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مركز الأبحاث والاستشارات القانونية للمرأة  
Center For Women's Legal Research & Consulting

## Final Narrative Report

Center for Women's Legal Research & Consulting Ltd.

2008





### 1-Mission of the center :

Promoting the legal and social status of the Palestinian woman , and empowering her to attain her rights at all aspects .

### 2- Vision of the center :

Working on originating a legal and social vision , based on recognizing that the woman is a fundamental partner with the man in building the Palestinian community upon democratic basics .

### 3- Overall Objectives :

-Working on adopting national and democratic legalizations that guarantees the principle of equality between man and woman, in terms of rights and duties ;

2- Working on achieving harmony for national legalization with the international criteria of human rights in general, and woman's rights in particular, especially " Elimination of segregation against woman" agreement.

3- Performing legal researches and studies , surveying laws and enactments , and suggesting the optimal alternatives for spots of defect and weakness, for the purpose of fulfilling the first objective mentioned above;

4- Disseminating human and woman's rights related studies , significantly women's rights.

5- Securing the efficacious legal protection for woman in national courts , and providing legal consultations to woman, in an effort to achieve this protection;

6- Contributing in spreading awareness about human rights and woman's rights , in the Palestinian community , and eliminating the legal illiteracy in the community, through holding specialized training courses;

7- Working on fostering the principle of separation among the three authorities , through training, awareness, and education.

8- Consolidating the relations with parallel local community organizations at Arab and international levels, in the framework of partnerships;

9- Purchasing, owing, renting or pawning movable and immovable money , regarded as essential for achieving the center's aims;



10- The center has the right to carry out all agreed-upon tasks , listed on chapter 2 of companies law , enacted in 1929, and its modifications.

11- Each action approved and authenticated by the board members for the sake of the center is regarded as complimentary to its objectives.

#### 4- Constituent Assembly ( Stockholders)

- 1- Lawyer , Islah Hassaneya
- 2- Lawyer, Hanan Matar
- 3- Legal Researcher , Zainab Al Ghonaimy
- 4- Lawyer, Jameel Sarhan
- 5-Lawyer, Ibtehaj Al Shawa
- 6- Mrs. Amal Syam
- 7-Lawyer, Imteyaz Hasab Aallah
- 8- Mr. Zohair Al Lababedi
- 9- Mr. Tareq Al Derawi

#### Administrative Structure and board

The following board members have been appointed on August,9,2008 by the General Assembly :

- 1- Lawyer , Islah Hassaneya : Chairperson
- 2- Lawyer, Hanan Matar : Vice- Chairperson
- 3-Legal Researcher , Zainab Al Ghonaimy : charged with executive administration
- 4- Lawyer, Jameel Sarhan : Member
- 5- Lawyer, Ibtehaj Al Shawa : Member
- 6- Mrs. Amal Syam : Member
- 7- Lawyer, Imteyaz Hasab Aallah : Member

#### Admin Staff:

- 1- The center's director : Zainab Al Gonaimy, Legal consultant of women's movement in Gaza.
- 2- Accountant : **Rose Al Amody**
- 3- Journalist : **Tahani K. Qassem**
- 4- Worker : **Samira Toman**



\* There is a variable number of admin employees , recruited in projects.

## \*\* The Center's Activities in 2008

1- Number of direct beneficiaries from training courses :

Number of benefited lawyers ( Female )	Number of benefited lawyers ( Male)	Number of different fields
54 lawyers	32 lawyers	32 trainees

### 2- Awareness and Education through field workshops

- 2350 people received awareness on diverse subjects including : Gender, Legal and Domestic protection for woman from violence , CEDAW Convention, and Palestinian woman's rights Convention.

### 3- Interrelations with local organizations :

- The center has managed to establish solid relations with 75 woman and civil organization in all Gaza governorates where the target groups of those organizations benefited from issues and concerns , raised in the field workshops that executed by the trainees .

### 4- Dealings with donors

- International Fund for woman
- UNDP
- Palestinian woman's Center for researches and documentation
- Heinrich Boll Organization –Germany
- Save the children

### 5- Media Development



- Recruiting a media officer ,to be in charge of media and networking with other organizations.
- Launching a website for the center ( [www.cwlrc.org](http://www.cwlrc.org) ) , in which the center's news and ceremonies are disseminated . In addition , a web page has been designed to highlight women's complaints from violence .
  - Executing broadcasting sessions in local corporations about the center's accomplished projects.
  - 1 media officer has benefited as a project coordinator for documenting the vulnerable women.
  - Opening new horizons for other fields , expressly media officers , through the following projects :
    - \* Lets Break the Barrier of Silence .
    - \* Let me speak

## 6- Administrative development and expansionism

### **First :** Meetings of Board of Directors

The board held 5 meetings during the year 2008, in the framework of monitoring the center's activities , and taking work related decisions .

