

## **APS Widow Project Policy**

The Widow Project of the Association for Progressive Society (APS) aims to address the unique challenges faced by widows within our community. Recognizing the vulnerability of widows, APS is committed to providing support, resources, and advocacy to empower widows and promote their well-being.

### **Objective:**

The primary objective of the Widow Project is to improve the quality of life for widows by offering various forms of assistance, including but not limited to financial support, emotional counseling, legal aid, and skills training.

### **Policy Guidelines:**

#### ***Financial Support:***

- a.** APS will allocate a portion of its budget specifically for the Widow Project to provide financial assistance to widows in need.
- b.** Financial support may include monthly stipends, educational grants for children, and emergency funds for critical situations.
- c.** Eligibility for financial assistance will be determined based on an assessment of the widow's financial status and needs.

#### ***Emotional Counseling:***

- a.** APS will offer counseling services to widows to help them cope with grief, loneliness, and emotional distress.
- b.** Trained counselors or psychologists will be available to provide individual or group counseling sessions, either in person or remotely.
- c.** Counseling services will be confidential, and widows will have the option to seek support anonymously if desired.

#### ***Legal Aid:***

- a.** APS will collaborate with legal professionals to offer free or subsidized legal aid to widows.
- b.** Legal assistance may include assistance with inheritance rights, property disputes, accessing government benefits, and other legal matters relevant to widows.
- c.** Widows will be provided with information about their rights and legal options to make informed decisions regarding their legal affairs.

#### ***Skills Training and Empowerment:***

- a.** APS will organize vocational training programs and workshops to equip widows with skills that enhance their employability and economic independence.
- b.** Training opportunities may include sewing, handicrafts, computer literacy, entrepreneurship, and other relevant skills based on the needs and interests of the widows.

c. APS will facilitate access to microfinance initiatives or small business grants to support widows in starting their own businesses or income-generating activities.

***Advocacy and Awareness:***

a. APS will advocate for the rights and welfare of widows at the local, regional, and national levels.

b. The organization will raise awareness about the challenges faced by widows and work to eliminate social stigma and discrimination against them.

c. APS will collaborate with government agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders to develop policies and programs that address the needs of widows effectively.

***Monitoring and Evaluation:***

a. APS will establish a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to assess the impact of the Widow Project and ensure accountability.

b. Regular assessments will be conducted to measure the effectiveness of various interventions and identify areas for improvement.

c. Feedback from widows and stakeholders will be solicited and used to refine and enhance the Widow Project over time.

The Widow Project of the Association for Progressive Society is committed to providing comprehensive support to widows, empowering them to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience. Through financial assistance, emotional counseling, legal aid, skills training, advocacy, and awareness-raising efforts, APS endeavors to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for widows within our community.

This policy document serves as a guiding framework for the implementation and management of the Widow Project, ensuring that it remains aligned with the mission and values of APS.