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Preventing Honour Related Violence (HRV) by education & dialogue through Immigrant NGOs

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Fatima International Conference in Sweden

The project's International Conference, "Violence, Honour and Revolution: Towards Alternative Gender Equality Futures" took place in 26-27 April 2016 at Örebro University, Sweden.

The conference was dedicated to violence, honour, and the hope for gender equality future free from violence and oppression. During the two-day event, through academic lectures, moderated discussions, film-making and participatory workshops led by a team of academics and activists the concept and practice of violence against women was presented and discussed.

Several academics, activists, writers and researchers participated with guests of honour dr **Nawal El Saadawi**, medical doctor, international women's right activist and feminist writer and **Buthina Canaan Khoury**, Palestinian independent filmmaker.

The goal of the conference was to create a forum for bringing together activists, NGOs, politicians and academia to share their experiences in the above mentioned areas.



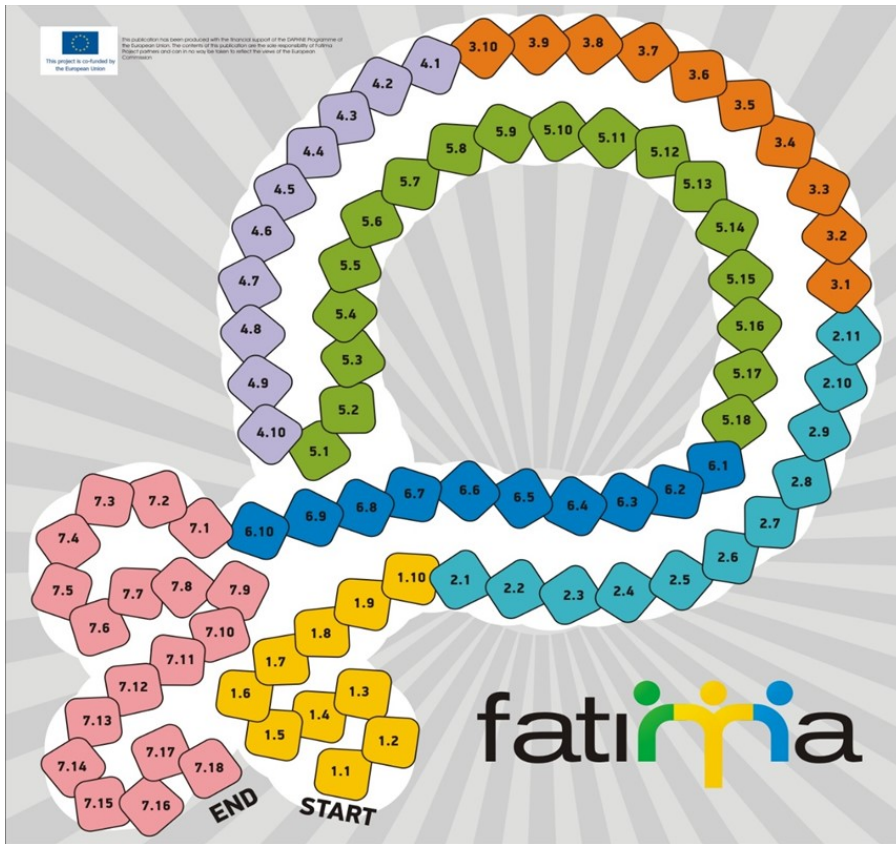
Target Group of the Project:

- ◆ NGOs relevant for work against Honor Related Violence
- ◆ Individuals (potentially) subjected to Honor Related Violence
- ◆ National, regional & local stakeholders

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Training Material - Human Rights Game for Young People

On 30th June 2016 all the NGOs finished their pilot activities. Due to the great response the game received, the project partners decided to prepare and print cards for young people with questions addressing their problems and inquiries, such as education and school, drugs and alcohol,

Project Progress

The project has been progressing through the following steps:

- ◆ Fatima International Conference in Sweden, which was attended by more than 200 people.
- ◆ Pilot activities: Groups of 10-15 people have participated in 10-12 study cycles and had the opportunity to learn their rights and increase their self-confidence and self-esteem:
 - The groups, organized by ethnic minority NGOs in each country, were led by a coach and included presentations, discussions and case studies.
 - Participants acquired new knowledge on women's and children's rights, legal issues, housing and learnt useful information for their everyday life.
- ◆ Preparation and printing of the Human Right Game for youngsters (with new questions especially designed for young people).
- ◆ Organization of workshops in Greece, Portugal, Sweden, UK to present the outcomes of the project.
- ◆ Networking through social networks, with news, relevant articles, photographs of the pilot activities and food for thought
 - -Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/theFATIMAnetwork>
 - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/fatima---preventing-honour-related-violence-by-education-and-dialogue-through-immigrant-ngos>



FATIMA PROJECT OVERVIEW

The two-year project is coming to its end. The FATIMA project fought against honour related violence (HRV) - such as female genital mutilation, forced or early marriage or forced sexual relationships, honour crimes committed against women, young people and children— through education, awareness-raising activities and training material.

Accomplished Goals:

The purpose of the project has been to increase the capacity within ethnic minority NGOs for carrying out awareness raising and educational campaign for establishing a social dialogue concerning Honour Related Violence and Human Rights. The goals accomplished:

- ◆ We developed a professional profile for ethnic minority NGOs and individuals for working against HRV.
- ◆ We provided training and educational materials to ethnic minority NGOs in fundraising, project management and sustainability regarding work against HRV.
- ◆ We developed training materials based on the European and UN Conventions on Human Rights and the Rights of the Child—The Human Right Game.
- ◆ We organized workshops and participated in events to disseminate the goals and the content of the project.
- ◆ We have created a network of NGOs and relevant bodies that continues to operate.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase NGO knowledge and awareness on Human Rights and Honour Related Violence (HRV)
- Awareness raising campaigns in local communities
- Engage communities in the prevention of HRV
- Promote education for women and girls.

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