

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the Third edition of the electronic newsletter, to give you a quick view on the latest activities conducted in this period, under the main three projects we are running currently: “Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution”, “Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship”, and “Towards Promotion of Transparency and Combating Corruption”.

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"Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution"

This project 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.

Mediation Training for HBT University Students, In All Youth Jordan Commission – Ma'an:

As part of the project entitled above; Partners – Jordan conducted, 3-day training on Mediation for Hussein Bin Talal university students, in the All Youth Jordan Commission in Ma'an, between June, 4th & 6th, 2011.

The aim of the training is to enable university students with the skills to conduct full mediation sessions to resolve real life conflicts among their peers.

Brainstorming session in Irbid & Ma'an

Under the same project; Partners-Jordan conducted two brainstorming sessions as follows:

The first session was in Al-Hussein Ben Talal University in Ma'an, which was hold on July, 6th, in the Friends of Children in Danger Club office, with the participation of 23 committee students (9 females and 12 males) and with the attendance of Mr. Firas Al-Mograbi from Students Clubs and Committees and Mr. Akef Al-Bdoor Head of Students Clubs and Committees.

The second session was in the Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid, which was conducted on July 7th, in the Civil Society Development Center for three hours.

The aims of these sessions were to come up with ideas as an attempt to promote mediation in these universities and to encourage students to resort to mediation when they are in a conflict situation.





"Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship"

This project is funded by the **European Commission**, and implemented in cooperation with **Partners for Democratic Change International – PDCI**, for the period 2011-2013.

Focus Groups in Different Areas in Jordan On Women's Limited Economic Participation

As part of the above mentioned project; Partners – Jordan conducted three focus groups on the Women's Limited Economic Participation in Karak (Qatraneh), Mafraq (Manshieh) and Irbid (Sheikh Hussein and Kofr Elma') on June 6th, 8th, and 15th 2011 respectively.

The aim of the focus group is to get a clearer idea of the real obstacles to women's socio-economic participation in these areas, some ideas/strategies for



Overcoming these, existing local resources and capacities that can be dedicated, women's perspectives on local development, including their needs and priorities, as well as feedback from local authorities about what ideas and actions are realistic and feasible.

Mentorship & Knowledge Sharing Sessions in Amman, Jerash, Ajloun & Madaba

As part of the same project; Partners – Jordan in cooperation with 8 Business Women have conducted Eight Mentorship, 2-day sessions between the period July 9th-25th 2011 for 13 participants (women from unprivileged areas).

The participants have travelled to the place where the business women live and hold their business. This provided first-hand exposure for those participants on how professional businesses are run, provided an opportunity for participants to liaise with staff, and see an operation in action.



On the first day; participants visited the businesses and on the second day, they discussed practical information, business ideas, tips/hints, challenges to socio-economic participation, and assessed the local development needs.



Towards Promotion of Transparency and Combating Corruption”

This project is funded by Middle East Partnership Institute - MEPI, and is conducted in cooperation with Parliamentarians against Corruption Association in Egypt, this project aims at fighting Corruption in Egypt, Jordan and the entire Arab region.

The Regional Anti Corruption Conference in Amman

Partners-Jordan has organized a 2-day conference under the title “Regional Anticorruption Conference”. The conference was held in Amman, on the 25th & 26th of July 2011, and was attended by 32 local, regional and international experts, governmental stakeholders and civil society activists.

The conference objectives were:

1. Interaction and experience exchange between experts from regional and international backgrounds.
2. Get to know the most common international experiences, tools and techniques in combating corruption.
3. Coming up with a set of actionable recommendations that can be formed in future projects in order to be followed up by a regional follow up committee that formed during the conference. (The recommendations can be accessed through the website)



Partners-Jordan Consultancies

Conflict Management & Negotiation Skills in Zarqa & Mafrq:

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **Handicap International** to train People with Disabilities and their families in Dleil and Rweished, on Conflict Management & Negotiation Skills, for 3 days between June 11th & 29th, 2011

Conflict Management & Team Building in Amman

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **West & East Center** to conduct 2-day workshops for Jordanian and Danish Youth, on Conflict Management & Team Building, on July 11th & 12th 2011.



Cooperative Advocacy in Mafrq

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **Handicap International**, to conduct 3-day workshops in Rweished - Mafrq for the Local Disability Committee, on Cooperative Advocacy, between July 11th & 13th 2011.



New Tactics for Human Rights in Amman

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **Penal Reform International** to train on Cooperative Advocacy for 20 regional activists against Death Penalty, for five days between July 16th & 20th 2011.

Cooperative Advocacy in Sulaimaniya - Iraq

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **Mercy Corps Iraq**, under the project **Women's Right Advocacy in Leadership Skills for Women** to train activists on Cooperative advocacy, in two parallel trainings between September 10th & 15th 2011.



Partners-Jordan Participation

NGO Communications Capacity Building Program in Amman

The **Jordan Civil Society Program** has started in May its **NGO Communications Capacity Building Program** led by CSP's Certified Communications trainers (CCT), a core team of 12 specialized trainers in the area of NGO communications and media relations.

Partners-Jordan took part in the below activities:



Communications Audit / Training Needs Assessment:

CCT trainers visited Partners-Jordan senior management, program and communications team members and assessed how communications and media relations across the organization are managed.

Introduction to Strategic Communications for NGOs:

A 3-day workshop between the 11th & 13th, June, 2011 was conducted to introduce the principles of strategic communications to local Jordanian NGOs.

By the end of the training, participants managed to get an insight for effective communications using the Elevator Pitch, and strategic tactics to develop organizational communications plans.

Mentoring Visits & Communications Strategy / Product Development:

On September, 2011; CCT mentors and Partners-Jordan team implemented the communications work plan and began the development of communications products (strategic communications initiatives, fact sheets, website/blog content, media events, etc).

Women Empowerment & Leadership Training Program in Washington

Partners-Jordan participated in 3-day training program on **Women's Empowerment and Leadership**, in Washington, DC, between June 1st & 3rd, 2011, delivered in collaboration with **The Center for Creative Leadership (CCL)** and funded by **Partners Yemen** program, "The Balqees Initiative (TBI)."

The Workshop has managed to provide an overview of leadership and empowerment techniques and tools to participants, and allowed them to practice these tools in learning groups.

Participants have received a Toolkit with learning modules and tools that can be used to initiate, explore and sustain leadership development with other women. The Toolkit includes:



1. Assessment tools to help women look within and examine their identity, leadership skills and challenges and set developmental goals;
2. Challenge oriented experiential team-based activities to understand leadership dynamics and enhance leadership skills as women; and
3. Support through a peer learning model that enables participants to share their challenges, utilize innovative techniques and chart a course for greater effectiveness

The Annual United Nations Youth Assembly in New York

Partners-Jordan has participated in the "**Annual United Nations Youth Assembly (UNYA)**" as part of the PepsiCo Arab Youth delegation, to discuss the world's progress towards the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Fifteen Arab delegates from the Middle East (Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Palestine, and the United Arab Emirates) were among the 600 young leaders attending the conference in an effort to empower and allow them to build their leadership skills and to raise their awareness of world issues.

"PepsiCo is committed to empower youth by providing them with new experiences and learning opportunities" said Saad Abdul-Latif, CEO of PepsiCo Asia, Middle East, Africa. "Bringing together some of the brightest Arab youth leaders to the UN Youth Assembly allowed them to interact with other young people from all over the world and with experts in international development to find solutions for pertinent sustainable development issues facing our region and the world."



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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