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Women's Organizations in Morocco

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- ❖ The *Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc*, or the Democratic Association of Moroccan Women, works to promote women's rights and democracy. Founded in 1985, this non-profit organization focuses on the improvement of women's legal status through the creation of new legislation and through proper enforcement of existing laws. The ADFM has advocated for greater gender awareness in family planning and reproductive health programs; better enforcement of laws prohibiting violence against women; and more representation of women in politics. In 1997, the ADFM created the Nejma Center for Women Victims of Violence, which provides counseling and legal services to women. <http://www.adfm.ma/>
- ❖ The *Association Nour pour la Solidarité avec la Femme Rurale*, or the Nour Association for Solidarity with Rural Women, began in 2003 in the southern province of Ouarzazate, Morocco. The group works mainly with rural Moroccan women. They provide literacy classes and education on HIV prevention and prenatal health. The Nour Association has put into place numerous income-generating projects, including textile production, cheese-making, and beekeeping. They work to prevent violence against women in rural communities and to involve women in development and politics. <http://association-nour.com/>
- ❖ The *Association Elamane pour le développement de la femme*, or the Elamane Association for the Development of Women, works to improve the situation of Moroccan women and integrate them into economic and social development. The *Association Elamane* provides literacy classes, vocational training, legal and psychological counseling, and workshops and discussions on human and women's rights. The organization also provides online resources for women, including an online magazine called "Anamil" with articles and poetry; and several guides to understanding women's rights, human rights, Moroccan law, and more. <http://www.associationelamane.ma/>
- ❖ The goals of the *Jossour Forum des Femmes Marocaines* are to strengthen women's citizenship rights, increase women's presence in politics and decision-making, and encourage research and awareness in women's issues. *Jossour* works to facilitate communication and solidarity between women and between organizations. *Jossour's* Center for Citizenship of Moroccan Women (CCFM) provides literacy classes, with an emphasis in legal literacy; holds health, legal, and craft workshops; and provides a space for conferences, debates, performances, and more. <https://www.facebook.com/JossourForumDesFemmesMarocaines>
- ❖ The organization *Anaruz* has created a national network of counseling centers for women victims of violence, forming a working group of local centers across Morocco. *Anaruz* works to strengthen these organizations in their fight to defend the rights of women. The group's methods are to standardize information collection and sharing between centers and create wider access to data on violence against women. *Anaruz* has published guides on gender-based violence and advocacy and counseling techniques. <http://www.anaruz.org/>

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