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Welcome to the fourth 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 extends her thanks to guests, donors and staff during the KHF Tenth Anniversary reception.

» Tenth Anniversaries

KHF and Tamweelcom Mark 10 Years

Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein participated in a week of events to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the King Hussein Foundation. The commemoration also coincides with the tenth anniversary of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Jordan Micro Credit Company—Tamweelcom. The celebrations commenced with the opening ceremony of the 29th International Arab Children's Congress on 5 July, and continued with a reception for the King Hussein Foundation's Jordanian and international partners and staff at Bab Al Salam Palace. "The King Hussein Foundation strives to be a meaningful living tribute to His Majesty King Hussein, who sought foremost to create opportunities for a better life for all Jordanians, as well as a more peaceful and prosperous Middle East," said Her Majesty Queen Noor.

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Spotlight

» 29th International Arab Children's Congress IACC Focuses on Children's Security

The 29th International Arab Children's Congress took place from 5–11 July under the theme *The Right to Protection ... Whose Responsibility?* under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor. Nearly 140 teenagers aged 14–16 from seventeen countries convened in Amman to discuss the well-being of children in light of risks such as war, pollution and the global financial crisis. Throughout the week, participants focused on the impact of war on children's rights and safety as well as the effects of pollution and the global economic crisis on children's well-being. During the closing ceremony, the teenage participants urged world leaders to implement laws and legislation protecting children from all forms of violence, including war, and to hold aggressors accountable. Participants also called for an end to nuclear proliferation by signing the declaration of Global Zero. [Read the full article.](#)



Her Majesty Queen Noor greets IACC participants during the opening of the 29th International Arab Children's Congress.



Her Majesty Queen Noor and new graduates of the Jubilee School class of 2009.

» National Music Conservatory Gala Concert Celebrates Tenth Anniversaries

Her Majesty Queen Noor hosted a gala concert to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty King Abdullah II to the Throne and the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of the King Hussein Foundation. Organized by the King Hussein Foundation's National Music Conservatory (NMC), the concert featured the Amman Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mohammed Othman Sidiq as well as international opera singers Nina Nowak and Francisco Casanova, and violinist David Hlavichka. The event was held in the outdoor theater of the King Hussein Gardens in Dabouq. Funds raised by the gala concert-dinner will support the NMC's initiatives to reach out to the local communities. The funds will also support the Amman Symphony Orchestra, established by the NMC in partnership with the Greater Amman Municipality. [Read the full article.](#)

» Jubilee Institute 2009 Jubilee School Graduation

Seventy-one proud students who comprise the thirteenth graduating class of the Jubilee School were presented with graduation certificates by Her Majesty Queen Noor during the Jubilee School graduation ceremony on July 8. The Jubilee School nurtures the critical thinking and life skills of gifted students from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds in Jordan. All students participate in the school's Community Service Program, and lead national and international activities during the school year such as innovative projects in science and robotics, Model UN, seminars and the annual Youth Economic Forum. [Read the full article.](#)



Opera singers Nina Nowak and Francisco Casanova perform at the NMC concert gala (Photo courtesy of the Jordan Times).

News

» Institute for Family Health Strengthening Understanding of Vulnerable Groups' Human Rights

The Institute for Family Health of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation launched a project for strengthening the capacity of local societies to better understand the human rights of vulnerable groups. Funded by the European Commission, the project seeks to raise awareness among local communities on better understanding the human rights of vulnerable groups such as children, women, refugees and people with disabilities to local communities.

The project seeks to reduce gender-based and domestic violence in society by building the capacities of civil society organizations and training them to respond to and address the needs of vulnerable groups in the community. Under the project, counseling at the Institute for Family Health will also be offered to victims of gender-based violence, while Iraqi families in Jordan will receive psychological and social counseling. [Read the full article.](#)

» Tamweelcom King Abdullah II Award for Excellence

The Jordan Micro Credit Company—Tamweelcom received a Certificate of Excellence for its second place ranking out of the 41 private companies which competed in King Abdullah II Award for Excellence for the private sector in May this year.

The King Abdullah II Award for Excellence for the private sector was established in 1999 as the highest quality and excellence recognition in Jordan, according to its website.

The Award was established to enhance competitiveness of businesses and to promote quality awareness as well as to recognize quality achievers among Jordanian organizations. This is the first time Tamweelcom has entered this competition.

The Award criteria for the private sector includes leadership skills, strategic planning, resources management, processes management and results.

» Tamweelcom

Middle East Regional Social Entrepreneurship Award

Ziad Al Refai, CEO of the Jordan Micro Credit Company– Tamweelcom, received the 2009 Middle East Regional Social Entrepreneurship award from the Schwab Foundation for his leadership role in maximizing benefits for the society and the environment in May. The award recognizes Tamweelcom's accomplishments as a leading microfinance institution in the Arab region that develops innovative pro-poor business models in areas that affect people's day-to-day lives and their future, while applying solid business practices to maintain long term sustainability. The award highlights companies which focus not on maximizing profit but on maximizing benefits for the society and the environment.



Tamweelcom CEO Ziad Al Refai receives the Middle East Regional Social Entrepreneurship Award (photo courtesy of The Schwab Foundation).

Updates

Institute for Family Health

As part of its provision of psycho-social services in Jordan, the **Institute for Family Health** subscribed in May this year to the UNHCR Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Standard Operating Procedures, signifying its commitment to the protection and assistance of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence among the displaced Iraqis in Jordan.

As part of this initiative, information booklets for refugees containing a comprehensive guide on services and assistance available through UNHCR and its partners will be disseminated, as well as a phonebook that contains information on SGBV and the contact details of support services.

On the Agenda

The **Institute for Family Health** will be launching its training manual on the screening, diagnosis and referral of victims of gender-based violence on July 29.

The training manual, for use by health providers, is part of a project by the USAID-funded Private Sector Project for Women's Health to strengthen the capacity of the Jordanian private health sector's response to gender-based violence by training health providers in the detection and referral of victims to support services.

The first Arabic language training manual of its kind in the region, it has already been used to instruct 118 private clinic doctors, as well as hospital staff from nine private hospitals across Jordan.

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