

Charter for the elimination of Violence Against Women



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The Charter for the Elimination of Violence against Women is a document unique of its kind in Palestine; it expresses the official commitment of the President Representative for Governorates Affairs H.E. Gen. Hajj Ismael Jaber and the 11 Governors for combating Violence Against Women in Palestine.

The Charter, made up of 10 principles, is the outcome of workshops hosted in the context of Welod 2 Programme, funded by the Italian Cooperation and implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Women Affairs. The workshops were held in the Tawasol Centers in the 11 Governorates, and involved over 200 women, civil society organizations, governmental institutions and the Office for the Governorates Affairs.

The Charter highlights the real needs and requests of both Palestinian women and men for putting an end to Violence Against Women (based on gender discrimination) that in 2013 caused the death of 28 Palestinian women.

The Tawasol Centers

The 11 women's empowerment centers were established by the WELOD programme in the 11 governorates of the West Bank by the Italian Cooperation. These centers are networking, capacity development, information and communication spaces for local women's organizations and institutions.

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constitutes a strong link between civil society and governmental institutions putting them in a constant dialogue in order to gain realistic vision about Palestinian women's needs and to inform responsive actions by means of appropriate gender mainstreaming policies.

The 10 points of the Charter

1. To promote the development of a culture based on the elimination of violence against women in all its different forms (including child marriage) and considering femicide a public issue;
2. To guarantee women's protection from violence by ensuring their rehabilitation and to safeguard professionals who work in that sector. To ensure to victims can access the necessary assistance in terms of social, psychological and legal support;
3. To work in order to strengthen the legal system including the procedures and the rules in order to guarantee the protection of women and equal rights and opportunities for women and men;
4. To supply information on the situation of women and data on gender based violence and gender discrimination;
5. To sustain the mainstreaming of universal principles based on gender equality, human rights of women, gender rights in education and curricula;
6. To work for the enforcement of Agreements, Conventions and International treaties, starting from the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) and resolutions 1820 ,1325 and 2122;
7. To support women's efforts for achieving their human, social and economic rights, in particular concerning inheritance issues;
8. To guarantee women's representation in all Governorates' decision-making posts and in the political life;
9. To realize strategic planning based on women's participation and sensitive to gender issues;
10. To support women's NGOs in all Governorates, in particular in Jerusalem, and to guarantee their involvement defining intervention mechanisms to combat violence against women.