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Concept Note

Training on Gender, Land Rights and Socio-economic Development of women in Palestine

26-27 June/2021

two-day workshop

Abu Mazin Hotel – Hebron

Introduction

This training event is part of an Agreement of Cooperation (AOC3: Land, women empowerment and socio-economic development) signed between UN-Habitat/ Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), and the Palestine-based Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) as part of a broader Programme on land governance in the Arab region, funded by the German BMZ.

The area of work implemented by UAWC focuses on women and land rights, and delves into the identification of the impact of land tenure security on the socio-economic status of women in the Arab region, through adopting three integrated activities, A) an empirical study that examines this impact on the ground, B) a regional EGM, to exchange and expand knowledge about women's land tenure security and women's rights to land and its impact on their socio-economic development, and C) capacity building trainings for women and other land actors in society on the importance of land tenure for women, women's rights to land, and how to attain them.

This training event builds on the Expert Group Meeting on “The evidence-based linkages between access to land and socio-economic development especially for women in the Arab region” held Feb 2021, and draws on some key recommendations and conclusions especially regarding occupied Palestinian territories, which included:

1. Access to, use of and control over land/ property and economic-social empowerment of women are interrelated.
2. women need to be encouraged to join different life spheres, and more awareness should target not only women but also men who are part of the challenge faced.

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3. Women are particularly vulnerable when it comes to land tenure security in conflict affected areas. This challenge is mostly linked to the loss of different types of documentation including land related documents, which is the case in areas of conflict and displacement
4. Mapping all initiatives that target, address, or integrate women rights on the ground at the local level to serve and support the main goal of ensuring accessibility of women to their rights to land, inheritance, marriage and other types of access.
5. Women on the ground are in most cases not aware of these initiatives, and how they can benefit from them, and there should be advocacy efforts about these initiatives

Background

Equal access to land and enhanced tenure security are crucial for poverty reduction, e.g. by providing access to financial and economic resources, by increasing food security, by enabling people in both rural and urban areas to invest in improved homes and livelihoods, by providing access to loans, which can be reinvested in business etc. Thus, access to and control over land by both women and men can trigger broader social and economic development. Land ownership, increased knowledge about the economic value of land as well as a secure access to land administration and land related services (surveying, planning, registering, etc.) are key factors for empowering people in both rural and urban settings. Access to and control over land and productive resources, can rebalance power relationships within the family, the community and the society. By facilitating access to independent income land tenure security can improve the land holder's autonomy and brings about long-term benefits for society. Land owners become managers of economic assets, control financial resources and undertake their own economic activities. Furthermore, land owners with land documents and access to land administration get more easily involved in local decision-making processes, which are – especially in rural areas – often related to the use of and the control over land. Previous interventions and studies have shown that secure access to land rights and ownership lead to increased civic engagement and public participation. The capacities and willingness to negotiate are increased.

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Training Objectives

1. Improved general knowledge on the concepts of gender, gender-based violation in relation to land rights and issues.
2. Increase awareness and understanding of the importance of women's land rights and tenure security in achieving socio-economic development especially for women, as well as the different channels for women in Palestine to obtain land rights.
3. Define key gender-based issues and challenges that are faced in the land sector in Palestine, and how they influence tenure security and women land rights in a conflict affected area.
4. familiarization with approaches and tools promoted by GLTN that facilitates resolving of land disputes and promotes land tenure security for all.
5. Facilitate the mutual exchange of expertise, experiences, lessons learned and best practices among the participants, and provide a window for direct engagement between government and CSO representatives with individual land owners and users.

Methodology

The training will adopt an interactive training method to actively engage the participants in their own learning experience and to motivate their ownership of the training results. It will take the force of:

- Icebreakers (introduction and getting to know each other)
- Group Work
- Short Lectures by the Trainer and participants
- Case studies
- Presentations (PowerPoint), role plays and competitions
- Videos presentation and analysis.



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Participants

The training will mainly serve to raise the capacities of 50 women and men participants in the West Bank; mainly:

- 20 women of land and property owners/users, especially those who have benefited from land previous rehabilitation initiatives, human rights and advocacy campaigns and other related projects;
- 20 men who are husbands and first degree relatives of the aforementioned women;
- At least 5 representatives from Palestinian Civil Society Organizations; and
- At least 5 representatives from different governmental institutions related to women and land.

