

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the *Third* edition of the electronic newsletter for the year 2012, to give you a quick view on the center's achievements throughout this period.

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# Partners-Jordan Projects Activities



## "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.

### 10 (TEN) Small Projects in 9 (NINE) Jordanian Villages

Personal, financial, and social rewards...

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan has visited the 10 funded projects in the beginning of September, to monitor and evaluate closely the progress of each one of them.

The projects are as follows:

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

- 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...





## "Empowering Democratic Activists for MENA Advancement (EDAMA)"

18 month initiative aims at strengthening the capacity of democratic activists in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to support democracy in their countries. Facilitate in-person and virtual learning exchanges and opportunities between democratic activists in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, and MENA. And Provide 'learn-by-doing' opportunities for MENA democratic activists to apply new skills, ideas, and resources.

Engaging Democratic Activists for MENA Advancement (EDAMA- "sustainability" in Arabic), is being run in partnership with Partners for Democratic Change PDC, to support democracy in their countries. The project targets MENA countries that have experienced a change in government, and are currently experiencing significant political instability, and more stable countries whose governments may be open to greater political and democratic reforms.

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To accomplish this, a four-day regional conference was held in Amman-Jordan between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, September, 2012, to create an informal global network of democratic activists, provide basic skills training, and build inter-cultural relationships that will foster on-going support and virtual exchanges for 75 pre-selected democratic activists from the MENA region and 24 from other regions.

This forum will be followed by an extensive coaching and capacity building for motivated democratic activists through online engagement in a virtual platform that supports knowledge sharing, collaboration, social networking, and e-learning. Then convene three face-to-face sub-regional workshops, which will include more individualized technical assistance, coaching, and networking opportunities to further bolster relevant skills and to work collaboratively to enable activists to develop action plans to implement new strategies in their countries. And at the close of the program, final regional lessons learned conference will be held, to bring back together all the participants to solidify relationships of the informal network of activists who can share the practical experiences of implementing their plans, what lessons were derived, and to serve as mentors and moral support to each other.

## Partners-Jordan Consultancy Agreement



### Training of Trainers: In Sanaa' - Yemen

Partners Jordan signed consultancy agreement with Partners for Democratic Change (PDC) to train Partners-Yemen staff in Sanaa', for five days on *Training of Trainers*.

As a first step, Partners-Jordan conducted a need assessment, in order to determine the level of capacity of Partners-Yemen trainers. Afterwards; Partners-Jordan managed to customize a suitable training for the targeted persons, and delivered five



### Study Tour ... For Partners-Yemen team in Jordan

Partners Jordan signed consultancy agreement with Partners for Democratic Change (PDC) to provide an insight for four of Partners-Yemen staff on how projects, consultancies and other works are done in Partners-Jordan.

5-day study tour in Jordan was conducted between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012, at Partners-Jordan offices.



### Movie Production ... Five films on Anti-Corruption

Partners Jordan was awarded for a sub grant by USAID funded Jordan Civil Society Program to develop five films and facilitate a social media campaign in the issues of Anti-Corruption.

As a first step, Partners-Jordan conducted a research on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September, by using focus group methodology, where participants got the chance to discuss the general situation in Jordan, the meaning of corruption, the types of corruption, the UNCAC, the whistle blowers, and other relevant areas.

Following to this, Partners-Jordan is currently working on developing 5 movies, upon to the feedback received throughout the focus group discussions.



Partners-Jordan was invited by The Foundation for the Future (FFF) to speak about “*Youth Integration in Local Governance* (facts, challenges and opportunities)” in the “Local Governance and Civil Society in Tunisia: challenges, interactions and perspectives” Conference that was held on the 14th & 15th of September, 2012 in Tunis, Tunisia.

The conference that aimed at strengthening the knowledge of civil society, donors and different stakeholders of the role of civil society’s participation in local governance, brought together Tunisian civil society organizations, international NGOs, government officials and national and international stakeholders to share experiences and knowledge about the role of civil society in local governance in Tunisia.



**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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