



# JORDAN CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK FOR DISPLACEMENT

DECEMBER 2021

# JABAL AMMAN PUBLISHERS

- Jabal Amman published the book Blue Birds - a story of hope written by a Syrian refugee girl at the age of sixteen, from a child's viewpoint. It details not only the experiences of war and escape, but the process of receiving counselling and mental health support. A percentage of the book sales were donated to Sawiyan to help refugees in Jordan.
- Jabal Amman also published Project Amal, a series of 9 books that help traumatized children with mental disorders and psychological distress caused by the aftermath of war, displacement and conflict.



# NATIONAL CENTER FOR ARTS AND CULTURE (NCAC)

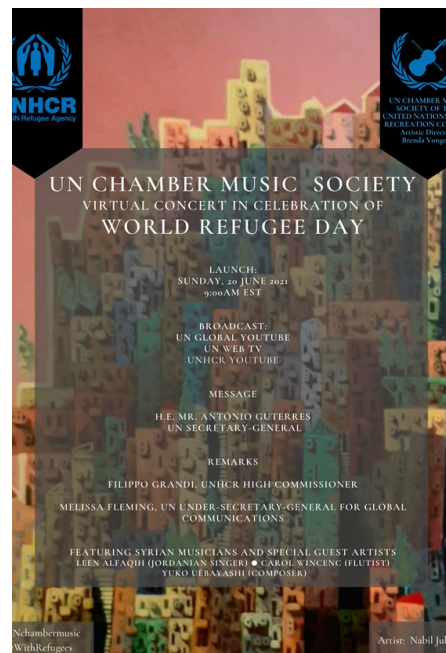
- NCAC organised over 120 interactive theatre performances, targeting over 14,000 Syrians and Jordanians and focusing on themes of co-existence, social cohesion, preventing and combating violence, trafficking, challenges facing refugee youth.
- The Center also ran Theatre-Based Techniques and Psychosocial Awareness sessions for 100 Syrian and Jordanian mentors, who in turn reached out to 2,000 youth in Zatari and Azraq camps.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Education, NCAC also trained 100 Syrian and Jordanian teachers on the topic of “Arts in Education for Empowered Generations”.
- NCAC also produced a guidebook on “Drama in Education and Theatre Techniques”.



# LEEN AL FAQIH

## JORDANIAN SINGER

- Leen participated in a regional UNHCR-led audio-visual collaborative project focused on the themes of resilience, solidarity, and inclusion of refugees who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. A communication campaign was launched in collaboration with Voices With Refugees on the International Day of Peace 2021.
- Leen also collaborated and performed with the UN Chamber Music Society | Virtual Concert in celebration of World Refugee Day 2021.



# SUHAIL BAQAEEN

## JORDANIAN ARTIST

- Suhail launched the national “Scent of Color” initiative for Jordanian and refugee youth who suffer from conditions that cause blindness/ visual impairment to express themselves through art.
- She also led the Jordan Chapter of the Japanese Toyota Global Art Contest targeting refugees called: “Let’s draw a dream car that can take you anywhere”.
- Suhail held an art exhibition in solidarity with Lebanon following the explosions of August 2020, to support fundraising initiatives on UNHCR’s global digital donation platform.



# LANDMARK

- Landmark supports the economic empowerment of refugee women through the ethical brand SEP, the Social Enterprise Project, which creates hand-embroidered lifestyle accessories crafted by female refugees from the “Gaza” Jerash camp in Jordan. SEP empowers women artists who were born refugees, with economic and emotional independence.



# JORDAN RIVER DESIGNS

- The social enterprise Jordan River Designs, part of Jordan River Foundation (JRF), has partnered IKEA group to become an official global supplier of handcrafts made by Jordanian and Syrian women to IKEA.



# LUMINUS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- A total of 1,129 refugees (including 47% women) graduated from LTUC's higher education, short courses and bootcamp programs in the academic years of 2020 and 2021.
- In celebration of World Refugee Day 2021, LTUC launched the new Nursing and Healthcare multidisciplinary labs, which will benefit Jordanian and refugee students alike and offer them a high quality environment for medical skills training.
- Participating in the Global Refugee Forum, LTUC pledged to improve access to market-driven higher education for vulnerable refugee and Jordanian youth.



