

**Title of the project: FSWs in okara city.**

**Target Area:**Okara  
**Target Group:**FSWs  
**Location:**Okara

**Introduction:**

FSWs are functioning in al the major cities of Pakistan. Although not many studies have been conducted on the behavior of female sex workers in Pakistan,. there is anecdotal evidence regarding prevalence of unsafe sexual practices among them including low condom use and inability to negotiate safer practices.

FSWs have a little access to information and services for reproductive health /RTI/STIs/&HIV/AIDS.The present study is conducted to check and upgrade the level of information regarding HIV/AIDS&STIs.

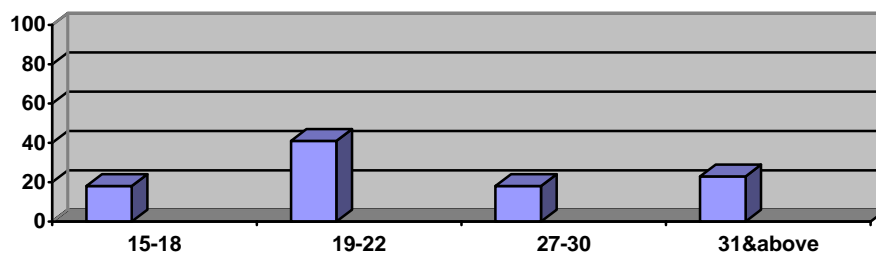
**Objectives:**

Main objective of the project was to study the followings:

- Situational analysis /Mapping.
- Level of information regarding HIV/AIDS/STI.  
Societal and educational position.
- Myths and misconceptions.

**Findings:**

• **Age Group**



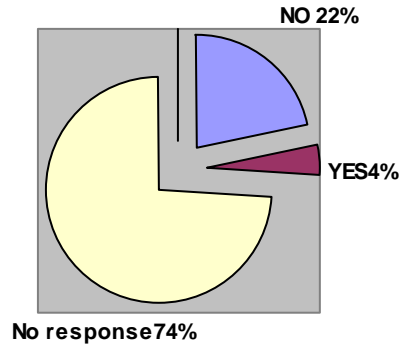
•**STIs knowledge**

| Yes | No  | NO RESPONSE |
|-----|-----|-------------|
| 8%  | 90% | 2%          |

•**Profession of the clients:**

| Teacher | Drivers | Students | Laborer | Police | Feudal | Businessman |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|--------|--------|-------------|
| 10%     | 50%     | 44%      | 10%     | 6%     | 25%    | 26%         |

•Condom use:

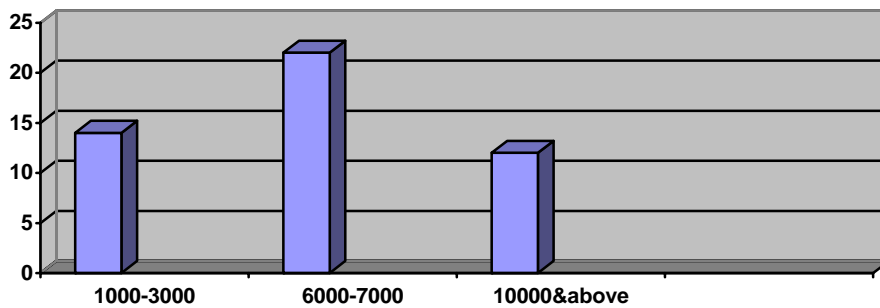


•A majority (70%) of female sex workers are living in okara by birth.

•HIV/AIDS knowledge:

| YES | NO  |
|-----|-----|
| 10% | 90% |

•Monthly income:



•10% FSWs are involved in their profession from last 13 and above years, while 18% are involved in sex work for last 4 to 6 years.