The selection criteria insure inter-sectionalism and inclusivity, and includes the following:

1. Women in rural and urban areas from different age groups, women in cooperatives and women farmers from all West Bank's governorates.
2. Women who benefited from the "Rights to Inheritance Project" will be encouraged to participate.
3. Encourage or prioritize women who are able to secure the participation of their husbands/sons or male relatives in the training,
4. Five women will be selected from the UAWC's agricultural committees in the West Bank.

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Agenda

Training on Gender, Land Rights and Socio-economic Development of women in Palestine			
Day 1			
Saturday, 26 June 2021			
Module 1: Why should we promote Gender Equality? Aim: To sensitize participants on how gender is socially constructed and how gender shapes masculine and feminine identities, behaviors, attitudes, and practices, with particular reference to gender power and inequalities (5 hours)			
Time	Topic	Activity Type	Facilitators/Presenters
10:00 – 10:15	Opening / Introductory Session	Presentation on project components	UAWC
10:15 – 10:45	Trainer Introduction to Day 1	Pre-Evaluation of the training Ice breaker activity	Hanan Kaoud, Gender and Development Specialist / Trainer
10:45 – 12:00	Concepts of Gender, Gender Roles, Gender Needs, Power Relations, and Participation	Presentation and group work	Hanan Kaoud Nemeh Assaf
12:00 – 12:15	Break		
Module 2: Correlation between Gender Based Violence and Land Ownership			
12:15 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concepts of Gender Based Violence - Assessment of Women's access to and ownership of land in OPT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video Presentation and Analysis, group work - Presentation on the study 	Hanan Kaoud Dr. Moayad Bisharat - UAWC
1:30 – 2:15	Lunch Break		
2:15 – 3:00	Correlation between Gender Based Violence and Land Ownership (What does it mean and how does it take place? Available opportunities for women either to rent out their land or acquire land with others to farm as a cooperative group)	Presentation and Role Play	Hanan Kaoud

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3:00 – 3:30	Cycle of Gender Discrimination Overview of Women's Socio-Economic Conditions in Palestine (facts, policies and laws)	Lecture and Q&A	Hanan Kaoud
3:30 – 3:45	Final Remarks and Closing of First Day		Hanan Kaoud UAWC

Training on Gender, Land Rights and Socio-economic Development of women in Palestine			
Day 2			
Sunday, 27 June 2021			
Module 3: Land Tenure and Women's Rights (Aim: For participants to understand how women's land rights are situated in the broader land rights system)			
Time	Topic	Activity/Description	Facilitators/Presenters
9:00 – 9:30	Recap and ice breaker		Nemeh Assaf and Participants
9:30 – 11:00	Overview of Women Tenure Rights in Palestine -Women's Land Rights and tenure security in national policy making and land reform; Channels for women in Palestine to access land	Presentation	Palestinians Land Authority
11:00 – 11:15	Break		
Module 2: Role of the government and civil society organizations in enhancing women's land rights in Palestine			
11:15 – 1:00	Gender gaps in law and practice; Role of the government and civil society organizations in enhancing women's land rights in Palestine (gender gaps in law and practice)	Presentation	Ministry of Women Affairs
1:00 – 1:45	Lunch break		
1:45 – 2:10	Addressing Gender and Land Disputes (Are there land conflicts between men and women in your community? List the causes of these conflicts?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaggregated group work (by sex). - Discussion and Q&A 	Hanan Kaoud Nemeh Assaf

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2:10 – 2:30	GLTN Tools and applicability in Palestine for dispute resolving	Presentation via Zoom	Haneen Zakout – UN-Habitat Palestine
2:30 – 3:30	Why women’s lands rights matter? What do women in rural communities own? What are the conceptual framework for potential gains from formalization of women’s land rights (economic benefits, social benefits at the individual/community and household levels)?	Lecture and Open Discussions (Q&A – Basket)	Hanan Kaoud
3:30 – 4:00	Closing Remarks Training Recommendations from Participations Post Evaluation		UAWC

Venue and time

- Abu Mzin Hotel, Hebron Governorate, Hebron City - Nimra St.
- Accommodations are available for participants from outside Hebron gov.
- Day 1: 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM
- Day 2: 9.00 AM – 4.00 PM
- Transpiration costs are covered for all participants.

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Budget

Description	Unit	Quant.	Unit Cost	Total cost \$
hall	day	2	600	1200
Lunch	person	110	15	1650
Hospitality	person	110	3	330
Stationary	person	110	4	440
Banner	banner	1	100	100

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In country transportation	person	50	30	1500
hotel	room	10	80	800
				6020 USD