

Appendix A

Invitation for Lay people to participate as lay counselors in IDP camps in Iraq.

Dear potential lay counselor,

You are being invited to train as a lay counselor and participate 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 treating women residing in the *Tazade* IDP camp and IDP camp depending on which group you will be randomly assigned to.

If after being trained, you are chosen to participate in the study, you will 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 trained to conduct the more effective treatment at the end of the study.

The women who will be participating in this study will have given their signed permission to take part in the study.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to participate in a two-week training course in one or the other of the interventions.

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Printed name

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Date

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Address

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Signature