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monthly updates on gender issues in UNRWA and the region

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UNRWA is completing phase 1 of the Building Safety project which aims to mainstream gender-based violence interventions in emergency preparedness, prevention and response. UNRWA will continue moving forward with phase 2 of the project to operationalize the products developed in phase 1 and strengthen communities' self-protection capacities.

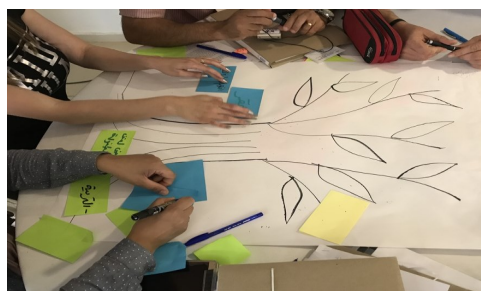
## stories from UNRWA

### UNRWA concludes the roll-out of the GBV Training Package

Through Trainings of Trainers (ToTs), UNRWA is building in-house capacity of specialized staff in field offices to conduct trainings on gender-based violence

As part of the Building Safety project (phase 1), UNRWA finalized the roll-out of a Training Package on Enhancing Understanding of Gender-based Violence (GBV) through four Trainings of Trainers in West Bank, Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan.

Through the ToTs, UNRWA is building capacity in each field office by training a cadre of staff to become trainers on GBV. To maintain the multi-sectoral nature of the Agency's work on GBV, the staff participating in the ToTs was selected across different UNRWA programmes in each field.



The total number of participants in all four ToTs was 101. Overall, feedback for the ToTs was positive and the GBV Training Package was well received.

The ToTs provided participants with the opportunity to practice and enhance their facilitation skills by using materials from the GBV



Training Package, including handouts, facilitation notes and PowerPoint presentations.

The GBV Training Package, which is available in both English and Arabic, aims to be the Agency's primary tool for delivering trainings on GBV henceforth, in order to further enhance UNRWA's alignment with international standards of GBV work. With its modular nature, the GBV Training Package can be used flexibly, allowing field offices and programmes to train staff on the modules which best fit their needs, capacities and resources, and integrate modules into their ongoing and planned training efforts.

Gaza Field office already rolled out parts of the GBV Training Package during May, reaching about 250 further staff from Relief and Social Services Programme and Community Mental Health Programme.

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## Inspiring Story

Female football players in Jordan shape the country's perception of the game and pave the way for future generations

Twenty years ago, few women played football in Jordanian neighborhoods. Society considered it to be a predominantly male sport. There were no clubs or coaches and the country lacked infrastructure for female football players. Despite society rejecting the idea of girls playing football, a handful of women's passion for the game was enough to overcome the obstacles, leading to the foundation of the first women's national team in the country. Women's football has now become an established sport in Jordan, endorsed by HRH Prince Ali bin Hussein. Although prejudice still exists, popular perceptions have changed, and a framework facilitating women's football has been established. This year the Asian Cup, the qualifying tournament for the women's World Cup, was hosted in Jordan, proving that women are not only changing stereotypes in the region, but are now competing at an international level. [Read more.](#)

## Events of Interest

### Women Security Awareness Training Workshop

13 June 2018, London, United Kingdom

The two-day workshop is an introduction to the United Nations' Women Security Awareness Training (WSAT) courses, and will be covering part of the material used by the UN for the delivery of these courses. The workshop will be facilitated by UNHCR and WFP and it is only open to women. During this course, participants will familiarize themselves with the training material and will be supported to think about and use material in their own organizations. [Read more.](#)

### STEMM Equality Congress 2018

11-12 October 2018, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Hosted by Science Impact Ltd., STEMM Equality Congress (SEC) is a two-day event which addresses the intersectionality of equality, diversity and inclusion in STEMM globally. The 2018 congress offers delegates an opportunity to hear from and interact with global thought leaders and practitioners. The event will include updates on key programmes from equality certification groups, practical policy discussions and current research findings across different sectors, countries and organizations. [Read more.](#)

## Regional News

### Jordan

Data from Jordan's court system has revealed a significant rise in child marriage among Syrian refugee children, primarily girls, with 36 per cent of all Syrian marriages including a child bride. Jordan's chief justice issued new stipulations last year, that allow girls the right to demand a marriage contract with conditions, including completing their education and being able to work. However, UNICEF continues to draw attention to girls' need for even greater protection. [Read more.](#)

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A national campaign to combat child marriage was launched by Sisterhood is Global Institute (SIGI). The launch event of the campaign saw the formation of alliances and the collection of signatures aimed at the Lower House to demand the eradication of all legal exceptions that allow for girls

between the ages of 15 to 18 to be married. During the event, SIGI also declared 18 April as a national day to fight child marriage. [Read more.](#)

### Lebanon

Eighty six female candidates have competed for Lebanon's 128 legislative seats in May's elections. This is a staggering surge compared to past participation levels. Past reports reveal that Lebanon lacks legislation protecting women from abuse of all forms as well as a lack of policies that would facilitate their advancement and equal treatment. However, the record number of female candidates has generated a sense of hope about women's participation in the country's politics, with many commending it as a turning point for women's rights. [Read more.](#)

## Reports & Resources

### Paper on menstrual hygiene management and human rights

Understanding Menstrual Hygiene Management and Human Rights is a resource for practitioners working directly or indirectly on menstrual hygiene management (MHM) to strengthen their understanding of the human rights framework relevant to MHM. It examines the links between women's and girls' rights and gender equality with the biological fact of menstruation, the necessity of managing menstruation and society's response to both and offers recommendations to practitioners in programming and advocacy. [Read more.](#)

### Report on effective male engagement in women's empowerment and gender equality programming

Gender Equality and Male Engagement, published by the *International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)*, examines meaningful engagement with men and boys as an increasingly critical element in advancing gender equality. The report offers an overview of the theory of male engagement for gender equality and women's empowerment, along

with a historical overview of the male engagement field. It expands on best practices across six sectors: violence against women and girls, health, economic empowerment, care work and fatherhood, land rights and agriculture, and political participation, as well as important considerations for male engagement programming in conflict-affected settings. [Read more.](#)

### Study evaluating gender based-violence case management services in a humanitarian context

Violence, Uncertainty and Resilience among Refugee Women and Community Workers seeks to understand how a comprehensive case management model to support GBV survivors functions within the setting of refugee camps. It examines multiple interrelated components and perspectives, including the needs and perspectives of the individual survivor, the use and implementation of related programmatic elements, the experiences of staff delivering the services and the wider context within camps. [Read more.](#)

## Facts of the Month

60 per cent

of preventable maternal deaths take place in settings of conflict, displacement and natural disasters. [Read more.](#)

84 per cent

of unintended pregnancies in developing countries occur among women who have an unmet need for modern contraception. [Read more.](#)



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