

Nqseej

ENHANCING LEBANON NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR
THE PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND RESPONSE
TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



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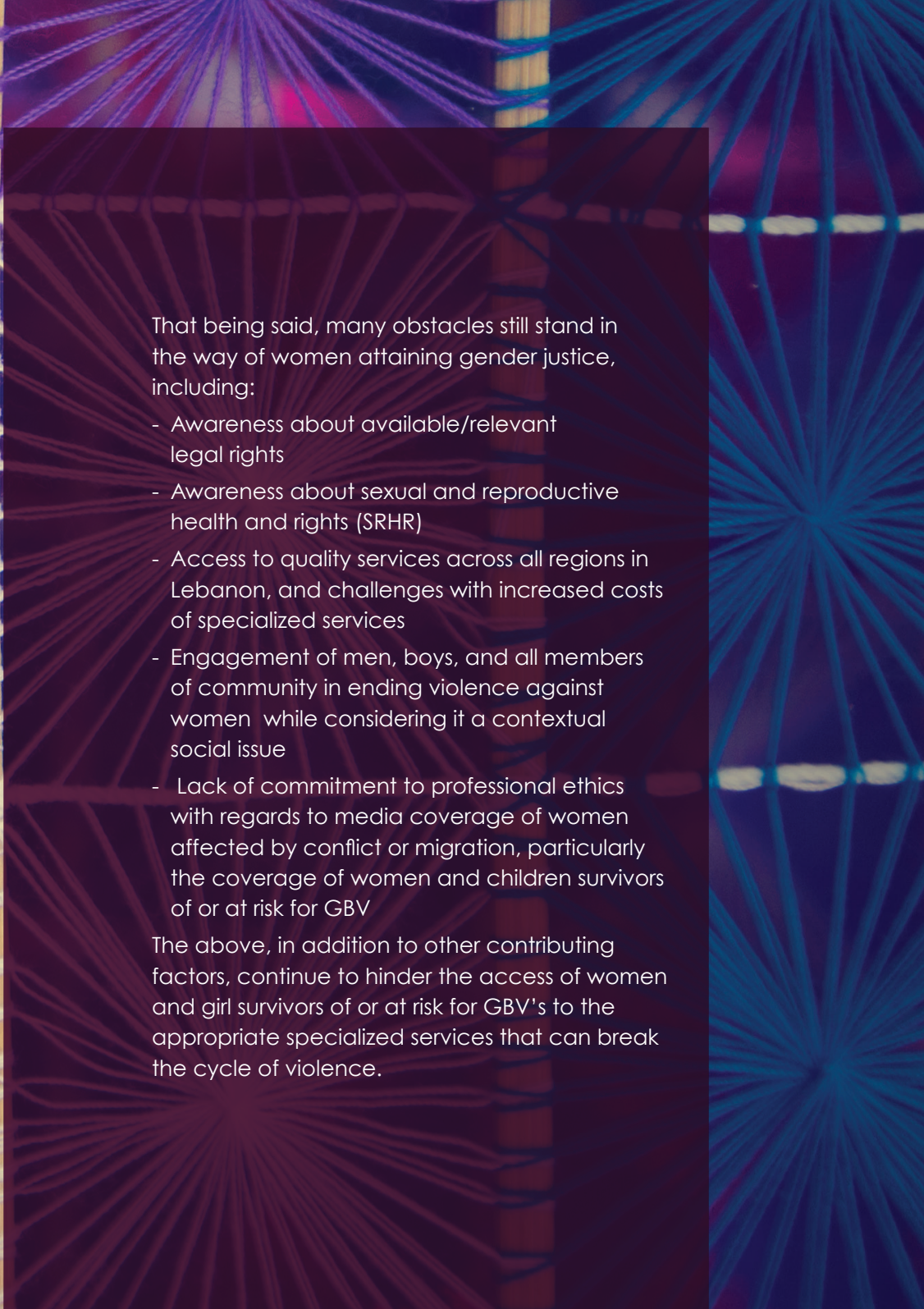
ABAAD's "NASEEJ" Project is a project in Lebanon funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The project aims to mitigate the root causes of Gender-Based Violence for both refugee and host communities, in the domestic and public spheres.

