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About This Publication

Women and girls face compounded violence during armed conflicts: once because they are caught in a war zone, and again because they are female. In this context, this regional report issued by the Arab Women Organization aims to explore the realities faced by women and girls during armed conflicts in Arab countries.

The report focuses on examining violence against women in countries that have experienced or are experiencing armed conflicts, specifically Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya, over the six year period from 2019 to 2025. It seeks to highlight the most significant features and patterns of this violence and to propose the most effective means of protection, as well as the best approaches to justice, reconciliation, and compensation. It also examines how transitional justice can address the long term impacts of conflict.

In addition, the report aims to identify the key measures, legislation, and governmental and international programs that have been implemented or are being implemented to reduce violence and create a safer environment for women and girls during times of conflict. It also sheds light on the direct suffering of women and girls during wars by presenting selected experiences that reveal their resilience and ability to overcome the challenges and consequences of conflict.

The report further highlights successful experiences that should be strengthened and replicated, as well as unsuccessful experiences whose lessons can help prevent and mitigate similar impacts in the future. It concludes with practical recommendations to reduce violence against women and girls before, during, and after armed conflicts.



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