UNRWA is completing phase 1 of the Building Safety project which aims to mainstream gender-based violence interventions in emergency preparedness, prevention and response. UNRWA will continue moving forward with phase 2 of the project to operationalize the products developed in phase 1 and strengthen communities’ self-protection capacities.

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UNRWA concludes the roll-out of the GBV Training Package

Through Trainings of Trainers (ToTs), UNRWA is building in-house capacity of specialized staff in field offices to conduct trainings on gender-based violence

As part of the Building Safety project (phase 1), UNRWA finalized the roll-out of a Training Package on Enhancing Understanding of Gender-based Violence (GBV) through four Trainings of Trainers in West Bank, Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan.

Through the ToTs, UNRWA is building capacity in each field office by training a cadre of staff to become trainers on GBV. To maintain the multi-sectoral nature of the Agency’s work on GBV, the staff participating in the ToTs was selected across different UNRWA programmes in each field.

The total number of participants in all four ToTs was 101. Overall, feedback for the ToTs was positive and the GBV Training Package was well received.

The ToTs provided participants with the opportunity to practice and enhance their facilitation skills by using materials from the GBV Training Package, including handouts, facilitation notes and PowerPoint presentations.

The GBV Training Package, which is available in both English and Arabic, aims to be the Agency’s primary tool for delivering trainings on GBV henceforth, in order to further enhance UNRWA’s alignment with international standards of GBV work. With its modular nature, the GBV Training Package can be used flexibly, allowing field offices and programmes to train staff on the modules which best fit their needs, capacities and resources, and integrate modules into their ongoing and planned training efforts.

Gaza Field office already rolled out parts of the GBV Training Package during May, reaching about 250 further staff from Relief and Social Services Programme and Community Mental Health Programme.

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