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**Q1 Name of the organization:**

Institute for Development, Research, Advocacy & Applied Care (IDRAAC)

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**Q2 The purpose of the organization:**

The purpose of IDRAAC is to raise public awareness and advocate for mental health as a basic human right while providing care for all age groups (children, adolescents, adults and the elderly), to conduct research in mental health, and to conduct community projects to improve the life of citizens.

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**Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:**

IDRAAC is specialized in raising awareness, conducting research, training programs, community services and field interventions for the benefit of the public and for the promotion of human rights. IDRAAC has a long standing history in mental health research, advocacy, psychosocial activities, social and community interventions, treatment and prevention services for various age groups in Lebanon and the Middle East.

The activities conducted by IDRAAC that are relevant to the human rights of older persons are:

- Towards the Human Rights Protection of a Vulnerable Population: The Elderly of Lebanon (October 1, 2016- December 31, 2017): This project drafted a new and tailored law protecting elderly people from discrimination and neglect and raised awareness about their rights.
  - Addressing the Needs of the Total Assyrian Community in Lebanon (November 1, 2015-October 31, 2017): The project targeted all the Assyrian community in providing psychosocial and mental health support. For the older persons, the project provided physical and mental health screening for all the elderly individuals in the Assyrian refugees and the Lebanese host community.
  - The Elderly Empowerment Project (June 26, 2015- December 31, 2016): The intervention consisted of developing a database of job/volunteer opportunities that engaged the elderly in the community and an awareness campaign that increased the public awareness about the social rights and the needs of the elderly individuals.
  - Setting up the infrastructure of early diagnosis of dementia in Lebanon (January 14, 2013- February 29, 2016): the project translated and validated into Arabic several internationally used scales to detect dementia, depression and anxiety in order to improve the diagnosis, treatment and wellbeing of elderly individuals affected by dementia.
  - Depression, Anxiety and Dementia Assessment (DADA) Study (2010): the project consisted of screening for depression, anxiety and memory disorders among medically sick elderly. Nurses and psychologists were trained to administer scales and interview older adults admitted to a university hospital.
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**Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:**

IDRAAC is a permanent member of the Elderly Welfare Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and heavily involved in national and regional activities. Also, IDRAAC collaborates extensively with international researchers on several research projects.

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**Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:**

Please find below a list of IDRAAC board members:

- Dr. Elie Karam: Adult Psychiatrist/ Researcher- President of IDRAAC
- Dr. Georges Elie Karam: Adult and Geriatric Psychiatrist/ Researcher- Consultant and Public Relation
- Dr. Aimée Nasser Karam: Clinical Psychologist- Treasurer
- Mrs. Caroline Cordahi Tabet: Clinical Psychologist- Consultant
- Mrs. Youmna Cassir Haddad: Clinical Psychologist- Consultant
- Mrs. Roula Najjar: Accountant
- Mr. Georges Arbid: Association Representative to the Government- Member
- Mrs. Marina Tcheurekjian: Secretary

Please note that all IDRAAC board members are from Lebanon.

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**Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:**

As for the financial resources and contributions, IDRAAC relies on the financial support that it gets by applying to different grants that fall under its same mission. Moreover, IDRAAC relies on the yearly fundraising events that the team organizes. Besides, IDRAAC counts on the benevolent support of institutions and individuals who believe in the necessity of scientific research and community interventions in mental health and the public education in that field.

IDRAAC received funding from international foundations for instance: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Alzheimer's Association, Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research, U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), European Union, Fogarty International, the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (US)/UNFPA, Oxfam Quebec (Canada), ECHO program (European Union), The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the World Health Organization (WHO- Geneva), French Embassy in Lebanon, Australian Embassy in Lebanon, US Embassy in Lebanon, etc.

Moreover, many national and international projects have been undertaken by IDRAAC in partnership with local governmental agencies:

- Lebanese Ministry of Public Health,
  - Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs,
  - Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education,
  - The Higher Council for Childhood etc.
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**Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):**

**IDRAAC\_Activity report for the year 2017.pdf (356KB)**

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**Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):**

**IDRAAC-Financial Statement-2017.pdf (253KB)**

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## Application Form for Accreditation to the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG)

**Q9** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q10** A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

Our members are divided in 3 categories: board members (listed above), members involved in specific projects (their number varies based on projects) and general members such as volunteers, supporters, followers and advocates (we currently have around 10,000 subscribers to our newsletter and mailing list as well).

The above members are geographically distributed in Lebanon and internationally.

**Q11** A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

**IDRAAC\_By laws of the association.pdf(2.2MB)**

**Q12** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Respondent skipped this question

**Q13** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q15** Website

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