



Qatar Stands Against Domestic Violence

Article 57 of Qatar's Law No. 22 forbids domestic violence against women, and the Qatari government provides specific, free services to support victims of domestic violence, as well as broader family counseling, including:

- A confidential family helpline or in-person counseling and consultation with trained experts for psychological, domestic, and educational issues.
- Social insurance for divorcees, families of missing persons, abandoned wives, widows, and orphans.
- The Dar Al Aman shelter for victims of domestic violence, which confidentially provides accommodation, meals, healthcare, rehabilitation, legal counseling, and more.

Qatar is leading the way for women's rights and empowerment in the Middle East



- Qatar gave men and women the right to vote and run in elections at the same time in 1999 - and deliberately held the first election on International Women's Day.
- Women are included in Qatar's Amir-appointed Shura Council, which advises on legislation and policy.
- Article 35 of the Qatari Constitution explicitly prohibits any legal discrimination on the basis of sex, as well as race, language, and religion.
- Qatar has a 58% female labor participation rate - above the global average, and the highest in the Arab World.
- Qatar's female participation in STEM fields is double that of the United States.

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