

**Human Rights approaches in the absence of human rights:  
a case  
study of social workers in Lebanon's Palestinian camps**

**An Abstract of the Project by Sara Sakhi**

This report explores the experiences of Palestinian social workers in Lebanon's refugee camps, where a lack of human rights legal framework poses significant challenges. Through workshops and thematic analysis, five themes emerged: absence of work regulations, need for institutional support, funding difficulties, personal identity clashes, and potential solutions. The findings emphasize the impact of this legal void on social work practice, and the importance of grassroots efforts and stronger networks to improve conditions. Despite the challenges, social workers remain committed to human rights principles in their work.