It seeks enhancing a better quality of life free from violence, through Prevention, Empowerment and Protection mechanisms.



RATIONALE

Despite the adoption of laws such as the “Protection of Women and Other Family Members from Domestic Violence” (Law 293), and the repeal of article 522 from the penal code (which allowed rapists from escaping conviction if they married their victim), women and girls in both host and refugee communities in Lebanon continue to suffer from the lack of available protective legal structures.



That being said, many obstacles still stand in the way of women attaining gender justice, including:

- Awareness about available/relevant legal rights
- Awareness about sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
- Access to quality services across all regions in Lebanon, and challenges with increased costs of specialized services
- Engagement of men, boys, and all members of community in ending violence against women while considering it a contextual social issue
- Lack of commitment to professional ethics with regards to media coverage of women affected by conflict or migration, particularly the coverage of women and children survivors of or at risk for GBV

The above, in addition to other contributing factors, continue to hinder the access of women and girl survivors of or at risk for GBV's to the appropriate specialized services that can break the cycle of violence.

THE NUMBERS:

Lebanon's refugee demographics:

1 million
refugees from Syria

More than **52%**
are women and girls

Syrian
refugee
constitute

1/4 of the overall
Lebanese
population

88%
live in Host Communities

12%
live in Informal
Tented Settlements

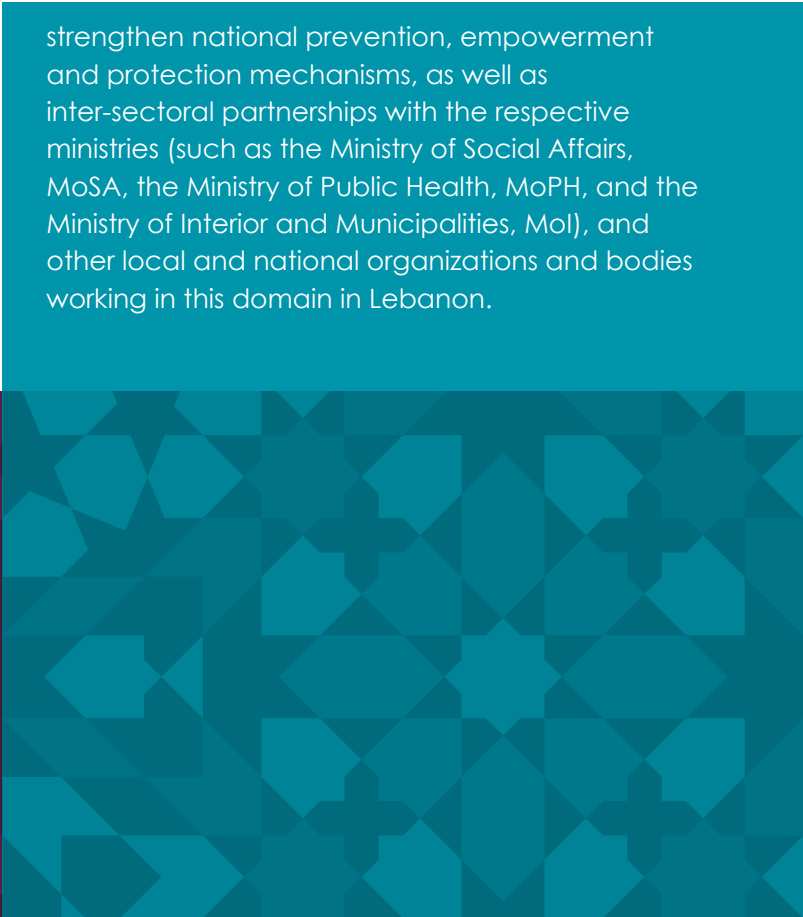
WHY?

“NASEEJ” is the translation of mechanisms in need of strengthening on both national and grassroots levels with the goal of fostering social and protective structural cohesion, whilst simultaneously strengthening partnerships with all relevant stakeholders in GBV prevention sector in Lebanon.

