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Women's ambitions is obvious in serving her community

Maha Ta'mallah - 45 years old - mother of five children and a community activist working on a voluntary basis as a coordinator for World Vision international organization, also appointed as an acting (not elected) member of Kharbatha Bani Harith village council

The customs and traditions in the Palestinian society always keep quiet about the phenomenon of violence; this represents the greatest challenges in the treatment of this phenomenon that is spreading widening. With the formation of the supporting CPWP's "Committees to Promote Women Participation in political and Public Life" was the first step to break the silence of such phenomenon among elementary and secondary school students in Kharbatha Bani Harith School. With this in mind and in cooperation with AWCSW "Association of Women Committees for Social Work" helping us to gain access to decision-makers and address the Ministry of Education and obtained a license to build a new school to solve this problem to build a two-story school with eight classrooms including accessories, where elementary students were transferred to the new building, that could not be accomplished without the support of the local village community in whole.

"I am looking to run for the next local municipality elections, as my ambition is to head the village council as its president, because there are many decisions that must be taken after community participation and implemented consultatively in a way to promote a culture of participation and avoids patriarchy in decisions"



Currently we are seeking to strengthen the efforts being made against this phenomenon through the work of the supporting CPWP to bring about radical changes to reduce this phenomenon.

We hope that we will achieve many other accomplishments, aiming to serve our local community. What is a concern to me at this moment is to establish a new headquarter building to serve as a place for the village council since the current headquarter is in a deplorable state where it consists of only one old room set to serve about 4,500 people forming Kharbatha Bani Harith population, we have wrote many requests and send many official letters to governmental and non-governmental agencies and waiting for response.

The issue of community participation is vital and crucial measure of urbanization communities. For myself I aspire to run in the upcoming local elections for the Presidency of the village council, because there are many decisions that must be implemented in consultation and collectively to promote a culture of community participation.



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