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DSPR Jordan is a non-profit organization founded in 1951 to provide services to Palestinian Refugees residing in Jordan. It continues its mission today by offering vocational training, education, direct assistance, and psychosocial services to Palestinian, Iraqi's and Syrian refugees through its centers located around the country.

This newsletter provides an update of activities conducted in April & May 2107.



Assistance to Syrian Refugees

Within Syrian refugees assistance program through the Lutheran World Relief (LWR), DSPR Jordan implemented the following activities took place in cooperation with voluntary team at the mentioned governorate:

No.	Governorate	Location	Program		Families
			Infants Kits	SYB	
1	Husn	Husn Camp	-	1	25
2	Amman	Talbiah Camp	-	1	25
3	Irbid	Waqqass Camp	200		200

Within the same program, DSPR Jordan implemented (2) SYB training workshops at Jerash, and Amman governorates.



New Partner for DSPR Jordan

DSPR Jordan signed an agreement with ALL WE CAN- England for a program of (3) three months that included conducting SYB training courses, Psychosocial sessions, and Capacity building of CBO's and CRO's. During the reporting period, DSPR Jordan conducted (2) SYB training courses, and (3) Psychosocial sessions within this program. DSPR is now in the process for preparing a workshop for CRO's on the role of Churches on community development.



Training Workshops

DSPR Jordan conducted (2) T.O.T training workshops for (120) volunteers and trainers at north governorates (Irbid, Husn, Jerash, Souf, and Waqass) and the middle governorates (Talbiah, Amman, Hashimy, Zarqa, Madaba) within ACT SYR 171. The training was focusing on new component that was included in the new appeal which is Non formal teaching. The training continued for (3) days at each course and handled training at program component



DSPR Jordan conducted (16) Non Forma Education training workshops for (640) of youth of both genders, housewives, and parents of people with special needs at the project (8) governorates. The training covered several topics such as Drugs, Obesity, Skin Care, Building self-esteem, Early Marriage, Infections, Pollution, Building Teams, and Home Garden



New approach of work with refugees (DSPR & ICCO& Kerk in Actie

DSPR is working closely now with ICCO & Kerk in Actie to support Syrian refugees and host communities in the field of refugee entrepreneurship starts to gain more attention as it offers local services that help promoting social and economic inclusion and community cohesion and may help to grasp windows of opportunities that come with the catastrophe.

Both organisations believe entrepreneurs are among the best intermediaries to enhance as many lives as possible in a financially sustainable way. An MOU was signed between DSPR Jordan and ICCO & Kerk in Actie in order to move on with this important project.

Visiting Partners to DSPR Jordan

During May, DSPR Jordan received Trish Murray from Christian World Service (CWS) of New Zealand, where she attended vocational training workshop at Jerash Camp where women presented their own products of cosmetics, perfumes, dresses, food, and patisseries. Then she attended child forum where children were receiving training on recycling.

Also DSPR Jordan received Ms. Sharon Edington from ACT for Peace Australia, where she discussed with DSPR staff issues related to risk analysis, and financial reports.



(Towards building DSPR Strategy 2017-2021)

DSPR Jordan represented by its executive director attended the workshop that was organized by DSPR Central Office to revise and develop the draft strategic plan for the years 2017-2021. DSPR's working areas at Gaza, Lebanon, Nazareth, and West Bank, and the central office represented by executive directors attended this workshop and came out with draft of log frames and strategic directions to be presented at the next Central Committee and Round Table meetings in May, 2017



(New Area Committee for DSPR Jordan)

On April 22nd, 2017, the General assembly of DSPR Jordan met to discuss and approve the annual narrative and financial report. During the meeting new area committee was elected where Mr. Matta Jabra of the Syriac Orthodox church was appointed as the new chairperson. During the meeting, Mr. George Hazou, Mr. Waleed Zuurub, Rev. Khalid Freij, and Mr. Nabeel Younan who left the area committee was honored for their great work during their service at the area committee.



(DSPR's Central Committee & Round table Meetings)

During the month of May, 2017, DSPR Central Committee held its biannual meeting, to discuss several of issues; on top of it was the new strategy for the coming five years, financial situation, reports from the five areas that DSPR is working in. Dr. Audeh Qawuass was re-elected as DSPR Central Committee Chairperson for another 4 years, Mrs. Leila Dagher as vice chair, and Mr. George Hazou as finance subcommittee chair. After the meeting, DSPR conducted its round table meeting with its partners worldwide, where DSPR discussed with them the new strategy, challenges facing DSPR, and facing partners, prospects, and consolidated financial report of DSPR for 2016, and fundraising opportunities.



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