“NASEEJ” aims to respond to structural gaps in the GBV response in order to ensure a better quality of life, free of violence, for all women and children in Lebanon.



To this end, this project mainly aims to:



strengthen national prevention, empowerment and protection mechanisms, as well as inter-sectoral partnerships with the respective ministries (such as the Ministry of Social Affairs, MoSA, the Ministry of Public Health, MoPH, and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, MoI), and other local and national organizations and bodies working in this domain in Lebanon.



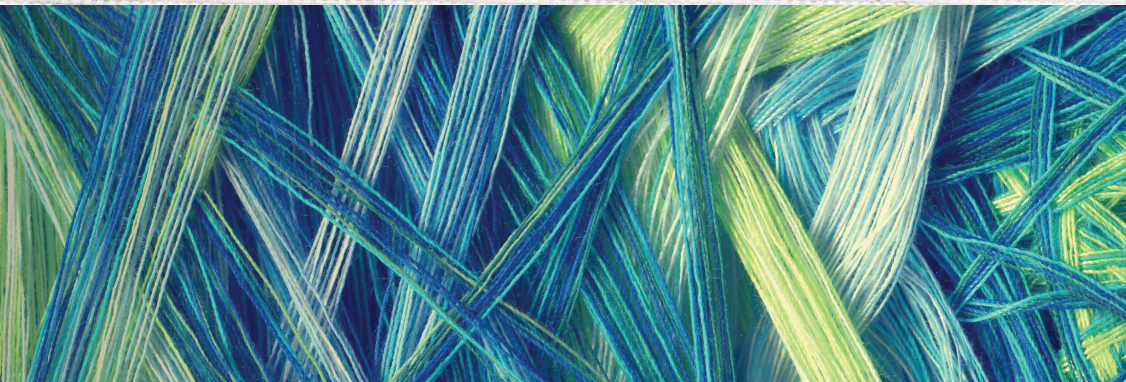
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"NASEEJ" works on developing a sustainable response mechanism to prevent GBV by means of enabling multi-sectoral governmental intervention strategies and engaging all major stakeholders in society, including ministries, local and national GBV service providers, UN Agencies, as well as NGOs responding to the Syrian Crisis.



1 To better equip national inter-sectoral structures to respond to the GBV needs of women on the medium and long term

- Production of a GBV Standard Operational Procedures document nationally endorsed by relevant official entities in Lebanon and training of 180 front-liners;
- Production and Accreditation of the Arabic version of the GBV Case Management Training Curriculum in close coordination with the GBV sector in Lebanon and training of 100 trainers;
- Production of a national self-care curriculum and training of 1620 GBV and Child Protection front-liners;
- Production of a national toolkit/curriculum on the psychological considerations while dealing with couple dynamics in cases of Intimate Partner Violence or GBV;
- Organizing a national inter-disciplinary platform among GBV and mental health practitioners in Lebanon.



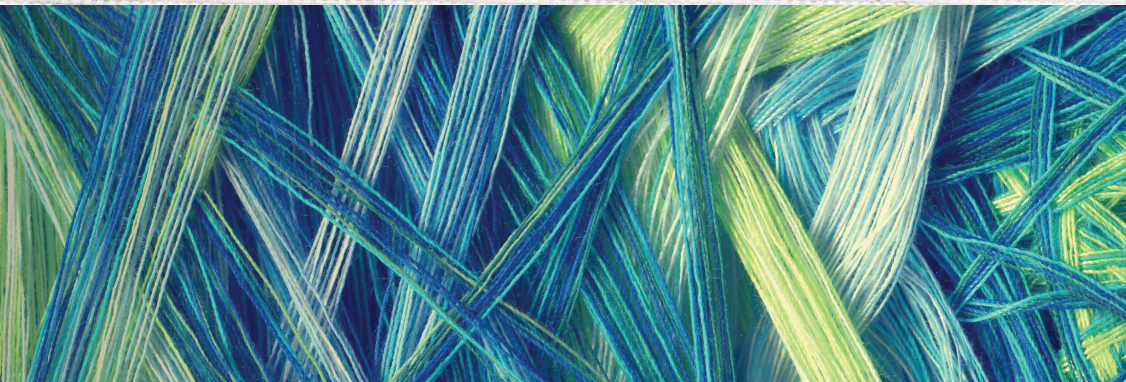
2 To enhance gender-sensitive and quality media coverage on issues related to women in conflict/post-conflict setups

