

The conference echoed that:

There is a growing awareness that when tackling challenges related to women's issues we should collectively move from reactivity to preparedness; from victimization of women to their empowerment. Education and responsive health services are therefore prerequisites to women's lives and livelihoods.

We should approach women's issues first and foremost from a rights-based perspective. We have to believe that global indifference will not last. We have to believe that the prejudice we have alluded to will disappear over time. In the context of humanitarian assistance and development, and as stated by HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein: "*it is now time to provide aid and development for women through impactful projects that extend beyond words.*" And I see, from all sessions and speakers, that that is indeed our collective intention.