

Canadian Center for Women's
Empowerment (CCFWE)

Annual Report - 2021



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MESSAGE FROM Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) CCFWE BOARD CHAIRS



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Economic Abuse is the focus of this organization and we were created to address Economic Abuse through advocacy, education, research, economic empowerment, and pushing for policy changes.

We have come a long way since our inception, yet there is still a long way to go. The COVID-19 pandemic not only exposed the detrimental effects of Economic Abuse on so many Canadian women, but also exacerbated their challenges. We, in response, deepened our resolve, commitment, and action.

The CCFWE Board of Directors is firmly established, we have held our first official director's meeting, an AGM, approved our by-law, and have & will continue to develop our governance structures.

This year was monumental in securing our first Government of Canada funding, we look forward to diversifying our revenue to be able to expand our reach and impact in the coming years.

We would like to thank our fellow board members for their commitment and leadership, as well as Task Force members, partners, and collaborators. A special note of appreciation goes to CCFWE staff and volunteers.

We also applaud Meseret Haileyesus, who this year was honored as 2021 Ottawa Top 40 Under 40, as well as a L'oreal Paris Woman of Worth. As Founder and Executive Director, with her vision, determination, leadership, and tireless energy, she truly is the heart of this organization.

WORDS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) has adapted and sparked change throughout this challenging but remarkable year, making an impact in the lives of survivors, allies, and the general public across Canada and beyond.

CCFWE has seen that the COVID-19 pandemic has severely exacerbated Economic Abuse by increasing the financial dependence of victims on abusers due to prolonged unemployment, Covid-19 lockdowns, and economic hardship.

In the first-of-its-kind study on Economic Abuse survivors and victims in Canada conducted by CCFWE, findings demonstrated that the majority of survivors of family violence were forced to remain in abusive relationships during the pandemic for financial or health reasons. 93% of women have experienced their perpetrator withholding; money they needed for food, clothes, paychecks, financial aid cheques, tax refunds, disability, or other support payments.

Many victims of Economic Abuse did not receive the support they needed which resulted in negative effects on their; mental health, trauma recovery, homelessness and housing challenges, child maltreatment, economic safety planning, lack of money, stigma, discrimination, and health-seeking behavior.

CCFWE is proud of its 2021 achievements in its second year of existence and is grateful for the tremendous support we received from volunteers, allies, policymakers, and organizations. CCFWE wants to extend its gratitude to all partners this past year and looks



forward to working collaboratively in 2022 to continue building hope in the lives of survivors of Economic Abuse.

Grants continue to provide the mainstay for our funding requirements which currently supports the only Canadian research targeted at addressing Economic Abuse. A very generous thank you to the federal government of Canada which continues to make available core funding which forms an essential base by which we can bring system change.

Thank you to the Board of Directors who supported many new projects and initiatives this past year to govern our organization and establish a strong foundation to move forward.

Thank you to the incredible and passionate staff who pushed through the uncertainty to continue to support women and system change. To all those who gave their time, energy, and talent to us at events, or virtually, thank you for making a difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meseret Haileyus'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sincerely,
Meseret Haileyus
Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

The Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) is the only national organization in Canada dedicated to fighting Economic Abuse through system change, advocacy, policy change mentorship, and economic empowerment.

CCFWE works collaboratively with organizations, advocates, corporations, policymakers, and survivors to develop a comprehensive approach to addressing Economic Abuse and empowering survivors to rebuild their lives and gain control of their finances.

OUR MISSION

CCFWE's mission is to create a world where domestic violence survivors can access the resources they require for their safety and financial independence. Among other efforts, CCFWE seeks to educate the public on what Economic Abuse is, how to recognize it within the context of domestic abuse, and how to seek help.

WHY DO WE WANT TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC ABUSE?

Economic Abuse is a seldom-talked-about yet prevalent issue faced by survivors of domestic violence. Studies have shown that more than 95% of domestic violence victims also experience some form of Economic Abuse. While Economic Abuse is experienced by women from all backgrounds, regions, and income levels, women from marginalized groups, including Black, racialized, and Indigenous women, are at a higher risk.

Economic Abuse leads to long-term economic consequences for many women, mainly in the form of debt and damaged credit. These consequences can have a direct impact on a woman's future including housing security as well as her ability to rebuild economic security. Addressing debt or damaged credit after leaving an abusive relationship is a complex and time-consuming process with a few positive outcomes.

WHAT WE DO

1

Policy influencing and system change to address Economic Abuse

CCFWE advocates to remove structural financial obstacles that impact the economic empowerment of survivors.

