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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.

2010





1- The center Vision:

The center works to formulate the legal and social vision for women as the main partner to men in building the Palestinian society on the basis of democracy.

2-Mission:

Develop and empower the legal and social status of women and to achieve their rights in all aspects of life.

3-Objectives:

- 1- working to adopt democratic national legislations, guaranteeing the reinforcement of principle of equality between women and men in rights and duties.
- 2- Working to harmonize the national legislation with the international standers of human rights in general, and also with women rights in particular , especially the Agreement Abolish Discrimination against Women .
- 3- Carrying out legal studies and researches, and studying the laws and the draft bills and suggesting alternatives in place of errors and weakness, to achieve the first objective mentioned above.
- 4- Working to distribute specialized studies concerning human rights in general and women rights in particular.
- 5- Working to protect women in the field of law effectively before the national courts and offering legal counseling in order to achieve this protection.



- 6- Contributing to raise awareness on democracy , human rights in the Palestinian society and combat the legal illiteracy in our society through educational courses.
- 7- Working to separate between the three authorities by awareness, edification and training.
- 8- Reinforcing the centers relation with the institution of local society concerned with feminine and legal issues , at the Arab and international level as well, and guarantees achieving the centers objective.
- 9- Buying, renting, mortgaging and pledging any movable or immovable moneys the company owners deem important to achieve the objectives of the center.
- 10- The company may exercise all mentioned tasks, which are mentioned in the second reference of the annex to the law of companies of 1929 and its amendments.
- 11- Every action decided on and approved by the board of directors in the interest of the centers objectives and complement its purpose.

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

5-Administrative Structure and board



The following board members have been appointed on 10,8,2009 by the General Assembly :

- 1- Lawyer , Islah Hassaneya : Chairperson
- 2- Lawyer, Hanan Matar : Vice- Chairperson
- 3- Lawyer, Jameel Sarhan : Member
- 4- Lawyer, Ibtehaj Al Shawa : Member
- 5- Mrs. Amal Syam : Member
- 6M., Tareq Al Derawi : Member
- 7-Mr.Zohair Al lababedi

-6Admin Staff:

- 1- **The center's director** : Zainab Al Gonaimy
- 2- **Accountant** : Rose Al Amody
- 3- **tahany Qassem**: projects coordinator at the center
- 4- **Gada Al soos**: Social worker.
- 5- **Wafaa Hels**: Project coordinator.
- 6- **Samah ElQishawi**: Translator &Reporting writer
- 7- **Worker** : Samira Toman.

Part time Projects employees:

- 1-**Project's Lawyer**: Imteyaz Hasab Aallah.
- 2- **Project's Lawyer**: Hannia Krazem.

-Volunteers-

- Project's Accountant**: Elham Saleh.
Administrative assistant: Rahma Zaaneen.

**** 7- The Center's Activities in 2010:**

1-Training Program:

Number of training courses beneficiaries:

No	Training coursers title	Project title	Training hours	Beneficiaries No	male	Female
1	Domestic rights for Women(10 groups)	Women Forward Forum	400 hours	240	-	240
2	Domestic rights for Women & Gender	Development of" Women Forward Forum"	72 hours	60	-	60



3	Domestic rights for Women & TOT	Legal and Social Assistant for Divorced women	40 hours	15	8	7
Total			512	315	8	307

2- Awareness and Education program:

Number of workshops beneficiaries:

No	workshop s title	Project title	Workshops No.	Worksho p hours	Beneficiaries No	male	Female
1	Domestic rights for Women	Legal Protection for vulnerable women in Gaza Strip	39 workshops	117	1692	156	1536
2	Domestic rights for Women	Women Forward Forum	67 workshops	201 hours	165	-	165
3	Domestic rights for Women & TOT	Legal and Social Assistant for Divorced women	16 workshops	32 hours	608	106	448
Total			122	350	2149	316	2465

3- legal consulting program:

Legal consulting unit at the center provide legal support and legal consulting for women and defend them without money before court as following:

- (609) women asked help from the center whatever direct legal consulting or by phone.
- (60) cases for (35) women providing free defense before the courts in cases of alimony for (children and women), custody fees , property rights ,obedience, and children custody (58) cases are achieved .
- Unique success cases (obedience, children custody, Divorce)
- (2) Debit and property cases are following up at the courts.

