

«COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILD MARRIAGE IN THE MARRAKECH-SAFI AREA»

PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY

Fédération des ligues des droits des femmes de Marrakech – FLDF Marrakech

COUNTRY

Morocco

TARGET REGION

Marrakech-Safi Area

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, FLDF, 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 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 and education institutions, local and regional authorities, companies and syndicates and media working in favour of gender equality in a specific territory. Each local cluster of gender equality actors[©] 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. **FLDF Marrakech coordinated the Moroccan local cluster in 2015 and led a mobilization pilot action of gender equality actors at local level consisting of consultations and a research on gender-based violence.**

The FLDF through a preliminary diagnosis showed a significant deficit in terms of women's access to their rights with a preponderance of all forms of violence against women and especially of child marriage in the Marrakech-Safi area.

OBJECTIVES

1. Inform the policy decision through a diagnosis on gender equality and violence against women in the region to serve as an advocacy tool;
2. Communicate and raise awareness on the issue of violence against women, particularly child marriage;
3. Identify and encourage local actors to undertake outreach and information activities on the dramatic consequences of violence against women and on the dangers of child marriage.

ACTIVITIES

1. Realization of a full state of art on the condition of equality in the Marrakech-Safi area.
2. Implementation of massive advocacy activities on violence against women and child marriage in the villages and schools.
3. Organization of meetings with policy makers, directors of studies, parents' associations and judges to encourage the implementation of mechanisms of positive discrimination and gender-sensitive governance in local and regional bodies.
4. Production and distribution of an advertising spot on child marriage.

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