We work together with policymakers, financial institutions, credit unions, professional service providers, shelters, consumer lawyers, and women's organizations to coordinate a national, cross-sectoral approach to understanding, addressing, and preventing Economic Abuse.

2

Awareness and education about Economic Abuse

CCFWE develops evidence-based, survivor-centered, culturally-sensitive public awareness campaigns and educational resources for survivors, allies, and employees in the judicial system, social services, and financial institutions to identify and respond to Economic Abuse.



3

Research and evidence-based practice on Economic Abuse

CCFWE initiates, conducts, and shares research to better understand the prevalence of Economic Abuse in Canada and to assess the economic safety needs of survivors of Economic Abuse during and post-COVID-19. CCFWE will be continuing to conduct research to identify data gaps regarding Economic Abuse and women's support service providers in Canada.

4

Capacity Building to Address Economic Abuse

CCFWE is working to increase capacity to accelerate activities and ensure the sustainability of CCFWE's work ahead.

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

9+

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCFWE successfully conducted 9+ community engagement consultations for the inclusion of Economic Abuse in the National Action Plan (NAP) to End Gender-Based Violence in Canada.



72+

ORGANIZATIONS

and individuals signed CCFWE's pledge to take action against Economic Abuse and Financial Abuse.



85+

FREE WORKSHOPS

CCFWE collaborated with FinPowered and Miss World Canada 2020, Svetlana Mamaeva, and provided more than 85 free workshops on financial literacy and raising awareness of Economic Abuse in shelters across Canada.



11,000+

PEOPLE REACHED

during CCFWE's Economic Abuse Awareness Day campaign #HelpUsRise on November 26 2021.



6+

WORKPLACE AWARENESS

CCFWE prepared "Workplace Economic Abuse Awareness" training at The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC) and 5 grassroots organizations.



31+

CITIES ACROSS CANADA

proclaimed November 26th as Economic Abuse Awareness Day and recognized the #HelpUsRise campaign.



2

POLICY AND ADVOCACY PAPERS

CCFWE team and National Task Force for Women's Economic Justice submitted two policy recommendations to the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) to include Economic Abuse in the National Financial Literacy Strategy and address Economic Abuse in financial institutions.



35+

POLICY AND LEGISLATION ADVOCACY

35+ members of the CCFWE's National Task Force for Women's Economic Justice met quarterly to provide input, expertise & advice towards identifying how economic injustice can be better addressed through policy and legislation.



30+

POLITICIAN ENGAGEMENT TO END ECONOMIC ABUSE

signed by Canadian political leaders at all levels of government during the 44th federal election in Canada to support CCFWE's efforts to address Economic Abuse and assist survivors in rebuilding their lives.



49+

DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES

CCFWE organized 28 workshops and direct support on Mental Health, Economic Abuse, Credit Management, Financial Safety Planning, and financial trauma for survivors of Economic Abuse in Ottawa.



1 AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON ECONOMIC ABUSE

National Economic Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

CCFWE reached out to cities across Canada to become supporters of CCFWE’s “#HelpUsRise” campaign and raise awareness about Economic Abuse. 31 cities from coast to coast approved CCFWE’s submission and proclaimed November 26th as Economic Abuse Awareness Day to advocate for survivors of Economic Abuse.

National Economic Abuse Awareness Day (EAAD), November 26th

On Economic Abuse Awareness Day, CCFWE organized a panel discussion titled “*From Surviving to Thriving: Inclusive Approaches to Ending Economic Abuse*” that shed light on the current global climate of financial and economic injustice and highlight ways the Canadian government and civil society can take active steps to assist survivors of economic abuse to help them thrive again. Speakers included Anita Vandenberg, Member of Parliament for Ottawa West-Nepean, Alia Abaya, Director of Community Impact and Member Experience at Alterna Savings, Naomi Sayers, Lawyer and Notary Public, and Meseret Haileyesus, Founder and Executive Director of the Canadian Center for Women’s Empowerment.

The panelists shared experiences on main barriers that particularly victims and survivors in the BIPOC community are facing and ways that the government, financial institutions as well as legal professionals can take action to ensure financially strong futures for survivors of

Economic Abuse. All speakers agreed that while there are already protocols and measures in place to address for instance fraud prevention or senior abuse, there is still little awareness on the topic of Economic Abuse.

