



EUROPEAN UNION



## Project Factsheet

Strengthening access to protection, participation and services for refugee women, internally displaced people and local communities

### OBJECTIVES

- Enhance the security, resilience and livelihoods for refugee women, internally displaced people (IDPs) and local communities in Lebanon and Iraq.
- Promote gender equality and empower women on the national level.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide better and safer access to comprehensive legal, psychosocial and gender based violence related services.
- Provide women with knowledge of their rights and access to protection.
- Improve the capacity of institutes to mainstream gender in national policies and address discriminatory legislation.
- Raise public awareness on women's rights.
- Empower women with better skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the labor market.
- Provide women with information about their working rights.
- Improve supportive services to women in the labor market.

### BUDGET

EUR 12.5 million

### START DATE

01/09/2018

### DURATION

28 months

### BENEFICIARIES

**44,538**

IDPs, Iraqi,  
Jordanian,  
Lebanese and  
Syrian refugee  
women and girls

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



## PROJECT LOCATIONS



### LEBANON

Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, Tripoli, Akkar (North Lebanon) and Saida

### IRAQ

Baghdad, Salaheddin, Najaf, Karbala, Diyala and Mosul

### JORDAN

Jerash, Ajloun, Deir Alla, Azraq City and camp and East Amman

## OUR IMPACT



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Olfat Abdel Rahim, a 49 years old Syrian – Palestinian refugee living in a refugee camp in north Lebanon, is now considered as a role model for the women and girls in the camp. Through the project, Olfat had the opportunity to move forward in building her skills, increase her knowledge on Gender-Based Violence and acquire facilitation techniques. During the training, Olfat discovered that she had facilitation skills she didn't know about. She found passion and interest in serving the community and contributing to fighting violence against women. Olfat is now a peer educator working on reaching women and girls in her community and educating them on violence against women, women's rights, physical and detrimental consequences of child marriage.

*"I attended a three-day training on Gender-Based Violence with RDFL which was an extremely important experience on the personal level, because after that I had the opportunity to implement awareness sessions in my community and reach 350 Syrian women and girls in only one month. I didn't know what I was capable of until I shared the knowledge I received with my peers and saw the impact it had, especially on young girls."*

Zainab Bani Nasr has faced many challenges in her life, starting with her early marriage at the age of fifteen. In Kofrnja, her village in the province of Ajloun, child marriage is quite common due to the economic conditions, customs and prevailing traditions. Zainab did not get the chance to complete her education with an unemployed husband, she had to take care of nine children – one of whom has special needs. All this did not get the better of her positive spirit and ambitions.

Today, at the age of 44, she has sought to transform her ideas into a project on the ground. Thanks to the support of the EU MADAD Fund, Zainab established a sports club (the Ideal Body Club for Women) where she and her daughters are running the training department, diet, and other services. This club is the source of income for the family.



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*"Many of us face challenges, but few are looking for the opportunities behind these challenges. I accepted the challenge and reached my goal and every day is a new opportunity for me."*

Six years ago, when Zahra (a nickname) left Salshaddin province and came to Khanaqin, she was completely broken, following the death of 16 members of her family under bombardment. Her tough life affected Zahra's mental and physical health. She went on hunger-strike for a long time which caused her severe anemia and high blood pressure. *"I gradually began to move away from my husband and my children, and stopped socializing. Until a social worker reached out to me and shared the activities and the services of Women Empowerment Organization through its mobile teams. She explained about the project funded by the EU MADAD Fund and how it focuses on supporting vulnerable women, which made me ask them for help."*

At the center, a social worker was following up with her in complete confidentiality, which helped her recovering. Taking several lectures and psychosocial sessions helped the 32-year-old mother to feel better and go back to her life with family and neighbors. *"This project has expressed its full support for all women in the camp, I wish them success because they are working hard to support women. Their efforts are highly appreciated."*