



SABAH, A ROLE MODEL IN DEIR ALLA, JORDAN

Sabah is a young woman from Deir Alla, Jordan, who was determined to do something to help her mother after her father passed away. Sabah heard about a Canadian-funded training program on renewable energy, and she decided to sign up. "The training unleashed abilities I didn't know I had," said a beaming Sabah. "It gave me the confidence and drive to pursue my ambitions." After the training, Sabah was inspired to run in her community's local election, and she won her seat with almost 60% of the vote. Sabah now serves as a role model for other women who previously felt disempowered by strong local customs and traditional thinking toward women. Thanks to Sabah's grit and determination, young women in Deir Alla now know the sky is the limit for them!

project as a result of last year's amendments to its Labour Code. The new labour inspection legislation has created the Directorate General for Labour Inspections. Legislation will also introduce an operational framework to address issues of non-compliance with labour rights by sanctioning anti-union practices. Communication materials will be created to raise awareness of, and increase compliance with, the new inspection process.

Through the Employment and Social Development Canada Labour Program, Canada also provided support to the International Labour Organization's Better Work Programme in 2017-2018. In Vietnam, for example, this program has developed initiatives designed to raise awareness and reduce the prevalence of sexual harassment in the garment sector. The investment helped strengthen national policy frameworks and boosted enterprise level compliance in this area. It also improved worker awareness, understanding and behaviour regarding the issues.

INCREASING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO A FUNCTIONING JUSTICE SYSTEM

Equitable access to justice is a means to overcome poverty, as it provides people and communities with a legal basis to claim their rights and see justice served. Access to justice can also help transform legal guarantees of gender equality into real improvements in the daily lives of women.

Canada's objective is to foster equitable access to fair justice and law enforcement services that advance the human rights of the poorest and most marginalized people—particularly women, children and youth. This involves improving the gender-responsiveness of justice and law enforcement institutions. It also means making sure that justice services reach people in their communities, and that people become more aware of legal issues.

With support from the Government of Canada, the Justice Studies Center of the Americas carried out a project to bolster access to equitable and efficient civil justice. Such justice respects the rights of those involved in legal proceedings. In 2017-2018, 770 government and civil society representatives—412 of whom were women—were trained on issues related to accessible, efficient and equitable civil justice system reform.

In Nepal, Canada's contribution to the Asian Development Bank in 2017-2018, through the Gender and Development Cooperation Fund, helped tackle violence against women in Kathmandu and outlying districts. In cooperation with the National Police, special service centres were opened to address crimes against women and children. The project also constructed two centres in rural districts to serve as 24-hour victim survivor centres. The project team developed and delivered training manuals and standard operating procedures for police, showing how to treat survivors of gender-based violence and related crimes. The project also backed campaigns to raise public awareness on violence against women and children, and how to prevent it.

In Guatemala, the Government of Canada continued to advocate for the UN-backed International Commission against Impunity. This commission, in partnership with the Attorney General's office, has taken important strides to fight against impunity. This work has included investigations, arrests and judicial processes related to the high level of corruption in Guatemala. That encompasses cases of corruption by state officials that saw millions of dollars of state revenue vanish. As a result, citizens are demanding greater accountability from authorities at all levels of government. They insist on structural changes to increase government transparency and effectiveness.

In Honduras, the Government of Canada, in collaboration with UNICEF, has supported the creation of a national rights-based child protection and