National Advocacy on Economic Abuse Awareness Month (#HELPUSE 2021)

Coinciding with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Financial Literacy Month (FLM), CCFWE advocated to raise awareness of Economic Abuse through its annual #HelpUsRise campaign. The purpose of this national awareness event was to educate survivors and financial institutions on how to support, identify and respond to Economic and Financial Abuse in the context of family violence. CCFWE’s 2021 campaign was themed “*Championing financially strong futures for survivors*” and reached over 11,000 people across Canada and internationally.



Recognizing and Responding to Economic Abuse Webinar on Identifying and Addressing Economic Abuse

CCFWE presented an education and awareness webinar titled "*Identifying & Addressing to Economic Abuse*" on September 15, 2021, to the York Region Center for Community Safety and Community Partners. This was a good opportunity for the York Region to open the conversation on the challenges that survivors of Economic Abuse are facing.

Webinar on "The Abuse Doesn't End When the Relationship End - Post Separation Abuse"

Jennifer Glinski, Banking Specialist and Domestic & Financial Abuse Expert, joined CCFWE to present her research in a webinar titled "*The Abuse Doesn't End When the Relationship Ends.*" Participants had the chance to learn about the various tactics of Economic Abuse that perpetrators introduce post-separation to continue their campaign of power and control over survivors' lives.



Economic Empowerment for Survivors Entrepreneurs:

CCFWE joined PARO Women Enterprise, Up With Women, and Rise Helps (Rise Asset Development) for a public "*Lunch and Learn*" 3 events, to discuss available support for women entrepreneurs. CCFWE raised awareness on Economic Abuse and highlighted CCFWE's work in supporting survivors to rebuild their lives.

Development of education material on Economic Abuse

CCFWE collaborated with Western University, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, and the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto (Woman ACT) to create concise information on Economic Abuse and coercive control tactics in intimate relationships.

Awareness on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

CCFWE joined global partners with Surviving Economic Abuse (UK), Centre for Women's Economic Safety (Australia), and Good Shepherd (NZ) to participate in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from November 25 to December 10, 2021. This collaborative campaign presented 16 stories from survivors of Economic Abuse from around the world to raise awareness of the immense impact that Economic Abuse has on a global scale.

Pro-Bono Collaboration

CCFWE engaged in a pro-bono collaboration with a group of law students from the University of Ottawa to review the national and provincial policies, legislation, and regulations surrounding Economic Abuse in all Canadian territories and provinces. These students also laid the foundation for a provincial and territorial scorecard on readiness to assist victims of abuse, which CCFWE will be continuing over the summer.

“I have been working for several years with the Canadian Center for Women’s Empowerment CCFWE and it’s an inspiration. It is a concept that many of us intuitively understood but it hasn’t made its way into public policy and it hasn’t made its way into how we define abuse or domestic violence. When I heard about CCFWE, I tried to work closely to try to amplify your voice. In parliament, within public policy, or even within our National Action Plan on Gender-based Violence, Economic Abuse is only implied, but I think it needs to be explicitly mentioned. There needs to be more public demand for Economic Abuse to be front of the mind of elected officials. For Economic Abuse to be explicitly mentioned in public policy, legislators like me need the advocacy of organizations like CCFWE and the work that you are doing is phenomenal.”

Anita Vandenberg

Member of Parliament for Ottawa West-Nepean, attended as a panelist on the CCFWE Panel “From Surviving to Thriving: Inclusive Approaches to Ending Economic Abuse”
on November 26, 2021



National Economic Abuse and Financial Literacy Education:

CCFWE collaborated with the Founder of FinPowered and Miss World Canada 2020, Svetlana Mamaeva, and provided more than 85 free workshops on financial literacy and raising awareness of Economic Abuse in women's shelters across Canada.

Mental Health and Financial Trauma Support:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CCFWE saw immense demand for services from women for mental health and financial support. Many women were already experiencing isolation before the pandemic due to their experience with Economic Abuse. The multiple regional lockdowns triggered an onset of mental health stressors such as anxiety, depression, and agoraphobia. In response, CCFWE organized 28 sessions of mental health and financial trauma support for survivors of Economic Abuse in Ottawa. The program provided trauma-informed services on prevention (training on red flags, developing exit strategies, etc) and response (emotional healing, rebuilding finances and resilience, financial literacy, etc) to Economic Abuse.



