The Near East Council of Churches Committee for Refugees Work

DSPR – Jordan

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Introduction

The least we can say about our work this year is an exceptional one where DSPR Jordan witnessed high level of action and interaction, variety of activities and programs towards Palestinian refugees, Syrian refugees and the needy.

The programs and activities focused on Women and Children sectors and Syrian Refugees Relief Project within ACT SYR121.

We are very proud of this achievements that represent huge step in DSPR Jordan work which was confirmed by all parties that were involved in our work.

This would not happen without the support of the area committee and its chairperson, the team work, and the participation of all stakeholders that worked with us.

What contributed to the strengthening of DSPR Jordan this year is the increasing number of volunteers eager to join with DSPR.
Health

Goal:
Provide and maintain primary health care services to enhance the well being of Palestinian mothers and children

Progress and Impact

1. Upgrading clinic infrastructure (Sewage, painting, decoration, furniture, equipment, computer, fax machine, Scanner and Copier)
2. Patients data and information was computerized
3. All reports, transfers are submitted via emails and electronic correspondences
4. Monthly health awareness session are conducted on several subjects (Early diagnoses of breast Cancer, Birth spacing, Family Planning, Nutrition, Contraceptives... etc).
5. Health brochures were printed (5000) on six different topics to raise awareness among patients, clients especially refugee women.
6. Free Medical Days still a good practice that Refugees either Palestinians, Syrians and needy benefited from especially in Gynecology, Pediatric, and General medicine.
7. The clinics continued to be active in income generating to cover its operational expenses (49%) Total revenue till the mid of November ($ 5945).
8. DSPR participated in the national campaign to vaccinate children and adults from year 5-20 from both Syrians and Jordanians against German Measles, Rubella and Polio in three camps, Madaba, Huson and Talbiah where DSPR referred its clients to health centers at these 3 camps.
Vocational Training

To improve conditions and access to basic education for Palestinians in camps and marginalized areas, while enhancing their competencies and potentials

Progress and Impact

1. Complete renovation of Girls Vocational Training Centers Husn, Talbiah, Souf Camps including painting, sewage, electricity, water drainage, kitchens, toilets, tiles, ceramics,
2. Close Irbid Center and merge it with Husn Center to reduce admin cost and create production unit of folkloric products with high professional trainer at Husn Camp.
3. Girls Vocational Training Center at Huson Camp became very active center for all activities, programs, projects, training sessions, workshops and seminars for DSPR at Northern Governorate.
4. Voluntary Women Committee of 10-15 women was formulated in each camp to support, facilitate, conduct, DSPR activities.
5. Folkloric production remained the main activity of the centers, where its products were sold through bazaars and showrooms.
6. All events, programs, activities, sessions and workshops of the Syrian Relief Program ACT SYR121 at the Northern governorate took place at Huson Center.
7. The three centers will be utilized for the programs and activities of Syrian Relief Program ACT SYR 131.
8. Proposal of ($150,000) for Women Development Program was submitted to CWS-NZ for (3) years (2014-2016)
Youth Program

Progress and Impact

DSPR new approach is to contribute to the development of youth of both gender through:

a- Training courses on leadership for Christian Youth of different Churches

b- Seminars on Drugs as a lesion for Christian Youth committees from different Churches, and youth refugees in the camps.

c- Capacity building for youth of both gender

d- Writing projects proposals training workshops for Christian youth committees.
Loans

► Educational Loan Program:

Students received new loans while old students had their loans renewed, mainly to support them in paying university and college fees with an average amount of $850 per academic year.

Small Business Loan Programs:

Businesses loans were issued in order to enable beneficiaries to improve their overall living conditions with an average of $1700 per loan.

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DSPR Jordan
Syrian Refugees Relief Program
ACT SYR121
DSPR Jordan is a member of ACT/JSL Forum since November 2012.

The amount of ($205000) was received through ACT out of ($411000).

The launch of the project started on February 2013 under the patronage of Patriarch Kairos Kairos Theofolus the Third at Ruseifah Governorate attended by parliaments, church leaders, stakeholders, local, regional and international NGO’s, CC Chairperson, AC members and media.

The project included:
- Food and NFI’s distribution
- Health Awareness sessions and Free Medical Days
- School and Stationary Kits
- Leadership Training Workshops.
- Recreational and Educational Days for Children
- NGO’s Volunteers Training
- Psychosocial well being sessions

The program covered the governorates of Amman, Zarqa, Madaba, and Irbid.

Christian Witness was present during the whole project through the participation of churches and church leaders.

Weekly and monthly updates on the project activities were sent to partners and donors covered by media.

