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COVID-19 & PARTICIPANTS IN IRAQ

In countries affected by conflict and war, Women for Women International supports the most marginalized women to earn and save money, improve health and well-being, influence decisions in their home and community, and connect to networks for support. This data was collected from 375 women in via socially distanced in person interviews in June 2020 and telephone interviews in the Shawes and Shekhan districts of the Kurdistan region in Iraq.

Finances during the pandemic



74%
Of women in Shawes and Shekhan report loss of income

75%
Of women in Shawes and Shekhan have not been able to save money during the pandemic



28% OF WOMEN IN SHEKHAN & 21% OF WOMEN IN SHAWES FACED INCREASED CONFLICT AT HOME DURING THE MONTHS OF LOCKDOWN RELATED TO FINANCES

With the increased workload of childcare and taking care of the home, women felt more supported in Shekhan. Below is the % of women with support for household duties at home.

Shekhan

75%

Shawes

45%



Importance of program

Women reported building connections with other women and started saving money during the Women for Women International Signature Program. The social and financial support has supported their mental health and allowed more positivity in their lives during the pandemic.

MOVING FORWARD

Women are able to lean on savings, but still need support to maintain income, manage their homes, and provide for their families. Additional aid for food, income, and businesses is needed.

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