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Women's social participation in assessing needs and building interventions is the ultimate goal, in which I hope to achieve in my career

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Since 2012 and as one of the community activists at Burqin village my participation came within "Enhancing women's participation in political and public life" program, the experience can be described effective and productive in terms of gained knowledge that is after it receiving a series of exercises opened my mind on what is new regarding community issues and the close relation to the Local Councils work; it's governing laws and policies especially the feminist and to what extent the efficiency of the community participation must be in the monitoring citizen's needs and the importance role women can play in building and addressing interventions. Today I am more determined to continue my way especially after that I found myself able to transfer what I have learned and trained on to others, to me this in itself is an accomplishment

Despite many difficulties that I faced, the least of it was Burqin community intolerance in the way they look directly to me as a female and an activist, despite everything I worked hard and established my presence, which was evident in standing without hesitation in front of many groups of the community and the public, where I become more understanding to the

needs of others opinions that seemed clear by my ability to be able to better accommodate their ideas, among achievements that I personally contributed to as a community activist and member of CPWP's

"Committees to Promote Women Participation in political and Public Life": Provide a rehabilitation headquarters for of people with disabilities within 120 square meters unattained space at the municipality location, securing access to students in remote areas back and forth to Burqin School through public forth and back at the end of the school day that is a 2 kilometers cut distance. We have also installed a rest seats on the road to the church, finally the CPWP effort was crowned by establishing a public garden park after providing in kind a ten acres piece of land approved by the local municipality.

Women have to go out of self-enclosure to serve her community, this is the perfect way to prove herself, capabilities and establish her productive role in the community far away from competitiveness or at the expense of general purpose or cause. This is what I learned from AWCSW "Association of Women Committees for Social Work" following-up of their training and workshop meetings to address and meet community needs that its interventions came-out fruitful on ground fact.

"As a leader and community activist, I can say that every woman can transcend any obstacle if she have the right capacity along with support to encourage her march and enhance her reality in life, at that point she will live her dreams, accomplish ambitions and establish her ideology."



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