

***Welcome to Desert Embroidery,
the web site of the Association for the Improvement of Women's Status, Lakia!***

***We invite you to visit us in Lakia, Israel to enjoy genuine Bedouin hospitality
and learn about our community and work.***

In the 1980's, a group of Bedouin girls got together to improve life in their village. In 1996 the Association for the Improvement of Women's Status achieved official recognition as the first Bedouin women's non-profit organization in Southern Israel. Today we run a successful embroidery program to generate income for Bedouin women and preserve traditional handicrafts. We operate a mobile library serving over 1,500 children, as well as educational programs for women and youth. We invite you to visit the Desert Embroidery [Visitor Center](#) or [browse](#) the fine handmade embroidery products we offer.

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