



SAWA Organization – All Together Today and Tomorrow

Field of Activity

Gender Equality; GBV.

Vision and mission

SAWA is a leading Palestinian non-governmental organization dedicated to providing support, protection and social counseling for survivors of violence. They stand for an enhanced social wellbeing, based on values of humanity and gender equality, through a set of differentiated services to **combat all types of violence, abuse and neglect practiced against women and children.**

ACTIVITIES

All the projects that SAWA designs have a clear gender goal, mainly addressed to the less privileged members of the society, such as children and women. They provide support for physical health, Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and physical violence through helpline and face to face.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ SAWA's 121 Listening Center, a toll-free helpline available 24/7 to respond to MHPSS, medical, and legal support to Palestinian struggling with negative impacts of the military aggressions and Covid-19 crisis. Since March 2020 18.381 sessions, only in the month of August 2021 1.176 women and 1.641 men received counseling sessions.
- ❖ Promotion of Sexual and Reproduction Health with a human rights based approach' by visiting villages in Area C with mobile clinic
- ❖ Face-to-face individual counseling sessions for 200 women
- ❖ Mobile clinic, awareness raising for women



Country: OPT



Year of foundation: 1998



Areas of intervention:

Palestine (West Bank , East Jerusalem, Gaza)



STAFF: 16 employees, 5 out of 7 board and manager positions are women



Network: UN Cluster system (Child Protection; MHPSS; GBV); Al Muntada; CHI; ECPAT; CAP; Girls not Brides; Facebook Trusted Partner



Website:
www.sawa.ps

SAWA's Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:

- 1 Service Delivery
- 2 Community Engagement
- 3 Policy Change



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SAWA's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Project title: Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls in Palestine

Locations



Palestine (West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem)



Budget

€ 104.177



Timeframe

September 2021
August 2022

Naseej's workstreams

Stream 1 (Services Delivery)

Strengthening support and referral services and reporting systems for women and girls GBV survivors



Stream 2 (Community Engagement)

Transforming the social norms that perpetuate GBV with a special focus on youth engagement



Stream 3 (Policy Change)

Strengthening development and implementation of national GBV legislation



Emergency psycho-social support and free legal counseling to 3.000 SGBV survivors



Providing support through Sawa's toll-free Listening Center. Monthly advertisements of the Helpline's services via social media and radio.

Training of 15 new counselors to support SAWA's Helpline

Provide weekly individual supervision to maintain operators' well-being, avoid traumatization, burning out and dropping out from the program.



New app for geolocation of harassment

Informing about SAWA new app. Increase the number of downloads and app users. Work with locals to create safe spaces. Work with authorities and stakeholders to influence decision-making on vulnerable areas.

Awareness-raising in school for 50 classes

Targeting 200 girls and boys to receive information and awareness-raising session on GBV and prevention methods. Distribution of brochures and other materials on the subject.



Social Media and Radio Campaign

Targeting 50.000 women and girl for awareness-raising campaign on their rights and SAWA's services. Broadcast monthly radio spots and social media campaign on sexual abuse, harassment and prevention.



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Against Women and Girls in the MENA Region



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