

Resilience and Empowerment of Syrian Women Refugees

Sawa for Development



Title of Project:

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Location:

Qob-Elias municipality (Bekaa-Lebanon)

Own funding 10% US\$:

7400\$

Estimated Budget Amount Requested in US\$:

70000\$

Estimated Duration:

10 months + 1 month evaluation and reports

1. Summary Description of Project

The United Nations has declared the Syrian crisis the worst humanitarian crisis of the 21st century. The Syrian crisis provides another example of modern warfare wherein civilians are the primary victims, and the conflict in Syria is also rapidly becoming a public disaster. More than five years after the start of the war in Syria, since 2011, there have been an estimated of more than 3.5 Million Syrian refugees to neighboring countries, primarily Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey.

Of all the Syrian refugees, 50.5% are women and 49.5% are men. Seventy-five percent of Syrian refugees are women and children, and 816,492 are women and girls of reproductive age.

On the eve of the sixth anniversary of the start of the war in Syria, Sawa for Development is calling for a renewed focus on the needs of one of the largest and most at-risk group of refugees – women– and a switch to long-term planning in the field.

Women are the sole providers for one in four Syrian refugee families, struggling to provide food and shelter for their children and often facing harassment, humiliation and isolation, according to a report from the UN high commissioner for refugees.

Therefore, more than 145,000 Syrian families now living in Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan are led by women, it says. The civil war in Syria has torn apart families and communities, forcing almost three million people – mostly women and children - to flee the country.

In Lebanon, Syria's refugee women are struggling to make ends meet in an unfamiliar and sometimes hostile environment. Many face a double trauma: the pain of losing or being separated from their families, coupled with the distress of living in exile alone. Despite the conflict, horrors and human rights abuses they have escaped in Syria, refugee women have an amazing motivation and determination to be a positive part of shaping Syria's future.

In fact, economic barriers and poverty are a plausible reason for women not to claim rights, where women lack access to resources or independent income, the costs of pursuing cases in the absence of free legal aid can be prohibitive.

Poor access to education and/or information regarding their rights make women easy victims and unable to stand up for their rights. The illiteracy is a widespread problem in Syria, especially in most remote and conservative areas. Not only little knowledge about their rights, missing institutional knowledge about the judicial system and legal processes hamper the fight against gender-based violence during conflict, in a country where already , war , autocracy , radicalism , spent on state institutions and impartial judiciary.

This project aims to empower Syrian women in Lebanese camps by raising their awareness as to their rights. Workshops will be held to empower women economically and legally. At the economic level, the project aims to ensure women's ability to provide for

themselves and their families, and at the legal level, education about the legal aspects of their rights will empower them to stand up against violence.

The project will contain workshops that aim to raise women awareness on their rights, and trainings on empowering women with professional skills to improve their economic situation.

At the end of the project an exhibition for women products will be held in Qob-Elias municipality center. The revenues of the exhibition will be used to provide most vulnerable trained women with tailoring machines, so they can start their own business at the end of the project.

2. Organisational background

During the past five years, our association has been keen to the service and relief of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and in the Bekaa specifically, with all of our ability and potential. Among the actions taken, we performed many activities that aim to the alleviation of violence in the camps and building bridges of communication between the refugees and the host society. We organized many civil campaigns and we visited the camps, distributing relief supplies from the Lebanese civil society. We have also established a number of recreational activities for Syrian children in Ersal municipality and in Sanayeh garden in Beirut, as well as many other activities.

The implementation of this project will be a complement to what we started doing five years ago and a practicable application of one of the main goals in the association: working on the realization of human rights and the rejection of racial discrimination. This project will enhance as well the communication between refugees and host communities in a way that ensures the interests and rights of both parties.

3. Objectives

The main goal of the project is to empower Syrian women in Lebanese camps by raising their awareness to their civil and social rights.

Specific goals:

- Provide awareness on rights to reduce the vulnerabilities of Syrian women refugees subjected to sexual and gender-based violence, stress and trauma resulting from war.
- Economic opportunities made available through setting up income generating and training activities and support in marketing.

- Mobilize Syrian women refugees and community leaders to participate in spreading information, raising awareness and community protection.

4. Targeted group:

30 Syrian women aged between 25 and 45 years, living in Qob-Elias camps (Bekaa-Lebanon)

5. Plan of activities/implementation

This project consists of three main activities:

1-Workshops:

Workshops for women about international laws, conventions, declarations and reports that insure gender equality, women rights, and women rights on a special protection during conflicts, improving access to Justice for Syrian Female Victims Of gender-based violence.

These workshops are

- Women awareness about human rights and especially women's rights.
- Women awareness about "GBV" "Gender based violence"
- "IHL" International Humanitarian Law" and specially women's protection.

