

## “PROMOTING ADVOCACY IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL”

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY:

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)

### COUNTRY CONCERNED:

Palestine

### TARGET REGION :

South of the West Bank - Bethlehem and Hebron

### PROJECT'S OVERVIEW

This project is framed within the initiative "**Strengthening the capacities of actors working for gender equality**" led by the IEMed, in partnership with CAWTAR, FLDDF, FFM, RUSEMEG and the French State. It is funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI) in the framework of the Axis 1 of the Priority Solidarity Fund's project "**Women of the Future in the Mediterranean**" which aims to promote the emancipation and access to power of women of the Southern shore of the Mediterranean.

This initiative sets up, each year, *local clusters of gender equality actors* in 7 countries, made up of associations, research institutions, local/regional authorities, companies and media working in favour of gender equality in a specific territory. Each local cluster elaborates a *diagnosis of the situation* at the local level on a topic of interest related to gender equality and formulate proposals for concrete actions to address the problems identified during the diagnosis in the form of the collective identification of a *field project*. Each cluster is structured around an association that leads all its actions.

WCLAC coordinated the Palestinian local cluster in 2015 and led a mobilization pilot action of gender equality actors at local level -mainly trainings and debates- to reflect on several themes which are considered priorities at the local level such as violence against women and women's human rights. Regional committees composed of community leaders and activists were established and consultations of these committees highlighted several recommendations such as: the importance of encouraging discussions between the social and political activists and of building partnerships with local communities to better advocate for women's rights.

### OBJECTIVES

1. - Raise awareness of members of political parties and trade unions on women's rights.
2. - Promote the inclusion of gender issues in the political agenda and encourage the emergence of community initiatives conducted by men as social catalysts for change.
3. - Increase women's leadership capabilities and their presence in decision-making positions.

### ACTIVITIES

- Organizing meetings with members of the Southern West Bank Regional Committee established during the pilot action to select the beneficiaries of the project activities.
- Realisation of awareness-raising sessions for the political parties' and unions' members (men and women) in order to develop their role in advocating for women's rights.
- Dissemination of the field project in the local media and on the web.

The Axis 1 "Strengthening the capacity of the actors working for equality" is part of the project "Women of the future in the Mediterranean" funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, and the project "Developing women's empowerment" labelled by the Union of the Mediterranean

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