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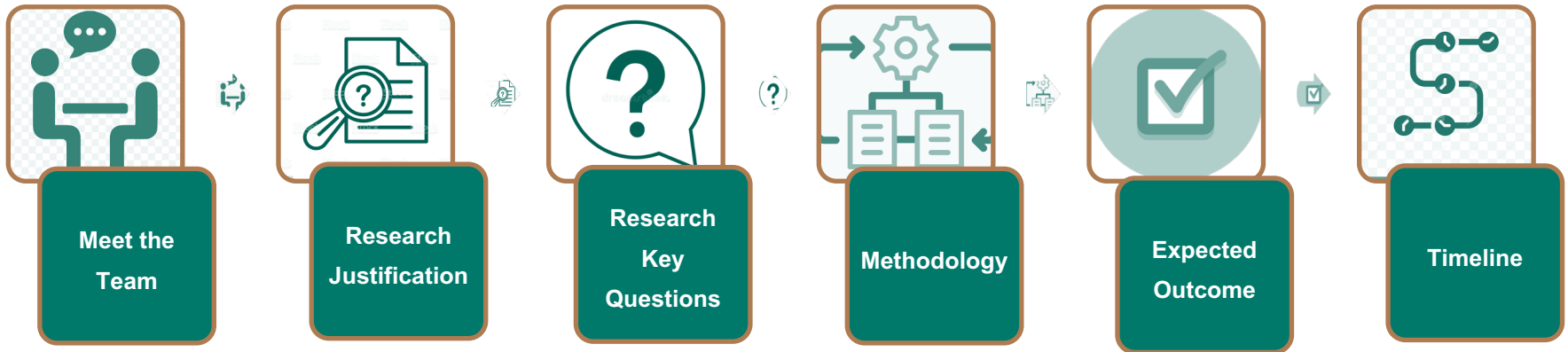
Leadership and Advocacy in Social Work and Health Care Professions

Kick off Meeting of

**Advocacy and Empowerment for Displaced Single Women Head of Household : The
Case of Irbid and Mafraq in Jordan**

GJU Team

Agenda



Meet the GJU Research Team Members



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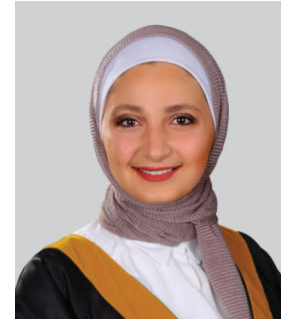
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Justification



- The Syrian refugee crisis has presented major socio-economic, political and social repercussions for Jordan¹
- Leaving behind widowers with children, forcing them to become the breadwinners.
- The majority of these women have not had adequate education or professional qualifications. This impact negatively on their daily interaction
- Until April 2022, Jordan hosted approximately 700,000 UNHCR-registered Syrian refugee.
- The vast majority, approximately 306,000, were in the host communities (Irbid and Mafraq Governorates), of which 50% were women & girls.²



The Jordanian government, till the time of writing, has made great strides in developing policies to help improve the welfare of single main household women. However, some of these policies have not been translated into widespread implementation



Women-headed households in Jordan hit 17.5% in 2020. 94.7% of head of household women are economically inactive and receive monthly assistance from the National Aid Fund⁴



2019 figures show 14% of households in Jordan led by women⁵



Twenty-two per cent of all Syrian households are headed by women⁶

Our social work perspective in Conducting this research

There is a dearth in research in Jordan that highlighted the challenges faced by displaced single head of household women in Jordan

In this research project we are aiming to address these challenges from a social work perspective. Looking at approaches that focus on their strengths, and what supports their potentials. In addition, discussing issues that promote positive coping mechanism in their lives

Research Key Questions



What are the challenges faced by displaced single head of household women in Jordan?

To what extent displacement impact of on single head of household women' interactions with their families and society?

What are the services offered to enable and to empower displaced single head of household women in Jordan?

To what extent do social policies in Jordan influence displaced single head of household women's life in Jordan?

What is the possible model of social work intervention with displaced single head of household women?

