

# ADVANCING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

## HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE ARAB STATES



FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

### WOMEN REACHED IN THE ARAB STATES IN 2025

**629K\*** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED IN SEVEN COUNTRIES

IN EMERGENCIES, WOMEN AND GIRLS FACE GREATER RISKS TO THEIR SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND FUTURE. BUT THEY ARE ALSO THE DRIVERS OF RECOVERY, HOLDING THE KEY TO BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

### RISKS WOMEN FACE IN CRISIS

- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- HARMFUL COPING MECHANISMS
- NO AUTHORITY OVER THEIR LIVES
- REDUCED ACCESS TO SERVICES

### ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

- 78.5% Of women are empowered to make their own financial and economic decisions such as spending or applying for loans
- 37.8% Women report reducing their use of negative coping strategies to meet their daily needs such as begging for money or engaging in illegal & unsafe work
- 45.9% of women have the needed skills and knowledge for their economic empowerment
- 51% of women can exercise basic human rights, rights to education, employment & protection

### OUR PROGRAMMES OFFER

- Creating decent jobs and building market linkages with private sector value chains
- Providing skills development and vocational training for better employment opportunities.
- Equipping individuals with market relevant skills and micro assets to grow businesses.
- Expanding financial access to promote women's economic inclusion and empowerment

### ENHANCED ACCESS TO PROTECTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Through multi-sectoral response, UN Women improves women's access to life-saving protection services

**141K** HAVE ACCESS TO

- Psychosocial support and counselling
- Legal assistance and referral pathways to protection services

**1.7x** Less likely to accept violence and are empowered to make informed decisions about their health, protection, and personal well being.

95.2% of women understand their legal rights and can access legal support when needed.

96% of women report feeling safer and more protected

Hear from the women whose lives have been impacted by UN Women's humanitarian response

It was a very difficult experience at first as I didn't trust that these people can help me. I refused treatment because I was scared they would take custody of my children. After the first two meetings, **things got better, I felt safer & more comfortable to continue treatment.** Thanks to everyone who helped me. **I am doing well now & focused on completing my university studies.**

~ Zeina, from Palestine

### EMERGENCY RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE IN GAZA AND LEBANON

UN Women partnered with women-led organizations to deliver life-saving assistance to over **400,000 individuals and their families**, addressing critical humanitarian needs through:

- Emergency food assistance to alleviate hunger and ensure nutritional needs.
- Protection assistance to safeguard the safety, dignity, and well-being of vulnerable women and girls.
- Unconditional cash assistance to address urgent household expenses.
- Essential non-food items like dignity kits, sanitary pads, winter clothes, and assistive devices to support dignity and reproductive health.

TRANSFORMING LIVES TAKES TIME, COMMITMENT, AND RESOURCES—BUT THE IMPACT LASTS FOR GENERATIONS. MILLIONS OF WOMEN & GIRLS ACROSS THE ARAB STATES REMAIN VULNERABLE TO DISPLACEMENT & NEED ACCESS TO LIFESAVING SERVICES. SCALING UP TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMMING IS NOT JUST URGENT; IT IS LIFESAVING. JOIN US IN CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

**“TOGETHER, WE CAN PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS, EMPOWER THEIR VOICES, AND PAVE THE WAY FOR A MORE EQUAL, RESILIENT FUTURE.”**

The regional results presented in this infographic reflects data available at the time of production from +25,000 survey respondents conducted in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Yemen, and may be subject to change.

\*This figure reflects the number of people reached directly and indirectly by UN Women Humanitarian interventions, including women, men, children, and persons with disabilities.

