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PEACEBUILDING PROGRAMS: MONTHLY RESULTS IN LEBANON!

The National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) has initiated, in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and in partnership with UNICEF, a series of visits to public high schools giving awareness sessions for 3000 student girls and providing them with hygiene kits to reinforce their protection. Furthermore, and in partnership with the UN Women, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the NCLW organized a workshop with youth from different universities on the importance of women participation in the parliament. This event is part of the framework to implement the national action plan of the UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. The continuous increase in the number of cases of violence against women and girls during this month was significant. One of the most horrific crimes recorded was the murder of a mother and her three daughters in Ansar village, South Lebanon. With the rapid deterioration of the political, economic and financial situation in the country, it is expected that the humanitarian crisis will worsen. With that being said, the implementation of projects that aim at reducing violence and creating safe spaces for coordination and collaboration between community members from one side and different stakeholders from the other side is becoming more relevant.

PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE

Goal:

To reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Lebanon by transforming attitudes of women, girls, men, and boys towards patriarchal norms that define masculinities, and addressing the root causes of VAWG in public and private spheres.



Gender and Masculinities - Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Second Edition of Program Ra

During this month, ABAAD delivered a five-day ToT on the second edition of Program Ra to 20 youth leaders representing 10 civil society organizations (CSOs) across Lebanon. The ToT focuses on gender related topics, masculinities and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). The ToT focused on strengthening the technical knowledge and the facilitation skills of the youth leaders, allowing them to be more confident in tackling sensitive topics related to gender and SRHR with men, women, boys and girls across different communities and contexts.



The ToT was followed by tailored and personalized coaching sessions for the youth leaders representing each CSO to reinforce the knowledge and facilitation skills they gained during the training. In April, the youth leaders will be delivering this training to youth in their communities, with the aim of creating allies for gender equality and prevention of VAWG.

89% of participants showed an increase in knowledge after attending the ToT.

PILOTING YOUTH PLATFORMS IN LEBANON & JORDAN

Goal:

Empowering youth in Lebanon and Jordan to utilize and govern online and in-person youth platforms as a means of collaboratively tackling issues impacting youth.



Finance training focusing on the importance of budgeting and pre-planning.

2 day workshop was delivered to the youth as part of the capacity building process that they are going through under the project.

The workshop consisted of four modules:

- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Media and Communications,
- ✓ Monitoring and Evaluation,
- ✓ Psychosocial Support.



Monitoring and Evaluation training focusing on the methods of monitoring and evaluation, how to highlight and measure impact and capture success stories.

During the Monitoring and Evaluation training, the youth were able to draft a logical framework for the platform.

The overall objective of the platform is to activate the role of youth in the community and break existing stereotypes by creating a safe space to bring together youth from diverse backgrounds to discuss common social issues. The youth will work towards this goal by creating podcasts and social media content around common social issues that the youth face in Lebanon.

According to feedback surveys, 90% of the participants gained new information across all four modules.

FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Goal:

To promote religious freedom for all communities in Lebanon by strengthening multi-faith understanding through regular, constructive engagement, and enabling collective advocacy to increase religious freedom in Lebanon.

According to a specified selection criteria,

24 Participants have been selected to take part in roundtables discussing freedom of religious beliefs in Lebanon.
12 Male - 12 Female 17 Representatives from 16 Organizations - 6 Experts - 1 Religious leader