Methodology

Mainly our project will be qualitative triangulate and supplement by quantitative and desk review

- Desk review about the policies and legislations regarding displaced single head of household women
- Questionnaire to the two centres to get general ideas and views answers our research questions
- To get more in-depth data Semi-structured interviews –with frontline workers –social workers – and policy makers ,community representatives
- FGD - with displaced single head of household women
- The theoretical approach will be mainly drawn on strength – based, human right and womanist theories
- The sample will be derived from the most two urban places in Jordan that hosted displaced populations - (Irbid and Mafarq)
- Accessing the sample by the support of the local community centres working with displaced single head of household women

Expected Outcome

Addressing the challenges faced by displaced single head of household women in Jordan

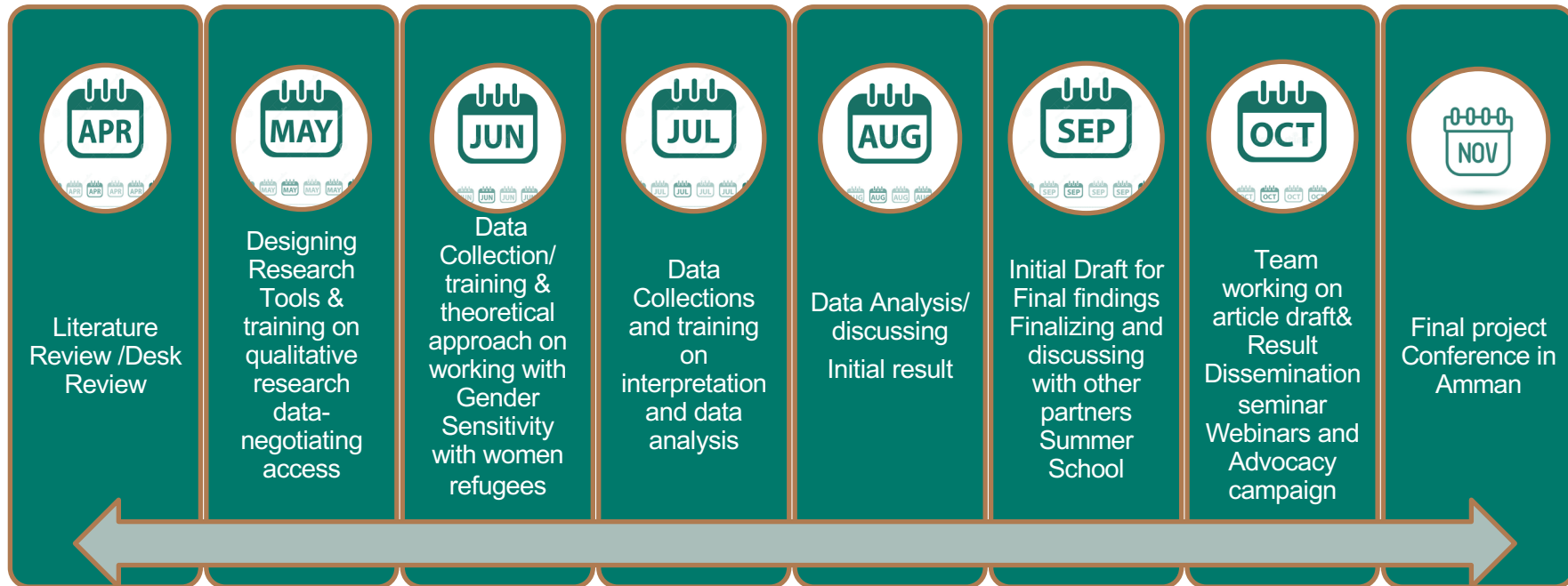
Add a local literature and evidence based practice to the subject of displaced single head of household women in Jordan

Recommendations to policy makers of issues related to empowering and enabling displaced single head of household women in Jordan

Developing an advocacy campaign with group of interests within the local community centres to raise awareness on displaced single head of household women in Jordan

Developing a possible model of intervention that serves displaced single head of household women's needs

Research Timeline



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