakistan. Along with many other ethnic groups across the subcontinent, the Sindhi community was split apart: Generally, the Sindhi Hindus fled to India, while the Sindhi Muslims stayed in what became Pakistan. Thus, today, the majority of Sindhis who remain in Pakistan are followers of Islam; simultaneously, they remain practitioners of Sufism, a culture and spirituality devoted to nonviolence, tolerance, and nature.

“I am scared of the current situation everywhere, with destruction taking place around the world. It worries me and makes me afraid . . .”

Anam, age 14, *HERvoices: From Sindh*

In *HERvoices: From Sindh*, a beautifully simple slide-show presentation, nine Sindhi women and girls share their ideas about education, motherhood, being a woman in the Sindhi community of Pakistan, developments in Sindh, global relations, and war. “Will we be next,” one young woman asks as she reflects on what was, at the time, the “imminent war in Iraq.” Another woman, struggling in a poor family with a domineering husband, explains: “I am proud to be a woman though because I can understand the needs of my daughter.”

Vital to the presentation is the direct involvement of the hosting community: the Sindhis’ testimonies are read by female members of the audience. This enables the audience members to be more fully engaged, as the barrier between ‘us’ and ‘them’ is made porous.

“It is an eye opener that will send chills through your body -- both heart wrenching and a tribute to the human spirit. These are our mothers, sisters, daughters, and most importantly, children of a supreme and universal being . . . Their voices must be heard!”

Mr. V., age 56, audience member

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Sometimes, just speaking about your life can inform you of your own importance; and, Often, hearing about her life can resolve something in you and remind you of your humanity.