



## **Ensure the Legislative Environment Supporting the Reduction of gender-based violence through working on MDG3**

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As a part of its strategic objective “to influence policy and legislation to ensure the safeguarding of civil and social rights for all sectors, and their adherence to principles of good governance,” MIFTAH is interested in Palestinian women's issues and their quest to eliminate preconceptions and social beliefs that hinder women’s active participation in the community. This project have been built on the recommendations of the first phase that MIFTAH implemented in 2009-2010 in coordination with PWRDC, where a number of training discussion sessions were conducted for PLC members, representative of political parties, and the PLC supportive units on topics related to GBV, VAW, in addition to lobbying and advocacy skills.

### **Objectives:**

- To develop the use of GBV and VAW data in the Legislative Process.
- To contribute positively to making national polices and laws more sensitive to GBV issues.
- To advocate policy and law making to support the protection of women.

### **Output:**

- Representatives of political parties are more active in advocating women’s rights influencing in the policies and laws making process.
- PLC members are willing to adopt a modern Penal Code, in addition to the law of Personal Status, which play a role in reducing violence based on gender.
- Ministries and deputies, who have participated in the training sessions, are more familiar with the statistical indicators related to GBV and are ready to take action to fight GBV.



**Target group:**

- PLC members.
- Political parties' representatives from Fatah Movement, Democratic Front, People's Party, FEDA, Popular Front, and Palestinian Popular Struggle Front
- Ministers and Deputy Ministers from MoWA, MoSA, MoE, and MoH in Ramallah.

**Activities:**

**✚ PLC Members**

- Organize one (1) Hearing Session moderated by the PLC female members, targeting male members in Ramallah, to present the cases of battered women who came to their offices in different regions of the Palestinian authority.
- Conduct two (2) discussion sessions to present and discuss the draft Penal Code and the Law of Personal Status in Gaza and Ramallah.
- Hold follow up sessions on practical steps towards changing through presidential decrees.

**✚ Ministers and Deputies:**

- Hold (1) one joint meeting for twenty (20) ministers and deputies to discuss the statistical indicators related to GBV in Ramallah.

**✚ Political Parties Representatives:**

- Conduct two (2) training sessions for 20 political parties' representatives on GBV and VAW, advocacy and lobbying skills, as well as reading and analyzing the statistical figures related to GBV.
- Hold one (1) meeting in order to develop an action plan linked to the national policies.

**✚ Members of the specialized working groups**

- Conduct training session/s on group work mechanisms that target members of the specialized *social services working groups* which substitute the official committees as the functions of the latter have been frozen since 2006.