The National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) visited the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and the General Directorate of Internal Security to coordinate and cooperate the efforts of the two institutions in combating gender based violence (GBV) and protecting children from violence. Furthermore, the UN Women, in coordination with the NCLW, organized a roundtable with representatives from the Lebanese political parties to discuss the role of women in elections and how to deepen their involvement and participation in political life and public affairs. This event was part of the framework to implement the national action plan of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

**Goal:**
To reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Lebanon by transforming attitudes of women, girls, men, and boys towards patriarchal norms that define masculinities, and addressing the root causes of VAWG in public and private spheres.

**14 males, 15 females**
from areas across Lebanon attended a three-day training on the Common Ground Approach (CGA). The CGA is a conflict transformation method adopted by Search. It brings people together across dividing lines and enables them to understand their differences, discover shared interests, and achieve collaborative solutions. This transforms conflict without violence, catalyzing positive social change.

**14 males, 15 females**
attended a two-day training on Safe Identification and Referral. The Safe Identification and Referral training aimed to empower the selected youth leaders to better understand the elements of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) (gender, violence, power, informed consent), examine the health, psychological, and social consequences of SGBV, describe the guiding principles of working on SGBV, and provide youth with information on conducting safe referrals based on a survivor centered approach. Building the capacity of youth leaders in safe identification and referral of cases of violence will prepare them to become allies and champions of gender equality and prevention of VAWG.

**Goal:**
Empowering youth in Lebanon and Jordan to utilize and govern online and in-person youth platforms as a means of collaboratively tackling issues impacting youth.

**19 Youths**
10 Males - 9 Females attended a training on the Common Ground Approach (CGA).