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Highlights on International Women's Days & Mother's Day Activities



UNFPA and Aoun NGO organized a focus group discussion in the women safe space in AL-Idikhar area, Homs. Where many community leaders, teachers and representatives of NGOs partners attended it. 30 participants joined the discussion which focused on challenges and problems in AL-Idikhar area, solutions proposed and women's needs.

The discussion also included topics on gender equality between men & women. As well as, other youth focus discussion in AL-Idikhar area was organized to discuss youth related issues. During the session, 30 young participants were engaged in the following topics: Early Marriage, unemployment after graduation, anxiety, migration and smoking.

UNFPA team and Aoun NGO conducted a field visit to Borj Noh collective shelter in Homs. The visit aimed to listen to beneficiaries' suggestions and brainstorm about the needed workshops. They also discussed the benefits of the trainings and vocational workshops and its impact on their situations, like sewing, soap manufacturing and promotional procedures.



Highlights on International Women's Days & Mother's Day Activities

UNFPA and AL-Batoul NGO conducted an awareness session in Al-Mintar area, Tartous. During the session, participants were engaged in focus group discussions on women's rights in work places and leadership.

At the end of the session, Al-Batoul announced 2 new vocational workshops to train women on hairdressing and makeup

Another awareness session and recreational activities in Al-Khalij area, Tartous took place as well. During the session, 20 female participants were engaged in focus group discussions on women's rights in education. Women also prepared appreciation letters to their husbands.



WOMEN'S DAY

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And on the occasion of Mother's Day, AL Bir & Social Welfare NGO in Hama visited the Elderly Home and presented some gifts to them.

AL Bir & Social Welfare NGO in Hama honored women who have distinguished roles in their local communities and participated in a forum discussion sessions on the importance of women's role in society.

The Reproductive Health team of the Pan-Armenian Charitable Society in Al Hasskae visited the committee "My friend" for people with special needs. They celebrated with them on the occasion of Mother's Day where they presented some gifts to the children and their mothers in recognition of their efforts and contributions to their local communities.



WOMEN'S DAY

Empowering Humanitarian Actors

Basic Knowledge of Gender Based Violence



To enhance capacity building of professional humanitarian actors who are working to respond to the survivors of Gender Based violence and to improve their skills, UNFPA organized 3 days training in Damascus entitled “T.O.T on basics of GBV and advanced facilitation skills”.

The training targeted 24 participants from 7 implementing partners’ staff who provide services in the women and girls safe spaces supported by UNFPA in cooperation with Ministry of Social Affairs & Labor & 6 NGOs in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Sweida and Daraa.

“The training was very beneficial and equipped us with useful information in the humanitarian field. The training clarified many vague concepts” Tharaa Abo Fakhr, a psychological support provider at SFP, Sweida commented at the end of the training.



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This training aimed to be a training program model to be used in other trainings as well as to develop service providers' skills in problem solving and decision making. Additionally, the training aimed to provide staff with a better understanding on facilitation and distinguish between teaching and facilitation as two different concepts.



“The workshop was rich in both the academic content and the practical experience which we need in our daily work. I enjoyed the workshop because it is an authentic one and used real-life cases. Generally, it is a place where I feel that I’m free to express my opinion and also learn from others.” Hiba Faoura a psychological support specialist at Al-Tamyouz for orphans NGO stated after completing the training.

Be **Bold To Code**

A New Initiative to Enable Youth in Syria to Pursue Their Dreams

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, "ChangeMakers" group has launched a free coding boot camp, fully supported by UNFPA Syria, the UN leading agency in supporting women and young girls. Programming helps me to organize my life because this is an essential skill every programmer must have,".

Aya Jouja, participant at ChangeMakers.



Aya is one of the 12 outstanding young participant (15-17 years old) who joined the previous training workshop and showed distinguished skills. The boot camp theme is "BeBoldToCode" because we are urging more young girls and boys to code their way into creating a positive impact in their communities as well as involving them in change formulation and reducing gender gap in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).



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Why are we doing this? Girls are less likely to explore their passion in technology and coding. On average, they receive less support than their male counterparts do. “UNFPA is keen to empower and enable young girls in Syria to pursue their dreams with confidence and courage. It all starts with equipping them with the education they need to rise on top of their goals,” Massimo Diana, UNFPA-Syria representative stated.

“ChangeMakers’s” coding boot camp is special for many reasons. This four-day boot camp expose young people to advanced programming and web development skills. Upon graduating from the program, female participants report feeling more confident, empowered and involved in (STEM).



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A programmer builds his code line by line just like a bird build” his nest branch by branch” Eyad Al Khayat, one of the trainers at “ChangeMakers” commented.



At the end of the boot camp, young people will finalize a web-based project that will serve UNFPA’s mandate by generating tips and short raising awareness messages on reproductive health, gender-based violence and others like early marriage.

According to World Economic Forum, statistics say that only 13 girls graduate from STEM fields in Syria while 24 boys are more likely to develop interests in STEM.

Our Services in Numbers

(March)

Reproductive Health



Youth beneficiaries: 8,730

Our Services in Numbers

Gender Based Violence

Awareness Raising Activities **7,593** 

2,225 Individual and Group Counseling

Legal Services for Survivors **444**



906 Recreational activities



Referral to medical services **6,679**

2,169 Specialized psychosocial support

Vocational Training **994**



Youth beneficiaries: 5,491



UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

While UNFPA assistance must remain concerned with saving lives and safeguarding human dignity, preparing Syrian people for future recovery, reconstruction, reconciliation and stability, is equally a priority.

UNFPA Syria focusses on:

- Improving access to high-quality reproductive health care.
- Scaling-up gender-based violence prevention and response.
- Enhancing youth participation and inclusiveness.
- Supporting capacities to collect and use gender-and age-disaggregated data for tailoring response and recovery programming.

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