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Welcome to the fifth issue of the King Hussein Foundation and Noor Al Hussein Foundation quarterly e-newsletter. Please feel free to forward to a friend or colleague who might also be interested.

Highlight



Her Majesty Queen Noor signs IFH's Arabic-language training manual during the launch.

» Institute for Family Health Launch of Training Manual for Victims of Gender-Based Violence

30 July 2009, Amman – Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Institute for Family Health (IFH) launched a training manual for health professionals on the screening, diagnosis and referral of victims of gender-based violence. The training manual is part of a project supported by the USAID-funded Private Sector Project for Women's Health (PSP) to strengthen the capacity of the Jordanian private health sector's response to gender-based violence by training health providers on the detection and the referral of victims to support services. The first Arabic-language training manual of its kind in the region, the manual has already been used to instruct 118 private clinic doctors, as well as hospital staff from nine private hospitals across Jordan. [Read the full article.](#)

Spotlight

» Information and Research Center Study Reveals Strong Economic Factors behind Honor Crimes

3 October 2009, Amman – The King Hussein Foundation's Information and Research Center (IRC) has completed the first stage of a European Commission-funded project entitled *Removing 'Honor' from Crimes of 'Honor': A Project to Change the Jordanian Mindset* by launching the findings of a study in a plenary conference last Thursday. The study, which applied economic and social science tools of analyses, was conducted by the IRC, the Mafraq Center for Development, Economic Research and Analysis (MACDERA) and the Jordan Center for Social Research (JCSR). During the process, researchers collated data on victims and perpetrators, used official economic and social statistics, and gained access to Public Security Department records and case files to fully support the study. Among the numerous factors that contribute to the honor crime phenomenon, the economic factor proved to be the most striking in its revelations, according to the study. [Read the full article.](#)



EU Ambassador Patrick Renauld and the IRC research team during the plenary conference on honor crimes.

News



A worker in Al Azraq prepares stones for a stone-cutting machine as part of the partnership between CBOs' income-generating projects and the private sector.

» National Center for Culture and Performing Arts Plays Focus on Conflict Resolution and Communication

The National Center for Culture and Performing Arts (PAC) has completed 18 performances of three different interactive plays based on youth-related issues geared towards Iraqis and Jordanians aged 12 to 18 years. The UNHCR-sponsored project, *Contributing effectively to decreasing psychosocial distress and social isolation of Iraqis*, is carried out in cooperation with the Institute for Family Health. The plays, which included puppet theater using the methodologies of Theater-in-Education, focused on inter-community dialogue and conflict resolution to promote tolerance, integration, non-violence and respect for cultural diversity. Each performance was followed by a workshop on conflict resolution and communication skills. The plays tackled issues of gender inequality and the prevention of physical and psychological violence within the family. The 18 performances in Amman, Irbid and Salt were attended by approximately 1000 children.



Jubilee School students organize a field trip for physically challenged children.

» Jordan Micro Credit Company Tamweelcom Signs Agreement with Educational Center

The Jordan Micro Credit Company, Tamweelcom, last month signed a cooperation agreement with the Sight and Sound Educational Center to allow Tawjihi and diploma students to receive funding on the basis

» Community Development Program Model Partnership Forged between CBOs and Private Sector

A model partnership between community-based organizations (CBOs) and the private sector has been realized by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation. The private sector will for the first time contribute to raising capital investment in community-based income-generating projects and at the same time build their technical capacities and marketing channels. Through the Local Development Program for Less Privileged Areas program, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, in partnership with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), has been working to economically empower impoverished local communities through capacity building and industrial experience. Working in areas previously identified by the government as poverty pockets, NHF has initiated two income-generating projects: a stone-cutting enterprise in Al Azraq and a tahini production facility in Guweira. Under a recently signed agreement, both enterprises will be under private sector management that utilizes trained human resources from within the community.



Members of the audience participate in debate and dialogue following a theater performance tackling social and cultural issues.

» Jubilee Institute Jubilee School Expands Community Service Programs

The King Hussein Foundation's Jubilee School signed a memorandum of understanding with the King Hussein Cancer Foundation to support and expand both their community service programs. The SIWAR Volunteer Program, implemented by the King Hussein Cancer Foundation, engages participants in the fight against cancer through fundraising and information campaigns. The Community Service Program, a compulsory program for all Jubilee School students, aims to raise awareness of the importance of community participation and to develop students into engaged citizens with the willingness and skills to respond to the needs of others. The Jubilee School requires each student to fulfill at least 120 hours of community service during their first three years at school.

» National Center for Culture and Performing Arts Bridging Social and Cultural Gaps Among Youth

The National Center for Culture and Performing Arts (PAC) held six workshops in support of its work aimed at bridging socio-cultural gaps and promoting cultural diversity among displaced Iraqis and local

of a facilitated installment repayment system. The center provides students with specialized secretarial, administrative and computer skills to improve their entry into the labor market. The aim of this initiative is to raise the educational level of members of the local community and have a direct impact on the alleviation of poverty and unemployment. Tamweelcom's social responsibility began with the launch of its educational fund in 2007 which addressed the high rate of school dropouts by giving school educational grants to its clients. [Read the full article.](#)

» Jordan Micro Credit Company

Tamweelcom Receives 'A' Rating Award

Tamweelcom, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year, continues its outstanding track record of accomplishments. After being recognized last year by MIX Global as the eighth best microfinance institution worldwide and number one in the region, Tamweelcom was recently awarded an 'A' rating from the global microfinance rating agency Planet Rating for governance, risk management, innovative products and services as well as efficiency and sustainability. In accordance with international best practices of monitoring and evaluation, and for the purpose of self-development, Tamweelcom requests Planet Rating every two years to evaluate its operations and procedures. According to Planet Rating, Tamweelcom also adopts international standards by economically empowering women in the community as well as raising the efficiency of its qualified staff.

communities. Three hundred Iraqi and Jordanian children aged between 7 and 14 years attended creative workshops in art and drama in themes that addressed issues relating to social isolation and cultural understanding. The project was implemented in cooperation with the International Orthodox Christian Charities–Action by Churches Together (ACT International).



On the Agenda

» National Center for Culture and Performing Arts

Petra Rocks: A Musical Play

A fictional drama based on historical facts, *Petra Rocks* is a musical play on a grand scale produced by the National Center for Culture and Performing Arts (PAC) in cooperation with the Greater Amman Municipality (GAM). Set in Nabatean times, the play relates the stories of ordinary Arab Nabatean lives, their social values, their scientific knowledge and their culture. This is as much a story of love as it is one of extreme courage and sacrifice told through the power of music and through a structure of tightly choreographed movements and dance. *Petra Rocks* premieres October 31 under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II and will be performed through to November 5. Performances will be held at 8:00 pm at the University of Applied Sciences in the district of Shafa Badran. Ticket proceeds will go towards supporting young Jordanians in the performing arts. For tickets and reservations, please call 5690292/3.



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