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Dr Eman Sharobeem Director, Immigrant Women's Health Service

The physical, sexual, and psychological violence against women begins when the doctor says, "It's a girl." To revolutionize, we need to invest in girl's education, consequently she will change the world. I have been campaigning to educate people that slavery still exists today, in fact, despite all progress, if you count the number of women and girls in domestic or sexual slavery, you will find more slaves in the world today than at any other time in history.

Eman Sharobeem, Director of the Immigrant Women's Health Service NSW, works with disempowered immigrant women assisting them to escape forced marriages, and supporting those who suffer domestic violence, or who are exploited and enslaved in their own homes.

Eman was born in Egypt where her parents, both working in the education system, used their positions to start her education as early as possible, and to keep her studying constantly. She began First Grade when she was four, and, obviously a remarkable pupil as well as diligent one. she gained her degree in Accounting and Business Administration from Ainchames University when she was sixteen years old. Continuing what they saw as their duty to care for their daughter and also to keep their property in the family, they informed her when she was only 14 that she was to marry her cousin. She became his wife before she finished her degree. Eman accepts that her parents believed it was for the best, and although her two sons, both born in Australia after she and her husband immigrated, are her pride and joy, she suffered terribly in her marriage. Her husband, now deceased, used his power over her in many ways, including physically abusing her, imprisoning her for a period of time, stealing her sons away from her, and threatening to keep her "under his foot and annihilate her." These words and the violent actions that accompanied them, which she remembers clearly, confirmed in her a resolve to resist such disempowerment herself and to resist it on behalf of other women. She states that her life's experiences have caused her to do the work she does now, and sharing them assists in communicating the effect such experiences can have on women and young girls.

After arriving in Australia, Eman continued to study, gaining a Master's degree in Social Science and doctorates in Psychology and in Management in Organizational Leadership. She has worked internationally as a member of the UN task force/ Micro finance in The Middle East, on USA Education treaties with the Middle East, and as General Manager of the Department of International Relations of the National Council for Women/ Egypt. However, rather than working as an officer in a government organization she prefers to work in the community as she does now in Sydney's west, helping women directly herself and training others to work with them. As part of her aim to educate the public and bring about change she also participates in community organizations and serves as a contact and a point of information for the media and for numerous politicians in the NSW government.

Her work has earned her many awards, local ones such as the Community Award for Policing Program, for her contribution to the work of the NSW Police Force, and state and national recognition with her appointment as 2014 Australia Day Ambassador, Finalist of the 2013 NSW Women of the Year for her work for women's rights, and with her presentation of a Certificate from the Parliament of Australia in recognition of her service and inspiration to Australian women. She was nominated as one of the Most Influential Women in Australia in 2012, for her Human Trafficking and Forced Marriage Advocacy campaigns. She is co-author of two books – 'HIV/AIDS, the Arabic Community Educators Manual' and 'Fairfield Community Harmony'.

Eman Sharobeem is presently Director of the Immigrant Women's Health Service, a Commissioner on the Community Relations Commission of NSW, a convener of Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network, chairwoman of the Non-English Speaking Housing Women's Scheme and on the board of Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW and Member of NSW Domestic & Family Violence Council. These positions support her work of educating and assisting migrant women, and of helping the wider Australian community understand, sympathize and act on the injustices that exist. Eman's campaigning on these issues has raised awareness and is starting to bring about changes to legislation.

The Immigrant Women's Health Service can be contacted on (02) 9726 4044.

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Educational Background

*American University in Cairo, registered with University of Technology, Sydney **PhD:** Psychology, Family and Community

*University of Technology, Sydney PhD: Management in Organizational Leadership

*American University - Master Degree of social science

*University of Technology - Sydney Australia Diploma in Management /community organisations

*Faculty of Commerce - En Shams University Egypt/Cairo.

Bachelor of Business administration

Thesis titles:

1. Business Management /

2. The importance of feasibility studies to establish economic activities.

Employment History

Immigrant Women's Health Service Director 2004 to Date

United Nation Various posts as follow: 1997 to 2003 * General Manager for the department of external relation, Responsible with a team of 36 staff for the international treaties concerning women and their standard in countries where CEDAW agreement had not been fulfilled.

