



WOMEN DELIVER HUMANITARIAN ADVOCATES PROGRAM



GRASSROOTS LEADERS, GLOBAL IMPACT

Women-focused civil society organizations (CSOs) are powerful agents of change in humanitarian settings. They are first responders, trusted service providers, and unwavering advocates – but are often overlooked and underfunded when it matters most.

The Women Deliver Humanitarian Advocates Program partners with women-focused CSOs to provide access to the people, platforms, and resources they need to maximize their impact. We know that women-focused CSOs are among the best experts on the needs of girls and women in humanitarian settings – **it's time to let them lead.**





WOMEN DELIVER HUMANITARIAN ADVOCATES PROGRAM IN LEBANON

The Humanitarian Advocates Program began by partnering with five women-focused CSOs from Lebanon who have collectively driven tangible progress on a wide range of issues, including refugee health and protection, sexual and reproductive health and rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, gender-based violence, and political participation.

The Humanitarian Advocates in Lebanon are:



Lebanon Family Planning Association
for Development and Family Empowerment
(LFPAGE)



Marsa Sexual Health Center



Palestinian Women's Humanitarian
Organization



Lebanese Women Democratic
Gathering (RDFL)



Women Now for Development

“Through our advocacy, I hope to **highlight the need for long-term funding for women-led CSOs**, so that we can better support the girls and women we serve.”



CECILIA CHAMI, LFPAGE

The Humanitarian Advocates receive:

- **CAPACITY SHARING**

Tailored trainings on advocacy, communications, fundraising, and program management tied to each organization's strategic priorities

- **SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Access to global and regional humanitarian policy meetings and conferences where women-focused CSOs can share their expertise and advocacy

- **MEDIA SUPPORT**

Assistance with digital media, op-ed writing, and media interviews to spotlight the power of women-focused CSOs

- **CAMPAIGN MOBILIZATION**

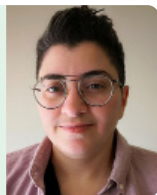
Supporting grassroots advocacy campaigns by providing strategic input, coalition building, and generating media attention.

“Humanitarian decision-making must include women and women-focused civil society organizations. Women are agents of change, whose capacities leadership and vision must be promoted. Programs like the Humanitarian Advocates Program are needed, and important to strengthen and elevate the voices we need to hear from most.”

APRIL PHAM, SENIOR GENDER ADVISOR
AND HEAD OF GENDER EQUALITY UNIT, UNOCHA

DIANA ABU ABBAS,
MARSA SEXUAL HEALTH CENTER

“My advocacy moment with Women Deliver was when I had the opportunity to speak at the closing plenary of the Women Deliver 2019 Conference, where I **called on the world to uphold sexual autonomy and pleasure.**”

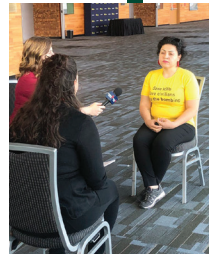


THE IMPACT

Since 2018, Women Deliver has supported Humanitarian Advocates from Lebanon to attend, participate, and speak at major global advocacy meetings including the Commission on the Status of Women, UN General Assembly, Women Deliver 2019 Conference, the International Conference on Population and Development, and others.

In addition, the Humanitarian Advocates in Lebanon have contributed to leading publications like the *Humanitarian Exchange Magazine*, as well as shared their expertise through op-eds and media interviews in *The New Humanitarian*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *Devex*, *Inter-Press Service News*, and more.

Through this work, the Humanitarian Advocates in Lebanon have expanded their network of key stakeholders, potential donors, and partners, while also championing advocacy for the inclusion of women-focused CSOs in all humanitarian decision-making.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Women Deliver is exploring opportunities to expand the Humanitarian Advocates Program to additional humanitarian contexts, while also supporting existing partners with their ongoing advocacy and communications priorities. Together with the Humanitarian Advocates, we will continue to advocate for a humanitarian system that shares more power, resources, and funding with women-focused CSOs.



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