



The Project in Numbers

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216

legal awareness participants.

14

legal awareness sessions.

71

consultations involving legal documentation needs.

17

referrals to specialized institutions and services.

Access to Justice Begins with Knowing Your Rights

The Legal Clinic in Homs

Free legal assistance, legal awareness, and support for conflict-affected families facing barriers to exercising their rights.

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Persistent legal challenges facing Syrian families

Years of conflict in Syria have left complex legal challenges that continue to affect individuals and families, particularly women, displaced communities, and families of missing and forcibly disappeared persons.

The loss of official documents, difficulties registering civil events, complicated property and inheritance procedures, and uncertainty surrounding legal processes can prevent individuals from exercising their rights and accessing essential services.

In Homs, these challenges highlighted the need for accessible and free legal assistance to help families understand their legal situations, identify available procedures, and obtain appropriate guidance.

AHAC's Response

With support from the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders, Amal Healing and Advocacy Center implemented the Legal Clinic Project in Homs to strengthen access to justice and provide legal support to conflict-affected communities.

The project brought together four complementary areas of intervention:

Free legal consultations:

Providing legal advice and guidance on rights, procedures, and individual legal concerns.

Legal awareness:

Strengthening community members' understanding of their rights and available legal processes.

Referrals and coordination:

Connecting individuals with appropriate institutions and services based on their needs.

Legal advocacy and reform:

Developing and publishing recommendations to address legal challenges and strengthen access to justice.

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Free Legal Consultations

The project provided 280 legal consultations to individuals facing challenges related to their rights and legal procedures affecting their daily lives.

Gender Distribution



■ 225 women — 80.4%

■ 55 men — 19.6%

71 Documentation-Related Consultations

The legal clinic provided consultations to 71 individuals requesting information or guidance on obtaining civil or legal documentation and navigating related administrative procedures.

17 Referrals to Other Institutions and Services

The clinic's response went beyond direct legal advice by connecting individuals requiring additional assistance with appropriate institutions.

7 referrals to the National Commission for Missing Persons.

2 internal referrals to AHAC's Türkiye office.

8 referrals to local organizations for other needs.

This approach supported access to additional services, particularly when legal concerns were connected with protection or other assistance needs.

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Legal Awareness Sessions

Beyond addressing individual legal concerns, the project sought to strengthen community members' understanding of their rights and the procedures available to protect them.

AHAC organized 14 legal awareness sessions covering civil and personal status, property rights, inheritance, and everyday legal procedures.

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Participants Reached



■ 176 women — 81.5%

■ 40 men — 18.5%



Responding to Needs During Implementation

To expand community participation and reach the intended number of beneficiaries, the project was extended by two months and four additional legal awareness sessions were introduced.

This adaptation enabled the project to reach more participants and extend access to information on legal issues directly affecting families' daily lives.

Legal knowledge is more than information. It helps individuals understand their options and make informed decisions about their rights.

What Did the Legal Consultations Reveal?

Monthly legal follow-up reports identified several recurring challenges affecting individuals and families in Homs.

- 1. Civil Documentation and Personal Status**
Difficulties registering marriages, divorces, births, and deaths; obtaining official documents; and registering civil events that occurred outside Syria.
- 2. Missing and Forcibly Disappeared Persons**
Challenges faced by families seeking information about missing relatives, obtaining documents related to their legal status, and addressing associated inheritance and family rights.
- 3. Housing, Land, and Property Rights**
Lost ownership documents, property disputes, continuing property seizure measures, and fraudulent real estate transactions.
- 4. Women's Rights and Family Law**
Marriage, divorce, maintenance and alimony, domestic violence, barriers to legal protection, and the protection of women's and children's personal and financial rights.
- 5. Conflict-Related Legal Grievances**
Legal consequences of previous detention, dismissal from employment, property confiscation, and challenges associated with reviewing decisions and procedures introduced during the conflict.

Interconnected Needs Require Comprehensive Responses

The project demonstrated that legal problems rarely exist in isolation. A missing official document may affect family rights, property claims, or inheritance, while a single household may face multiple legal challenges simultaneously.

This experience reinforced the importance of accessible legal advice, reliable information, and appropriate referral and coordination mechanisms.

From Legal Assistance to Advocacy

Alongside consultations and awareness sessions, AHAC developed and published a legal reform recommendation document.

This initiative formed part of the organization's broader efforts to encourage discussion of the legal challenges facing conflict-affected communities and highlight the need for stronger rights protection and improved access to justice.

Impact Beyond the Numbers

The project provided free legal assistance to individuals and families facing challenges in understanding their rights or navigating legal procedures. It also created opportunities for legal awareness and connected certain cases with specialized institutions.

Through its activities, the project highlighted three continuing priorities:

The need for accessible and free legal assistance.

The importance of strengthening legal awareness, particularly among women and conflict-affected families.

The need for clearer and more effective legal procedures to protect rights and address unresolved grievances.

The Continuing Need for Justice

Despite the results achieved, conflict-affected families continue to face legal and administrative challenges that require sustained attention and cooperation among relevant institutions.

The experience of the Legal Clinic in Homs demonstrates the value of community-based initiatives that combine legal assistance, rights awareness, and advocacy for change.

Access to justice does not always begin in a courtroom. Sometimes it begins with legal advice, reliable information, or understanding the first step towards claiming a right.



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