



Witness Center for Citizen Rights and Social Development - Shahid



Field of Activity

Gender Equality and women's empowerment

Vision and mission

Witness Center's mission is to **create a Palestinian Society that believes in human rights values** and ensure the Palestinian Political Regime to be **responsive for youth, women and marginalized community's** needs and perceptions.

Witness Center's overall goals are:

- **Enhance youth role, women engagement and marginalized communities in decision** and planning process in terms of public life.
- Providing young people with knowledge, skills, tools improving their capacities and efficiency.
- Bridging the gap between young people and marginalized communities with decision makers.

ACTIVITIES

Witness Center's program and activities are highly focused on empowering the role of women by creating and providing opportunities to lead and build leadership skills. They give importance of women's role through awareness raising activities and building their capacity.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Creation of a structured education format for 30 leader women to be active and autonomous through the formation of a Female Network. Having acknowledge the "Witness Center"- Shahid as a point of reference in Nablus for YPS (Youth, Peace, Security).
- ❖ Implementation of a platform for youth and women in the old city to gain knowledge and discuss about health, women rights and gender equality.
- ❖ Production of educational materials on alternative narrative on women's issues, highlighting media educational role in reducing rumors and misinformation on women related content.



Country: OPT



Year of foundation: 2014



Areas of intervention:

Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Tulkarem, Jenin, Gaza and Jericho Governorates



STAFF: 8 employees, 4 are women



Network:

Anna Lindh Foundation, AICEM Network, The Palestinian Coalition for Civil Peace and National Unity, The Palestinian Coalition for Non-Violence Culture, Euro-Med Feminist Initiative in partnership with Palestinian Working Women for Development



Website:

<https://witness.ps/>



Community Engagement

Witness Center's Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:



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Witness Center's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Project title: Women lead

Locations



Nablus Governorate

Budget



€ 50.000

Timeframe



May 2021
July 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



Raising awareness on the narrative on GBV

Develop a **handbook focusing on sensitivity of speech among the GBV** to be used by journalists and activists. Brain storming session led by Shahid for all actors including journalists, women based organizations, related stakeholders, followed by a launching session of the handbook.

Training courses on protection

Capacity building training dedicated to protection, the Palestinian national referral system and case management for 5 CBOs and CSOs with 12 participants per group.



Raising awareness training on women rights

Raising awareness on women rights and access to services for GBV survivors, targeting 180 women beneficiaries of the CBOs and CSOs to improve the knowledge needed to face challenges and build their capacity to enhance their influencing role as women leads in their communities.

Monitoring and advice from a Steering Comitee

Witness will benefit of quarterly meeting with a Steering Committee, which include Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), actors of the GBV cluster and women platforms, in order to monitor and receive advice for a better implementation of the project activities.



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