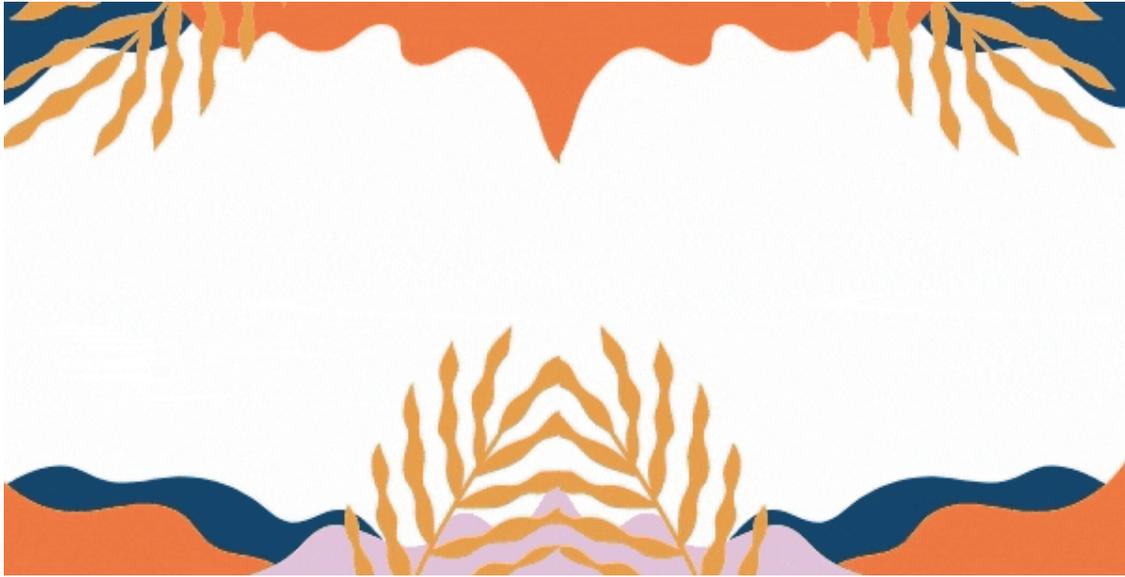


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2020 was an exceptional year for the whole world. Taking into consideration the abnormal conditions both our team and women journalists and defenders in MENA have lived under due to the pandemic; SFJN's continued to implement its programmes, albeit the methods and forms have changed sometimes, following our mission in building bridges between Syrian media and the feminist movement and the pursuit of social justice whether through the activities of our programmes: Safety and Protection, Gender Radar and Women, Peace and Security or partnerships with women and feminist organizations and advocacy campaigns calling for the prevention of violence against women and shedding the light on women working in the media sector.

Highlights From Gender Radar

- D GR has developed an analytical tool that uses the gender critical discourse methodology and aims to understand the unique nature of local media and the challenges facing alternative local media institutions on the production and organizational hierarchy levels. The tool will be used in analyzing the media discourse of these organizations to provide them with the necessary support and highlight positive practices.**
- D GR's team has screened 170 materials and coded 46 of media production of the partner media organization and resulted with a report that is based on gender critical discourse methodology**
- D 179 written media products (in Arabic and Kurdish) published by 10 Syrian alternative media outlets between 2019-2020 were analyzed based on a feminist media discourse methodology that reveals how media represents women and their identity. The report will be published soon**

GR has published special reports in cooperation with [Syria Untold](#) to shed the light on some of the gender, sexuality and women issues in the times of COVID-19:

- [Gender-biased discourse on social media during the COVID-19 lockdown](#)
- [The double burden on women caused by COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [How COVID-19 affected women living in displacement areas](#)

Safety and Protection Program Highlights

Capacity Building

- A chain of safety-related training workshops were delivered to female journalists working independently or in local and regional media organizations. The training focused on 3 areas: Digital Security, Physical Safety, and Mental/Psychological Health.

Research

- Carried out COVID-19 Thematic Survey to measure the impact of the pandemic and the triggered protective procedures on women media workers in different countries in the MENA region. The survey extended over 4 months and aimed to reveal any patterns between home-based quarantine and lockdown and increased violence against women, and to assess the impact on mental and physical health as well as employment status and social dynamics.

Monitoring

- Developed a COVID-19 tracker to follow up on the related events and procedures enforced in the different regions of Syria, to remain informed and update partners and network members of any risks.

Case Management and Referrals

- Received and managed a number of critical cases of female journalists at risk. Depending on each case, the Safety Program extended financial or psychosocial support directly and through referrals to specialised partners.

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To read the report on the results of our surveys about COVID-19's impact on women working in media; please click [here](#).

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-  **Training 37 journalists in Jordan and Syria on gender-sensitive journalism in conflict areas, UNSCR 1325, mental health and digital security**
-  **Production of 30 journalistic materials by our partners: Radio Al-Balad, ASO Network and Syria Untold**
-  **Publishing the report “Impact Of Capacity Building On Gender-sensitivity In Media And The 1325 Resolution: An Analysis Of Media Materials Produced Within The Women, Peace And Security Programme”**
-  **Conducting 3 discussion sessions between media organizations and CSOs to discuss the recommendations on producing more balanced media materials that are more sensitive towards issues of gender and women participation.**

In addition, the Women, Peace And Security programme has recently finalized a guideline for media organizations, media workers and CSOs concerned with women rights, advocating for their causes and publishing content related to gender-based violence. Recommendations have been gathered at various stages of working on the Women, Peace And Security programme in 2020 to include the standards used by SFJN in evaluating and analyzing media content as well as the recommendations following the capacity building activities and the analysis of media content produced by partner media organizations and finally the discussion sessions conducted in partnership with CSOs. The guideline publication will be published soon.

To read the report “Impact Of Capacity Building On Gender-sensitivity In Media And The 1325 Resolution: An Analysis Of Media Materials Produced Within The Women, Peace And Security Programme”, please [click here](#) (Ar).



The Syrian Female Journalists Network is a nonprofit association, registered in The Netherlands since 2013. It seeks to build bridges between media and the Syrian women’s movement by enhancing and empowering female journalists to take over leading positions in their institutions and activating the role of the media in raising social awareness concerning gender equality and women’s issues. The SFJN also works on improving the representation of

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with respect to matters surrounding gender justice and equality.



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