

# Rape Crisis Network

Nationwide Network of Volunteers to help rape victims

## I. Description

Rapes, domestic violence and sexual harassment has been a recurrent problem for our country. This gets highlighted every now and then when some cases cause outrage amongst our citizens. However, a lot of victims end up not getting justice due to a plethora of reasons: not reporting due to fear of further persecution and social stigma, lack of information, police not writing the report, no proper medical attention, mental breakdown etc.

On the other hand, there are a lot of NGOs and volunteers who are willing to accompany the victims for legal, medical and psychological help. However, information about them is scattered and it is difficult for victims experiencing trauma to be able to find the information when they need it the most.

We propose a **single nation-wide database** of legal and medical volunteers for victims to contact. Instead of providing a big list of the volunteers and organizations, we propose to display that information in a website with an interactive map and relevant color coding for easy access of information. We also propose a 24x7 helpline, as well as a SOS app for the victim to seek help. This helpline will be attended by sensitive volunteers who will take care of contacting the relevant organizations and following up with them, as the victims are usually not in a state to do all this by themselves.

## II. Plan of Action

We plan to build a website and an application with the following features to help the victims:

1. Centralized Database – Rape Crisis Network will compile an exhaustive list of organisations and volunteers who help the victims for legal, medical and psychological help.
2. Interactive Map – We will build an interactive map which will show all the registered organizations on a map with their contact details. This information will be colour coded based on the type of help provided (legal, medical or psychological). Such an interactive map will help victims and people helping them access the pertinent information quickly as time is of essence during such crisis situations.
3. Rape Statistics – We will also provide data and visualizations for rape cases in India with a two-fold objective: to raise awareness amongst the citizens about the crisis at a national and local level and to identify lacunas in districts and talukas which might be failing to report cases or taking appropriate actions.
4. 24x7 helpline – We will be setting up a call centre with sensitive and trained operators manning the line so that the victims do not have to call different organisations and follow up while they are in traumatic condition.
5. SOS App – A very basic SOS app will be developed where just with a push of a button, the victim can share their location as well as their phone number so that the call center operators can call them back. This is in case the helpline is busy, or for cases where the victim might be too much in distress to make a phone call. Pushing a button will hopefully be less difficult for them in their circumstances.

### III. Financial Requirements

There are two different types of financial requirements for this project; personnel as well as material costs. In terms of personnel, we will need one app developer to develop and maintain the website, as well as *at least* four full-time trained operators for the helpline. For material costs, we will only need minimal investment for maintaining servers as well as a domain name.

**Note - All costs mentioned here are per-month basis.**

#### A) Budget

Table 1 – Personnel

<i>Expertise</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total estimated Price</i>
App + Website developer	1	20,000
Helpline Operators	4	20,000
<b>Total Price</b>		<b>1,00,000</b>

Table 2 – Material

<i>Object</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total estimated Price</i>
Server	1	400
Domain name	1	100
<b>Total Price</b>		<b>500</b>

**Total amount solicited: 1,00,500 per month**

#### B) Timeline of the development

Sl. No.	Activity		July-2020	Aug-2020	Personnel
1	Compilation of Database	P	■	■	RCN
		A			
2	Gathering Statistics	P	■	■	SR, (??)
		A			
3	Website and App Development	P	■	■	AA
		A			
4	Hiring and Training Helpline Operators	P		■	RCN
		A			

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