8-Interrelation with Local Organizations:

-CWLRC is an active member of Amal Collation for combat violence against women, which establishes on November 2009



- The center has managed to establish solid relations with 70 woman and civic 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.
- The center has managed to establish solid relations with(10) NGOs at marginalized areas in all Gaza governorates through " Legal and Social Support for Divorced Women and Women Survivors for Domestic Violence" project, " Legal Protection for vulnerable women in Gaza Strip" project and "Women Forward Forum" project. All theses interrelation and networking with organizations led to raising awareness which the center aimed to achieve it.

9- Media activities:

- (17) radio episodes are conducted at local radio stations and discussed domestic rights for women within personal status law (marriage, Divorce, Children Custody, alimony and inheritance)in addition to, cases which represented at the courts within Legal and Social Support for Divorced Women and Women Survivors for Domestic Violence" project, and "Women Forward Forum" project. Theses radio episodes attended by judges, lawyers, organization's representatives and project's coordinators
- (300) brochure are produced and distributed about Women Forward Forum.
- (2000) brochure are produced and distributed about Women's rights are human rights.
- (8000) brochure are produced and distributed about " Legal and Social Support for Divorced Women and Women Survivors of Domestic Violence". In English and Arabic language, on (Marriage, Divorce and inheritance).

-10 Dealings with donors

- UNDP.
- Global Fund for woman.
- UN Women.(UNIFEM)
- Heinrich Boll foundation –Germany .
- Nezam project funded by USAID.

Networking with new donors:

- Norwegian Refugees Council (NRC).
- General Consulate of France- Jerusalem.
- CIDA.
- OSI.

-11 Administrative development and expansionism:



Meetings of Board of Directors:

The board held 6 meetings during the year 2010, 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 .

Development of the center:

* As a result to the development achieved at the center, the fixed staff has been increased to include :

- Centers director.
- Accountant
- Projects coordinator.
- Social Worker.
- Legal assistant
- Project Coordinator.
- Translator and reporting writer.
- Worker.
- Par time Employees in the projects(2).
- Volunteers(2).

-12 Achievement of the Center:

- Approval for implementing " Center for the Protection and Empowerment of Women & Families" funded by MDG and supported by UNDP&UN Women. This center is multi-purposes center.
- Collection of financial rights to the number (20) a divorced woman from the Finance Ministry in Ramallah which was reserved since 2 years.
- issuing resolution related to children meetings and children custody .

13-Completed Projects(starts on 2009 and ends on 2010):-

1-Completed of

"legal protection of vulnerable women in the Gaza Strip" :-

funded by Nezam project (USAID), starts on 1\10\2009 and ends on 30\5\2010.

Overall objective:

To contribute in the legal protection of vulnerable women in the Gaza Strip through legal awareness for women.



Achieved project's objectives:

- improve the professional capacity of lawyers in enforcing the family law.
- train of (5) lawyers both gender as legal researchers on women's issues and community issues.
- promote marginalized women's rights through community awareness by trainers(both gender).
- Raise awareness for (2203) women and men,(1926) women and (277)men from all Gaza governorates on legal protection for women within personal status law through workshops which implemented by lawyers(both gender).
- Raise awareness for (155)students law,(51)female students and (104) male students about " Domestic rights for women within personal status law" and " Women's rights are human rights"
- Distribute (2000) brochures on domestic rights for women.
- Distribute (2000) brochures on women's rights are human rights.
- Promote the relation between the center and NGOs and women organizations.
- Produce (150) book titled(Palestinian women between reality and law) included 5 researches on women's rights issues (Marriage, Divorce, labor, Legal education for women and organization's role on women's supporting)
- Produce and document Video on project's activities.

2- completed of Women Forward Forum" Project Improvement

Funded by Heinrich Boll foundation which the second phase starts on 1\12\2009 to 31\10\2010.

overall Objective:

The Project aims to provide support to divorced women, particularly the youth and integrate them into the community.

Achieved project's objectives:

- 1-(300) divorced women are received (460) hours on legal awareness.
- 2- Direct legal aid are provided for women.



- 3- affected on dictions makers related to divorced women cases.
- 4- affected on NGOs and provided legal aid for women.
- 5-promoted the confidence of the center and affected of donors.
- 6-improved the admin and technical skills for the center staff.

3-Completed of "identification of social development needs "Project

It was showed the results of "identify the needs of social development" study which was implemented by center for women's legal research and consulting, supported by UNDP and cooperated by Women's affairs Center(WAC), Women's Affairs technical Committee(WATC) and media and information center for women. the study was implemented after Gaza war2009.

