



Nadia Bushnaq

*President and Executive Director, Family Guidance and Awareness Center
Jordan*

Ms. Bushnaq is the President and Executive Director of the Family Guidance and Awareness Center (FGAC), which was established in 1996. The aim of the FGAC is to holistically guide families to attain a better, well-rounded life. The Center raises awareness and educates society on social and economic challenges and strategies to confront them. In addition to assisting those who are subject to abuse and social pressures, Ms. Bushnaq and the FGAC hope to improve their well-being and teach them coping mechanisms to deal with pressures.

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Anastasia Ermolaeva

*Founder and Director, Nizhniy Novgorod Women's Crisis Center
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Ms. Ermoleva is the Founder and Director of the Nizhniy Novgorod Women's Crisis Center, which was established in 2003. The Center provides psychological and judicial assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. The Center operates a hotline and provides individual and group counseling for female victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Ms. Ermoleva organizes regional campaigns against domestic violence, and lobbies to change current laws on domestic violence at the regional and national levels. In addition to her work at the Crisis Center, she works as a child psychiatrist at the Children's Hospital Diagnostic Center in Nizhny Novgorod.

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Ayse Nur Gedik
Former Deputy Director, Kamer Foundation
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Ms. Nur Gedik recently stepped down as the Deputy Director at the Kamer Foundation, based in Istanbul. One of the most influential women's organizations in Southeastern Turkey, Kamer has 23 offices located all over Southeastern Turkey with the specific objective of empowering women and eliminating violence against women. Kamer's programs focus on Kurdish minority women. Their work is highly respected and viewed as an effective vehicle for substantive Kurdish integration. More recently, Ms. Nur Gedik left Kamer to begin work on a new initiative in Izmir focusing on women and university life.

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Mozn Hassan
Founding Director, Nazra Institute for Feminist Studies
Egypt

Ms. Hassan is an Egyptian feminist. She is on the board of directors and founder of the Nazra Institute for Feminist Studies, a new NGO focusing on research and training based in Cairo, Egypt. She has a vision of creating a new, young perspective in the arena of Egyptian and MENA activism in this field. She is also an advisor for the Global Fund for Women and consults for numerous NGOs on gender issues. Prior to her current position, she has been involved in various NGOs throughout Egypt and internationally, including Human Rights Watch and the law department of the American University in Cairo. Outside of her NGO work, she has extensive experience as a trainer and researcher on women's rights issues. Ms. Hassan earned her BA in Greco Roman Studies from Alexandria University in 2000. She then went on to earn a diploma in civil society and human rights at Cairo University in 2002. She earned her MA at the American University in Cairo in 2005 in International Human Rights law and completed her thesis titled "Legal Interpretations to the right of divorce and polygamy and the Egyptian feminist movement."

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Kateřina Kuncová

*Attorney, Member of Team AdvoCats and Manager, ProFem O.P.S
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Ms. Kuncová is attorney and has been a member of the Advo-Cats team at Profem o.p.s. since 2007. An NGO, ProFem o.p.s. offers survivors of domestic violence comprehensive legal services, including legal advice, preparation of court documents, and representation in court. Ms. Kuncová has contributed to press materials on the topic of domestic violence, as well as a bulletin for doctors. In her private work outside of ProFem o.p.s., she works on cases regarding criminal and family law, and works closely with survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Kuncová collaborates with a variety of NGOs and lawyers to design networks and infrastructure to protect domestic violence survivors.

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Karim Rivera Lares

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Ms. Rivera is a psychologist who works with victims of sexual and domestic violence. She is currently working for the Centro de Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres (CEDEHM) and Justicia para Nuestras Hijas. CEDEHM provides psychological aid, training, and free legal representation for women who are victims of violence. Ms. Rivera is the psychologist for CEDEHM, and also works as an expert witness in domestic violence matters. Justicia para Nuestras Hijas was formed by families of women and girls who have been murdered or abducted in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua City. It provides statistics on murders and abductions, as well as free legal representation and psychological counseling for individuals including mothers of murdered or abducted daughters. At Justicia para Nuestras Hijas, Ms. Rivera works as an expert witness in murdered women's cases. Ms. Lares is also a licensed psychotherapist.

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Annie Rashidi-Mulumba

*Author, Journalist and Human Rights Lawyer; Independent Consultant, United Nations
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Ms. Rashidi-Mulumba earned her Masters Degree in International Human Rights Law at Notre Dame University (USA) and earned her Bachelor of Laws degree with honors from Université Libre de Kinshasa (DRC). She also earned a Certificate on Prevention and Management of conflicts in West Africa from the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Accra, Ghana and a Certificate on Leadership and Management Excellence from the University of California, Riverside, USA.

Ms. Rashidi-Mulumba worked for several years as a Legal Officer for the African Union where she was involved in issues related to women's rights, indigenous people, freedom of expression, refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), and prison monitoring. In addition, she worked as the Situation Liaison Officer in DRC for the Coalition for the International Criminal Court. There she interacted with victims of war from the eastern DRC and provided legal advice for filing petitions before the International Criminal Court. Currently, she is hired as a Consultant on human rights issues in the settlement of the border dispute between Cameroon and Nigeria. She is also the co-founder and board member of Groupe Lotus, a human rights based NGO that works with victims of war in the North East part of DRC. Through her advocacy efforts with various local and international organizations, she helps women to understand their rights, defend themselves, and take part in the development of their communities.

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Rosana Schaack

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Ms. Schaack is the Executive Director of the Local NGO, Touching Humanity In Need of Kindness (THINK) Inc., and is employed by Samaritan's Purse International Relief as Program Manager of Child Protection. She is a Professional Nurse with a passionate commitment to human rights advocacy with special expertise in Gender Based Violence and Child Protection. She has 19 years experience as a Pubic Health Nurse and has used innovative livelihood initiatives helping disenfranchised segments of society, especially young women and children, empower themselves and achieve a better quality of life.

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Kalagadda Sujatha
Director of Shelters, Prajwala
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Ms. Sujatha, a gold medalist from Nagarjuna University in Guntur, has dedicated her life to the cause of combating human trafficking. After attaining a post-graduate degree in Social Work, she joined Prajwala, an internationally recognized anti-trafficking organization. As the Director of Shelter Programs she directly provides healing care to hundreds of victims of sex trafficking, supporting them in their rehabilitation and ensuring social reintegration. She has also trained police personnel on anti-human trafficking.

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Vera Vieira
Executive Director, Brazilian Peacewomen Association
Brazil

Vera Vieira is the executive director of Brazilian Peacewomen Association, a non governmental organization located in the city of São Paulo focusing on the interconnection between violence against women and peacebuilding. In 2011, the Association initiated a two year project entitled “Redefining Peace – Women Lead the SWay: Developing a popular education methodology to work with women and men against domestic violence.” This project’s design was inspired by the knowledge acquired during a previous Vital Voices Program.

Ms. Vieira is also a journalist and a PhD student; she is completing a doctorate in Communication Sciences at the University of São Paulo focused on violence against women, and the use of the internet to strengthen the Brazilian struggle to minimize it.

From 2009 to 2011, Ms.Vieira was selected to be the Brazilian coordinator of the project entitled Violence Against Women and the Strategic Use of ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies). This project has been developed in 12 countries and is part of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

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