



NEWSLETTER

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Legal, Judicial and Social Figures from Gaza Join MUSAWA's General Assembly

MUSAWA's Board of Directors held an ordinary meeting in 23/04/2016 to discuss the administrative and financial reports 2015 in detail. The reports were approved and presented to the General Assembly in its meeting, held at the same date. An important topic raised during the meeting addressed the new members who joined MUSAWA's General Assembly from Gaza: lawyer Islah Hassania, legal figure Zainab Ghonaimy, legal figure Amal Syam, lawyer Sharhabeel Alzaeem, former judge of the High Court of Justice Suleiman Al-Dahdouh, Dr. Abdel Kareem Shbir, , and Dr. Mohammad Abu-Sa'dah.

Staff Training in Results Based Management (RBM)

MUSAWA completed a staff training in Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), Results Based Management (RBM), and Gender Mainstreaming, for the purpose of advancing MUSAWA's work and enhancing the capacities of its team in the three aforementioned topics. The training targeted



MUSAWA's staff both in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, who were present via Skype. It lasted four consecutive days, 26 – 29 April 2016, during which many practical exercises were done in addition to theoretical materials...

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Exchanging Views: Constitutional Court

As an organization specialized in monitoring the performance of the Palestinian Justice Sector, MUSAWA was visited by a Danish-Swedish delegation on 21/04/2016, who came to know more about the Presidential decision regarding the formation of a Palestinian Constitutional Court. The delegation met with MUSAWA's Legal and Technical Adviser, lawyer Ibrahim Barghouthi and its Internal Operations Manager, where they had the chance to discuss the consequences to which implementing the mentioned decision would lead, both at the legal and social levels.

Raising Awareness amongst Marginalized Groups



Women's Rights in the Alimony Fund

In cooperation with the PHRDs Network, MUSAWA carried-out a workshop in the village of Jbara - Tulkarm to raise awareness regarding women's rights in the Alimony Fund. The workshop was held on 07/04/2016, targeting 25 female participants ([more details here](#)). A workshop addressing the same issue was also held in Arranah - Jenin on 28/04/2016. The workshop was implemented in cooperation with Arranah's village council, targeting 16 male and female participants from the village ([more details here](#)).

MUSAWA's Interventions

MUSAWA received two complaints in April. The first demanded reconsidering the selection mechanism for the announced post in Sayda's village council, while the second addressed the failure to implement a court ruling. MUSAWA responded to both complaints by offering the necessary legal advice for the complainants, based on the facts they provided as part of their complaints.

Legal Protection for Juveniles

A workshop, titled "Legal Protection for Juveniles" was carried-out by MUSAWA and the PHRDs Network in Beit Lahia - north of Gaza. The workshop took place on 10/04/2016, and targeted 25 females. [Read more here](#).

Women's Right to Political Involvement

On 11/04/2016, Qarawa Bani Zeid Society Ladies Club hosted a workshop, organized by MUSAWA and the PHRDs Network, amongst 29 participants from Qarawa Bani Zeid to raise awareness regarding women's right to political participation and involvement. [Read more here](#).



Human Dignity: between reality and the law

In cooperation with the PHRDs Network, MUSAWA implemented a workshop on human dignity in the law in Rafah - south of Gaza. The workshop was held on 21/04/2016, targeting 19 participants from the town. [Read more here](#).



Radio Episodes

The role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in monitoring the justice system and holding it accountable

MUSAWA, represented by its Legal and Technical Adviser Mr. Ibrahim Barghouthi, participated in a radio episode on 14/04/2016 as part of the “Law is Life” program, which is aired weekly on Al-Shaab radio station, located in Gaza. Throughout the episode, there was discussion on the oversight role played by CSOs over the Palestinian justice system and how CSOs contribute in holding the system accountable as necessary.

The full episode can be found [here](#).

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... The training included a general introduction to the three topics, with a particular focus on HRBA and RBM and how a connection can be drawn between these two, in addition to training expectations and desired objectives. Moreover, it was explained to MUSAWA’s staff how to apply RBM to MUSAWA’s work and its strategic framework, the importance of incorporating Gender Mainstreaming at all levels, and the mechanism for developing an active monitoring and evaluation framework. Furthermore, a discussion was raised regarding the decision-making process and how to adapt to the approaches mentioned above. At the end of the training, a quick review and evaluation was done, in addition to defining MUSAWA’s next steps for absorbing HRBA, RBM, and Gender Mainstreaming.

This training represents the first step in MUSAWA’s journey to develop a program that is more result based oriented and in which the HRBA is incorporated, which will eventually enhance MUSAWA’s capacities and allow for a wider range of opportunities to work in the Palestinian community and, therefore, contribute in activating the monitoring of Palestine’s Justice Sector and accomplishing societal work based on the approaches mentioned above.

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