Overall objective:

The project aims to conduct research study on "identify the needs of social development needs" for Gaza strip in order to reach propriety issues through projects activities and project's programs.

The objective of study:

Explore and assess the potential for social development, human security and social cohesion in Gaza Strip through researches participatory.

Results of the study:

- 1-Lack of hopes on working at the future because of the lack of national agenda, geographical division between Gaza strip and west bank.
- 2- Needs of psychological and social support for young.
- 3- The traditional role of women, this led to additional suffering for women.
- 4-Increasing the violence against women (verbal abuse and beatings).
- 5-leaving women from political field (negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis).
- 6- militarization of the society through Palestinian security services and competition between Hamas and Fatah.



7- Gender and national struggle affected on gender division at labor field(men connected of decision- makers while women supported the decision).

-4Global Fund for woman "

The project was implemented in the period 1/7/2009 till 1/7/2010 ,

The amount of the funding 15000\$ to cover the following expenses:-

- 1-location rental fees for 1 year.
- 2- covering the salaries for (3) center's employees.
- 3- buying photo copier machine.

The importance of the fund for the center:

- 1- The donation was said to be disbursed for the administrative expenditures as major prerequisites for the center's sustainable work.
- 2- the center able to provide their services for the target groups through the fund.



Implemented projects 2010:

1- "Legal assistance and Social Support for divorced women and women Survivors of Domestic Violence" project

funded by Noworagian Refugees council, starts on 1\10\2010 to 28\2\2011.

overall Objective:-

The project aims to support divorced women and women survivors of domestic violence to empower them legally, socially and raising awareness about their legal rights.

Achieved project's objectives:-

- 1- Training of (15) lawyers both gender on Personal Status law.
 - 2- Providing direct legal consultation or by phone for "202" women and "7" men.
 - 3- legal presentation for "18" women before national courts.
 - 4- Raising awareness for (608) beneficiaries through (16) workshops (448) women and (106) men.
 - 5- conducting (3) radio episodes on legal rights for women.
 - 6- Producing (8000) brochure about " Legal and Social Support for Divorced Women and Women Survivors of Domestic Violence". In English and Arabic language, on (Marriage, Divorce and inheritance).
- The project will continue till the end of February and this led to implement the project's activities.

2- "Legal and Social Support Unit for Battered Women" Project

funded by General French Consulate - Jerusalem , the project starts on 1\11\2010 to 1\11\2011.

overall Objective:-

the project aims to empower the working staff in the legal and social support unit to continue providing the defense to battered women and enhance their legal and social status and reintegrate them into the community.



Specific goals of project:-

- 1-Empowerment of legal consultation unit at the center to defense women before national courts and integrate them into the community.
- 2-Providing legal consultation for (1800) women for divorced and battered women.
- 3- legal representation for(50)women before national courts.
- 4- employment (1) lawyer and (1) social worker as par time .

3-" Enhancing Women's rights for Equality" project.

The project funded by UNDP&CIDA, the project starts on 1\11\2010 to 30\10\2011.

overall Objective:-

the project aims to achieve equality in the Palestinian community in Gaza Strip through improvement the acknowledge of women's rights as human rights and increasing the community perspective towards women's rights.

Specific goals of project:-

- 1-Improvement the acknowledge and skills of (20) youth "both gender" on Personal Status law , gender perspective and psychological, social , medical affecting of domestic violence.
- 2-Improvement the training skills for (20) trainers "both gender".
- 3- Improvement the awareness of families and female youth on Women's rights and gender.
- 4-Conducting (6) radio episodes on women's rights issues.
- 5- Producing(2000) brochures about women's rights and violence against women.
- 6-Raising awareness on women's rights and violence against women for (80) target groups from partnership organizations.



- 7-Increasing the number of women who receiving legal aid at the center.
- 8- Raising awareness of community on Women's rights and violence against women.
- 9-Increasing the number of community activates on women's rights and violence against women.

"Center for the Protection and Empowerment of Women & Families" Project.

Funded by UNDP& UN Women, the project starts on 1\12\2010 to 15 months at the first phase.

overall Objective:-

the project aims to elimination the discrimination and violence against women and girls through providing the protection for women.

Specific goals of project:-

- Protection and empowerment women, girls and children violence victims.
- lopping the community as an active role to end the violence against women.
- Supporting families relation through positive manners as love, confidence and keeping of the life.
- Providing legal aid and sheltering for battered women , because Hayat center is multi purpose center.
- The project is important and unique one, because the center is multi-purposes center and providing legal aid and sheltering for women violence victims.



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