2-professional skills trainings:

- Training and education on cloth tailoring.
- Training and education on cloth repairing.
- Training and education on waste recycling into toys.

3-Exhibition

At the end of the project an exhibition for the products made by women will takes place between 25 November and December 10, 2017, during the week of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

6. Methodology

Objective	Activity	Responsible
General objective:		
To empower Syrian women in Lebanese camps by raising their awareness to their civil and social rights	Implementing the project's plan	Sawa for Development in Cooperation with Qob-Elias municipality
Specific objectives:		
Provide awareness on rights to reduce the vulnerabilities of Syrian women refugees subjected to sexual and gender-based violence, stress and trauma resulting from war	Providing the 3 rights awareness workshops and screening the film	Sawa's team
Economic opportunities made available through setting up income generating and training activities and support in marketing	Providing the 3 professional skills trainings	Sawa's team
Mobilize Syrian women refugees and community leaders to participate in spreading information, raising awareness and community protection	Making the exhibition that its proceed will go to women and buying them tailoring machines at the end of the project	Sawa's team

7. Time Plan

Activities	Timeframe (By month)					
	M1-2	M3-4	M5-6	M7-8	M9-10	M11
Planning Phase						
Preparations , meetings, networking	Done in January and February 2016					
Implementation Phase						
1 st Workshop to raise awareness about human rights and women's right (2 days)	X					
workshop to raise awareness about GBV (2 days)	X					
Workshop on IHL (2 days)		X				
Violence against women Law and Watching movie and conducting debate (2 days)			X			
Training and education on cloth tailoring		X	X	X		
training and education on cloth repairing				X	X	
Training and education on waste recycling into toys		X	X	X	X	
Exhibition for the women products						X
Providing a number of women with tailoring machines						X
Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting, Archiving	X	X	X	X	X	X

8. Measuring Achievement of Project Objectives and Outputs

Logical Framework

	Objective	Indicators	Means of verification
Goal	To empower Syrian women in Lebanese camps by raising their awareness to their civil and social rights		
Outcomes	<p>1- To provide awareness on rights to reduce the vulnerabilities of Syrian women refugees subjected to sexual and gender-based violence, stress and trauma resulting from war.</p> <hr/> <p>2-Economic opportunities made available through setting up income generating and training activities and support in marketing</p> <hr/> <p>3-Mobilize Syrian women refugees and community leaders to participate in spreading information, raising awareness and community protection</p>	<p>1.1-Number of women participating in workshops 1.2-% of women empowered that succeeded in the exam at the end of workshops</p> <hr/> <p>2.1-Number of women participating in trainings 2.2-% of trainees qualified to start their own business at the end of the project</p> <hr/> <p>3.1-number of people attending the exhibition 3.2-amount of money raised for women empowerment from the exhibition 3.3-% of qualified women that started their own business after the project end.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • review of project records • media sources • report-questionnaires • key informed interviews • cases studies • focus group • observations
Outputs	<p>1-Workshop to raise awareness rights held</p> <p>2-workshop to raise awareness about GBV held</p>	<p>1.1-number of workshops held.</p> <p>2.1-number of workshops held</p>	

	<p>3-Workshop on IHL held</p> <p>4-number of women attended the workshops</p> <p>5-a film screened</p> <p>6-cloth tailoring training held</p> <p>7-cloth repairing training held</p> <p>8-waste recycling into toys training held</p> <p>9- number of women attended the trainings</p> <p>10-women product exhibition held</p> <p>11-providing women with tailoring machines</p>	<p>3.1-number of workshops held</p> <p>4.1-% of attendees from 30 in every workshop</p> <p>5.1-number of film attendees</p> <p>6.1-number of trainings held</p> <p>7.1-number of trainings held</p> <p>8.1-number of training held</p> <p>9.1-% of attendees from 30 in every training</p> <p>10.1-% of women participating in the exhibition</p> <p>10.2-number of exhibition attendees from the public</p> <p>11-% of women provided with machines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checklists • media sources • questionnaires • key informed interviews • reports • PRA • case studies • observations • reports
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Activities

1. 1st Workshop to raise awareness about human rights and women's right
2. 2 days workshop to raise awareness about GBV
3. Workshop on IHL
4. Workshop to explain violence against women Law and Watching movie and conducting debate
5. Training and education on cloth tailoring
6. training and education on cloth repairing
7. Training and education on waste recycling into toys
8. Exhibition for women products
9. Buying women tailoring machines from the exhibition earnings

Results of basic measurements will be shown by:

- A mid-term and a final evaluation reports
- Continuous monitoring process based on indicators
- Weekly reports on the activities done and results of monitoring process