

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF LEBANESE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO PARLIAMENT

Coordinating Association

Women in Front (WIF) - Lebanon

Partner Association

European Women's Lobby (EWL) - Belgium

Targeted areas

Lebanon

Context

According to the Lebanese Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, women's representation in political bodies in Lebanon is one of the lowest in the world. Although the Lebanese government has endorsed the 30% women's quota following Beijing conference, the quota system has never been implemented. WIF, in collaboration with many Lebanese NGOs, developed a study that offers different scenarios of women's quota to be implemented in the new electoral law that is being discussed by the Parliament for the upcoming parliamentary elections in 2017. Many efforts have been done in terms of lobbying with parliament members and stakeholders. However, the lack of people's awareness, especially women, about the quota system has been identified as one of biggest obstacles to implement this system.

Objective

To advocate in favour of the quota system, and to raise awareness among people about the advantages of the women's quota and its benefits as a temporary measure to increase women's representation in politics.

Activities

The core activity of this campaign is the production and the massive dissemination of informative videos targeting all Lebanese regions, and all male and female voters above 21 years, especially among the social media outlets. The UNDP Leap office in Lebanon, and the "Women in Parliament" coalition, which consists of more than 150 NGOs, will also support the campaign.

Start date

December 2016

Link for more information

<https://www.facebook.com/womeninfront>

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