

# **Culture and Tradition, an Excuse for Crime?**

As a developing third world country, Jordan in the perspective of many is a safe home for approximately 10 million citizens. Nevertheless, hidden within the borders of this country lies many issues and conflicts as any other country you might say; however, as it may seem normal the local society in Jordan is constantly trying to intentionally exclude whatever is happening in their country, as well as trying to hide it for the sake of “honor” and “how the the world views us.” Therefore deciding to raise awareness on topics that are considered sensitive to mention, including women’s rights, honor killing, and in general covering up crimes with the excuse of culture, tradition and honor, is considered to be a strong move to take. According to that we chose to work on the 10th sustainable goal “Reduced Inequalities.”

Providing raw and solid evidence this time might actually make a difference and cause many citizens living in constant danger and fear, to come out to the society with absolute confidence and relief to speak their mind and soul. Moreover, we are very proud of our country to have removed a very disturbing law that allows rapists to marry the person they harassed, but in our perspective there is still a lot of work ahead of us which we need to achieve as soon as possible. So, we hope that our project raises awareness and opens the minds of many on the critical situation the country is facing during this era of time.

Therefore, we prepared an awareness video that would shine the light on the topic at hand as well sharing how the public in Jordan views this topic. Also, in the video we shared our very own journey in raising awareness by holding three different fundraising events, in which we managed to raise about 500 JOD (705 USD), and which we aim to donate to organizations with a similar cause to ours. Moreover, we also spoke during our school’s daily morning assembly to further raise awareness on our topic and project. In the future, we hoped that we could get the chance to reach out to victims and be able to help them directly, as well as holding another event, sadly, as due to the present global pandemic we were restricted and unable to do so.



To initiate our working process on this experience, we decided to capture and somehow combine each of our skills, and therefore use that to climb our way up to the top. Along the way we managed to gain a lot of information from each other, and which led to us having a better understanding of each team member's style and ideas; furthermore, this made our progress in work more efficient and effective. The research we did had a huge impact on our way of thinking and mindset, to an extent where we got to understand that any opinion or belief ever mentioned is never invalid or “right or wrong”, so by that we could further comprehend and analyse such statements.

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