

Association Najdeh

Domestic Violence Program

Annual Report January – December 2007

Introduction

At the beginning of 2007, the Domestic Violence program staff was resuming the emergency work that started during July 2006. The emergency plan finished in May to start another one assisting the displaced families who flew from NBC to the other camps, after the break out of clashes between the Lebanese Army and a terrorist group in the 20th of May 2007. Despite the emergent situation, the conducted activities were more than planned, because the beneficiaries need for the DV program activities increased during emergency. Thus, the DV staff started working with the displaced families of NBC conducting awareness raising workshops and providing counseling services.

The Planed & Actual Activities

The plan was to form 20 groups to attend the awareness raising workshops. (10 female, 5 male and 5 NGOs groups) However, 34 groups were formed and 86 workshops were conducted. Out of those 34 groups, 16 were female, 5 were male and 9 were groups from different NGOs. In addition, 4 extra groups from the local community were formed and attended the awareness raising workshops. The fact that 14 additional groups were formed indicates the need of participants to attend these kinds of workshops, not only Najdeh's beneficiaries, but also other NGOs beneficiaries as well as local community participants since the workshops were conducted upon their demand.

Table 1: Domestic Violence program: planned & actual groups by gender & region Jan – Dec 2007

Region	Female Groups		Male Groups		NGOs Groups		Community Groups	
	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual
Beirut	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	0
Sidon	2	4	1	1	1	2	0	1
Tyre	2	6	1	1	1	3	0	2
Beqa'a	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	1
Tripoli	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	2	16	5	5	5	9	0	4

Number of Workshops & Beneficiaries

The planned number of the workshops was 60, however, 86 workshops were conducted, with 26 workshops above the yearly plan, due to the demand of the local community. As for the planned number of participants in each group, it is 20-25 with a total number of 350 estimated participants per year. The actual number of the direct beneficiaries reached 1815 most of them attended more than two workshops. Therefore, the specific number of the participants without duplications sat up at 1091.

Table 2: Domestic Violence program: Number of beneficiaries by region 2007

Jan-Dec

Region	Planned no. of workshops	Actual no. of workshops	No. of repeated beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries without duplication
Beirut	12	10	203	131
Sidon	12	22	396	169
Tyre	12	26	577	431
North	12	11	235	199
Beqa'a	12	17	404	161
Total	60	86	1815	1091

Awareness Raising Workshops

During the reporting period, 86 workshops with 1091 direct beneficiaries were conducted. The females' participation reached 85% while males' participation reached 15%. At the groups level, a total of 21 groups were formed (16 females and 5 males).

Table 3: AR Workshops: Domestic Violence program: awareness raising workshops Jan – Dec 07

	Workshops			No. Participants	
	Violence	Rights	Discrimination	Female	Male
Beirut	5	1	4	176	27
Sidon	7	7	8	338	58
Tyre	12	5	9	507	70
Beqa'a	6	5	6	333	71
North	2	1	1	189	46
Total	32	19	28	1543	272

The Domestic Violence staff facilitated the Domestic Violence and the Discrimination workshops in all regions. As for the workshops on Human Rights, these were conducted in cooperation with lawyers and specialist, except in Sidon region where the counselor conducted the workshops because it was not safe for the lawyer to enter Ein El Helweh camp due to the security situation there that period.

Workshops on Domestic Violence

During 2007, 32 workshops were held in the various regions. The workshops covered the main topics of violence and domestic violence, its types and impact. Topics were discussed using participatory approach and resulted in clear understanding of violence and its types and impact and how to reject violence.

Workshops on Gender- Based Discrimination

Najdeh conducted 28 workshops on gender-based discrimination facilitated by the staff of the Domestic Violence and the Social Affairs programs. The workshops focused on introducing gender and gender based violence practices and violation. Examples were given and participants had the chance to provide their feedback from their own experiences. As for GBD, the biological and social gender roles were explained and many conclusions were attained regarding the practiced discrimination by community at home, work and by current laws.

Educational Workshops on Human Rights

The lawyers facilitated the 19 workshops on Human Rights focusing on the Human Rights International Convention.

Impact of the workshops on the participants

The Participants acquired the knowledge on basic rights, relating to marriage, divorce, work, education and other rights as included in the Human Rights International Convention. They became able to distinguish between the different types of violence and how to see its indicators and its negative impact. They expressed their desire and need of stopping the domestic violence and the gender-based discrimination that they are subjected to.

Awareness raising workshops with other NGOs

18 workshops with 300 participants were conducted for local and international NGOs and their beneficiaries. These NGOs were Inna'ach, Future Movement, Animation centers, UNRWA's Women activities center and the Sportive center. The majority of the beneficiaries were female at 92%.

