



## Enhance Gender Equality in New Normal

### Preventing sexism Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity



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Gender equality rights in Israel are considered the most advanced in the Middle East. Israeli law prohibits discrimination based on gender in matters such as employment and wages and allows class action. In 2017, Israel was named the eighth safest country in the world for women by the New World Wealth research group. We also have the most advanced LGBTQ+ rights in the Middle East. In 2019, Ohana became the first minister in Israel to come out as gay. Israel is the third country in the world led by a female prime minister, Golda Meir. Also, Israel is one of the countries that signed and implemented Cedaw. Since the founding of the State of Israel, relatively few women have served in the Israeli government, and fewer still serve in prominent ministerial positions. While Israel is one of the few countries where a woman - Golda Meir - has served as Prime Minister, it lags behind most Western countries in women's representation in both parliament and government.

The Israeli parliament established the "Committee on the Status of Women" to address women's rights. The stated objectives of this committee are to prevent discrimination, combat violence against women and promote equality in politics, life-cycle activities and education. In 1998, the Israeli Parliament passed a law "On the Prevention of Sexual Harassment". The 'Israel Sexual Harassment Act 1998' broadly interprets sexual harassment and prohibits it as a discriminatory practice, restriction of freedom, assault on human dignity, violation of everyone's fundamental right to respect and violation of the right to privacy. According to a survey published by the Ministry of Industry in 2010, between 35 and 40 percent of women reported having been sexually harassed at work, and a third of them had been sexually harassed in the previous 12 months. Of the women who reported harassment, 69 percent reported receiving "offers", 47 percent received sexual comments, 22 percent reported physical violence, 10 percent humiliation, and 7.7 percent extortion and threats.

Another sad fact about Israel's politics is that being trans is classified as a national disease. Our solution to removing transsexuality from the national disease classification is to get reports from doctors around the world and prove that being trans is actually a gender identity, not a disease. There is always an opinion in the world that women are weaker than men. Thanks to this view, they devalued women and took away their rights by using violence against many women. We guarantee that we will change this view and that every woman will have equal rights with men. We will not stop until we bring our country to the safest and most prosperous level for Women.