"Empowering Women, Countering Extremism" Training Program

Country: Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan and Denmark

Organisation responsible: Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue

Period: Since 1995

Activity: The "Empowering Women, Countering Extremism" (EWCE) is a training program for young professionals from Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan and Denmark on the role of women in preventing radical and violent extremism in time of social media within and between their societies.

Objectives

Empowering Women and Youth – the agents of change- concerned with peaceful coexistence, inter-faith dialogue and reconciliation to voice up their needs and concerns in the currently shaping new Middle East.

Creating a functional network of women and young men in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan and Denmark, that helps in exchange of information and good practices on addressing the issues of hate speech, hate crime and other manifestations of extremism.

Description

The program is based on a cross-cultural and interfaith methodology of dialogue and making use of the social media networks. It combines training and networking workshops, developing a toolkit on countering extremism through social media, launching a mobile application and online initiatives designed and implemented by the trainees themselves within their local communities.

Stakeholders
The EWCE is an initiative that is carried out in cooperation between Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue (FDCD) and Danmission with the support of the Danish-Arab Partnership Initiative at the Danish ministry of Foreign Affairs.

GOAL 5: Promote gender justice and expose gender specificities

(87) Mainstream gender perspectives across efforts to prevent all forms of violent extremisms, in accordance to the UN Resolution 1325. Gender analysis of security-related decisions and interventions are needed to recognize new dimensions of violent extremism and how to prevent it.