

# حقوق يورنت



## Annual report (2023)

## Haqi-Awrath: Growing with Confidence

Haqi-Awrath Association is a Lebanese non-governmental organization established in 2018 and obtained official recognition under decree number 296 on March 23, 2021. The association was founded by an active group of women who revolted against depriving women of the right to inherit and to property. The mandate of "Haqi-Awrath" Association is to advocate for women's inheritance rights and empower them legally and economically. The organization is dedicated to promoting gender equality, combating all forms of violence against women, and working towards social justice. Haqi-Awrath strives to eliminate discrimination and obstacles that prevent women from exercising their rights, particularly in the realm of inheritance. Through collaboration with civil society, legal actors, social influencers, and authorities, the association aims to create a society that recognizes and respects women as equal partners, decision-makers, and owners of their rights.

**Vision:** Ensuring women's right to inheritance, removing economic and social barriers, and combating all forms of violence against women, aiming to reach a society that recognizes women as equal partners, decision-makers, and owners of their rights rather than followers.

**Mission:** Working towards the eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls, particularly economic violence, through collaboration with civil society, legal actors, social influencers, and authorities, aiming to eliminate all forms of discrimination and achieve gender social justice.



# Overview of the year 2023

## Projects & activities:

1. **Sheghel Dayati (شغل دياتي) project:** Funded by The Zovighian Partnership (Cycle 1), this project was implemented in collaboration with the Lebanese Youth Network partner, it includes several activities aimed to economically empowering women to achieve financial independence. These activities involve capacity building courses in the food industry and handicrafts. Alongside these trainings, the association conducts



separate awareness sessions to educate women about their rights to inheritance and property and how to ensure their economic rights and manage them effectively. This project targeted Lebanese, Syrian, Palestinian women as well as minorities in El-Khoder village and its surrounding and Baalbek City and its surrounding. People with disabilities were included and all beneficiaries were over 18 years of age. This project lasted for two years, starting in November 2021 and ending in November 2023. The cost of this project was \$105,000. With the help of this fund, we were able to train 225 women (70% Lebanese, 20% Syrian, 10% Palestinian and minorities) in food processing, cake making, crochet, and embroidery during nine full courses. We supported 100 women with free legal advice about inheritance and conducted an awareness campaign about inheritance on social media and classical media (TV, radio, electronic newspapers...). Through this project page, we marketed the products of more than 70 women and helped them sell their products in all regions of the country. We supported 12 women to start their own business achieving their financial

independence. Five theatrical performances about women's right to inheritance were presented to school students, about 1,200 students.



2. **Haqi-Aaraf (حقي أعراف) project:** Funded by The Zovighian Partnership (Cycle 2), this project was implemented in collaboration with Women Now for Development partner in Baalbek-Hermel Governorate (Baalbek city and El-Khoder village and their surroundings) and in Beqaa Governorate (Chtoura and Majdel Anjar and their surroundings). It costed \$116,000. This project lasted for 10 months, starting in November 2022 and ending in August 2023.



During this project, Haqi-Awrath provided model legal training on inheritance laws and the ways in which women are deprived of their rights. Seven trainings for 70 Lebanese women have been conducted. Women Now provided vocational empowerment courses (Crochet, sewing and beauty courses) for 75 women and educational empowerment course (Arabic literacy) for 40 women, all of them are Syrian women and adolescent girls. Also in this project, five theatrical performances about women's right to inheritance were presented to school students, about 1,200 students. The implementation of the project included media campaigns on social media and traditional means. The project also included 20 interviews with influencers and stakeholders and it was ended by a seminar attended by the beneficiaries and their families as well as the influencers and the community leader in Baalbek-Hermel and Beqaa governorates in order to highlight the issue of the women deprivation of the right to inherit and to property.



3. **Self-funded project about recycling:** Haqi-Awrath Association implemented an awareness campaign on the importance of recycling, and reducing plastic in El-Khoder School and on social media. A play was presented at El-Khoder school about the importance of recycling, entitled “Red and Green,” attended by about 500 Lebanese and Syrian students. This campaign lasted for two months (January and February 2023).





4. **Sahha and Afieh (صحة وعافية) project:** This project was funded by OCHA and implemented in El-Khoder located in Baalbek district in collaboration with ACTED and LOST organizations. It lasted two months (May and June 2023) and it was about



food security, it served 90 families (60 Lebanese families and 30 Syrian families) or about 450 persons that in dire need. Haqi-Awrath supported the most vulnerable families with meal kits and food parcels during two months and created short-term employment opportunities for 18 local cooks and 24 young. A community kitchen was established in the center of Haqi-Awrath. It costed \$13,000.

