The King Hussein Foundation, established in 1999 by Royal Decree, works to sustain and build upon His Majesty King Hussein’s lifelong commitment to peace, sustainable community development and cross-cultural understanding through national and regional programs that promote education and leadership, economic empowerment and participatory decision making in Jordan and the Middle East.

The King Hussein Foundation encompasses the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, created in 1985 to facilitate lasting social and economic change across Jordan.
King Hussein Foundation

We achieve our mission by:

- Providing access to innovative education and capacity building to pave the way for progress and human development.
- Empowering disadvantaged individuals directly through loans, grants, and the establishment of income generation enterprises at the grassroots level to combat poverty and unemployment.
- Enhancing sustainable community development and participatory decision making in Jordan and the region.
- Promoting cross-cultural understanding, tolerance and human rights in cooperation with regional and global institutions.
- Conducting research and making policy recommendations in the fields of social and cultural development with an emphasis on the well-being of women and children.

The impact of the King Hussein Foundation (KHF) and its institutions reaches beyond Jordan. Starting with grassroots communities in the Kingdom, and exporting our most successful models throughout the region, we have built a reputation for helping to create effective and sustainable programs and institutions.

KHF Institutions and Centers

The King Hussein Foundation’s institutions have developed, with the assistance of many hundreds of dedicated Jordanian and international partners, into internationally recognized organizations.

The Jubilee Institute

The Jubilee Institute – the Jubilee School and the Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education (JCEE) – advances national and regional educational standards through the development of innovative curricula and training programs for public and private school teachers and administrators in Jordan and the Arab region.

The Institute effectively promotes leadership, social responsibility, cultural diversity, and the use of advanced curricula and state of the art technologies.

The JCEE raises awareness about gifted education and provides a new dimension to science teaching and learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery, today emulated nationally and regionally.

The Jubilee School, an incubator and a model for academic excellence and innovation, is a co-educational secondary institution that provides scholarships to meritorious and gifted students from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

Information and Research Center

The Information and Research Center (IRC) works to improve the well-being of children, youth and families by providing objective multidisciplinary research and analysis to practitioners and policy makers in Jordan and the Middle East to enable effective socio-economic planning and decision making.

Through active cooperation with national and international partners and the creation of an online database on development issues in Jordan, the IRC contributes to social and cultural development in Jordan and the Arab region by conducting and disseminating research on critical subjects such as child labor, poverty, gender-based violence, women’s and children’s rights, and early childhood education.
National Center for Culture and Performing Arts

The National Center for Culture and Performing Arts (PAC) promotes social development, cross-cultural understanding and tolerance through national and international performing arts programs, exchanges and training for people of all ages.

The PAC’s interactive social-based plays, creative movement and puppetry influence change by promoting entrepreneurship, healthy lifestyles, human rights, conflict resolution, democracy and peace to attain improved quality of life.

The internationally acclaimed Center hosts the annual International Arab Children’s Congress in Jordan, bringing together thousands of young people from around the world to foster tolerance and understanding.

National Music Conservatory

The National Music Conservatory (NMC) is Jordan’s premier institution for the development of talented local musicians and the promotion of music appreciation in Jordan. The NMC demonstrates the power of music to promote understanding, peace and unity across cultural divides.

The NMC provides music education at college and preparatory levels, and has a cooperative agreement with Yarmouk University to award Bachelor’s Degrees in Music Education and Music Therapy among other specializations.

A major ongoing initiative, in partnership with the Greater Amman Municipality, is the development of the Amman Symphony Orchestra, today an integral and highly regarded part of Jordan’s cultural scene.

Noor Al Hussein Foundation

The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), founded by Royal Decree in 1985, implements the King Hussein Foundation’s community development programs.

