

Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan gladly shares with you the *FIRST* edition of the electronic newsletter for the year 2013, 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.

Skills Improvement Training:

Building the capacities of 12 unprivileged women on specific topics related to business management,

As part of the above mentioned project; Partners – Jordan conducted 6-day training divided into two parts for 12 unprivileged women. The first part of the training was conducted in the period between the 28th and 30th of January 2013 and the second part was conducted between the 12th and 14th of February, 2013, in the Kempinski Hotel.



This activity aims at increasing the capacity of vulnerable women to engage in sustainable economic initiatives at local level, through targeted skill training on Marketing, Leadership, Social Media, Customer Service and Communication Skills.

Lessons Learned Conference:

Celebrating the Success of 10 small businesses in 9 rural areas in Jordan

As part of the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan celebrated the 10 women achievements at the end of the project, in 13th of March 2013, at the Le Royal Hotel Amman, hosting Civil Society, Women Mentors, Media interested individuals, donors and Government.

Mrs. Raja Hiyari the Executive Director of Partners-Jordan started the ceremony by a speech in which she stated that Partners-Jordan deemed to make a serious contribution, aiming to raise the capacity of the 10 women from 9 different unprivileged areas of Jordan and encourage them to enter the labor market. This project will enhance the participation of women socially and economically in their communities.

After that; 3 women represented the region's participation in the project (North, Middle and South) and presented a glance about the change happened to their lives where they gained new skills allowed them to start a small business which generate them and their families income constant. Afterwards the guests watched a short documentary about the project which illustrated the full process of the projects and introduced each woman and her project where they had the space to talk about the idea, challenges and influence of their own projects.

You may check the film through the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60e9ATqgjg4>

After the conference, a closed session was organized by Partners-Jordan to discuss with the 10 women the methodological process of the entire project, examples of good practices and lessons learned throughout the whole project.



"Movie Production for five short-movies on Anti-Corruption"

Partners Jordan was awarded for a sub grant supported by the Family Health International – fhi360, with a grant from the American people, through the United States Agency for International Development – USAID, to develop five films and facilitate a social media campaign in the issues of Anti-Corruption.

Five Anti Corruption movies:

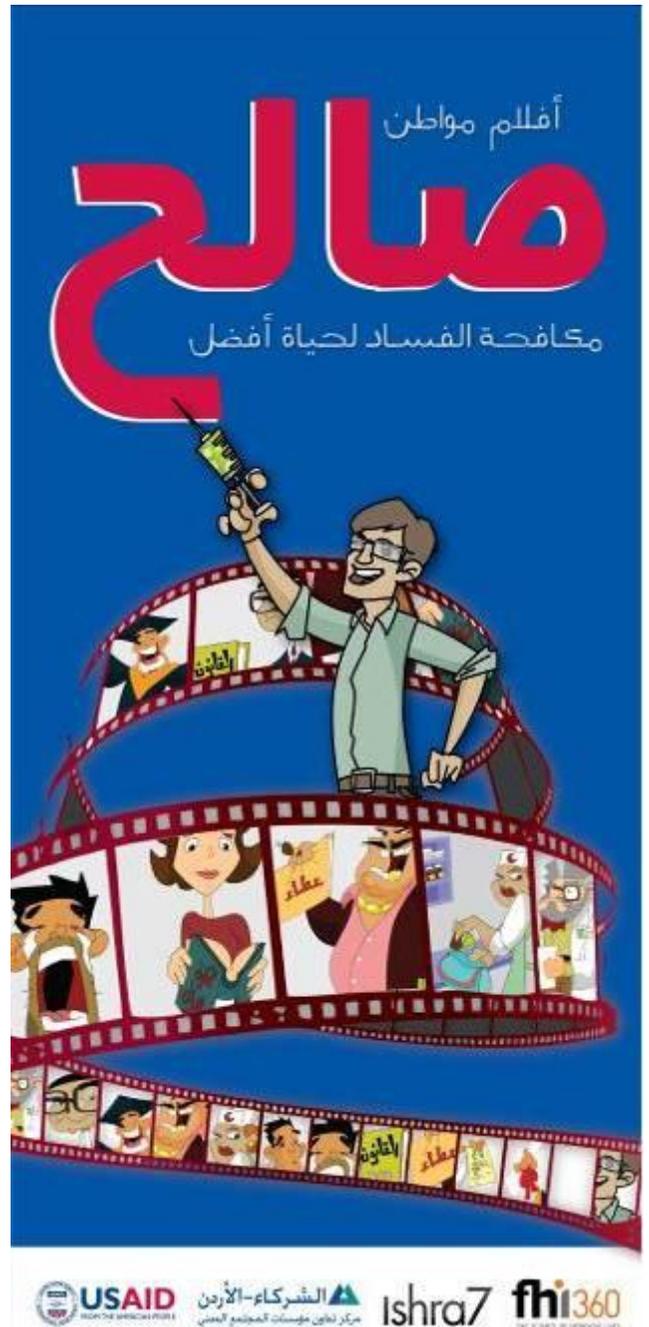
Anti corruption short-movies

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan created Saleh, (means good in English) as the main character of the five films is a Jordanian young man who faced problems caused by corruption such as: unemployment. The character reflected the needed awareness for citizens to activate their roles in fighting corruption. Partners-Jordan and Ishra7 (the Producers) cared to make his character a normal average character to show that participating in fighting corruption does not need a special ability or specialization.

The idea of the five films aimed to define corruption and its types in a simplified method, also it enabled the viewer to know about the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and refer to it and use it for their advocacy collective action.

On the other hand, the films explained how the civil society and individuals can play a role in fighting corruption by defining the whistle blowers concept and their role in fighting corruption, it also created a motivational factor by linking between corruption and human rights violations where it highlighted the -direct and indirect- effect of corruption over human rights and let the viewer measure it clearly, Finally the films showed the reciprocal relationship between fighting corruption and good governance and how it will produce a healthy country socially and politically. Briefly, Each video will be as follows:

- Video #1: Concept and Types of Corruption.
- Video #2: United Nations Convention against Corruption "UNCAC".
- Video #3: Whistle Blowers
- Video #4: Corruption and Human Rights
- Video #5: Good Governance as a Tool to Reduce Corruption.



You may check the movies through the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGqQNMFWwrR4P3jzheRLm0fxlCkg-4-WF>

Launching the Five Anti-Corruption Films

Delivering the Corruption Concept in a Simplified Context

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan organized Launching Ceremony at the Royal Cultural Center on the 15th of January, 2013, where representatives from civil society, Donors Agencies, Anti-corruption Governmental Commission and other interested parties were the main attendees of the ceremony.

Mrs. Raja Hiyari the Executive Director of Partners-Jordan started the ceremony by a speech in which she presented facts about corruption in



Jordan in the past year and the reform process and the anti-corruption index results for 2012 and compared it with past years results with special focus on Jordan, Afterwards the Five anti-corruption films were shown to the audience, and followed by a discussion about the corruption in Jordan, where anti-corruption related individuals such as his Excellency Dr. Mohyie Al Dien Touq stated that the idea of the films were very creative and had a balanced amount of seriousness, also General Ramzi Nuzha emphasized that we should fight nepotism and favoritism and to look at them as corruption factors not social interdependence .

At the end of the ceremony, a simple give-away package (a needle) was distributed to all attendees to remind them of the movies core message: "Fighting Corruption".

Discussion Group Sessions

Raising the voice of Corruption in different regions

Under the same project; Partners-Jordan conducted three discussion sessions in different regions in Jordan, aiming at raising the awareness on how to combat corruption in Jordan. During these sessions the five movies were displayed and discussed by the audience. The discussion was mainly on the role of individuals, private sector, governmental sector, and civil society sector in fighting corruption in Jordan. The sessions took place in Amman on February 13th, and 24th, followed by another session in Karak on March 28th.



