## **A Questionnaire about domestic violence against women in the Kingdom of Bahrain**

This questionnaire is concerned with women, residing in the kingdom of Bahrain, who have experienced any form of demotic violence (physical, emotional, verbal, economic, or sexual) from a family member. It is to be filled by the abused woman herself or somebody who knows her well.

## **Background Information of the abused woman**

* **Age**: -------------------------------------------
* **Nationality:** ○ Bahraini ○ khaleeji / GCC National ○ Other Arab country ○ Other
* **Governorate**: ○ Northern ○ Capital ○ Southern ○ Muharraq
* **Marital** **Status**: ○ Single ○ Married ○ Divorced ○ Suspended ○ Widowed
* **Number of children (if applicable):**
* **Number of household members:**
* **Educational** **level**: ○ Below High school ○ high school diploma ○ Diploma/Bachelor degree ○ Masters ○ PhD
* **Occupation**: ○ Student ○ Housewife ○ Employed ○ Private business

○ Retired

* **Household** **income**: ○ poor ○ Average ○ Very Good/ Good ○ Excellent

## **Background Information of the Abuser:**

* **Relationship of the abuser to you**

*Note: (If there are more than one abuser, kindly fill a separate form for each case or write in the comment box at the end of this questionnaire)*

○ Husband ○ Father ○ Brother ○ Son ○ Family member (Uncle, Cousin, etc.) ○ Other

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1. What type of violence you have experienced *(You can choose more than one answer):*
2. Physical Violence
3. Sexual Violence
4. Economic Abuse
5. Psychological and Emotional Abuse
6. Verbal Abuse
   1. If you have experienced physical abuse, what sort of acts did you experience (You can choose more than one answer)
7. Hitting
8. flung or beaten by heavy objects
9. Strangling
10. Pushing
11. Forced Abortion
12. Forced recreational drugs or alcohol use
13. Other acts affecting physical health: ----------------------------------------------
    1. If you have experienced sexual abuse, what sort of acts did you experience (You can choose more than one answer)
14. Rape
15. Forced Sexual Activity
16. Harassment
17. Physical harm during sexual intercourse
18. Other acts of sexual abuse: -----------------------------------------------------------
    1. If you have experienced economic abuse, what sort of acts did you experience (You can choose more than one answer)
19. Depriving you from your own salary
20. Forbidding education or employment
21. Stealing money and possession
22. Fraud
23. Withholding Bank Cards
24. depriving you of your inheritance
25. Withholding Alimony / financial support
26. Miss use of the power of attorney
27. Wasting family money and possessions
28. Other acts of economic abuse: -----------------------------------------------------
    1. If you have experienced psychological and emotional abuse, what sort of acts did you experience (You can choose more than one answer)
29. Humiliation
30. Demeaning
31. Conflict
32. Coercion / force
33. Constant criticism
34. Thrown out of the house
35. Abandoning
36. Confinement
37. Threatening
38. Cheating
39. Negligence / disregarding
40. Other acts affecting emotional health: -----------------------------------------
    1. If you have experienced verbal abuse, what sort of acts did you experience (You can choose more than one answer)
41. Insults
42. Accusation of dishonor and Infidelity
43. Ridicule / Mockery
44. Other acts of verbal abuse: --------------------------------------------------------
45. During which of the following age groups you experienced any form of abuse *(You can choose more than one answer):*
46. Less than 12 years
47. From 13 to 17 years
48. From 18 to 35 years
49. From 36 to 45 years
50. From 45 to 65 years
51. More than 65 years
52. How often did you experience any form of abuse?
53. Once only
54. Few times
55. Recurrently
56. Are there any reasons behind you getting abused *(You can choose more than one answer):*
57. I experience abuse when I engage in an argument or if I have provoked the abuser by words or actions.
58. I experience abuse when I refuse to comply with certain demands, in the presence of solid excuses justifying my refusal.
59. I experience abuse when I demand certain rights, such as bearing the financial responsibility.
60. I experience abuse when I refuse to accept his extramarital affairs and infidelity.
61. I experience abuse due to sexual reasons in nature (unwilling to have intercourse, complaining about his sexual impotence)
62. I experience abuse because I’m cheating on my husband
63. I experience abuse for reasons that I don’t believe justify the abuse I receive.
64. I experience abuse for no apparent reasons.
65. Other: -----------------------------------------------------
66. Are there certain characteristics in the abuser personality that drive him to abuse you *(You can choose more than one answer):*
67. Psychological reasons (mental or psychological condition)
68. Cultural reasons (inherited cultural or traditional practices that support violence)
69. Financial reasons (unemployment – poverty – Debts – pressure at work – being cheap)
70. Misbehavior/corrupted behavior (Drugs / Alcohol abuse or addiction – prostitution)
71. Reasons related to misinterpreted religious concepts ( obedience – Qawama of men over women)
72. Other

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| 1. When you experience abuse, this occurs in front of *(you can choose more than one answer):* 2. No one – It happens when we are alone 3. Our Children 4. Family or Friends 5. Strangers 6. How do you usually react after being abused *(you can choose more than one answer):* 7. Remain silent / Cry 8. Retaliate back with Force/ self defense 9. Getting out of the house 10. Asking for Divorce 11. Seeking help 12. Other 13. Is there anyone else in your family who gets similarly abused by the same abuser 14. No 15. Yes, Who:   (for example: children, siblings, family)   1. Did you inform anybody with the abuse you have been experiencing: 2. Yes, Who: ----------------- 3. No, Why: ------------------ 4. After being abused, did you pursue any of the following *(you can choose more than one answer):* 5. Inform the police 6. Ask for medical checkup and report 7. Report to one of the centers against domestic violence 8. Ask for family’s help 9. Sought legal help 10. No I did not pursue any of the above 11. In the case of choosing the answer: “No I did not pursue any of the above” in the previous question, what is the reason behind not reporting your abuse *(you can choose more than one answer):* 12. Being Afraid of the abuser 13. Concerned about reputation 14. Being financially dependent on the abuser 15. Dreading divorce and loneliness 16. Believing that official concerned organizations are ineffective as they favor men / biased against women 17. Family is not supportive 18. Accepting violence as a normal thing      1. If you have reported to one of the centers against domestic violence, what were the services you received (You can choose more than one answer): 2. Family / Marital counselling 3. Legal consultation 4. Psychotherapy and care 5. Hiring an attorney 6. Shelter / Providing temporary residence 7. Financial support 8. Other 9. How did the abuse you have experienced affected your life (You can choose more than one answer): 10. It has affected my physical health: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( permanent or transient disability – disfigurements – deformities – pain – illness)   1. It has affected my social life: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( Divorce – Losing custody of the children – broken family – introversion – dread remarrying – losing trust in people)   1. It has affected my Education: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( falling back on study schedule – stopped studying or not wanting to continue – deteriorated grades – choosing an unwanted field)   1. It has affected me Psychologically / emotionally: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( depression – fear – Feeling oppressed and wanting to seek revenge – Reduced self-worth – social anxiety)   1. It has affected me financially: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( losing a job – inability to have the basic needs provided – inability to find a job – Had to obtain money by stealing or begging )   1. It has affected my behavior / or my children behavior: ○ Yes ○ No   Examples: ( prostitution – addiction to alcohol or drugs – resorting to violence and committing crimes)  Any other comments: ---------------------------------------------------------------------------  This questionnaire has been filled by: ○ The abused woman ○ A relative / acquaintance  In the case of wanting us to contact you or if you need any help:  Name of the abused *(optional): -------------------------------------------------*  Phone Number *(optional): --------------------------------------------------------*  -**End**- |