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To protect women from domestic violence

Women's presence in Qatar

- Quantitative presence
 - Women are a minority---24.3%.
- Qualitative presence
 - Women's presence in public life.
 - Challenges of social and legal discrimination

Attempts to stimulate

- Human rights
- Political rights
- law reform

Reference of women's rights in the Qatari society

- As a human being :
Islam --- Human Rights--- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
- As a citizen:
Constitution ---- laws.
- As Wife:
family law.
As employee.
labor laws.

Women's Family rights

Equality in law

- Principle: women are equal with men before the law according to the constitution

Family Law

- Marriage, Divorce, Maternity, Alimony
- Progress:
 - Equality in blood money.
 - Equal rights to guardianship and custody of minor children according to the family law.

There are texts experiencing discrimination based on gender in the family law, such as:

- Husband right to prevent his wife from completing the higher education.
- Law does not give wife the right to refuse her husband request to resigned from her job.
- Many wives have resigned from their work at the request of the husband.

- The Law does not protect the wife's from husbands abuse except the sexual right and alimony.
- Law did not elaborate specific punishment against the husband when he assaulting the wife.
- There are differences indicate discrimination against women, such as, the difference in the type of punishment for the crimes of indecent assault.
- The law Did not mention the honor crimes and fails to criminalize this kind of murder and did not specify certain penalties.
- Judges depends on customs and mores when ruling in such cases .
- Violence against women remains taboo issues

Violence Statistics

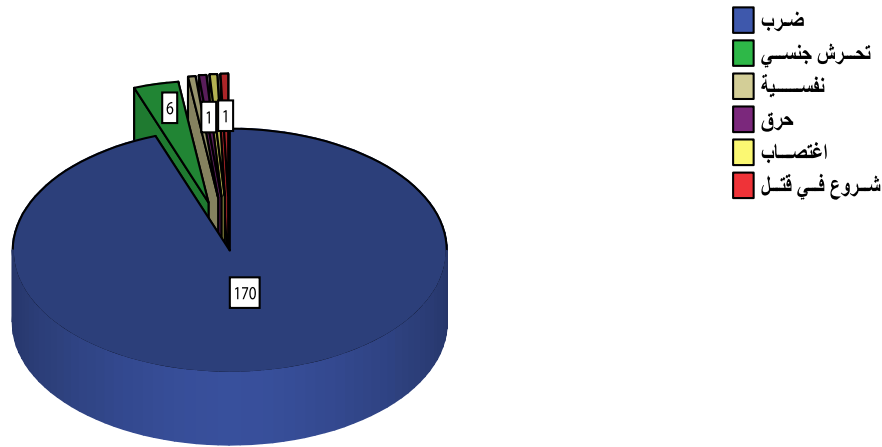
Total	Health	Educational	Economic	Legal	social	Type of violence
25	2	0	0	10	13	2004
139	15	2	19	49	54	2005
197	4	1	50	64	78	2006
266	2	3	43	61	157	2007
299	7	1	16	34	241	2008
926	30	7	128	218	543	Total

The Violence Cases of women received by the Protection Office from violence in Hamad Hospital, according to type of violence 2008:

%	Number of cases	
94.4	170	Hit
3.3	6	Sexual harassment
.6	1	Psychological
.6	1	Burns
.6	1	Rape
.6	1	murder Attempt
100.0	180	Total

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Culture justify the discrimination against women We must discipline woman when do not obey orders? Source: Research of domestic violence? 2008

%	Total					
		%	Female	%	Male	
8.8	91	6.4	45	14.1	46	Strongly Agree
39.9	412	36.3	256	47.7	156	Agree
17.2	177	21.1	149	8.6	28	Strongly Disagree
27.3	282	29.4	207	22.9	75	Disagree
6.8	70	6.8	48	6.7	22	Neutral
100.0	1032	100.0	705	100.0	327	المجموع

Cultural values agree and justify some types of violence against women.

- Awareness is part of the protection
Does the Qatari women aware of their rights?
- Research results showed that Qatari women do not know their rights.
- Research results showed that some women stand against their rights.
- **Recommendations:**
- Provide system for monitoring and recording cases of violence against women.
- Develop a mechanism for coordination among agencies concerned with the protection of women.
- Provide a legal mechanism to protect women and girls from violence, especially domestic violence.
- Training programs to help women to protect themselves from violence.