2 POLICY INFLUENCING AND SYSTEM CHANGE

Community Engagement to inform the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence in Canada

In 2021, the Government of Canada committed to creating a National Action Plan to Address Gender-Based Violence (NAP). Organizations were tasked with leading consultations to assemble recommendations from stakeholders. In February 2021, CCFWE led 9 rounds of consultations with gender-based violence organizations and financial institutions with a total of 60 participants across all provinces of Canada. Through these consultations, CCFWE proposed policy recommendations to address Economic Abuse in the National Action Plan (NAP) to End Gender-Based Violence in Canada (see pages 247, 256, and 240 for direct references). This is a testimony of CCFWE's collective effort to champion grassroots activism and create systemic change surrounding Economic Abuse in policy, education, and research.

The State of Economic Abuse in Canada Report

CCFWE has developed a comprehensive report on Economic Abuse in the Canadian context which summarizes various research, academic publications, policy recommendations, and current legal developments. As the first of its kind in Canada, the State of Economic Abuse in Canada report provides a foundation for the CCFWE's future advocacy work, including developing a meaningful policy response to end Economic Abuse.

Gender Equality Week Economic Abuse Policy Panel: Pathways to Recovery Through Policy

During Gender Equality Week (September 20-24, 2021), CCFWE hosted a panel event engaging 100 registrants in a discussion with panelists from various organizations such as Sageesse Domestic Violence Prevention Society, Women Abuse Council of Toronto, YWCA Canada, and Harmony House. The panel discussed various forms of Economic Abuse, the challenges survivors are currently facing, and potential institutional and policy approaches to address these challenges.



Call to action to respond to Economic Abuse during the 44th Federal Election of Canada

In collaboration with National Task Force for Women's Economic Justice, CCFWE drafted a commitment letter outlining its policy recommendations. More than 30 Canadian political leaders at all levels of government, including Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, and City Councillors, have signed the commitment letter pledging to support survivors of Economic Abuse and to incorporate CCFWE's policy recommendations within their policy agenda and frameworks.

Meetings with elected Members of Parliament

CCFWE had meetings with elected members of Parliament including MP Iqra Khalid (Member of Parliament, Mississauga—Erin Mills, Ontario; Member of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians), Hon. Mona Fortier (Member of Parliament, Ottawa—Vanier, Ontario; President of the Treasury Board) and MP Anita Vandenbeld (Member of Parliament, Ottawa West—Nepean, Ontario; Parliamentary

Secretary to the Minister of International Development). CCFWE shared the challenges, barriers, and policy gaps surrounding Economic Abuse in Canada. They showed their solidarity and commitment toward survivors of Economic Abuse and shared CCFWE's policy recommendations with the All-Party Women's Caucus.

In addition, MP Anita Vandenbeld supported CCFWE's petition calling on the Government of Canada to take action on all forms of Economic Abuse. She also participated as a panelist in CCFWE's panel discussion during its #HelpUsRise Economic Abuse Awareness campaign and provided an update on the government's efforts to support survivors of gender-based violence.

A petition calling the Government of Canada to take action on Economic Abuse

In June 2021, CCFWE filed a petition with the support of MP Anita Vandenbeld, Ottawa West—Nepean for the Liberal Party of Canada calling on the Government of Canada to include all forms of Economic Abuse in the National Action Plan and Divorce Act and to support



survivors of domestic violence. CCFWE disseminated the petition to its partners, external stakeholders, and the general public and successfully reached the mandatory 500 signatures. Before its presentation to the House of Commons, however, the petition was shuttered when the government of Canada dissolved parliament and called for a federal election in September 2021. CCFWE will have to resubmit its petition in 2023 but is confident in gaining again the necessary support of its allies.

Round table participation and submission for the Financial Consumers Agency of Canada's (FCAC) National Financial Literacy Strategy

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC)'s National Strategy for Financial Literacy is a five-year plan to create a more accessible, inclusive, and effective financial ecosystem that meaningfully supports diverse Canadians. Part of the national strategy is focused on how financial literacy stakeholders can reduce barriers, catalyze action, and collaborate to collectively help Canadians build financial resilience (FCAC, 2021). CCFWE met with Supriya Syal, Deputy Commissioner at FCAC, and subsequently shared its insights on more equitable procedures to address Economic Abuse with FCAC in two submissions:

- In June of 2021, CCFWE submitted policy recommendations to the FCAC on measures to mitigate the economic consequences of abuse and promote financial independence, particularly on credit regulation and putting in place protocols and training at financial institutions to identify and address Economic Abuse.
- In December 2021, CCFWE submitted recommendations for guidelines on Complaint-Handling Procedures for banks and proposed a Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Complaint Assistance Program to support victims of Economic Abuse and domestic violence.

