

Islamic University she was forced to leave because of economical reasons. Later she found work and met a man who became her husband and who was killed during the Intifada by Palestinian activists. After this his family threw her and her children out of house, but by the help of some people and police she returned back to their home. They only gave her a small room at the entrance of the house. Sawsan joined the WEP on 1 July 1997 and finished her training on 31 December 1997. Among the services provided to Sawsan at the WEP were vocational training, psycho-social counseling, health and legal education.

Sawsan started a small knitting business and began marketing her products by herself.

● Nuha, 35-year-old, married and has 8 children. Nuha was forced to marry her cousin who has polio which made him unable to work. Her problems started prior to her marriage. She lived with her family in Egypt where her father was wanted because of accusations against him of killing somebody. The father escaped to Jordan and the mother returned back to Gaza with her five children, one of whom was Nuha. After marriage her mother left Gaza with her children to Iraq while her father stayed in Jordan because of fears of revenge. Nuha lost her family economical and emotional support. She joined the WEP on 1 July 1997 and finished her training at the end of December 1997. Her project is crystal and pottery decoration. She markets her products by herself.

● Aida, 22-year-old, Married, she has a 3-year- child. After she finished her preparatory education she was forced to marry her cousin. Her suffering started the first day of marriage. She lived with his big family in a tiny room. They used her like a servant and if she refused to obey she was beaten and insulted by her husband. Once he hit her with a stick and caused a problem with her eyes. Her husband does not work because he suffers from a skin disease. Aida joined the WEP on 1 January 1997 and finished her training on 30 June 1997. Among the services provided to Aida at the WEP were vocational training, psychosocial counseling, health and legal education. Her project is knitting and ceramics. Her husband markets her products.

● Kareema, 42-year-old, married, secondary school graduate. Kareema was one of the women activist during the Intifada. She joined the Palestinian Women's Union and was arrested for 6 months. She participated in different political activities and was injured 6 times by rubber bullets. Despite her family rejection to political participation, Kareema continued. Kareema married at the age of 35 and has no children. On 1 January 1996, Kareema joined the WEP and finished her training at the end of June 1996. Among the services provided at the WEP, Kareema received vocational training, psychosocial counseling, health and legal education and child care providers training.

Her project is establishing a child care in the area where she is living.

● Suad, 44-year-old, widow. She has 9 children. She was born into a poor family. Her father died when she was 4 years old and later on her mother remarried and she became neglected. When Suad finished her preparatory education, her family organized her marriage. She lived a happy life with her husband who was killed by the IDF during the Intifada.

Suad joined the WEP on 1 January 1997 and finished her training at the end of June 1997. At the end of her training a sewing machine was given to her as a grant as well as advanced training course in fashion design. Services to her provided by WEP were psychosocial counseling sessions, health and legal education.