

INFOGRAPHIC 2

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND MITIGATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISKS

This Infographic explores the local response to domestic violence through building local research capacity, with a focus on mitigating domestic violence risks. ARDD collaborated with 11 civil society organizations from the Jordan National NGO Forum (JONAF) Coalition and provided various training to prepare them to launch this research and build a common understanding of gender-based violence and how to address it.

The Need to Build Community Understanding of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a Prominent Issue in Jordan



87%

reported that domestic violence is a prominent issue in Jordan

Lack of awareness on what constitutes as domestic violence



64%

of the participants believing that domestic violence always manifests physically

Local Community Emphasis on Economic Empowerment and Employment

Services and Opportunities Needed by Women Exposed to Violence

Post the closing of a complaint file, individuals felt that providing economic empowerment would be a key opportunity to support survivors of gender-based violence.



Economic Emp.

80%



Safe Shelter

43%



Cash Aid

37%



Social Support

32%

Employment does not mean empowerment and husbands might still be in control

To understand participants' responses, the survey included a section that presented situations that women might potentially find themselves in: (Top 3 Responses)

"Your husband has forced you to hand over your entire monthly salary to pay off his debts"



26%

Of women would give their salary to their husbands



76%

Would refuse and request the help of their families.

Recommendations

Ensure participatory approach to the identification of services offered

- Provide psychological support through training of staff and or assigning psychologists.
- Economic empowerment through the provision of job opportunities and cash assistance.
- Assisting survivors of domestic violence with legal advice and support, mainly in cases of divorce or custody disputes.

Mitigating Domestic Violence through economic empowerment & awareness

- Rebuilding the capacities of survivors of domestic violence could be a way of addressing the unequal power structure.
- Raising awareness about domestic violence, its types, its impact, its roots causes, and for gender justice to improve its response to the needs of survivors.

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INFOGRAPHIC 1

ENHANCING ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: BUILDING TRUST IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

This infographic explores the local response to domestic violence, with a focus on identifying the local perceptions towards the roles and mechanisms of the Family Protection Department and Local Civil Society actors. ARDD collaborated with 11 civil society organizations from the Jordan National NGO Forum (JONAF) Coalition and provided various training to prepare them to launch this research and build a common understanding of gender-based violence and how to address it.

Extended lack of trust in services providers including local organizations

Opinions on the Role of the Family Protection Dep.

67%



Are satisfied with the role of the family protection department in responding to survivors of violence

Opinions on the role of Local Civil society Org.

45%



Are satisfied with the role of Local Civil Society Organization in responding to survivor of violence

Lack of knowledge and understanding of services

Domestic Violence Is Resolved Behind Closed Doors



The majority of the participants prefer dealing with cases of domestic behind closed doors, with only family members being involved..

The Social Dilemma Of Divorce And Family Cohesion In Jordan



The public perception according to the respondents is that "divorce should always be avoided and family cohesion should be prioritized."

Denial of reality is Evident in the Jordanian Community



A significant number of Jordanian women (34%) believe that women tend to overreact to domestic violence to gain sympathy.

Reasons Women Refrain from Reporting Cases of Domestic Violence



Lack of knowledge regarding Domestic Violence



Lack of Awareness regarding filing complaints



Lack of Trust in the Family Protection Department



Negative perceptions towards the FPD

Recommendations

Clarify and build knowledge and awareness about safety procedures.

- FPD and other services providers should make their working mechanism known and their staff must adhere to principles.
- Improve its protection services mainly when it comes to safety of survivors, ensure confidentiality, and train its staff.

Increase local knowledge about services providers

- Collaborating with CSOs, the FPD will be able to expand awareness about its work and enable access to its services.
- The FPD can provide the CSOs with communication material.
- Build local capacity to raise awareness about domestic violence.

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INFOGRAPHIC 3

BUILDING A LOCAL NETWORK THAT EMPOWERS WOMEN AND BUILD'S SOLIDARITY

This brief explores the local response to domestic violence through building local research capacity, with a focus on overcoming the barriers impeding women to report cases of domestic violence. . ARDD collaborated with 11 civil society organizations from the Jordan National NGO Forum (JONAF) Coalition and provided various training to prepare them to launch this research and build a common understanding of gender-based violence and how to address it.

Stigma is Still Impeding Women Access to Services

Societal norms and culture



According to a participant, "a woman fears the environment around her as well as the culture and social norms.

Family cohesion and custody



Family cohesion implies a woman will not report her case out of "fear of losing her children and her family" stated a participant.

Fear of retaliation



Women are hesitant to report due to the fear of retaliation, a participant stated. "So that the problems do not escalate"

Sensitivity of the Topic



Due to the sensitivity of the topic individuals would rather resolve the situation internally within their family.

Lack of awareness and trust in FPD



Some individuals do not trust that the FPD preserves confidentiality, or its protection mechanism.

Poor economic situation



Survivors who have a poor economic situation are less likely to report their cases, according to the focus groups.

Recommendations

Build new forms of solidarity that ensure confidentiality and safety

Establishing a network that empowers women to speak up and discuss GBV would create a safe and comfortable environment in which women can demystify domestic violence and support each other.

Build structure that supports women without stigmatization

Networks need to be established at the local level and start conversations on support, access to services, prevention, and risk mitigation based on the reality of local survivors.

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