

Appendix F
Invitation for IDP camp residents to participate in trauma reduction research in IDP camps in Iraq.

Dear potential research participant,

You are being invited to enroll in a study lead by Dr. Pegah Seidi from the University of Garmian.

This study is intended to gather information about reducing symptoms of traumatic stress in women living in IDP camps in Iraq. The study will involve being treated by lay counselors on a one-to-one basis. You will be treated with one of two interventions depending on whether you reside in the Qurato, camp or in the Tazade IDP camp.

If you choose to participate in the study, you will be treated by a lay counselor who has been trained to deliver a form of therapy that has been shown some promise of reducing symptoms of traumatic stress, permanently or at a minimum, temporarily. At the study's finish, if the improvement in one treatment group proves superior to the treatment in the other treatment group, you will be given the opportunity to be treated with the more effective treatment at the end of the study.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to participate by being treated for symptoms of traumatic stress. You are also agreeing to, fill out assessment forms, before your treatment intervention, one week after your treatment intervention, and three months following your intervention. When you are assigned to your treatment group you will be given additional information concerning your treatment. You will have the freedom to drop out of this study at any time without having to give a reason.

Printed name

Date

Address email address

Signature