

Final report for the project: BM20-013 Empowering Syrian Refugees to Address Right Based issues. : **Increasing awareness and equipping displaced young Syrians to exercise their democratic, legal, and human rights.**

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Overview:

In duration of four months, this project have been successfully implement and totally completed. It has engaged 217 individual spread into different activities and have contributed in increasing the knowledge and information of women and law students as well as lawyer in democratic, legal, and human rights.

Objectives:

To achieve the *Overall Goal*, this project intends to target **displaced Syrians** living in **Greater Tripoli**, especially **young women aged 18-35**, during the period **July – August 2020** in order to bring about the following:

- Objective 1** Mobilisation and empowerment of young Syrian women in Greater Tripoli to discuss rights-based issues and challenges.
- Objective 2** Increased awareness of Syrian refugees' democratic, legal, and human rights in Lebanon and Europe.
- Objective 3** Increased provision of rights-based resources and support networks to young Syrian women and families in Greater Tripoli.

Implemented activities:

Activity 1.1. Outreach activities to identify Syrian refugee women aged 18-35 from the target locations to participate in (a) focus groups (60 women) (b) awareness sessions (120 women).

As a result of the outreach team work, 102 families have been outreached and 165 members have shown interest to join our activities in which 60 at least will join focus groups and 120 at least would join awareness session and all of them will have access to receive legal consultation.

Activity 1.2. Mobilising and empowering 60 Syrian refugee women aged 18-35 from the Tripoli community to discuss rights-based issues and challenges.

Six groups of total 67 women have joined a four hours focus group in average of 11 women per session aged 18 to 35 of age and coming from different areas from Tripoli and surroundings the discussion have included legal, democratic, and human rights. During and by end of the focus groups, recommendations were given to the trainers in order to inject their training materials with what women are willing to know more about.

In summary, main topics were: birth and marriage registration, ability to work, the right to travel, democratic and political rights

87% of Women attending those sessions have shown interest to receive awareness sessions and to continue their participation in this project.

Activity 2.1: Training 30 Syrian and Lebanese Politics/Law students and graduates from the Tripoli community in legal, democratic, and human rights for refugees, and in facilitation.

Two groups of 15 and 16 young lawyers and political scientists¹ from the Greater Tripoli area have received eight days of training in raising awareness of Syrians' rights in their wider communities, through a Rights Facilitation Trainee Programme.

In a period of two weeks, each group have received 3 days of legal right training, 3 days of human right training and 2 days of communication skills.

¹ These will be Syrian or Lebanese final-year undergraduates, Master's students, and recent graduates specialising in Law, Politics, Human Rights, or Political Science.

There has been some concerns of COVID being spread therefore we have over registered participant to reach around 41 person in which 31 only have made it to the training.

Activity 2.2: Raising awareness of legal, democratic, and human rights in Lebanon and Europe for 120 Syrian refugee women aged 18-35 from the Tripoli community

6 trainees out of the 31 who have attended the training have been selected upon the trainers' recommendation in order to provide women from the community with awareness sessions.

123 women eventually have taken part of 6 groups each in average of 20 women.

The awareness sessions have focused on of the following topics in Lebanon and Europe for refugees (1) legal rights (2) democratic rights (3) human rights.

Each group have received 6 different sessions of 2 hours in which attendance rate was 82%.

the sessions have included the following topics:

- Procedure for registering births, deaths, and marriages in Lebanon;
- Personal status, inheritance, residency, employment, democratic and other refugee rights in Lebanon and procedures to follow;
- Global Conventions governing refugee rights and how these are implemented in Europe.
- Other topics and questions raised by women.

As result of awareness sessions 25 beneficiaries will be referred to our social worker in order to contact different NGO's that can provide further help.

Also 36 beneficiaries will be referred to our legal consultant to provide legal consultation.

Activity 3.1. Provision of Legal Consultation services and referrals to support individual cases.

By end of consultation 36 women have received legal consultation from our contracted lawyer.

Ten of them have had serious cases and have received in average of 3 meetings with our lawyer, other 26 have had only one meeting with the lawyer.

Also through our networking, we have referred cases to other legal nGOs in order to provide further assistant that requires financial aid. We have closely worked with intersos

and Legal action that will financially cover some of our beneficiaries' cases since they want to proceed with legal court work.

Activity 3.2. Increased visibility of the project and rights-based information provided through written communication, reporting and social media.

Different visibility materials have been issued during this project:

Photos and activities information have been shared on our Facebook page.

Training booklet has been issued, printed and given to trainees attending 8 days of training.

Hand-outs has been issued and given to women attending awareness sessions.

Two banners have been designed and placed in training room.

Result Achieved

- 61 participants have been empowered and provided the opportunity to freely share and discuss rights-based issues and challenges;
- 158 participants have been better-informed about their legal, democratic, and human rights;
- 150 participants have been received rights-based information and resources to transmit this knowledge to others in their community;
- 126 female participants and their families have had access to free legal consultation services;
- 31 participants have been trained to deliver rights awareness sessions in their communities.

Indicators:

The following indicators have been reached that can measure project success:

- 87% attendance rate at the women's focus groups;
- 82% attendance rate at the women's rights awareness sessions;
- 87% of female participants in the focus groups have also taken part in the awareness sessions;
- 92% of female participants have expressed satisfaction about the focus groups;
- 88% of female participants have expressed satisfaction about the awareness sessions;
- 85% of participants have shown improved knowledge of legal rights;
- 81% of participants have shown improved understanding of democratic principles;
- 94% of participants have shown improved understanding of human rights;
- 67% (18) of students/graduates have become qualified trainers within the project;
- 85% of cases handled by the legal consultant have been closed or referred for further legal consultation;
- 157 booklets / hand-outs have been distributed to attendees sharing rights-based information.

Recommendations

An extension of the project is highly needed since the need of the community is big and we are only covering a very small part of it and the more we do such projects more needs are showing.

Also trained junior lawyers who were not selected to do awareness sessions have also shown high potential but because we have chosen only top 6, other qualified one did not take their chances.

Also our legal consultant have done some recommendation for further projects that can work on creating a permanent human right and legal unit at SEED that can work on three different aspects: working on case management for human right issues, working on legal consultation and also increase the network in order to support women in any possible way.

This requires a part time social worker and a part time lawyer.