

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the newsletter for the first quarter in 2011, to brief you about the projects that will be implemented throughout this year, along with the latest conducted activities.



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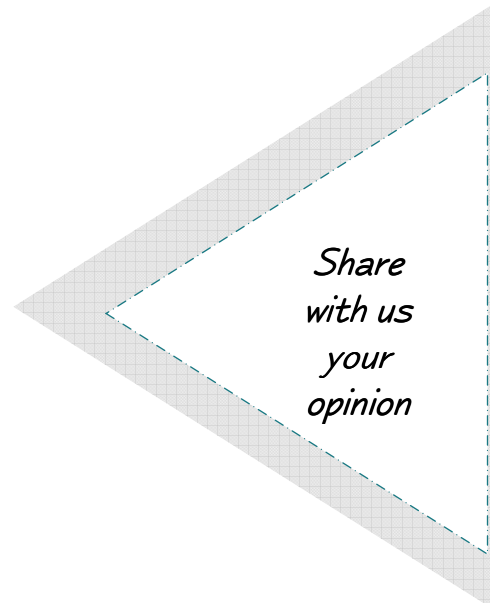
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Launching the New Website-Design

The purpose of the website is to be an informative link in giving visitors a snapshot about Partners-Jordan, also to provide information about local and regional projects conducted by the center, any upcoming activities, in addition to latest news about the Jordanian civil society.

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Projects that will be implemented during 2011

1. **"Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution"**, is made possible with a grant from **Civil Society Program - CSP**, implemented by the **Academy for Educational Development – AED**, and funded by **USAID**, for the period 2010-2012.

The project aims at building the capacity of Jordanians to resolve conflict in a peaceful manner by spearheading the first ever university-based mediation service on two campuses in Jordan (Jordan University for Science and Technology in Irbid and Al Hussein Bin Talal University in Ma'an) to mediate conflicts associated with tribal violence among students.

The major activities which will be conducted through the project are:



- Capacity building training on Monitoring and Evaluation for Partners-Jordan staff and freelancers
- Conduct 3 day, four training mediation programs in the two identified Universities
- Recruit youth for Committees
- Determine best approach for awareness and incubating mediation services through two workshops
- Conduct twenty mediation cases by university students

2. **"Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship"**, funded by the **European Commission**, and implemented in cooperation with Partners for Democratic Change International – PDCI, for the period 2011-2013.

The project aims at developing the capacities of vulnerable women to engage in local development processes. The project will take place in 12 different areas in the three regions of Jordan Northern region (villages of Rasson, Shekh Hussein, Kufr Lama and Manshiyeh); Southern region (villages of Grandal and Rweim, Gatraneh); and Central region (villages of Kufr Huda, Balila, Naour, Lib and Mleih, Sbeihi)



The major activities that will be implemented through the project are:

- Mentorship Focus Groups on Roots of Women's Limited Economic Participation
- Women Economic Mentor (WEM)-Participant Mentorship and Knowledge Sharing
- Training of Trainers and Skills Development Training on Project Management, Gender Budgeting and Legal framework for women's rights and gender equality
- Developing & Implementing Women's Economic Empowerment Small Grant
- Regional Conference: WEEM Success Stories to Promote Cross-Fertilization

3. “Towards Promotion of Transparency and Combating Corruption”,



Funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative - MEPI, and implemented in cooperation with the Parliamentarians against Corruption Association / Egypt, for the period 2011 – 2012.

The project aims at fighting Corruption in Egypt, Jordan and the entire Arab region through the below major activities:

- Train 100 Egyptian parliament members on identifying, fighting corruption and the legislative role of a parliament member.
- Training workshop for 20 journalists in Cairo to learn the appropriate ways of media coverage for anticorruption issues and directing the attention of parliamentarians to areas of corruption.
- Two-day Regional Anticorruption Conference, in Amman, on identifying and fighting corruption
- Form a follow-up committee, made-up of 5-7 members from Article 13 coalition
- Issue two publications on the role of parliamentarians, civil society organizations and citizens in combating corruption.

Activities conducted since the beginning of 2011

Round Table Session:

As part of the above mentioned project “**Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship**”, **Partners – Jordan** conducted a three-hour Round Table session, in Partners-Jordan offices / Amman, on March 8th, 2011, with the attendance of 10 business women from all over Jordan, and one local authority representing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The aim of this session was to discuss the main obstacles to women’s economic participation in Jordan and priorities for women’s improved involvement.



Monitoring & Evaluation Training

As part of the above mentioned project “**Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution**”, Partners – Jordan conducted a 4-day capacity building training on “Monitoring and Evaluation” for 15 persons from Partners-Jordan staff and freelancers, on February 21st – 24th, 2011, in the Bristol Amman Hotel.



The aim of the training was to design monitoring and evaluation plan and evaluate the impact of this specific project during and after implementation.

In addition; PJ staff learned how to design tailored monitoring and evaluation plans for different projects.



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Vision:

Prosperity can be achieved through responsible participative citizenship

Mission:

Partners-Jordan, is a Jordanian not for profit organization, committed to advance civil society, promoting mediation, conflict management and culture of change, and encouraging citizen participation in Jordan’s social and political development.

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