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**MASHAV – Israeli Agency for International Development Cooperation**

**MCTC – MASHAV Carmel Training Center**

**International Online Course on**

**Combating Violence against Women and Girls**

**Six online meetings**

**December 3-21, 2020**

**Dates and hours:**

3/12/20: 13.30 – 16.00 Israeli time

7/12/20: 14.00 – 16.00 Israeli time

10/12/20: 14.00 – 16.00 Israeli time

14/12/20: 14.00 – 16.00 Israeli time

17/12/20: 14.00 – 16.00 Israeli time

21/12/20: 14.00 – 16.30 Israeli time

**Background**

Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today.  It occurs globally, cutting across all generations, nationalities, communities and spheres of our societies. It is a major obstacle to the fulfilment of women’s human rights and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Despite international and national laws and conventions to prevent violence, and despite States’ commitments to punish and eventually eradicate this dreadful phenomenon, violence persists, and in some cases, such as in times of crisis, increases drastically. One of the major difficulties in implementing effective policies to combat violence against women and girls is the lack of understanding about the underlying causes of violence rooted in continuous gender inequalities and in social constructions of masculinities and femininities, which act to normalize and reproduce relations of violence between the sexes.

This online course will allow participants to learn best practices in the areas of service provision, intervention and prevention.  The course content will also relate to COVID-19 crisis and effects of the phenomena on violence.

**Aims**

* Analyze causes of violence against women as well as means of intervention, emphasizing  cultural norms and practices
* Analyze prevention and intervention models and techniques for treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of violence
* Review intervention and treatment programs/models for male perpetrators

**Main Subjects**

* Violence as a phenomenon and  the environment in which it occurs
* Intervention models and techniques for dealing with survivors of violence
* Emergency response services
* Rehabilitation services
* Intervention models aimed at perpetrators of the abuse
* Preventive measures
* Engagement of civil society organizations in combatting violence against women and girls

**Target population:**

The course is intended for managers working in social service and protection organizations; government and local authority officials; NGO representatives; police officers and lawyers; psychologists; social workers; crisis center teams and other health care professionals with at least 5 years of experience.

**Methodology**

The course will use the Zoom platform for meetings and group work enabling participants to interact with each other with the aim of creating an effective network of like-minded professionals.

Participants will need an access to computer, camera, microphone, speakers, and a stable internet connection and will be expected to participate fully in every session. A convenient, quiet and adequate working environment is extremely important.

**Application**

Completed application forms should be sent to the relevant Israeli mission in the respective country **no later than October 29, 2020**.

**Proposed program \*\***

* Models and services for protection and recovery of survivors of violence
* Emergency response services and organizations
* Sexual education and education against violence as tools for prevention
* Engaging men in preventing and combating violence against women
* Intervention and treatment programs for male perpetrators

\*\*Topics are subject to change

**About MASHAV**

MASHAV – Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel’s experience in development and planning, and focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives.

MASHAV’s approach is to ensure social, economic, and environmental sustainable development, and is taking an active part in the international community’s process of shaping the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development.

MASHAV’s activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health; empowerment of women; and education. Professional programs are based on a “train the trainers” approach to institutional and human capacity building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad.

**About MCTC**

The Golda Meir MASHAV "Carmel" International Training Center (MCTC) was founded by Golda Meir in Haifa in 1961. MCTC was the first of its kind in the domain of women’s empowerment, and since its inception has had a profound influence on both individuals and policymaking. MCTC endeavors to provide professional women and men from developing countries and transitional societies with the necessary tools for women’s empowerment. It aims to enable women to contribute to the socio-economic development processes of their communities and consequently advance their status. To this end, MCTC conducts training activities, both in Israel and overseas, to advance women’s participation in public life.

To date, more than 25,000 women and men from over 150 countries have benefited from hundreds of training activities. Many of them now hold key positions at the local or national level, or within United Nations development agencies.