CCFWE has actively participated in the FCAC's user-testing and consultations for the new Digital Financial Platform. CCFWE is also an early adopter of the FCAC's National Financial Data Strategy and will continue collaborating with FCAC to assist in identifying and sharing aligned findings, and results, and participate in stakeholder engagement.

3 RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

A Study of Access to Economic Resources for Victims in COVID-19

CCFWE conducted a research study on how victims and survivors of abuse have been facing the COVID-19 pandemic in the National Capital Region (Ottawa, Gatineau, and Hull). The research finding was shared with the City of Ottawa, decision-makers, stakeholders, and media such as CBC Radio and Roger TV.

Environmental scan to review policy and legislation on Economic Abuse in Canada

CCFWE engaged in a pro-bono collaboration with a group of law students from the University of Ottawa to review the national and provincial policies, legislation, and regulations surrounding Economic Abuse. The students are documenting their keyword searches and the results from them. These findings will allow CCFWE to develop a tool to rate provinces and territories on how comprehensive their policies and laws are to support survivors of Economic Abuse.

Status of Women Council of the Northwest Territories NWT Survey

In November 2021, CCFWE assembled a research team to conduct consultation on behalf of the Status of Women Council NWT. This research and environmental scan will be used to inform a briefing note and report that will be submitted by the Status of NWT to the Government of NWT to inform future policy decisions.



“During my marriage, my ex-husband provided some money for household payments but left me to cover the remainder of our expenses for the household and children. My ex-husband spent most of our family earnings on heavy drinking and gambling. I later learned he spent money on other women. My life deteriorated and I became increasingly lonely and depressed. Leaving my ex-husband and staying with a family member offered me the freedom I needed to escape my abusive marriage, but has left me with little money to survive financially on my own.”

Darcy 37, Survivor of Economic Abuse



4 CAPACITY BUILDING



Throughout the last year, CCFWE had the support of more than **70 volunteers, 8 summer students, and 12 universities of Ottawa interns** to help with CCFWE's incredible achievements in 2021.



8 Board of Directors and 35 members of the National Task Force for Women's Economic Justice provided guidance and leadership to CCFWE in its mission to fight Economic Abuse.

OUTLOOK FOR 2022

In 2022, CCFWE will focus its activities on the following areas to address Economic Abuse:

1

Raise awareness amongst financial institutions on how to identify and address Economic Abuse.

2

Conduct research on Economic Abuse to inform decision makers.

3

Educate on Economic Abuse and provide training to professionals and advocates to support individuals who are experiencing domestic violence and Economic Abuse.

4

Advocate for system change to create a world where survivors of domestic violence and Economic Abuse can access resources to promote safety and financial independence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that the Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We extend our respect to all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples for their valuable past and present contributions to this land. We continue to work for deserved treatments, recognized freedoms, justice, and rights for all.



Acknowledgments to all of CCFWE's partners and supporters

CCFWE would like to acknowledge the many women who have survived intimate partner violence and recognize their courage, strength, and acts of resistance and resilience. We also acknowledge the services and organizations whose work is to walk alongside victim-survivors on their journey to safety and recovery and those whose work is to prevent violence before it occurs.

CCFWE wants to express its appreciation to its Board of Directors, and National Task Force for Women's Economic Justice members for their commitment throughout 2021 and for finding time in this challenging year to provide guidance and leadership to the organization.

CCFWE is tremendously grateful to all of its volunteers that invested countless hours that made all of CCFWE's 2021 achievements possible.

CCFWE would also like to extend its thanks to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality of Canada for making the funding available to undertake CCFWE's important work during the pandemic.

Finally, CCFWE wants to salute and acknowledge the thousands of organizations, businesses, policymakers, foundations, political leaders, individuals, schools, faith communities, etc. that supported the organization and allowed CCFWE to build hope in the lives of survivors of Economic Abuse.

Together, we are changing lives and inspiring hope.

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“Economic Abuse is a critical obstacle to women leaving abusive relationships. Even after a woman has left the abuser, the impact of ruined credit scores, poor mental health, sporadic employment histories, and homelessness caused by the abuse makes it extremely difficult to pursue economic safety. The impacts also can create lifelong obstacles for service providers and financial services”

Meseret Haileyesus
Executive Director

Get involved

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Learn more about Economic Abuse at www.ccfwe.org and Sign our Pledge to fight Economic Abuse and become an advocate for Economic Justice within your social circle and local communities.