The meetings were characterized by a considerable sense of concern by the board, and regular attendance of the board members .

### **Second :** Development of the center

- \* As a result to the development achieved at the center, the fixed staff has been increased to include :
  - Director General
  - Accountant
  - Information Officer
  - Worker
- \* Enhancing the employees' skills through training courses like :
  - Gender
  - Proposal Writing
  - Reporting





\* Moving to a larger headquarter , consisting of a big training hall that is hired out to other organizations .

\* Increasing the quantity of logistic and disk equipments .

## \*\* Projects Implemented :

### 1- Completion of " International Fund for woman " Project

The project was implemented in the period 1/8/2007 till 31/1/2008 , in accordance with the plan set by the center to achieve the desired benefit from the donation . The donation was said to be disbursed for the administrative expenditures as major prerequisites for the center's sustainable work and its set goals concerning the different programs as well as for developing the unit of legal consultations in the center.

#### • Activities of The project ::

- Implement 15 field educative workshops on about the patterns of legal protection for woman, specially against violence .
- Provide services and phone consultations to 12 women by the legal consultation unit at the center .
- Participate in many ceremonies and events on the occasion of International Day Against Violence , and International Day of Disabled .
- Hold official meetings with UN organizations , for the purpose of needs assessment for the Palestinian woman . As a result, the center has been regarded on of the supervising organization on " Safe Home" for abused women , that is supposed to be established by these organizations.

#### \* Outcomes of the project

- The donation has contributed in the center's sustainability to practice its work and activities, and helped the center steadily pursue its provision to women and women's associations.
- The project has achieved direct benefits to women, who have received services from the center , either those who were targeted in training, awareness and education programs or those of legal concerns. Along with,



the project has accomplished indirect benefits for women in general , through the center's continuous provision of services .

- Foster the center's credibility in terms of practices and services whereas :

1- **The center** has received a number of new male and female lawyers , who have applied for membership that resulted in a twofold number . Besides, the center has become having 150 lawyers of both genders, who are willing to volunteer to contribute success for the center's activities, and derive personal benefit from the developmental services in the center's projects.

2-The center's credibility fostered at local and civil organizations of the center's ability to provide its consultative , educative, and training services.

## 2- "Stop the Violence against Woman " Project

The project was a three-month- donation, funded by the UNDP , in the period 15/2/2008 till 15/5/2008 . The project's overall objective was to contribute in raising the levels of community awareness against violence imposed on women and its impacts. For the realization of this objective, the project had specific goals , associated with a detailed action plan in the project .

### - Outcomes of the project

- A training staff formed, comprising lawyers of both genders (21), linked to the center and its future programs that those lawyers become able to defend women's rights , particularly victims of domestic and community violence .
- Thirty two (32) field training workshops held , targeting direct 1141 men and women , for the purpose of empowering them to recognize the hazards of violence against women, and the level of legal protection against them.
- Networking cooperation undertaken with 32 related association, for the sake of the social work in the future.



- The project contributed in raising the levels of community awareness , to eliminate the culture of violence, through media activities ( Educative manual, poster, radio session, radio adds. )
- The center's logistic potencies in terms of equipments needed for the center future work.

### 1- " Barrier of Silence " Project

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The project was funded by The Palestinian Woman's Center for Researches and Documentation , in the period 3/4/2008 till 30/6/2008 .

### \* Objective of the project :

Documentation of women's stories , to recognize the level of implementation of rights , reported in the convention of eliminating all aspects of discrimination against woman in the Palestinian society.

### \* Outcomes of the project

- 1- A well-trained group , comprising 16 people trained on oral documentation skills , and story writing.
- 2- Cooperation and networking with the local community organizations ,that took part in nominating women object of research.
- 3- New horizons opened for women , object of research, for providing legal and consultative provision , and breaking the barrier of their silence.
- 4- Financial benefit secured for researches in the project .
- 5- Administrative staff at the center gained new skills through admin and financial follow up in the project .
- 6- New horizons opened for the center , in an effort to enhance projects , serving the Palestinian woman at the social and legal aspects.





#### 4- " Consolidation of Family Protection for Woman " Project

The project was funded by the German corporation, Heinrich Boll , in the period 1/3/2008 till 1/9/2008 .

