

July 2021 Sustained Grantee Spotlight: Collateral Repair Project

Despite the challenge of the pandemic, Collateral Repair Project's trauma-sensitive programs have continued to support some of Amman, Jordan's most marginalized communities including vulnerable Jordanians and Syrians, as well as minority refugees from Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, and Somalia. The programs and activities include psychosocial support, GBV awareness and prevention training, and livelihoods programs.

Since the start of its sustained grant in 2019, CRP has engaged 2,393 individuals in community programming that supports the rights and empowerment of women and girls.

The pandemic led to a deterioration in the already precarious situations of most families served by CRP. Most CRP community centers have remained closed since March 2020, but that did not stop the work. More than 30 online programs have been offered to help vulnerable women and girls navigate the emotional stress and social isolation caused by the pandemic.

CRP's SuperGirls program has been delivered through Skype classes and parent-led activities designed to help girls ages 6-12 process trauma. The classes teach mindfulness techniques and life skills girls need to recognize and manage the signs of stress and grow as individuals. CRP's youth team also scaled up its outreach to families and conducted over 700 hours of check-in calls with parents of the children enrolled in programs.

CRP's flagship livelihoods program, Hope Workshop, has also continued to run throughout the pandemic, providing women with much needed opportunities to earn a modest income. Unable to work from CRP's dedicated workshop space, the women now organize a work-from-home schedule where craft materials are delivered to the women's homes and finished products are sold at online bazaars and through the workshop's social media pages.

In-person programs are expected to resume this summer in a limited capacity, and there is hope that at-home programs can be expanded so they are ready to serve more women should COVID cases increase again.

