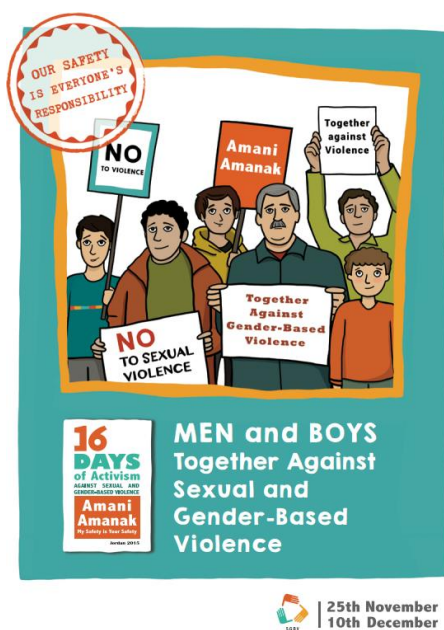


16 Days of Activism against Sexual & Gender-based Violence 2015- Jordan



'16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-based Violence' (SGBV) is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991. The campaign begins, around the world, on International Day Against Violence against Women on the 25th of November and ends on International Human Rights Day on the 10th of December, to emphasize that Sexual and Gender-based violence is a violation of human rights.

In Jordan

The issue of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) surrounding the refugees remains critical. Sexual violence has been a persistent feature of the Syrian conflict affecting all members of the community, and particularly women and girls. Refugees and other vulnerable populations in Jordan are facing an increased risk of SGBV, including sexual exploitation and abuse due to the situation of instability, protracted displacement and limited access to financial resources.

In 2015 the SGBV Sub-Working Group (SWG) in Jordan focused on the role of men and boys in preventing and responding to SGBV.

Following the analysis of the implementation of SGBV programmes during 2015, the SWG organized events and activities that put particular emphasis on the importance of engaging men and boys to promote gender equality and support the empowerment of women and girls as leaders and agents of change.

These initiatives included the **design and dissemination of 4,000 posters and 2,000 stickers, and 1000 facilitators' guides** to raise the awareness of refugee and host communities on the role of men and boys in preventing and responding to SGBV, and to build the capacity of facilitators to carry out discussions on masculinity and gender equality to reduce and mitigate violence.

The materials were disseminated to the communities **through 30 different organizations working in all governorates across the country** and were posted in a number of locations, including registration sites, help desks, clinics, women's & girl's safe spaces, child friendly spaces and schools, both inside and outside refugee camps.



CARE/ UNHCR: Awareness Session



Entrance of CARE International Center. Male staff campaigning against SGBV

Over 150 SGBV case managers and community mobilizers were trained by UNHCR on the discussion tool developed for the campaign. **Over 31 group discussions on gender equality and SGBV prevention and response were facilitated by SGBV SWG members with more than 3,500 men and boys** in schools, community and recreational centres, in refugee camps and urban settings. Male staff from different organizations took the lead in the implementation of the activities of the campaign, marching and giving speeches against violence. These activities have notably impacted the engagement of men and boys in SGBV prevention and response, encouraging the continuation of the initiative during 2016.

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A opening event organized by **Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW)** with the support of UN Women to announce the beginning of the 16 Days campaign and present the calendar of activities for 2015, which was attended by UN Senior officials, NGOs, members of Shams' network and the media.



IMC-UNHCR Awareness Session

In Refugee Camps



In **Zaatari camp**, UN Women hosted an opening event with speeches from SRAD and UNHCR camp managers, ARDD-Legal Aid representative, and a JNCW representative.

During the campaign IMC, NHF –IFH, FPCS, UN Women, UNICEF, UNHCR, Save the Children – Jordan, IOM, and Medecins du Monde, implemented other activities that included a theatre for people with disabilities, a drawing session, walking marathon, a play depicting different types of violence and awareness sessions.



Mercy Corps: Clown Performance

The inclusion of people with disabilities in SGBV programmes was promoted through the implementation of a specific event organized by FPSC, which included a performance by the Syrian Tomorrow Troupe. This theatre troupe, sponsored by IRD and managed/directed by Abu Rafat delivered an hour long performance on the rights of people with disabilities, performing skits focusing on SGBV and Child Protection issues.



Zaatari Camp: UN Women Walking Marathon

In **Azraq camp**, UNHCR and CARE held discussions and awareness sessions with parents, teachers and other community members about the opportunities to prevent and respond to SGBV through **education and training programmes in schools and community centres for children and youth**.

UNHCR and IMC organized a marathon for all members of the community against violence and hosted an event where Syrian refugees played traditional songs, participated in an interactive theatre, and screened a huge canvas for the community to express their feelings of safety from SGBV. Family photographs were also available for participants and pens were distributed with "عائلتي أمني" written on



Azraq Camp: UNHCR Awareness session

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Urban setting

INTERSOS hosted a discussion session and a puppet show focusing on working with men and boys. Key messages of the play were commented by participants to find best ways to solve problems. Raising Awareness sessions on SGBV issues, especially among men and boys, were also held by CARE on various days during the campaign in **Irbid, Zarqa, Mafraq and Amman**. In Amman, NHF –IFH hosted a Bazar where refugees from Zaatari sold their products.

In Zarqa, Terre des Hommes promoted the campaign by hosting hearing tests, blood pressure tests, optical tests and a workshop on breastfeeding while posting the campaigns posters and stickers.

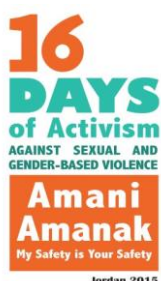
ARDD-Legal Aid's lawyer created a radio episode about domestic violence, laws and legislations underlying challenges and protection mechanisms. Also, ARDD-Legal Aid's Psychosocial Support Specialist spoke in Amman about the psycho-social aspects related to Early Marriage. In **Jerash**, UNHCR & Terre des Hommes (TDH) hosted Lawyers from ARDD-Legal Aid spoke about the legal aspects of SGBV touching on the penal code and the various types of violence against women which are criminalized by law. They also spoke about the status of women in Jordanian law.



INTERSOS Puppet show

On the last two days of the campaign on 9 & 10 December, 2015, in cooperation with UNHCR the Public Security Directorate/FPD, and the National Council for Family Affairs organized a **regional conference on SGBV and Child Protection** under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abd. The conference highlighted the principle of best interests and the importance of survivor-centered approach to strengthen national protection systems in refugee settings. The conference brought together 100 government and non-government representatives from national and international agencies from the MENA region.

The materials from the 16 Days of Activism Campaign 2015 can be accessed by clicking on:



English Posters: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=9815>

Arabic Posters: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=9782>

English Stickers: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=9776>

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Participating Agencies include: ARDD/Legal Aid, AWO, BF, CARE, FPSC, ICMC, IFH/NHF, IMC, INTERSOS, IOM, IRC, IRD, IWF JHAS, JOHUD, JNCW, JRF, JWU, MDM, Medair, MercyCorps, Oxfam, SCI, SCJ, TdH, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNRWA, UN Women, NRC, UPP and WarChild UK.

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