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POSITION OF JORDAN REGARDING RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE DRC



General information

The rights of women in Jordan are largely shaped by the nation's cultural and religious background, which pivots heavily to traditional gender roles. Female employment is estimated to be around 14-15% (although this figure is not exactly accurate due to informal employment), women can not pass citizenship to the child if the father is foreign and are not recognized as legal guardians for their children. Despite that, the 1952 Constitution outlines equality before law, in 1974 women received the right to vote and nowadays about 20% of Jordanian parliament is female and women have a high literacy rate for the MENA region. In 2017 Jordan passed a legislation which prohibited domestic violence and repealed an article 308 of the criminal code, which allowed rapists to avoid punishments under certain conditions. Women also receive support and temporary housing from the Ministry of Social Development if they are in need and through NGOs, such as Jordanian Women's Union.

Position on the matter

While Jordan maintains formal diplomatic relations with the DRC, the relations are quite limited to the geographical separation. However, Jordan is supporting peace accords between the DRC and Rwanda, supporting Congolese sovereignty. Jordan is also closely

engaged with organizations such as the Danish Refugee Council, and shares its expertise regarding displacement management, as the country itself has experience accommodating the influx of Palestinians in the 1960s and Syrian refugees from 2010s onwards. There was, however, no direct statement from Jordan Media or public officials regarding Women's rights violations in the DRC.

Proposed solutions

Jordan can provide an expertise with displacement management, especially for those of Muslim religious background, as Islam has a sizable followers base in the DRC, for whom it is important that the medical care is provided by female doctors, for example, and who generally would prefer to be accommodated in separate shelters from displaced males, especially given GBV nature of women's rights violations in the DRC.

Potential Blocks

Jordan will work closely with the European Union, facilitating their displacement management expertise, and also with Senegal, Pakistan and Oman as countries sharing the same (or similar faith to Jordan).

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