



## FULL BIO

Lina AbiRafeh, PhD.  
Women's Rights  
Activist. Author. Speaker.

Lina AbiRafeh is committed to building a better world for women.

Lina is a global women's rights activist, author, and speaker with three decades of experience worldwide. Lina is also the Founder and Chief Changemaker of Better4Women, a boutique advisory firm creating impactful, real-world solutions to global women's rights challenges. She works with organizations and corporations to ensure that equality and rights aren't just rhetoric - they're reality.

As a humanitarian aid worker in countries in crisis, Lina's work has taken her to Afghanistan, Haiti, the Central African Republic, Papua New Guinea, and over 20 countries worldwide. As an academic, Lina spent nearly a decade as the Executive Director of The Arab Institute for Women at the Lebanese American University, an academic and activist institute covering the 22 Arab states.

Lina serves as senior advisor to a range of organizations and sits on various international boards: the Global Institute for Women's Leadership, the Society of Gender Professionals, the Global Women's Institute, Inclusive Peace, and others.

She has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Gender Equality Top 100 Worldwide in 2018 and 2019, a Vital Voices fellowship, a Women's Media Center Progressive Women's Voice, a Women in Power fellowship, and a Council on Foreign Relations fellowship.

Lina is a two-time TEDx speaker who graces global stages. She writes and speaks for international media - CNN, France24, and others - on various women's issues advocating for equality and women's leadership, captured in her signature talk "Start Where You Stand."

She has a master's degree in international economics and development from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Lina is the author of numerous articles and three books: *Gender and International Aid in Afghanistan: The Politics and Effects of Intervention* (2009), *Freedom on the Frontlines: Afghan*

*Women and the Fallacy of Liberation* (2022), co-author of *Yalla Feminists: Arab Rights and Resistance* (2023), and more on the way. Her writings can be found on her website.

## **BRIEF BIO**

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## **LINKS**

Website: [Better4Women.com](https://better4women.com)

eBooks: <https://betterforwomen.mysamcart.com/burn-it-down-build-it-better-workplace/>

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