NHF assists in introducing lasting social and economic change in underprivileged communities by creating economic opportunities, building capacity for self-reliance, and improving livelihoods through programs that promote:
- Poverty alleviation and job creation
- Access to microfinance
- Business development services
- Participatory decision making and advocacy
- Income-generation enterprise establishment at the community level
- Women’s empowerment
- Family health care
- Sustainable community development

NHF achieves this mission through its internationally recognized institutions and Community Development Program.

Jordan Micro Credit Company (Tamweelcom)

Tamweelcom is a regional leader in microfinance providing micro credit assistance to ‘unbankable’ entrepreneurs. In 2008, Tamweelcom was ranked the top microfinance institute in the MENA region and the eighth best worldwide by the MIX Global 100 Composite. It has been internationally recognized for its commitment to financial transparency and management efficiency.

The loans assist Tamweelcom’s clients, mostly women micro entrepreneurs, to raise their families’ living standards. Tamweelcom also provides its clients with pioneering non-financial services such as marketing support, educational grants to school children, and capacity building of micro entrepreneurs’ skills.
Institute for Family Health

The Institute for Family Health (IFH) is a regional model providing comprehensive family health care services and training for professionals and caretakers in family health care, childhood disabilities, gender-based violence, psychology and social work.

The IFH empowers underprivileged families to lead healthy lives by providing integrated health care services that range from medical, social and psychological counseling to legal advice and dentistry.

Its services include psychosocial support and child disability management, in addition to reproductive health and human rights awareness programs. The IFH operates a specialized women’s health counseling center as well as a child day-care center. It recently opened the first specialized treatment center for trauma victims in Jordan and from neighboring areas of conflict.

Community Development Program

Established in 1989 as the Quality of Life program, the Community Development Program (CDP) has been NHF’s major vehicle for sustainable community development and capacity building at the grassroots level.

Through business development services and training, and loans and grants to establish income-generating projects as well as the creation of job opportunities, the CDP assists in reducing poverty and unemployment, and enables thousands of underprivileged people to increase their family incomes while improving their quality of life.

The CDP employs an integrated and sustainable approach that empowers individuals by equipping them with the skills they need to effect change in their own lives and communities.

The CDP encompasses several national programs that are being implemented throughout Jordan, including: Qudorat – Strengthening the Capacity of Community Based Organizations in nine governorates, the Local Development Program for Less Privileged Areas in four governorates, Capacity Building and Business Development Services Unit, including two micro business incubators in Aqaba and northern Jordan, the Quality of Life’s revolving loan fund in 15 villages, and Aqaba Center’s integrated services to the local community.

King Hussein Foundation International

The King Hussein Foundation International (KHFI) was founded in 1999 as a non-profit, non-governmental organization in the U.S. to build on His Majesty King Hussein’s humanitarian vision and legacy in Jordan and abroad through programs that promote cross-cultural dialogue and understanding, and are advancing social, economic and political opportunity throughout the Muslim and Arab world.

KHFI programs include the King Hussein Leadership Prize and the Media and Humanity Program. The King Hussein Leadership Prize is an annual international award given to individuals, groups or institutions that reflect King Hussein’s visionary and courageous leadership in their efforts to promote sustainable development, human rights, tolerance, equity and peace.

The Media and Humanity Program supports access to films and media projects that highlight shared values, rights and aspirations across social, economic, political and cultural divides with special emphasis on the Middle East and Muslim world.
National and International Outreach

Outreach in Jordan

The initiatives of the King Hussein Foundation and Noor Al Hussein Foundation have delivered comprehensive and sustainable socio-economic development programs that assist in the empowerment of individuals and communities across Jordan.

Outreach Worldwide

The King Hussein Foundation's institutions have transformed development thinking in Jordan and the Middle East through pioneering programs, many of which are internationally acclaimed models for the developing world. KHF provides training and assistance in implementing these best practice programs in the broader Arab region and beyond.

Shared areas of expertise include education and leadership, microfinance, sustainable development, integrated family health care, child-focused research and cross-cultural understanding.
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