Table 4: Domestic Violence program: Awareness Raising workshops with local NGOs Jan-Dec 07

Region	Number of Workshops	No. Participants		Total	Organizations
		F	M		
Beirut	5	58	9	67	Inna'ach - Future- UNRWA
Sidon	4	54	14	68	Sportive Center- UNRWA
Tyre	6	141	0	141	Sportive Center- UNRWA -Animation Center
Beqa'a	3	24	0	24	Sportive Center-
Total	18	219	14	300	

Najdeh's Code of Conduct

After undertaking training workshops on the CoC, the staff (permanent and contractual) signed it. A special box for complaints will be allocated in each center of Najdeh, and a committee will be formed as the one to investigate any complain.

Table 5: Domestic Violence program: CoC workshops by regions & gender Jan-Dec 07

Region	No. Workshop	Number of participants		
		Total	Female	Male
Beirut	1	19	15	4
Sidon	1	29	25	5
Beqa'a	1	28	28	0
Tyre	1	27	27	0
North	1	29	19	10
Total	5	132	114	18

Regarding the CoC workshops, as planned, 5 were conducted to the staff and the beneficiaries of Najdeh, one in each region while the plan to conduct CoC workshops to other NGOs were not conducted as their staff was busy with the emergency work.

The Counseling Centers

In 2007, the counseling centers worked with 209 survivors. Of those 209, 34% were married, 52% were single, 6% were divorced, 1% was widowed and 6% were engaged.

Table 6: Domestic Violence program: Social background of the survivors Jan – Dec 07 No. = 209

Center		Beirut	Sidon	Tyre	Beqa'a	North	Total	%
No. of Cases		29	32	59	35	54	209	
Social Status	Married	15	16	18	13	10	72	34%
	Single	7	13	32	18	38	108	52%
	Widow	0	0	1	0	0	1	1%
	Divorced	5	1	3	3	1	13	6%
	Deserted	2	0	0	0	1	3	1%
	Engaged	0	2	5	1	4	12	6%
Age	15-19	7	10	21	20	22	80	38%
	20-24	7	5	10	5	12	39	19%
	25-30	1	4	11	3	7	26	12%
	31-40	8	6	10	3	9	36	17%
	41--50	5	5	7	4	2	23	11%
	50+	1	2	0	0	2	5	2%
Cases with frequent visits		3	20	29	130	32	214	
Type of Violence	Physical	6	8	15	12	12	53	25%
	Psychological	18	30	49	35	53	185	89%
	Economic	0	5	18	3	4	30	14%
	Sexual	1	4	5	0	3	13	6%
	Social	1	1	1	5	13	21	10%
	Legal	3	6	2	0	1	12	6%

The figures show that the divorced percentage is much higher (at 6%) compared to 1% of widowed women. This reflects the society's discrimination against divorced woman who are blamed for the divorce. As for the age categories, the higher percentage at 38% is among girls between 15-19 years old followed by the young women aged between 20-24 years old at 19% then at 17% were between 31-40 years old. Older survivors rated at 13% and aged 41 and above.

Referral System

As for referred to the legal and psychological counseling, the percentage of counseling is considered high taking in consideration the nature of the conservative society that Najdeh works among and the difficulty among the cases in taking the decision to seek such counseling. In legal counseling 14 cases were dealt with.

As for the psychological counseling 11 cases were dealt with. As for securing legal counseling, there is collaboration with lawyers in all the regions. According to the psychological counseling Najdeh is trying to answer the high need to secure psychiatrist in all regions. As for the referring process from other Najdeh's programs and other NGOs, 209 beneficiaries were referred to receive assistance from the counseling centers and legal aid as follows:

Table 7. Domestic Violence program: Cases referred to the counseling centers Jan – Dec 2007

Region	From Najdeh's other Programs	From Community	From other NGOs	Total
Beirut	17	9	3	29
Sidon	18	13	1	32
Tyre	37	10	12	59
Beqa'a	28	7	0	35
North	33	21	0	54
Total	133	60	16	209

The highest number of referrals was from Najdeh's programs at 133 cases. This is due to Najdeh's work with all members of the family, not only with its direct beneficiaries. 16 participants from other NGOs were referred to Najdeh's counseling centers while 60 were referred from members of the local community.

Staff Training

Najdeh Social workers and counselors attended internal and external workshops with local and international partners as follows:

Table 8. Domestic Violence program: Staff Training by subject & region Jan Dec 2007

Subject	Training NGO	Who attended
Code of Conduct	Najdeh	All DV staff from the 5 regions
Women participation in Political life	NPA	
Psycho-social support	Najdeh	
Conflict Resolution	MAP & LCRN	
Techniques of Listening and guidance	KAFA	
Breast feeding	ANERA	DV Sidon & North regions staff
Participatory Research	CRTD-A	DV Sidon region staff
Intervention for child protection from abuse	HI	DV North region staff
Addiction	HI	DV Beqa'a region staff

Networking & Coordination

Coordination continued through the program's staff visits to other NGOs working in the same field in order to promote and reactivate Najdeh's counseling centers services, and the possibility to organize awareness raising workshops for the NGOs staff and beneficiaries. These visits resulted in exchange training between Najdeh and other NGOs as listed in the staff training table.