

Palestinian Women for Change

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Our concern is the citizen and to serve our community

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I began my relationship with AWCSW “Association of Women Committees for Social Work” 5 years ago under a project named "Hand in Hand" a program for Palestine free from domestic violence, that is to weave bonds of a continuous solid succeeded relation by which I participated in many of the exercises to raise women and girls capabilities regarding the importance of community participation and empowerment of women, where I participated also in the "promotion of women's participation in political and public life" program and committed to be present at all the different courses and workshops conducted, and became an active member at CPWP's “Committees to Promote Women Participation in political and Public Life” in the town of Yamoun.

I took upon myself to achieve the requirement to find a health center operated by UNRWA to serve refugees in Yamoun since that the only health clinic in the town cannot provide the required service with only one doctor for all citizen. I worked to hold several public meetings to identify accomplish the idea of introducing health services by UNRW, based on the need of the refugees in the town of Yamoun, especially that some of them need to travel 4 kilometers to reach the nearest governmental health service, here and with the help AWCSW and its CPWP's we addressed UNRWA in the north area of Palestine and raised the demand to the UNRWA director, where he requested a study of the project - here we utilized what we benefited from AWCSW training courses in building the need into a project formulation - and study was presented, now and after a year in 09/15/2014 we communicate with UNRWA north area Director directly who was responsible for doctors department at UNRWA in the Nablus area and told us to include the project within the budget of the agency for the next 2015 where they will provide a mobile clinic with a doctor in Yamoun, this will undoubtedly ease the suffering of the citizens and provide them with the health services they needs.

“As a community activist in the town of Yamoun, I was always keen to be a platform and a base to communicate between individuals and institutions in order to organize efforts to achieve priorities and community needs”

It must be the recognition that AWCSW did not stop following-up and intervene through continuous communication with us at many levels of intensive meetings within CPWP and its plans to meet and identify needs in accordance with the schedules specified, all that came with tangible results on the ground and now we are seeking to ensure greater availability of health services for the convenience of the people, so I will work on communication and lobbying and advocacy to mobilize societal potentials to achieve what my society needs.



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