



Dear Friends,

Partners-Jordan wishes you happy Ramadan and joyful Eid, and gladly shares with you the *Third* edition of the electronic newsletter for the year 2014, to give you a quick view on the center's achievements throughout this period.

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Partners-Jordan Projects Activities



"Integrating Good Governance Best Practices on Municipality Level"

A project funded by the **Middle East Partnership Initiative - MEPI**, for the period September 2013 – August 2014. The project aims to promote good governance practices in three Jordanian municipalities: Irbid in the North of Jordan, Balqa in the Center, and Karak in the South of Jordan.

Training for Local Municipalities on Good Governance Best Practices

As part of the above mentioned project; Partners-Jordan conducted in April 2014, three "Good Governance Best Practices" workshops for municipal officials and councils in three greatest municipalities in Jordan: Salt, Karak and Irbid.

Each workshop lasted for two days in each municipality, and discussed various topics such as: Good governance concept, Lapaz Mayor Experience in fighting corruption, in addition to the way to diagnosing the current technical procedures at the municipal level.

In the last day of each workshop, trainees came up with some recommendations and drafted three action plans for the municipality, which helps in improving the municipal work, in order to assure that the municipal procedures are free of any gaps that allow the occurrence of corruption.





"Encouraging Open government Policies that Support Economic Growth"

A project implemented in cooperation with Financial Services Volunteers Corps - FSVC and funded by the **Middle East Partnership Initiative - MEPI**, for the period September 2013 – August 2015. The project aims to assist local partners to advocate effectively for greater transparency and accountability in the Jordan National Budgets.

Training for CSOs on Best Practices for Access and Participation in Budgets Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability

As part of the above mentioned project; FSVC and Partners-Jordan implemented two workshops for 16 representatives from 11 local CSOs. The first workshop was on Best Practices for Access to Government Budgets and was conducted between the 5th and 8th of May, and the second workshop was about the Best Practices in CSO Participation in the Budget Process, and was conducted between the 9th and 12th of June 2014 for the same audience.



Both workshops aimed at supporting more public decision-making with regard to economic policymaking, and resulted in establishing a coalition of CSOs to work on more accessibility to the Jordanian National Budget, and more participation in preparing it, in order to reach for a high level of transparency and accountability.

Follow up and review on Tunisian Media Campaigns

Between the 14th and the 17th of April 2014; Partners-Jordan, conducted a review sessions in Tunisia, for the trainees of the **Dialogue and Media** workshop who participated earlier on this program which aimed at building the capacity and skills of Local Community Based Organizations –CBOs on dialogue preparation and techniques, in addition to steps of developing a media campaign to encourage unstructured workers to become registered within the legal labor structure in Tunisia.

10 persons representing different CBOs, in various governorates of Tunisia attended the review, which is part of a project entitled "*Tunisian Inclusive labor Initiative – TILI*", implemented by *Global Fairness Association and Partners for Democratic Change*.

Capacity Building for Jordanian Political Parties

Partners-Jordan was contracted by the *International Republican Institute – IRI* in Amman, to train 37 participants from nine Political Parties and the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, on **several skills** such as: Leadership, Decision Making, Resource Management, Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Time Management and Team Work.

The training was conducted for two days, at the Geneva Hotel Amman, on April, 27th and June, 15th, 2014.



Technical Assistance & Training for Saudi Non Governmental Organizations

The Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, The American University in Cairo, contracted Partners-Jordan, to train and provide technical assistance for 24 persons representing Saudi Non Governmental Organizations, on Nonprofit Leadership and Governance, between the 11th and the 14th of June, 2014 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Participants were trained mainly on **leadership, management and governance** in the Non for Profit Organizations, which allowed them to assess their organizations, and then came up with developmental plans by the end of the training in order to improve the situation in their organizations.

Capacity Building on Advocacy Skills and Coalition Building

Partners-Jordan was contracted by the *Freedom House* - Washington, to train 60 participants from three governorates on **Advocacy Skills and Coalition Building**. The training took place in Amman and was conducted for activists from Ajloun on the 13th and 14th of June, and activists from Tafelah on the 19th and 20th of June, and activists from Madaba on the 25th and 26th of June.

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