##### Objectives of the project :

- 1- Training a group of lawyers ( both genders), at the center on undertaking legal awareness campaigns in family rights for woman .
- 2- Carrying out legal awareness campaigns about family rights for woman.

##### Outcomes of the project :

- A training staff , comprising 23 lawyers to be related to the center's future programs , and defend women's domestic rights.
- 1080 women directly benefited from the field workshops , and were enabled to recognize their family rights , ensured by "personal status law".
- Networking and cooperation with 42 related organizations enhanced , in an effort to serve the center's work in the future.
- Numbers of women , haunting to the center for legal consultations increased whereas 10 cases of family problems were raised to be proceeded at courts .
- Numbers of the center's website visitors increased during the workshops as the legal manual , distributed at workshops, was available on the home page address of the center.



## 5- " Voice of Justice " Project

The project was funded by Save the Children – Naseej Program , in the period 1/9/2008 till 30/6/2009 .

### **Overall Objective of the project:**

Empowering and consolidating the role of community youth , through lobbying for adopting Gender issues , for the purpose of achieving implied change that guarantees the principle of equality and equity , and securing a society free from violence .

### **Specific Goals of the project :**

- Developing skills of mobilization and lobbying for 25 lawyers ( both genders) .
- Promoting vocational skills for young lawyers , to play different roles in the model court.
- Securing the support of judges in legal court towards reaching equitable decisions for women in legal and national courts of domestic cases , and community violence issues.
- Fulfilling the support of 40 members of the Legislative Council towards the raised issues , and the enactment of related laws.

### **Outcomes achieved**

- 22 lawyers trained on skills of lobbying and mobilization on the woman's domestic rights.
- Field activities and work meetings executed.
- Media campaign poster designed to be disseminated during the mobilization meetings in all Gaza governorates.
- 2000 brochure copies printed of the project " Yes for Raising the age of custody to 18 years" .
- Two broadcasting sessions undertaken under the title " Yes for Raising the age of custody to 18 years" .
- Two mobilization meetings for organizations held in Gaza, and The Middle Governorate .



- The center's electronic homepage updates, a project banner designed on the page, and Naseej website linked to the center's .

## 6- " Let me Speak " Project

The project was funded by Palestinian Woman's Center for Researches and Documentation , covering the documentation of women's stories , in terms of violating their rights, stated in the Palestinian Woman's Rights Convention . Likewise, the project aimed at forming a well-trained group of information officers and graduating female students on story documentation .

### Outcomes of the project :

- 1- 20 stories documented , shedding the light on woman's suffering in Gaza , in reference to the specific terms of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Woman " CEDAW" .
- 2- Information collected about women experts in training for the following subjects : Gender, Human Rights, and Woman's Rights .

## 7- " Young Female Lawyers' Forum " Project

The Project was funded by Heinrich Boll , in the period 1/10/2008 till 30/6/2009.

### Overall Objective of the project

Developing the forum of young lawyers ( established at the center in 2006), to empower them to work as a harmonious cultural group to defend woman's rights , and raise the community awareness of these rights.

### Specific Goals :

- 1- Rehabilitating and empowering the forum's members on educating the new members affiliated at the forum .



- 2- Dedicating periodical meetings , with a view to improve awareness of lawyers and fresh graduates.
- 3- Providing consultative and vocational services to women and local community organizations.
- 4- Creating job opportunities for young lawyers.

### Outcomes Achieved

- 20 lawyers received training .
- Memberships for the forum continued.

### \*\*\* Training Program

1- 155 lawyers ( both genders) benefited from the training courses , in the framework of the aforementioned projects.

2- In cooperation with the Higher Commissioner Office for Human Rights , the center held a training course entitled " Human Rights and Law Sovereignty " , targeting 25 prosecuting tanneries and lawyers ( female) . The course aimed at elevating the levels of awareness for the target group about the mechanisms of UN for Human Rights Protection. The course was held for 3 days, in the amount of 15 training hours .

3- The center implemented a workshop entitled " Discussion of CEDAW Stories Results" , under the framework of " Let Us Break The Barrier of Silence " Project. The stories aimed at highlighting woman's suffering in Gaza , according with the specific terms of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Woman " CEDAW".

4- The center held field training , in cooperation with civil organization , by training specialists, and legal experts at the center, whereas 25 trainers executed training programs in the following concerns :

- Concepts of Gender .



- Elimination of all forms of violence against woman
- Woman's domestic rights .
- Writing and documentation skills .

### Partner - organizations

- Women's Affairs Technical Committee
- Women's Affairs Center
- Women's Studies Association
- General Union of Palestinian Woman – Rafah Branch