"Participatory Budgeting, People's Voice in Numbers"

A project funded by the **Kingdom of Netherlands Embassy**, for the period November 2012 – February 2014. The project aims to enhance the opportunities for citizen participation in the budget process as well as improve public access to accurate and timely information on municipal budgets and expenditures in the six municipalities, two in the north, and two in the middle and two in the south.

Training of Trainers on Participatory Budgeting

Getting started with the first activity in the project...

Under the above mentioned project, Partners-Jordan conducted a 4-day training of trainers on Participatory Budgeting in the period 21st- 24th December 2013 in the Bristol Hotel in Amman as the first activity in the project for 16 participant were trainers and Partners-Jordan team.

The trainer Mr. Giovanni Allegretti is an architect and researcher at the Center for Social Research in Italy.



Additionally he is an expert on the subject of the participatory budget since 1997.



"Advocacy Training and Mentoring Service"

This project is a part of the Civil Society Project, supported by the Family Health International – fhi360, with a grant from the American people, through the United States Agency for International Development – USAID, for the period April 2012, to April 2013.

Advocacy Training

Three day interactive training

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan has conducted one advocacy training for 13 participants from three (3) CBOs from the Middle and South regions of Jordan. The three-day training has been conducted in Amman between the 26th and 28th of February.

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.

Field Visits

Getting the work done!!

Under the same project; Partners-Jordan conducted 5 monitoring and evaluation field visits from the 5th-7th February 2013, for five (5) community based organizations located in Zarqa, Mafraq, Amman, Baqa'a and Karak, to evaluate the progress over the advocacy initiatives' action plans implementation where the associations determined to conduct the activities, also to assess the needed recourses.



"Empowering Democratic Activists for MENA Advancement - EDAMA"

This Project is led by Partners for Democratic Change for the period July 2012 – September 2013. The 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. It facilitates in-person and virtual learning exchanges and opportunities between democratic activists in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, and MENA. And provides 'learn-by-doing' opportunities for MENA democratic activists to apply new skills, ideas, and resources.

Need Assessment Visits

Monitoring closely on the needs and demands for the participants

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan conducted needs assessment workshops in Amman from 17th-21st of March, Cairo from 23rd-28th of March, and Beirut on the 29th of March 2013, in order to determine the needs of the democratic activists who participated in the regional conference that was implemented on September 2012.

The participants had an additional training, individualized technical assistance and coaching and networking opportunity.





"Support for Training, Advocacy, and Networking in Developing Democracies - STAND"

This Project is funded by Partners for Democratic change with support of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), for the period January – March 2013.

STAND is investing in a carefully selected group of 4 gulf CSOs to build their capacity to organize collective action, mobilize their constituents, and influence government decision making

.This project aims at Sustaining civil society access to capacity building support in each target country and to Increase the capacity of NGO trainees to operate and advocate more effectively, collaboratively, and democratically .

Curriculum Development Workshop

Primary Step...

Under the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan conducted 5-day training in the period 20th-24th January 2013 in the Bristol hotel, where 18 participants from 4 Gulf countries CSO's enhanced their capacity in Leadership and Governance, Administration, Project Cycle, and Technical Operations by learn-by-doing method.

This workshop is the curriculum highlight over the project, and integrates training, mentoring, grants, and networking into one holistic process broken down into three discrete stages.

Training of Trainers

Getting started with the first step of Capacity Building

Under the same project; Partners-Jordan and Partners-Slovakia, conducted Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop in Amman Le Royal Hotel from March 3–12, which was designed to give the local training partners, the skills necessary to cultivate their sub-grantees into effective drivers of change,

Using a curriculum modified for the local training partners, the TOT trained participants on practical skills covering four topic areas Leadership and Governance, Administration, Project Cycle, and Technical Operations.



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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