



Young Voices Challenging Gender Inequalities



Implementation Period:
2018– 2021



Why is this project important for Fe-Male?





A grassroots organization



Supporting youth to become agents of change for gender equality



Contributing to strengthening the feminist movement in Lebanon and the region



Seeking to spread feminist knowledge



Keen to reach the most marginalized mainly in remote areas



Continuously mobilizing and advocating for gender equality



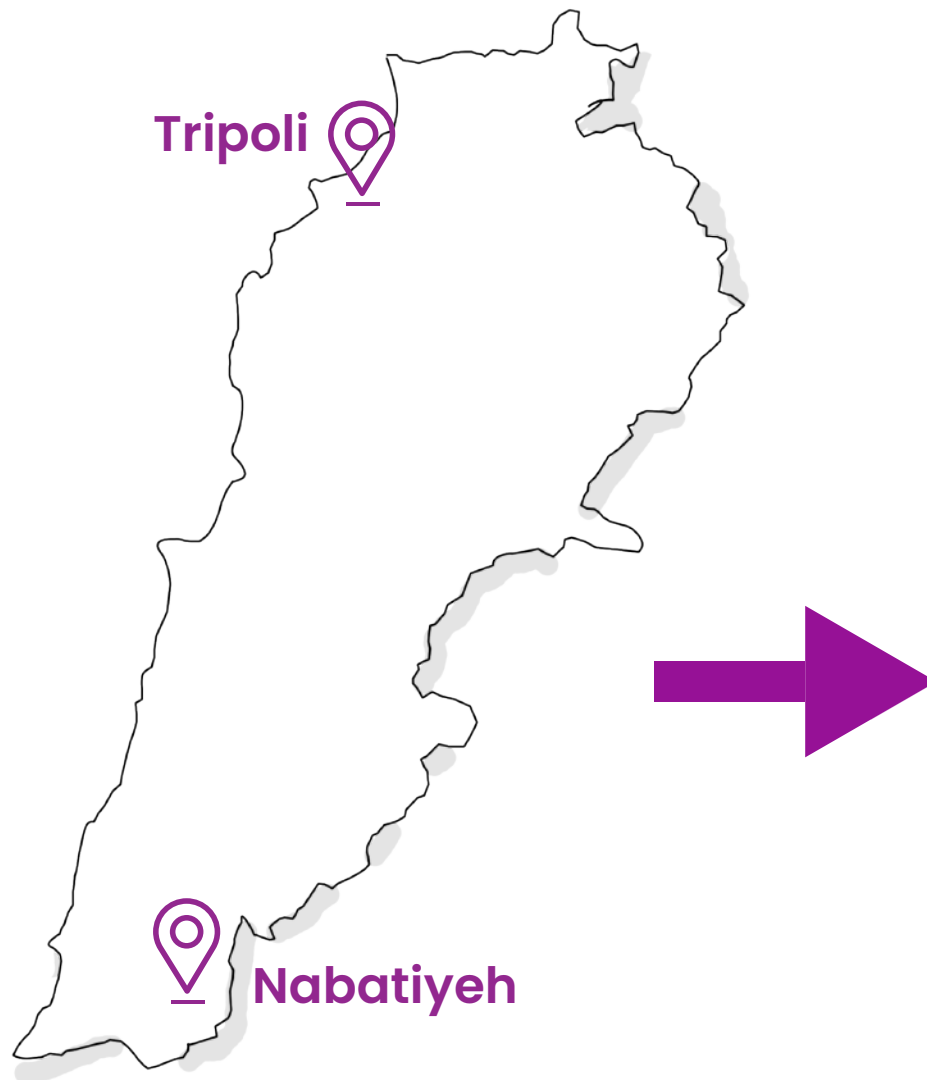
Theory of Change

- Reaching out to youth who have trouble commuting to the big city, can't access proper resources, have limited exposure to civil society work, or tied to family restrictions
- Providing safe spaces for youth in two conservative areas in Lebanon
- Creating platforms that connect different ideas and give the youth a chance to link these ideas to one another
- Increasing youth awareness and developing their capacities and skills in relation to gender equality, women and feminist issues, leadership and advocacy
- Youth reaching out, recruiting, and mobilizing more youth in their communities
- Supporting youth to translate ideas, capacities and skills into actions
- Building champions for gender equality in different communities who are able to challenge the socio-political status quo

Main Activities



1. Initiating two youth feminist clubs in two areas in Lebanon:



The total number of club members recruited

Phase 1

38 Members



Phase 2

36 Members





2. A series of awareness raising and capacity development initiatives on issues related to gender equality, feminism, human rights, masculinities, advocacy...

(workshops, films screenings, discussions, meeting with experts...)

3. Exchange visits, consultation meetings and focus group discussions.





4. Production of art work aiming to raise awareness on gender equality and women's rights

(21 proposals were received, # produced and disseminated in a final offline event)

5. Launching “Women’s Stories” digital media campaign

This digital media campaign aims at raising awareness on the importance of reporting domestic violence and to emphasize that women victims of domestic violence are not just numbers. The campaign aims to encourage the audience to take action against GBV. Within this campaign, facts and updated official numbers related to domestic violence in Lebanon were shared.





6. Promoting youth products through an online campaign

(25 proposals by newly recruited members, 6 were granted production support)

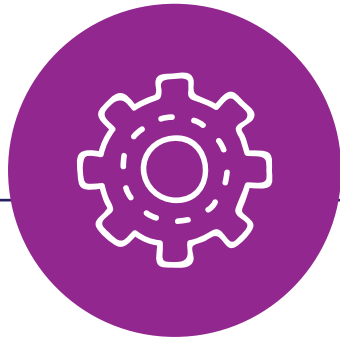
7. Final event to be organized by the feminist youth club members



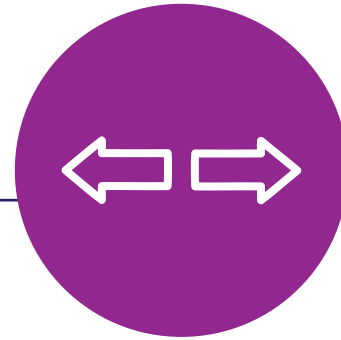
Challenges



Lack of resources
and funds to create
centers outside
of Beirut



The conservative
mentality and power
dynamics were a
challenge in front
of implementing
the project activities,
for instance, it was
difficult for women
and men to be in
joint events and
discussions



The gap between
the program
phases



COVID-19 and
security and
political situation
in the country



Achievements:

- Carrying feminist (and in many cases taboo) topics and priorities outside of Beirut and opening a space for debate in conservative traditional communities
- Recording a remarkable improvement in the member's (mainly young men) attitudes and commitment towards gender equality
- Promoting the culture of open discussions and exchange allowing young women to break the power dynamics and social restrictions through speaking up openly in front of male members, at the time where young men became more aware of the gendered dynamics within the team

- The growth of the critical mass in a way that they became leaders in the project and local actors of change, for examples they became trainers, coordinators, peer recruiters, profiled peace builders and leaders in other including their own initiatives
- Providing space for exchange visits between Youth groups from the two areas which built interregional bridges, challenged existing stereotypes and contributed to peace building
- Using online social media platforms for campaigning and to reach more audience and to boost other campaigns including KAFA's



