

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the *Second* edition of the electronic newsletter for the year 2012, to give you a quick view on its achievements throughout this period, mainly on the progress of “Empowering Women through Economic Mentorship” project, and the closure of “Youth Mediation as a Tool of Conflict Resolution” 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.

CONTINUE Implementing 7 (SEVEN) Community Development Dialogue forums

Interesting discussions mixed with great hospitality that made us feel like home...



As part of the above mentioned project; Partners – Jordan continued implementing the 11 community dialogue forums in 11 unprivileged areas that started on March, as follows:

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, two forums were conducted in Kofr El-Ma, and Sheikh Hussein, in Irbid Governorate, then on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, one forum was conducted in Leb and Mleih, in Madaba Governorate, followed by another forum in Gatraneh, in Karak Governorate on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and in Irweim, in Tafileh Governorate, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and finally, two forums took place in Balqa Governorate in Al-Sbeihi and Kofor Huda on April 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 11 (ELEVEN) Small Community Projects in 10 Jordanian Villages

The start of a great feeling → contributing to the community with a personal economic benefit...

Under the same project; Partners-Jordan has funded 11 small projects, which has started working since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, in 10 different areas all over Jordan. The projects and the areas are 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 Mafrqa: 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 has visited the 11 projects in June, and was impressed with the great effort these women are putting to succeed and make a real difference in their small communities...





## TWO Gender Budgeting Sessions

Getting exposed to a new international concept...

As part of the objective *“Increase capacity of vulnerable women to engage in sustainable economic initiatives at local level...;”* Partners-Jordan conducted two sessions aiming to raise the awareness of “Gender Budgeting” in the 11 targeted communities among the previously mentioned project.

During the two sessions that were held in Partners-Jordan offices in Amman, on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; participants managed to discuss the new concept and how budget priorities are formulated and what the impact of allocations on men and women are, in addition to getting exposed to local and regional experiences.

The 17 participants coming from the North, center and south regions of Jordan, has conducted sessions at their own communities to help spreading the awareness about the concept.



### “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.

## FEEDBACK Interviews and Focus Groups in TWO Jordanian Universities:

“Wonderful” “Innovative” “Positive” “Fun” “Informative” “Interactive” “Enjoyable” ... Project

Under the activity “Conducting final evaluation for the whole project”; Partners-Jordan conducted a survey, interviews in addition to focus groups session with the project stakeholders and beneficiaries in both Al-Hussein Bin Talal University and Jordan University of Science and Technology, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in order to measure the achievements of the project objectives and to assess the impact of previously conducted activities under the same project.

According to the majority of Students as well as Administration, the project is a successful experience that students have gone through, as it has contributed to educate them on certain concepts and practices on alternative dispute resolution, that they will eventually need on daily bases.



Both Students and administration considered that the project is extremely important and must be extended until a real, long-term and sustainable change in attitudes and behaviors is done.

## 18 (Eighteen) CONFLICTS Resolved by Mediation:

So, it works?!?!!!!!!!..... Yes, Indeed...

Trained student under the same project have used the Mediation Skills to Meditate in Conflicts and have successfully solved 18 conflicts between friends, colleagues and family members.

Although the experience was challenging for the new mediators, but it has enriched their experience and skills in practicing mediation method in solving conflicts among their peers.

One of the peer mediators' achievements was stopping the violence between students in the Students Council Election Day. Further details and other cases could be found through the following links:

[Mediation Cases in Jordan University for Science and Technology, 2012](#)

[Mediation Cases in Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, 2012](#)



## Partners-Jordan Consultancy Agreement

Partners Jordan signed a one-year agreement to conduct “Advocacy Training and Mentoring” with the Jordan Civil Society Program (CSP), implemented by the Academy for Educational Development – AED, and funded by USAID.

Through this, PJ will deliver 10 three-day group training workshops for 30 community-based organizations (CBOs), after which they will provide mentoring to the organizations in applying community advocacy action plans on ground. Prior to the training, Partners Jordan conducts an assessment of the capacities of the CBO in the areas of advocacy the results of which will be used as a baseline for measuring their progress at the end of the program when PJ conducts the re-assessment.

### “Advocacy Training and Mentoring Service”

Learn new methods → Practice it → Change the community → Drive it to a better place

To date, Partners-Jordan has conducted two Advocacy trainings for 35 participants from eight (8) CBOs from the North, Middle and South regions of Jordan. The three-day training has been conducted in Amman between the 5th and 7th of June, and in Tafileh between the 18th and the 20th of the same month.

Throughout the training the participants managed to get introduced to the Advocacy concept, and the theoretical basis of it, in addition to new tactics and the Sun Tzu five steps, then each organization will create an action plan for a future advocacy effort in their small communities.





## Partners-Jordan Organizing a Local Meeting



### [THIRTEEN Centers attending the General Assembly Meeting in Amman](#)

Welcome to Jordan ....

Partners-Jordan organized the General Assembly Meeting for *Partners for Democratic Change International - PDCI Network*, which took place in Amman - Jordan, between April 23rd and 25th.

Thirteen centers have attended the meeting: Albania, Argentina, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, PDCI, Peru, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, and The United States of America, in addition to Partners-Jordan.

The meeting aimed at several objectives, parts of them was on approving PDCI annual reports and reflect on network plans and priorities, share practices and identify opportunities for regional cooperation on common issues, discuss opportunities for global initiatives and agree on topics and partnerships and to Celebrate Raymond Schonholtz life and reflect on his legacy for PDCI



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Prosperity can be achieved through responsible participative citizenship

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