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Education

Middle East University for Higher Education, Amman- Jordan Present
Enrolled in MA in Public Law

Amman Al-Ahliyya University, Amman- Jordan 2010
BA in Law

Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Holland 1995
M.A, "Women and Development"

Bethlehem University, Bethlehem, West Bank/ Palestine 1990
BA, Social Work and Psychology

Talitha Kumi High School, West Bank/ Palestine 1984
High School Diploma

Professional Experience

Program Consultant on Middle East & North Africa, Equality Now April 2008- Present

- Promotes the work of Equality Now through outreach and networking.
- Assists the organization in identifying potential partners and issues that need urgent actions which fall within its mandate
- Makes the work of Equality Now known to potential partners in the Middle East and North Africa (women's organizations and human rights organization that are engaged in promotion and protection of the human rights of women)

Investigator on human rights violations, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict May 2012-July 2012

- Investigate and gather information in boarder areas of Syria on conflict-related sexual violence
- Document cases of human rights violations including sexual violence in conflict areas.

Deputy Director, Women's Right Specialist: April 2007- March 2008

- Provided support to Freedom House projects on women's rights and violence against women.
- Contributed to the development of crises centers that deals with women victims of violence.
- Supported project director and staff in managing and developing the program

Head of the Capacity -Building Unit 2004- 2007

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC), Jerusalem

- Developed the emergency shelter services in through: training of staff, volunteers, and support groups, and establishing appropriate rules and procedures.
- Trained staff, including board of trustees and the general assemblies, of grassroots organizations to provide services to women victims of violence.
- Developed rules and regulations, including basic rules and regulations, bylaws, administrative and financial systems, implementation of program procedures, planning and monitoring processes, and external donor relations for grassroots women's organizations dealing with women's issues.
- Provided capacity building training for lawyers, doctors, police, and judges in dealing with women victims of violence.

- Developed effective local and voluntary community activist to promote cultural attitudes about women.

Head of the Social Work Unit

1996-2004

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC), Jerusalem

- Developed and implemented culturally sensitive crisis intervention programs, preventative programs, and services to assist sexually assaulted and threatened women.
- Managed the construction and development of regulations and procedures of emergency and permanent shelters for women in difficult circumstances in the West Bank.
- Constructed and executed capacity building programs, such as training on issues of violence against women, family violence, and gender based violence for informal and formal institutions, i.e., the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, UNRWA, police, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, to improve their handling of sensitive cases of victimized women.
- Supervised the Social Work Unit including managing the work of 6 social workers, executing work plans, budgets and reports, and administering consultations between clients and social workers.
- Network with and lobbied formal and informal institutions for improvement of women's rights and protection and developing procedural systems that operate within Palestinian community.
- Contributed to the development of legislation related to women's victims of violence, such as criminal law, family law, and the family protection law
- Represented WCLAC in local and regional committees, that include Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon, and aim to combat violence against women

Social Worker and Administrator

1990-1994

Caritas Jerusalem Social Centre, East Jerusalem

- Assisted poor families, especially homes of single women and their children, by developing financial aid programs, and raising awareness programs on women's rights in the household, workplace, and community.
- Cooperated with other social institutions in creating job opportunities for women.
- Performed administrative duties such as bookkeeping, managing project funds, public relations, and filing.

Counselor

1990-1991

YMCA, Beit Sahour, the West Bank/ Palestine

- Counseled families of the injured and those injured by the political violence of the *Intifada* (Uprising).

Papers/Publications:

Arab Women Organization: "*CEDAW before the Jordanian judiciary*, Arab Women Organization, 2011 (in Arabic), published.

Arab Women Organization: "Breaking the Silence: challenges & difficulties facing abused women in Jordan, 2012.

Contributor: *Mapping and Analyzing the Landscape of Femicide in Palestinian Society*, Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC), 2004.

Contributor: *Towards Formulating Effective Strategies within Palestinian NGO's concerning Women's Participation and Transformation: Case Study*, Caritas Jerusalem, 1995 (unpublished).

Languages

Arabic, mother tongue

English, good verbal and written communication

