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The National Gender Observatory, hosted by the Ministry of State for Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth, held a roundtable on “**The role of the Qaim Maqam in combating gender-based violence**”. The event was organized with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, in partnership with EuroMed Feminist Initiative. It provided the space to discuss Lebanon’s [National Action Plan](#) on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, which was presented by the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW). The Action Plan prioritizes the promotion of safety and protection of women across the country.

During the event, the Directorate of Administrations and Local Councils launched a debate with the Qaim Maqam about difficulties they experience in combatting gender-based violence in their respective regions

The meeting is one in a series of roundtables aiming to raise the awareness among civil servants about national and international regulatory frameworks regarding women’s rights, organized within the project “Strengthening Access to Protection, Participation and Services for Women Refugees, IDPs and Host Communities”. This project is funded by the [European Union Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis \(EUTF\)](#), the EU ‘MADAD’ Fund, and aims to enhance security and resilience for both Syrian women refugees and women in host communities, as well as ensuring gender sensitivity in national institutions, policy frameworks and legislations.

The EUTF provides support to more than 3 million Syrian refugees and local communities in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, the Western Balkans and Armenia. The EUTF’s programmes support basic education and child protection, vocational training and higher education, economic opportunities and social stability, better access to healthcare, improved water and wastewater infrastructure, as well as support to resilience, women empowerment and fighting gender based violence.

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