

## **Pasundan Durebang Women's Crisis Center Receives Award from National Commission on Violence Against Women for Gender-Based Violence Response Coordination and Victim Support Strengthening**

Pasundan Durebang Women's Crisis Center was honored by **Komnas Perempuan** (the National Commission on Violence Against Women) on **October 16, 2024**, for its outstanding contribution in the **Coordination of Gender-Based Violence Response and Strengthening Victim Support Services**. The award acknowledges the center's exceptional role in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and providing critical support to survivors.

Established on **March 9, 2013**, in Bandung, Pasundan Durebang is a service institution under the ownership of **Gereja Kristen Pasundan** and has become one of the leading organizations in West Java, focused on fighting GBV. Its programs, which serve women and vulnerable groups, are supported by **Mission 21**, an international partner dedicated to justice and human rights.

### **Effective Coordination for Survivor Care**

Komnas Perempuan recognized Pasundan Durebang for its leadership in coordinating the response to GBV by fostering collaboration between various local stakeholders, including law enforcement, health services, and legal advocates. This coordinated approach ensures that survivors receive comprehensive care and support.

"Our commitment is to provide holistic and integrated services for survivors, ensuring they can access legal, psychological, and social support," said Ira Imelda, director of Pasundan Durebang Women's Crisis Center. "This recognition reflects the collaborative efforts of our partners and team members, who work tirelessly to support victims and end the cycle of violence."

### **Strengthening Victim Support**

Pasundan Durebang was also praised for its continuous efforts to strengthen services for survivors. In addition to crisis intervention, the center offers counseling, legal assistance, and educational programs designed to empower survivors and help them rebuild their lives. Their approach includes working with vulnerable groups such as children, people with disabilities, and other marginalized communities.

### **A Church-Based Center with Global Impact**

As a church-based institution owned by **Gereja Kristen Pasundan**, Pasundan Durebang's work is a prime example of the powerful impact that faith-based initiatives can have on community welfare. Through the support of **Mission 21**, Pasundan Durebang has expanded its reach, offering long-term and sustainable services that focus on both prevention and response to gender-based violence.

## **Commitment to the Future**

The award from Komnas Perempuan serves as a milestone in Pasundan Durebang's journey, yet the center remains deeply committed to continuing its fight against GBV. "This award is a significant achievement, but it also motivates us to keep pushing forward," Ira Imelda remarked. "We will continue to advocate for the rights of women and vulnerable groups while enhancing our services to better support survivors." This recognition underscores the importance of strong partnerships, both locally and internationally, in addressing gender-based violence and supporting survivors. Pasundan Durebang Women's Crisis Center is a model of how organizations can lead the way toward gender justice and empowerment, standing at the forefront of efforts to build a safer and more equitable society for all.

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On Behalf of Pasundan Durebang Women's Crisis Center

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