


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Lebanon
Project Name	Advancing Palestinian Refugee Women in Lebanon Gender Equality			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Palestinian Human Rights Organization – PHRO			Grant ID: 2561
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Access to justice, Improve women's participation in decision making at local level			
Grant Amount	\$437,140	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$437,140			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Local political parties and popular committees (particularly those that operate in the Palestinian refugee camps)
Civil Society	Women's programs centers in the Camps of Southern Lebanon, Northern Lebanon and Beirut i.e. (Nadjeh Association; Active Elderly Housing; General Union of Palestinian Women; Women Humanitarian Organization; Developmental Action with out Borders "Naaba.")

Programme Summary
A recent study of semi-permanent Palestinian refugee settlements revealed that female Palestinian refugees feel “buried alive,” facing double discrimination based on gender and their refugee status. The programme is an innovative effort to enable these women to claim leadership positions and promote a women’s rights agenda through the camps’ political structures.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Strategy of the General Union of Palestinian Women (GUPW),	Strategy		Gender Mainstreaming	Low
Nationality Law, and Personal Code Criminalizing Domestic and Family Violence				

General Programme Goal
Encouraging Palestinian refugee women's participation in political and community decision-making and strengthening their access to justice.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Political parties and popular committees in Palestinian refugee camps show acceptance to women's participation in key decision-making roles and incorporate women's voices into this process.
Outcome 2: Palestinian women become leaders, become more conscious of their rights, and advocate for gender-sensitive policies.
Outcome 3: Palestinian and Lebanese NGOs embrace gender-sensitive approaches in addressing human rights violations among Palestinian women refugees in Lebanon. Outcome 4: Palestinian and Lebanese NGOs develop and use gender-sensitive tools.

Main Achievements
The programme has made progress on all three outcomes. The Palestinian Human Rights Organization (PHRO) has successfully begun a dialogue with Palestinian women, members of local NGOs and other community representatives in order to engage them in programme activities. The programme has conducted workshops to raise awareness on the need for gender-sensitive programming that supports Palestinian refugee women’s participation in local political processes and access to justice. In addition, the organization has begun to systematically document human rights abuses, the information of which will make up the primary content for the

proposed gender-sensitive database. To date PHRO has:

- Conducted field missions within the Palestinian community in order to study needs assessment and collect baseline data on women's political participation;
- Conducted training workshops with staff and activist members of local NGOs as well as residents of refugee camps in Northern and Southern Lebanon on overall programme objectives, gender and leadership, mechanisms for monitoring and documenting human rights violations against women and girls and women's human rights;
- Documented human rights violations for the gender-sensitive database.

Key Highlights