



## The survivor centered approach

### What is a survivor centered approach?

A Survivor Centered Approach identifies that survivors do not possess identical characteristics, but reflect a wide range of experiences that are shaped by their different identities and realities, spanning class, race, caste, age, sexual orientation, geography, relationship status and related areas. The survivor centered approach may also be understood in light of Kimberly Crenshaw's accurate depiction that, "the violence that many women experience is often shaped by other dimensions of their identities, such as race and class."

### Why is a survivor centered approach important?

A survivor centered approach allows proactive solution finding and therefore, creating a safe space for everyone. A survivor centered approach pays attention to the dimensional aspects of our identities to ensure that survivors have access to appropriate, accessible and good quality services. By examining the different needs and experiences of survivors, we are able to effectively take action and respond appropriately to violence. This approach is important because it effectively utilizes efforts to empower a survivor, promote their healing and regaining the control over their life.

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Shamsaha takes pride in its range of vital services to support women in crisis. We are the first and only violence crisis response center in the Middle East. We provide 24/7 crisis care to combat domestic violence, assist with finding various related needs such shelter, medical attention and legal protection. We aim to provide a safe and loving space for women who have experienced sexual or domestic abuse and are seeking counseling and or social services. Through this, we seek to support and empower women to stand for themselves and use their voice, as well as increase the overall health and happiness of women, one by one, throughout the larger global community.