- 5. Project funded by the Embassy to Canada in Lebanon (CFLI):** It started on August 2023, and will be ended on 28 February 2024 (7 months), it is titled: "Enhancing women's knowledge and claiming of their right to inheritance in Lebanon's Baalbek-Hermel governorate through research, training, legal advice and advocacy". During this project, 264 Lebanese women received trainings about Economic Gender Based Violence EGBV, inheritance laws and the ways in which women are deprived of their rights. Researches and statistics about the deprivation of women from their right to inheritance were conducted in Baalbek city and in 5 villages located in Baalbek district where 1000 surveys were filled by 20 enumerators during one week. In addition, 50 women received free legal advices. An awareness campaign about the right of women to property and inheritance has been conducted on the pages of the association. 15 interviews with influencers (Mayors, notaries, lawyers, faith leaders...), 5 focus groups discussion about and 15 case studies were done in order to explore in deep the causes of the economic violence against women that is the deprivation of inheritance. A report about this studies will be ready in the few next days. This project costed about \$58,000.





**6. The ongoing project funded by WPHF and UN Women:** This project is complementary to the project funded by the Embassy of Canada, and is being implemented in Baalbek-Hermel Governorate, but in different villages and cities. The same activities carried out by the Canadian Fund will be repeated in the northern Baalbek district and in the Hermel district, in addition to a theatrical work about inheritance that will be produced by the association and will be shown 6 times in the schools of this targeted area. This project began in December 2023 and will continue for 12 months. 240 Lebanese women will receive trainings on EGBV and inheritance issues. 75 women will receive free legal consultations about inheritance rights and claims. The theatrical performances target 1,500 students and young people. The budget for this project is \$80,000.

### **Networking:**

In addition to all the previously mentioned activities and projects, Haqi-Awrath is networking with the Danish Refugee Council DRC under a MOU, in order to protect women and children seeking help and provide them with psychological and legal support. More than 40 cases have been referred during 2023, and the association's center is provided to facilitate access to services.

Haqi-Awrath also cooperates with many other organizations on various topics and its team receives continuous training in order to develop, learn and build self-capacities that serve the individual, the association, communities and the nation.

**Media reports:** Haqi-Awrath's activities emerged due to their diversity and its innovative initiative, which is demanding women's right to inheritance in Lebanon and the Arab world, through the media in its various forms (visual, written, audio). This created a broad vision for this issue and a great attention to the association's objectives, which leads to increased and continuous support for women's rights in inheritance, property and economic independence.



## Success stories:

### Prize:

2023 CSO Peer Learning award has been assigned by Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund WPHF and Women Have Wings to Dr Ouloum AUDI, Founder and president of Haqi-Awrath NGO in Coordination with UN Women. In the context of this award, peer exchange experiences will be covered by \$8,000. Ouloum Audi from Haqi-Awrath Association, together with Maryam Al-Dirani from the Naba Association, will exchange experiences on women's rights and empowerment. Ouloum will provide trainings on economic violence against women and protection for the Naba team, while Maryam will lead trainings on advocacy and campaigning.



### Social media:

If you browse the association's social media, especially the Facebook page, you will notice the density of awareness posts about women's rights to inheritance, property, and financial independence, and how to protect rights and prevent their loss. These pages are followed by most Arab countries that suffer from the same problem.

We have begun to see similar movements in Arab countries and we have received many requests to establish branches of Haqi-Awrath association in neighboring countries. Some of our publications have reached tens of millions of people and have been re-published on dozens of social media outlets due to the strength of the content and the boldness in presenting the problem and showing its results through small, realistic stories that show the extent of the injustice, discrimination, and severe deprivation that women and girls suffer within families. In the adjacent picture, you can see the post that received the most views around the world.



## **Impact:**

A large number of cases of women's inheritance claims were monitored in El-Khoder village, where the association was founded, and in its surroundings. The number of women seeking legal consultations and the cases that tell personal stories about suffering from discrimination and deprivation of inheritance have increased significantly, after this topic was steeped in fear and the concept of societal shame.

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## **Haqi-Awrath social media and website links:**

<https://www.facebook.com/ouloum.audi?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

<https://www.facebook.com/rightininheritance?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

<https://www.facebook.com/handmadelebanon?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086792465459&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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<https://instagram.com/haqiawrath?igshid=NGExMmI2YTkyZg>

[righttoinherit.org](http://righttoinherit.org)