

SAWA-All The Women Together Today And Tomorrow

Together we create the human potential for nation-building

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Awareness raising meetings in summer camps and clubs

Thirty one workshops were conducted over the past two months, where contacts were made with 45 male and female young people through summer camps and community clubs in a number of areas in Jerusalem and the West Bank, such as Sharek Youth Forum, Ramallah Islamic Club, World Vision, as well as Caritas and YMCA. Workshops were also organized with women groups, reaching a total of 132 women through the Community Work Centre.

Concluding a training course for women police officers

SAWA concluded a 3-day training course involving 16 female staff members in the police from various ranks. During the course, the participants were introduced to the fundamental concepts of human rights, the concept of violence and sexual abuse, indications and psychological, physical and social effects of sexual abuse. The aim of the training was to help create an entry point for joint work

Child Helpline visit to South Africa

In cooperation with the Child Helpline International, a delegation from SAWA Child Helpline 121 visited the Child Helpline in South Africa in order to exchange experiences.

During the visit, the delegation introduced the activities of the Palestinian Child Helpline 121, which provides children with assistance, psychological support, guidance and advice, underscoring SAWA centre's long experience in recruiting and training volunteers continuously to serve in its different programs. The presentation also addressed the current situation of Palestinian children under the Occupation and the prevailing economic hardship.

The delegation had a chance to obtain a firsthand look at the experience of South Africa in the field of child helpline and support to victims of violence. A field visit was made to a support unit for children victims of violence at a police centre, as well as to schools to learn about activities addressed at orphaned children subjected to

between SAWA and the Ministry of Interior towards providing protection to women and children victims of violence and working together to ensure the rule of law and achieve social justice.

Calls to the Helpline

The number of calls to the Child Helpline and Women's Hotline is increasing on daily basis. Since the beginning of this year, 5005 calls have been received by the Palestinian Child Helpline 121 and 450 calls have been received by women assistance hotline.

On daily basis, SAWA volunteers are offering assistance and support to cases of women and children seeking help.

New productions by SAWA

- Production of a radio spot for the Palestinian Child Helpline 121, which is being aired on local radio stations.
- Publication of an article on sexual harassment and abuse against children in Keef Assiha magazine, issue No. 8.
- Publication of an article on sexual harassment and abuse against women in Keef Assiha magazine, issue No.11.

various types of social violence. The delegation also visited the slum community in Soweto neighbourhood, which was the cradle of Nelson Mandela's movement against the apartheid regime.

Second meeting for SAWA Volunteers' Forum

SAWA volunteers recently held their second monthly meeting with the aim of maintaining continuous contact with the Centre and ensuring ongoing volunteer involvement in its different programs.

During this meeting Mr. Yasser Sandouka was invited to lecture on the impact of sexual abuse on the academic achievement of children.

In his presentation, he shed light on the different forms of learning difficulties among children, which have a detrimental effect on their psychosocial wellbeing and could be used by perpetrators to practice their abuse against these children.