

## **FAWCO TARGET PROGRAM 2016 - 2019**

**Education:** Empowering Women and Girls through Knowledge and Skills.



### **Shortlisted Target Project Proposal**

## **Educating and Empowering Refugee Women and Girls in Jordan, a project of the Collateral Repair Project**

### **Highlights:**

**Who:** Refugee women and girls in Amman, Jordan

### **What and How:**

- Enroll 200 new girls in school and 120 girls in afterschool programs
- 180 women will receive computer skills or vocational training
- 160 women and 160 men will receive women's empowerment and gender-based violence training; 15 women and 5 men continue on to complete training to become trainers themselves; 40 women and 20 men, along with 30 youth, receive leadership training.

**Budget:** \$124,498

90% of funding will go to direct services: educational support; health and life skills; technical training; empowerment programs. 10% of funding will go to CRP's administrative costs, for project implementation.

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### **The Organization**

Founded to aid refugees of the second Gulf War, the Collateral Repair Project (CRP) has been providing assistance to victims of violent conflict since 2006. It was started by two American women who wanted a direct connection between citizens of coalition countries and innocent Iraqis who suffered from the consequences of war, those commonly referred to as "collateral damage." In providing much-needed assistance to refugees and other victims of war and conflict, CRP seeks to repair some of the damage caused by war and, through these efforts, foster peace and reconciliation.



CRP is located in Amman, Jordan - temporary home to hundreds of thousands of Iraqi and Syrian refugees. It serves a community of people with diverse backgrounds, religions, sects and nationalities, many of whom have fled their home countries due to sectarian violence. CRP works to foster an inclusive environment for all and is proud that its center is seen as a peaceful oasis by the people it serves.

Hundreds of families receive emergency assistance from CRP every year. This includes in-kind aid, information and referral services, and a monthly food voucher program that provides eligible households with coupons to purchase fresh produce and groceries. In addition, CRP's Family Resource and Community Center offers numerous activities and learning opportunities to help refugees begin rebuilding the communities they lost after fleeing their home countries.

### **The Project**

CRP would like FAWCO support for its Educating and Empowering Refugee Women and Girls in Jordan project. Displacement, loss of status and control over life choices, and the fact that most

refugees are forbidden from working, all contribute to a sense of hopelessness and lack of empowerment particularly for women. While displacement forces them to negotiate new and difficult roles, they are often hindered by their lack of confidence in their ability to affect change and commonly face increased risks due to harmful coping strategies they or their spouses may adopt which often contribute to family violence.

The proposed project seeks to address four pressing issues identified in close consultation with the women CRP serves 1) ensuring better educational support for their children 2) accessing sources of income 3) better managing the threat of violence in their families and 4) learning and developing leadership and advocacy skills. The project will address these issues through targeted training and educational programs, and through tangible opportunities for advocacy and leadership. To ensure the sense of ownership and investment that will be integral for the longevity, sustainability, and success of the project, community members will be involved at every stage.

FAWCO funds would cover costs for the development and implementation of new programs and the expansion of existing ones to address each of the four issues. Educational support will be provided through a Back to School program in which 200 children whose families cannot afford the prohibitive cost of enrollment, are given the resources they need to return to school. Given the interruption in their education, the children will also receive remedial literacy and numeracy training. In addition, 120 girls will complete a Super Girls program. Piloted through this project, the Super Girls program will be designed to address the specific needs and challenges of girls, particularly in light of the trauma they have undergone in displacement, through the teaching of life skills, leadership, critical thinking, and computer skills.

Vocational training will be provided to help women be able to generate income. Through the project, 120 women will complete the International Computer Drivers License (ICDL) computer skills training, and 45 women and girls who have their ICDL will be taught computer coding. In addition, 60 women will complete an economic empowerment program which provides training in cosmetology and self-employment skills.

To motivate positive behavior change in the community, the project will train women, men, and boys on gender-based violence prevention and awareness. Men and boys are included because their attitudes and behavior are key elements in ensuring family resilience. Specifically, 160 men, boys, and teen boys will receive GBV training, and 160 women will complete a Women's Empowerment 101 program that covers additional material on women's rights and advocacy.

Finally, CRP will promote sustainable empowered leadership among members of the community it serves. To support the development of aspiring leaders, 15 women and five men will complete Training of Trainer workshops. They will then form a new group of leaders to join the CRP training team at the beginning of the second year of the project. In addition, hands-on experience in advocacy will be provided to 40 adults and 30 youth through a Leadership in Action program in which participants implement their own community-based projects. Giving leaders ongoing opportunities to exercise their new skills at the community center will allow these activities to continue after completion of the project.

Most of the refugees served by CRP are awaiting resettlement, but most will not be resettled. The Educating and Empowering Refugee Women and Girls in Jordan project will allow CRP to offer additional educational and skill-building support that is currently not available. Through comprehensive learning opportunities designed to address their most critical needs, refugees will be equipped with tools for future success, wherever they may be.

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You are invited to learn more about the organization by visiting their website, [www.collateralrepairproject.org](http://www.collateralrepairproject.org). Please be aware the Educating and Empowering Refugee Women and Girls in Jordan project is not presented on their website as this is a project specifically designed for FAWCO. You may request a copy of the application by contacting Tricia R. Saur, Target Chair at [target@fawco.org](mailto:target@fawco.org).