- Production of a Code of Conduct between Media institution and personnel and Women NGOs on gender-sensitive media coverage in conflict/post conflict situation;
- Development of a toolkit on gender-sensitive media coverage in conflict/post conflict situation and capacity building training of around 75 media personnel;
- Self-care training sessions for around 90 media personnel from the MENA region exposed to conflict situations;
- Investigative reporting training sessions targeting around 30 new journalists;
- Production of a platform/on-line interactive portal that will produce first-hand gender sensitive reports and media pieces around women's and gender issues in conflict situations.



3 Improved access to quality and inclusive services for women, men, and children survivors of, or at risk of GBV

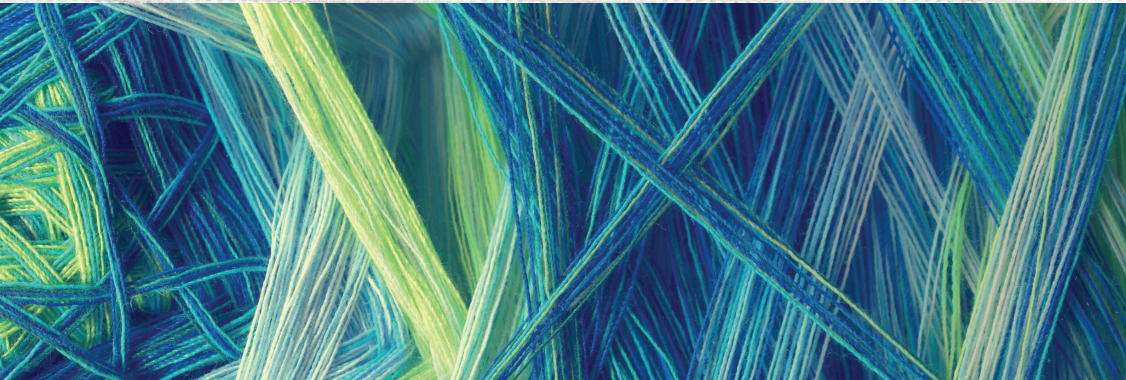
- Centralization and production of systemic help-line services for women survivors of SGBV and nation-wide media campaign to announce for the help-line GBV holistic services
- Replication of ABAAD's current Men Centre Model to provide engendered psycho-therapy sessions for men and male youth with abusive behaviours
- Community-based training programmes for 120 male youth and boys on active-nonviolent attitudes and behaviours
- Socio-economic empowerment activities for women survivors of violence
- Provision of multi-sectorial services such as legal education sessions, psycho-therapy sessions, as well as Clinical Management of Rape services for women survivors of SGBV
- Establishment of a space specifically tailored for women and girls with mental health challenges



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Enhanced access for youth to knowledge and services platform to positively discuss sexual education, including SRHR, Clinical Management of Rape (CMR), and Child Marriage

- Organization of training workshops targeting around 324 Internal Security Forces members and midwives on issues related to the Clinical Management of Rape and proper referral pathways and a nation-wide media campaigns to announce for the active engagement of the ISF in addressing GBV issues and in responding to the GBV needs of women
- Production of an interactive toolkit on sexual education in Lebanon and training of 1280 youth all across Lebanon



We partnered with:

- Ministries:

Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Public Health,
Ministry of Interior and Municipalities



- Local/National NGOs:

Tabyeen, Palestinian Women humanitarian organization,
Committee for the Follow-Up on Women's Issues, Women's
Working League Association, Safadi Foundation, Marsa,
Fe-Male, AFEL.



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