* **Training Manager,** manage a team to deliver training packages for minsters and their cabinets in the Middle East, in cooperation with USA

* Micro Enterprise Unit Executive Director "Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation"

Parks Community Network (NGO) – Sydney, Australia June 1995 up to June 1997 Manager

Dr.Eman Sharobeem

Immigrant Women's Health Service June 1994 to June 1995 Coordinator

Granville Multicultural Centre (NGO) – Sydney Australia June 1989 up to June 1994 Social Worker

Membership of Professional Organizations

- Anti Discrimination Board, Member
- Community Relation Commission, Commissioner
- Immigrant And Refugee Women's Network, Convenor
- Transcultural Mental Health, member and partner
- Fairfield Migrant Interagency, member
- Liverpool Macarthur Regional committee, Chairperson
- Ministerial Consultative Committee, member
- Fairfield Liverpool Workers Network
- The Association of Non English Speaking Background Women of Australia, Chairperson
- Multicultural Advisory Committee, member
- Somali Community Capacity Building Project, Advisor

publications and involvements

- Jointly writing Healthy Women Program
- On board with Women's Health in Industry
- Attended and provided Cross Cultural HIV \AIDS Training Program
- Jointly wrote HIV-AIDS epidemic in the Australian-Arabic community, education book
- Quit Smoking Leadership /UNICEF
- Confidence Building Training
- Domestic Violence Training / UN program
- Unlearning Racism Program /UN program
- Interview Processing Training (for program evaluations with participants
- Conflict Resolution Skills Training
- Conflict Resolution Network Train the Trainers
- Breast Screening Mammography Training
- Self Esteem Pilot Program
- BCE Supervision Training
- Cultural Diversity Advance Skills Training
- Women and Children Growing Together In a New Country Program
- Feasibility study and financial systems in the micro enterprise field

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Projects Coordinated

Human resources selection and training

Capacity building evaluation for YWCA

Different Colour One People Project / United Nation Program

Australian Council for Women Survey

International Year of the Family Research & Consultation

Immigrant Women Speakout Association Consultation

Cultural Awareness Open Days Projects (workers and community)

Health Information Open Days (workers and community)

Women In The Work Place Project / UNICEF Program

Weaving and Ceramic Projects / planing and evaluation

Arabic Speaking Social Education Project

Workers (Train The Trainers) (HIV /AIDS Awareness and Academics)

International Women's Day (organizing and Leadership)

Western Breast Screening Mammography /Arabic Media Radio Campaign

Day of Action Against racism & discrimination

Ask Any Women -Women Safety and the Urban Environment Video

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Literacy awareness and education (Radio & Television) campaign for the Adult Migrant Education Service

Working together UN project (formally The Conflict Resolution Network)

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'Also there is more prejudice between different communities; this is the implied and imperceptible. We always have tendency to look at difference in the oppositions and ignore our own actions deliberately.'

Along with this, Eman believes that migrant & refugees are more isolated now that they were 30 years ago. 'To give you an example, most of the 12,000 people who came to the service last year didn't see my interviews on free-to-air television, although I have done many for all the main channels.'

'Before satellite TV, people had to watch Australian television, and that improved their ability to speak English and their awareness about what was going on in the country. These days they only watch TV channels in their own language, or read ethnic newspapers, which locks them somehow into their own community and to some extent into the past.'

Her position on the Anti-Discrimination Board is another strategy to address these complex issues. 'I see myself as an envoy to raise awareness of the Board in the communities I interact with, and encourage people to address their subject matters and seek the Board intervention and arbitration.

Among her many accolades, Eman's latest award is a particularly satisfying one: being selected by the Egyptian community as the Egyptian-Australian of the year. Whilst, Eman was also selected as Australia Day Ambassador, and a finalist in the Premier's Award for Woman of the Year, and

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'Also there is more racism between different communities, because you have people coming from so many different walks of life and trying to co-exist. And the hostility is more open now.'

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Her position on the Anti-Discrimination Board is another strategy to address these complex issues. 'I see myself as an ambassador to raise the profile of the Board in the community and encourage people to find a refuge there. How many people have a problem that the Board could help them solve – there must be thousands of them, and most of them have never heard of it!'

Among her many accolades, Eman's latest award is a particularly satisfying one: being selected by the Egyptian community as Egyptian-Australian of the year. 'It is an honour because I am the opposite of everything that is traditionally valued by Egyptians – I am a woman and a Christian. Recognition by Australia is something I didn't expect, but recognition by Egyptians is something I never dreamed of!'

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Hi again Eman

Please find hopefully final draft attached.

The red sections are where I have clarified what you said.

I've also cut out a bit of the detail about your past employment as it was getting very long, and the current stuff is probably more interesting to our readers.

Regards

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Hi Carley Thanks for that, I did some changes, please look at the attached then Cheers Eman

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Eman has experience of the issues closest to her heart. She was born in Egypt to an educated family, and had an arranged marriage to her cousin when she was 15. 'My parents were concerned that my inheritance should be managed by a man within the family,' she said.

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The service has 23 part-time staff and 35 volunteers who run social support groups, literacy programs and other training courses. There is also a nurse, a team of bilingual counsellors and a lawyer giving free advice.

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Her position on the Anti-Discrimination Board is another strategy to address these complex issues. 'I see myself as an envoy to raise awareness of the Board in the communities I interact with, and encourage people to address issues of concern using anti-discrimination law and the Board's conciliation service when that is appropriate.'

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