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Social Worker

I have worked with:

- 1- Prime Minister Office (solving out citizens' complaints and problems which delivered to Ghadafi's and Prime Minister.
- 2- Psychosocial officer with Alwafa and UNHCR(Refugees and Asylum seekers)
- 3- Senior Program Officer (Danish Refugees Council)
- 4- Senior Project Officer (Manager of community development center for refugees and asylum seekers) International Medical Corps – IMC.
- 5- Deputy Project Manager- Risk Education on Mines, Conventional and Remnant Weapons- Handicapped International-HI.
- 6- Field Emergency Officer & Psychosocial Program Officer – International Organization of Migration – IOM.

Currently:

- Coordinator of Women Working Group in Peacemaking project – Crisis Management Initiative.
- Deputy of Libyan Women Union/ Tripoli.
- Member of Femi-Wise Network in Peace Intervention and Mediation (African Union)

Brief

I would like to present a short brief on Libyan women who got her full rights and the equality with males since 1956 means under the king and Ghadafi's regimes in addition to women's movements that led to configuration of Libyan women union

Libya was the first Arabic country in 1963 in giving women the right to vote and electorate within the constitution. These benefits continued in different platforms for example the 80% of lawyers and Teachers are females and top of the proportion of judges in Arabic countries.

Although women are more communicative with the media but they can't reach the institutions due to the culture and a lack of knowledge on their duties and rights.

This is one of the points which as a deputy of Libyan women union/ Tripoli, planning for a campaign on (Legal literacy).

Since 2011 and after the fall of Ghadafi's regime (spread of weapons, Militias, remembrance of Tribalism ,uncontrolled borders, struggle of influence ,not counting on election results ,corruption and the domination actors from Islamic Brothers PP who started change and minimized women's rights and benefits .

In 2017 in collaboration with CMI we created a women working group (11 members) from all over Libya mixed from political parties and civil societies in addition form different minorities (Amazigh , Tawaregh and former regime).we are all living in Libya and working in the field.

We started working on:

- 1- Women participation in Political Transition- we implemented to the majority of women all over Libya face to face survey-so we started delivering awareness sessions on the importance of joining the political life based on the results especially youth who don't have any political ambition because they severely depressed from the situation.
- 2- Reconciliation and security platform- our objectives are to work in a smooth way on reconciliation, started to contact the former police women from the former regime and encourage them to return back to work in addition implementing meetings and workshops to who are on board (On Transitional Justice law and how to be activated) ..These meetings cost me to travel by car in different regions with the lack of security regarding to the armed conflict.
- 3- Tribes conflict in the south (Ghadadfa and Awlad Suliman) the important role of women in these conflicts in mediation plus the youth- South conflicts on daily passes which cost number of casualties and murdered innocents in different ages – with the lack of knowledge on law(rights and duties) and the importance of citizenship's spirit especially with Youth-we delivered workshop for women from these tribes and training sessions to the youth from the university to raise how to renounce Hate Speeches and Peaceful coexistenceblood custody ...
- 4- CMI's groups in Libya are(WWG, Political Parties , and Fezan groups) we all met to discuss the complicated situation in Libya in addition of women roles in all the process in negotiation to bring peace we sent a statement to Berlin conference ,actors, embassies ,UN, and international organizations.
- 5- On the response to covid-19, Libyan women Union and CMI distributed (1000) informative booklets to west and south regions but due to the armed conflict we couldn't reach East Region.

Challenges:

To implement any activity especially in security platform we need to follow a long procedures to get the approvals-

- We have 2 governments
- Lack of security in moving.
- Transportation (no internal flights due to the armed influence
- The acceptance in dealing with tribes in negative way that I don't have that knowledge with the history of conflict and the positive point the...Neutral.
- The Lack of electricity on daily passes from 18-22 hours.

Thanks for this opportunity.

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