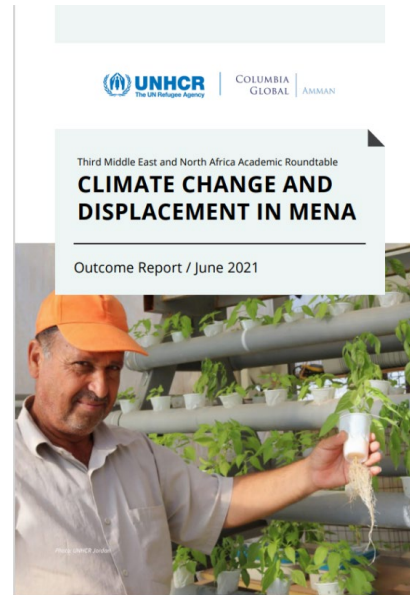
# ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERFAITH STUDIES

- The Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies organized a regional roundtable focused on “The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Addressing Displacement in the MENA region.”
- The Institute also conducted a national mapping of faith-based organizations in Jordan to assess opportunities for greater collaboration and synergy recognizing the role of the region in promoting human dignity.



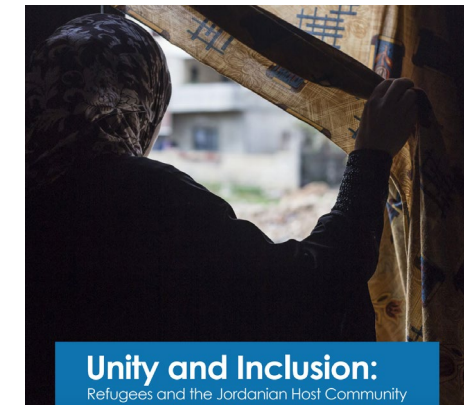
# COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS AMMAN

- Columbia University offers the Columbia higher Education Scholarship and fellowship Programs for Displaced.
- The Columbia Global Centres - Amman is also leading the Columbia University Committee on Forced Migration.
- The Columbia Global Centres – Amman also led the 3rd regional Academic Roundtable on Climate Change and Displacement, highlighting climate change as a threat multiplier, impacting displaced persons and the host communities.



# WANA INSTITUTE RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- The WANA Institute has made a number of publications focusing on the refugee response:
  - The Jordan Civil Society Initiative: Empowering Jordan's civil society sector to become a more impactful development stakeholder
  - Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security: Refugees and Forced Migrants in Focus
  - Workforce Development for Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Beyond
  - Measuring the Impact of Refugee Economic Empowerment
  - Renewable Energy for Refugees (RE4R)
  - Unity & Inclusion: Refugees and the Jordanian Host Community
  - Stateless: A Refugee Success Story
  - Role of Civil Society Organisations in Promoting Youth Participation in Policy Dialogue: Summary





# GERMAN JORDAN UNIVERSITY (GJU)

- GJU offered refugee students scholarships for masters programs and professional diplomas in Social Work.
- They also signed MoUs with UN agencies and NGOs to expand knowledge and information sharing on refugee protection as part of the educational journey.
- GJU have done capacity building on forced migration and ensured refugee participation as research assistants in regional and international research projects.
- Released a research on Negotiating Relationships and Redefining Traditions: Syrian and Iraqi Women Refugees in Jordan in collaboration with University of Birmingham.
- Conducted a project on "Social Integration of Refugees - taking into account cultural aspects" Jordan, Palestine and Germany.

# YARMOUK UNIVERSITY

## REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES CENTRE

- Yarmouk University conducted a series of 3 international conferences on refugees in the Middle East (2017-2019). They also hosted the "Protracted Displacement Conference: Hopes, Perspectives and Solutions" in 2020 in partnership with UNHCR.
- The University published a study on the psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautionary measures on Jordanian society and refugees, and a paper on the repercussions of COVID-19 on higher education and Syrian refugees students.
- Established a panel of experts to design strategies on the inclusion of highly vulnerable people in forced displacement settings.



# ARDD

- ARDD leads the Jordanian National NGOs Forum (JONAF).
- This year, ARDD launched the 2021 Walk the Talk Report on progress and challenges faced in implementing the commitments made by the Government of Jordan and the International Community under the Jordan Compact.
- They also published a series of policy briefs on the topic of “Empowering Women-Led Civil Society Organizations for Vulnerable Women During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- ARDD advocated for advancement of women's civic engagement in Jordan through a national march: “Together We March for Women’s Renaissance Marathon”. They also emphasised women’s civic participation on World Refugee Day by working with women from Zaatari camp.
- ARDD regularly conduct protection, legal and youth activities across Jordan.

