

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the First edition of the electronic newsletter for the year 2012, to give you a quick view on its achievements throughout this period, mainly on “Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship” project.

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### "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.

#### Skills Development Training:

As part of the above mentioned project; Partners – Jordan conducted three 3-day training on February 2012, as follows:

1. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Balila – Jerash Governorate
2. 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Naour – Amman Governorate
3. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Irweim – Tafileh Governorate

42 women from 12 unprivileged areas and 2 local authorities from local municipalities were trained on women's economic rights, gender equality and project management skills to develop socio-economic initiatives.

This activity aims at increasing the capacity of vulnerable women to engage in sustainable economic initiatives at local level, through targeted skill training in legal, project management and gender budgeting frameworks.



#### Community Development Dialogue forums

As part of the same project; Partners – Jordan started implementing 12 community dialogue forums in 12 unprivileged areas.

On March, Partners-Jordan has already completed the implantation of 4 forums in Naour/Amman, Balila/Jerash, Rasoun/Ajloun and Al Manshieh/Mafraq, which opened the space in front of the community to tackle socio-economic development issues, and to discuss the role of the three sectors in improving the area.

## Signing 11 Contracts with Women from Unprivileged Areas to implement 11 Local Projects

As part of the same project; Partners – Jordan has signed 11 contracts with 11 women to start their small businesses in unprivileged areas.

The projects will be as follows:

- North of Jordan: Irbid: Sheikh Hussein and Kofr Elma': Nursery and Handmade School Bags respectively Ajloun: Rasson: handmade crafts, Jerash: Balila: Bookshop and printing service, and Mafraq: Manshieh: beauty salon

- Center: Balqa: Sbeihi: Candles Manufacturing, Amman: Naour: Chicken Breeding, and Madaba: Leb & Mleih: Beauty salon and Bookshop and printing service



- South: Karak: Qatraneh: Cultural centre, and Tafileh: Irweim: Bookshop and printing service



### Partners-Jordan Consultancies

#### “Qualitative Research Skills” Training for the Jordanian CSOs:

Back in 2008, Partners-Jordan participated in Stakeholder Feedback Analysis Project-SFP, and based on that it has been contracted by the **Civil Society Program-CSP**, under the Stakeholder Feedback Analysis Project-SFP III, to train 16 persons from the **Civil Society Organization** working on human rights, democracy and governance, and civic participation, with past or ongoing initiatives that contribute to change at the local or national level, or is currently planning to launch such initiatives.

SFP III aims to enhance the capacities of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to conduct focus group research with its constituencies and create opportunities for stakeholder dialogue, and to enhance the capacities of NGOs to measure the

impact of their programs, design any new program based on the needs of their community, and monitor and evaluate ongoing programs to incorporate necessary changes.

The SFP III training program consists of two main components:

1. Series of technical workshops on how to design and conduct qualitative research using systematic focus group methodology,
2. Mentoring support and hands-on-training, including conducting actual focus groups on programs that are implemented by the participating NGOs.

These components were conducted on January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>,

## “Cooperative Advocacy” Training for Ana Insan Association:

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by the **Higher Council for the Affairs of People with Disability**, to train 10 persons from **Ana Insan Association**, on Cooperative Advocacy skills, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

## “Lobbying, Coalition Building, and Advocacy” Training in Yemen, for the Coordinating Committee for youth of Revolution:

Partners-Jordan has been consulted by **IREX Regional Office**, to train 30 persons from **the Coordinating Committee for youth of Revolution**, on Lobbying, Coalition Building, Awareness Techniques and Cooperative Advocacy skills, in Sana’, Yemen, between the 13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, February.



## Partners-Jordan on Media



### On the National Radio

- Partners-Jordan has been hosted on air twice, by **Radio Al-Balad** to talk about the “**Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution**” Project, which is made possible with a grant from the **Civil Society Program - CSP**, implemented by the **Academy for Educational Development – AED**, and funded by **USAID**, for the period 2010-2012.

- Partners-Jordan has been hosted on air twice, by **Radio Amen FM** to talk about the “**Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship**” Project, which is funded by the **European Commission**, and implemented in cooperation with **Partners for Democratic Change International – PDCI**, for the period 2011-2013.



### Press Releases

- Partners-Jordan’s Project news has been published on several electronic sites and on the newspapers.



### On the National Television

- Partners-Jordan has been hosted by the **Jordanian Television**, to talk about the centers activity, mainly on advocacy, and has tackled other topics such as conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation.

- **Ro’ya Television** has covered the “Signing of 11 Contracts with Women from Unprivileged Areas to implement 11 Local Projects”.



### On the Magazines

- Partners-Jordan’s Executive Director has been hosted by **Rotana Magazine**, to talk about her experience in the field, and the challenges the women face in Jordan. An in-depth reading can be found [at this link](#)

**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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