

Women's Empowerment Project

Stories of Success

According to needs assessment surveys conducted by the Community Development Leaders in both Beach camp and Rafah areas, the economical problem was the first to be identified by women. The WEP main goal is to empower women victims through education and work by providing different services both to them or to their family members.



● Fifi, 24-year-old, single, secondary school graduate. She was born into a large family of 2 brothers, and 4 sisters. Nobody gave her any attention. The oldest brother was the main power source and control in the family. He controlled everyone including Fifi herself, by beatings and insults. Fifi tried to commit suicide several times not only because of that brother but also because of her other educated sisters insults. They succeeded to have higher education while she was forced to leave school because of her mother's illness. Even she was forced to leave her fiancée after 3 years of engagement. On 1 July 1997, Fifi joined the WEP. Among the services provided to her were, vocational training, psycho-social counseling, family counseling, legal and health education.

After finishing her training at the project, Fifi started a small project which included flower arrangement, ceramics and glass painting. She is working now towards marketing her products by herself.

● Sawsan, 34-year-old, widow, secondary school graduate. She has three children. After 2 years at the