**WALK THE TALK**  
FOR THE JORDAN COMPACT

Progress and challenges in implementing the commitments made in the Brussels Conference 2019 by the Government of Jordan and the International Community

**EDUCATION**

**WHAT WAS COMMITTED**

- The GoJ committed to enroll 130,000 Syrian refugee children in formal education at all levels by the end of 2019 under the Jordan Compact.
- The International Community pledged to provide predictable, multi-year financial and technical support to address the needs of the HLE.
- The GoJ committed to increasing access to quality education opportunities and improving the safety of the learning environment for all children.
- The GoJ committed to providing universal education to increase inclusion for children with disabilities and improving access to educational services in public and private schools.

**PROGRESS**

- 136,437 Syrian children were enrolled in formal schools, representing a 2 percent increase in enrollment for Syrian children, including an 8 percent increase in camp schools compared to the first semester of 2018, which exceeds the enrollment target in the Jordan Compact (SWG 2019).
- The GoJ extended its documentation enrollment waiver to the 2018-2019 school year, enabling Syrian refugee children to attend school regardless of their documentation status.
- The GoJ took significant steps in 2019 to revise curricula and textbooks and introduce standardized tests. In addition, the Early Grade Reading and Mathematics Project has been supporting improvements to early grade education since 2014.

**CHALLENGES**

- The GoJ has not extended its documentation enrollment waiver to the 2019-2020 school year. Even when in place, some schools did not respect the waiver and rejected Syrian students' enrollment due to a lack of documentation.
- More than half of all Syrian children aged 15 years and older are not enrolled in school. Net attendance rates among Syrian refugees are 47 percent less than Jordanians at the secondary level and 10 percent less at the primary level.
- While unintentional, double-shift schools have created inequalities in educational opportunities and outcomes, with Syrian students attending afternoon sessions receiving 221 fewer teaching hours than the national average over the course of a school year (EU Findings of the Education Quarterly Survey for 30 Centers and Schools, Dec. 2018 - Jan. 2019). The separation of afternoon and morning sessions based on nationality also creates barriers to social cohesion.
- Students in formal schools in refugee camps receive 121 hours less than their counterparts, enrolled in afternoon sessions in double-shift schools. The precarious nature of teacher contracts in the camp schools coupled with poor basic facilities create further challenges.
- Children with disabilities make up approximately 10 percent of all school age children in Jordan, but almost 80 percent do not receive any form of education (Dept. of Statistics 2019).
- The closure of schools due to coronavirus is expected to have a negative impact on school enrollment as vulnerable students struggle to access online learning platforms and/or face increased pressure to enter the workforce due to reduced household incomes.

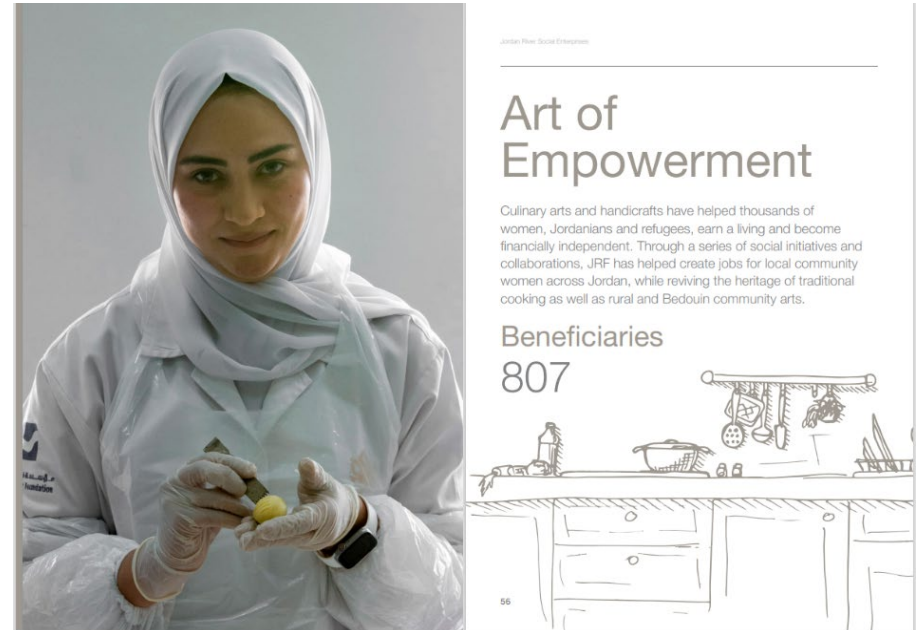
**WHAT WE RECOMMEND**

- Reinstate the documentation enrollment waiver and establish a clear complaints and referral mechanism for cases of Syrian refugee children rejected from enrollment in schools.
- Increase contact hours for afternoon sessions in double-shift schools, while continuing to promote integrated schools as a long-term solution to improve education in Jordan (see below).
- Improve the collection of enrollment data and invest in school transport to optimize existing enrollment capacity of integrated schools.
- Invest in teacher trainings and professional development and review teaching methodologies to improve the quality of teaching. This should include the integration of crisis-sensitive education skills, psychosocial support, and nonviolent disciplinary approaches for staff.
- Increase contact hours in schools in camps, place teachers on more predictable contracts, and adapt curriculum and methods to better address the additional needs of students living in camps.
- Enhance current non-formal education pathways to support the re-integration of OOS children and youth in formal schools and include in national plans.
- Disaggregate monitoring and reporting across school levels and by age to track barriers to education with consideration for how coronavirus has impacted children's education and protection needs.

