



# THE WOMEN IN DISTRESS AND DETENTION FUND ACT, 1996



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## ACT NO. XV OF 1996

*An Act to establish a fund for women in distress and detention*

Whereas it is expedient to provide for establishment of a fund for women in distress and detention in need of legal aid and assistance and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows: —

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) “Board means the Board Governors set up under section 6 ;

(b) “Fund” means the Fund for women in Distress and Detention established under section 3; and

(c) “women in distress and detention” means a female or a class of females in need of financial assistance to alleviate her or their miseries due to detention, litigation or for similar connected matters.

**3. Establishment of the Fund.** The Federal Government shall establish the Fund for Women in Distress and Detention to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**4. Purpose of the Fund.** The purpose of the Fund shall be to provide financial and legal assistance to women in distress and detention.

**5. Sources of Fund.**—(1) The Fund shall consist of the following sources, namely:—

(a) grants from the Federal Government and Provincial Governments;

(b) aid and assistance from local, national and international agencies;

(c) contributions from the statutory bodie., corporations, private organizations and individuals; <sup>1</sup>[\*\*]

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<sup>1</sup> Amended by Ord. 112 of 2002, s.2.