

Abstract

This study investigates the relationship between women's needs and land use planning in the context of Tulkarem. Women in the city of Tulkarem, as users of urban areas, have practical and strategic needs, women suffer disadvantages within a built environment with little interest in their needs. Therefore, the main objective of this study is to contribute to the general awareness of women's needs and how women's experiences of their needs influence their daily activities in residential, employment and service zones in addition to transportation facilities. The study targets women both in the new neighborhood and the city center of Tulkarem.

To explore women's needs in relation to their activities, the concept of behavioral setting is used. This concept has three main components: physical, social and cultural components, which are interrelated with the needs component.

Direct observation, questionnaires, in addition to interviews with women were used for data collection and examining the research problem. The main conclusion of this study is that women's Privacy needs are more relevant to women in residential zone as cultural need, while they were met to a lower degree than other needs, according to transportation facilities women's needs have been met to a lower degree than any other elements for both women in the city center and new neighborhood, and the compact traditional urban form comply with women's specific and basic needs in the city of Tulkarem in the lower degree than new neighborhood. The outcome of this research provides suggestions for developing land use plans which will enhance women's daily activities in the city.

Key words: *women's needs, land use plan, everyday life activity, Tulkarem*