June 2020

# JORDAN RIVER FOUNDATION (JRF)

- JRF runs various programmes for refugee and Jordanian beneficiaries, including but not limited to community empowerment programmes, child safety programmes, comprehensive prevention and response services for children at risk and SGBV survivors, water innovation technology programmes tailored to farmers, and more. Through the different programmes, JRF reaches thousands of refugees each year.
- JRF's improved 110 Helpline and Online Case Management Services benefit over 60,000 refugees and Jordanians.
- Training programs in social and economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, workforce readiness, and financial literacy are benefiting 30,000 young Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians.
- JRF also empower Jordanians and Syrian refugees by supporting home-based businesses through micro enterprise and workforce readiness.



## NOOR AL HUSSEIN FOUNDATION (NHF)

- NHF provides case management services & psychosocial support to over 38,000 refugee and Jordanian beneficiaries.
- They offer medical services, which reach some 36,000 refugee and Jordanian beneficiaries.
- Their disability services reach close to 15,000 beneficiaries, including refugees and Jordanians.
- Through community outreach, NHF reach out to thousands of refugee and Jordanian beneficiaries and engaged them in community and awareness programs.
- NHF also conduct capacity building trainings targeting over 500 professionals and university students.

## JORDANIAN HASHEMITE FUND FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (JOHUD)

- JOHUD implements an inclusive approach ensuring physical accessibility of refugee persons with disability and the elderly. This includes provision of accommodative equipment rehabilitation services, psychosocial support, group therapy, individual counselling, parental care, the elderly club, and more.
- JOHUD works to ensure vulnerable refugees' access to education, through the provision of learning support programs, and supporting community-based digital education through the Connected Learning Hubs.
- JOHUD also supports outreach and community-based protection through the 23 Community Support committees across Jordan, through community engagement activities, and women's empowerment programmes.

# JORDANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (JNCW)

- JNCW developed and endorsed the National Strategy for Women 2020-2025 that highlighted refugees' priorities through FGD consultations with the support of UNHCR.
- JNCW is also developing the Jordanian National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security 2018 – 2021 (JONAP).
- The Commission provides Technical Support on gender issues to the Jordan Response Plan (JRP) highlighting refugees' vulnerabilities.
- JNCW led and supported the national 16 Days of Activism campaign against gender-based violence.



# CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK FOR DISPLACEMENT (CSND)

- The MENA CSND held its first Virtual Dialogue on COVID-19 Responses, in April 2020. The Network has also participated in a number of different dialogues: Virtual Dialogue on Civil Society Landscape and Displacement Policy Analysis in MENA; Virtual Dialogue on Private Sector Leadership in Inclusive Recovery in Displacement Settings; MENA Global Refugee Forum Stocktaking and NGO/Civil Society Consultations feeding into preparatory analysis ahead of the High-Level Officials Meeting; Regional Academic Roundtable on Climate Change and Displacement.
- The CSND engaged in consultations with the EU and OCHA prior to the Brussels V Conference to highlight contributions from Jordan Civil Society. The CSND also participated in the Brussels V Conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and the region”.
- The CSND supported UNHCR Jordan’s efforts around the #Syria10 campaign, promoting the logo and messages on maintaining solidarity with Syrian refugees in Jordan, and in the region.

- The CSND participated in the field meeting of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework Reference Group in Jordan.
- It also published the “Youth Report: Consultations with Youth from Refugee and Jordanian Communities A Vision for better education from a Youth Perspective: outcomes from World Refugee Day discussions (2017)”.
- The CSND also participated in the “Refugee Voices in the Global Compact on Refugees: Consultations with Refugees” consultations.



## MENA Global Refugee Forum Stocktaking and NGO / Civil Society Consultations



UNHCR/Mohammad Hawari  
A Jordanian pharmacist provides vital COVID-19 support to her community in Jordan.

Virtual - Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 April 2021  
10 am to 2 pm (GMT+3) Amman Time  
[Register Here](#)

Registration deadline: Monday 19 April 2021  
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