

Women's Spirit



**Promotes the Economic
Independence of Women
Survivors of Abuse in Israel and
strives towards social change**



Women's Spirit recognized as a world leader in the domain of abuse against women. Awarded the status of special advisor the UN Socio-Economic Council

Women's Spirit Statement- Pre-session 43

- **Women's Spirit-** an Israeli non-profit that promotes the economic independence of women survivors of abuse and strives for social justice and gender equality
- Financial independence is an inseparable part of a woman's well-being
- Promote change and legislation on economic abuse in Israel since 2007
- Build awareness via education in conferences, lectures, workshops, and social media campaigns
- In December 2022, the Israeli government held a round table with NGOs on the subject of abuse against women. Women's Spirit participated in the session dedicated to economic abuse.

Economic Abuse

- **Economic abuse** is a severe and dangerous phenomenon and oftentimes results in keeping a woman in the cycle of abuse and poverty for years and years.

Deny

access to financial information

Control

overall financial resources

Prevent

reasonable and proper management
of financial daily needs

Naming the Abuse

- While the State of Israel has made progress in the matter of fighting violence against women, **a law against economic abuse has not yet passed**
- **Giving a legal name** to economic abuse clarifies that it is abuse
- The legislative process **raises awareness** and can assist women in recognizing that they are in an abusive relationship

Past Recommendations

- In the Third Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, seven recommendations referring to gender-based violence and domestic abuse have been supported by the State of Israel.
- A recommendation was given by the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Its Causes, and Consequences on her mission to Israel in 2017, to "*promptly adopt the draft law on economic violence*".

Economic Abuse can occur without physical abuse. We are asking that Economic Abuse be considered ABUSE!

2020

Bill to Prevent Domestic Abuse

MAIN POINTS

- **Amendment to the Law for the Prevention of Domestic Violence 5771-1991**
- **Naming it! – Legal legislation for the phenomena that exists**
- **Generally between spouses but can exist within other relationships in the family**

Raising Awareness of Economic Abuse Can Save Lives

Recommendations

- The State of Israel should continue its efforts to eliminate domestic and gender-based violence against women in all its forms, including Economic Abuse, in conformity with Sustainable Development Goals 5.2 and A5.
- We recommend that the State of Israel adopt the recommendations given by the Special Rapporteur and supported by fellow states, to promote a law that acknowledges and prevents economic abuse, and assists its survivors/victims.

THANK YOU

