

16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence November 25th-December 10th

From the 25th of November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to the 10th of December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is commemorated by activists as a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world.

For this year's 16 Days of Activism, USAID Takamol launched its online campaign under this year's international theme of "Leaving No One Behind: Ending the Violence against Women and Girls" which aimed to put a spotlight on the implications and consequences of violence against women and girls within the most marginalized groups.

USAID Takamol highlighted the lived realities of Jordanian women who are divorced, widowed or abandoned in order to showcase the legal and social challenges they face. USAID Takamol interviewed women from across the Kingdom and developed 16 stories that showcase the challenges they face and the legal frameworks that govern their cases in an effort to build knowledge and awareness of the impediments these women face. The stories are featured on the Faces of Takamol Facebook page and the Program's interactive online platform Tashbeek.

Outreach for our 16 Days of Activism Campaign

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

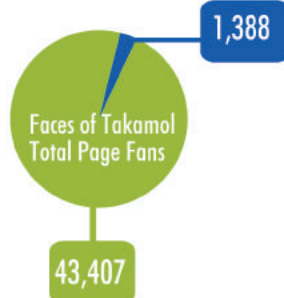
The USAID Takamol 16 Days campaign aimed at shedding light on the lived realities of families through Faces of Takamol, especially women and children, impacted by the Personal Status Law provisions on legal and other procedures in cases of divorce, widowhood or abandoned women by showcasing the legal, social and physiological factors that are presented in each case.



Social Media Engagement



New Page Fans



Call to Action

"Painful realities...
In my opinion we need to
demand the employment of
experienced female
arbitrators to ensure equality"
-Comment by Facebook User



According to the personal status law, arbitrators and experts selected by the court are not gender specific, however, in practice, they are always male. Therefore, women sometimes find it difficult to express themselves freely in cases of divorce, separation and alimony.

Total Engagement & Reach

Total Engagement
92,023



**Total Users
Reached**
403,016



Highlight: Faces of Takamol Story

"Legal procedures were extremely difficult. They sat me down with two arbitrators who asked me very personal questions about our marriage, most of which were about our sexual relationship, I was so embarrassed that I gave up 1000 Dinars just to get divorced and be done with the procedure. If there was a woman arbitrator the situation would have been different, I would have been able to tell them important details that might have helped my case in the final verdict...."

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Activities Carried out by Takamol's Leaders Networks and CBOs

Building upon USAID Takamol's community engagement through its 54 CBOs as well as over 200 men, women, youth members of USAID Takamol's Leaders Networks, 100 community-led activities commemorating the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, were held in the period from the 25th of November to the 10th of December.

These activities were designed, financed and implemented by the networks' members with technical and coordination assistance from USAID Takamol. The activities included social and legal awareness sessions and distribution of materials and interactive plays. The community leaders held discussions around the lived realities of women, men and children in communities impacted by the Personal Status Law provisions on legal and other procedures in cases of divorce, widowhood or abandoned women by showcasing the legal, social and physiological factors that are presented in each case.



Challenging Gender Stereotypes through Children's Books

In implementation of the final phase of USAID Takamol's main civil society sub-grant, the Haya Cultural Center (HCC) has completed the printing of a series of 6 children's books which were developed over the past year to tackle different negative gender stereotypes in a way that children can easily understand and positively affect them at a young age.

The HCC has also launched road trips visiting primary schools around the country in order to read the stories to children and engage them in conversations around the themes each story tackles. This interactive approach has been developed by HCC to encourage children to freely discuss and express their gender perceptions and opinions.

Haya Cultural Center received a grant from USAID Takamol in November 2015 called "Children Books and Plays" to develop six children's books and two plays that cover gender issues.



Advocacy: Universal Periodic Review Submissions

USAID Takamol has provided technical and legal knowledge support to 11 civil society and academic organizations in order to help them produce written submissions to the UPR Working Group which is responsible for Jordan's review in October and November 2018 highlighting human rights violations against women, gender inequality and challenges for women's political and economic participation.

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR), established in 2006 by the High Rights Council, is a unique process which involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States.

Gender Audit Teams

Empowering Voices,
Enabling Change:
Bringing Government
Employees One Step
Closer to Gender Equality
in the Workplace

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Community of Practice Networking Sessions

USAID Takamol organized and facilitated policy discussions between government gender audit teams from four key ministries (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Income and Sales Tax Department) and community of practice members including USAID implementing partners working in the same sectors.

The sessions focused on the findings of the gender audit teams which received technical support, training and coaching from USAID Takamol over a period of 2 years and looked at opportunities for collaboration with the IPs. The sessions also provided an opportunity to discuss gender priorities at the strategy and services level and highlight current achievements and remaining gaps in mainstreaming gender in the public sector.



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from USAID Takamol!

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