New appeal submitted of 1,546,000 for 2014.
Achievements 2013/2014

- 4176 families (Food & NFI's)
- 13 Health Awareness sessions
- 4 Free Medical Days
- 350 School and Stationary Kits
- 5 Refugees Leadership training courses
- 2 Recreational and Fun Days
- 12 NGO's Volunteers Training
- 20 Psychosocial well being sessions
Women Committees
Parcels Distribution
Free Medical Days
Delegations, Guests, Partners, Colleagues visits to DSPR

Being an active member of ACT/JSL Forum, and due to the great achievements that has been accomplished during the program shown in the monthly updates to all partners. Many partners, delegations and guests visited DSPR to closely see what has been done to support the Syrian refugees in Jordan. Their visits positively reflected on DSPR work which was advocated well through their witness, reflections and support.
Richard Bail, Free Lancer Photographer - Act For Peace Australia
3 days visit to make small film about DSPR work with Syrian refugees.

Ben Fraiser - Act For Peace Australia
2 days visit and participated in DSPR Food and NFI’s distribution campaign for Syrian refugees. The outcome of this visit was a contribution of ($ 98715) to Act SYR121 Appeal and ($ 40000 so far) for SYR131.

Martin Kessler & Michael Frischmuth – Diakonia Germany
Met DSPR Area Committee and Executive Director where they were updated on DSPR work – The outcome of this visit was a contribution of ($ 197000) to DSPR to Act SYR131 Appeal.

Luke Asoyaki- Presbyterian Church USA
Attended Psychosocial session for Syrian refugee women with DSPR activities. The outcome of this visit was a contribution of ($ 51500) to DSPR to Act SYR121

Gregory Bick – Norwegian Church Aid
Met DSPR Area Committee and Executive Director where they were updated on DSPR work – The outcome of this visit was a contribution of ($ 45000) to DSPR to Act SYR131 Appeal.
Dr. Bernard Sabella - DSPR CO Executive Director
Visit DSPR activities in Husn Camp within Syrian Refugees Relief Program, his visit was highly appreciated from all stakeholders working with DSPR.

Mr. George Stephan - DSPR CO Finance Officer
Support DSPR Jordan in finalizing ACT SYR121 Audit Report to be formatted based on ACT Alliance standards.

ICCO-Holland representatives Mr. Dick Leendersloot, the regional director, and Mr. Jehtro Kleibeuker the financial officer.
Overviewed DSPR work in General and with Syrian refugees in particular, visited some activities at Husn camp (Psychosocial session for women and fun day for children) ICCO will support ACT Appeal SYR 131 with ($500000).
Earmarked Funds received through ACT SYR121:

a- ACT for Peace – Australia  $ 98,715  
b- United Church of Canada  $ 31,516  
c- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  $ 51,500  
d- Wider Church Ministries  $ 10,000  
e- Church of Sweden  $ 3,767  
f- Church World Service NZ  $ 3,031  
g- Iglesia Evang. Espanola  $ 5,202  
h- Anglican Overseas Aid  $ 1,882

Confirmed Earmarked Funds through SYR131:

a- ACT for Peace – Australia  $ 87,000  
b- Diakonia Germany  $ 197,731  
c- Church World Service NZ  $ 77,461  
d- United Church of Canada  $ 75,722  
e- Wider Church Ministries  $ 10,000  
f- ICCO  $ 103,000

Confirmed Unearmarked Funds through SYR131:

a- Brethren Church  $ 16,000
and the main event:

German Church Leaders Visit
Girls Vocational Training Center Huson Camp
Irbid Governorate
2/11/2013
Launch of SYR 131

In an exceptional day witnessed high level of action and interaction, the Vocational Training Center for Girls in Martyr Azmi AL-Mufti Camp (Huson) received a delegation of (21) persons represent high rank of German Church Leaders accompanied by government and non government media in Germany.

DSPR Jordan had meet with the delegation at Bristol Hotel in Amman before they started its field visit to the camp and were briefed about DSPR programs and its achievements with Syrian refugees and needy people.
Delegation passionate and interaction

Who ever met this delegation could feel the passionate and the quick interaction with all parties involved at that day by:

► The delegation has been split into two groups:
  ► Group with the needs assessment workshop for (25) Syrian women
  ► Breaking the ice with the women group immediately.
  ► Women were very opened through quick responses to the delegation group questions on their needs and challenges.
  ► The delegation participated in Winter items parcels distribution to women
Delegation passionate and interaction

► Group with the Syrian Children

► The group has spent time with (50) Syrian refugee children of both gender where they spent a wonderful time together.

► Their sufferings were reflected on the painting and drawings that they shared with the delegation members.

► Children were very happy where they spent great time with the group, showing the importance of such events and activities on the children which drew a smile on their faces especially after receiving their gifts from DSPR.
Visits, interviews, and photography

The delegation was very active during the visit, they used several communication tools to identify the Syrian refugees needs and challenges which are served by the training center at Huson Camp.

They used the following tools:

A- Direct contact  
B- Questions  
C- Television interviews  
D- Photographs  
E- Home visits  
F- Open discussions  
G- Activities involvement

The delegation also managed to visit (3) Syrian families at their houses, several questions were asked in addition to television interviews.
Quotes
► “Yes, when we need to talk and express our feelings it gives us a relief even if we did not get any help”.

► “Asking about you is better than nothing”. “Christians took care of us, wish other came to help us too”

► “Very organized work you are doing, please keep it up”

► Syrian woman who just received winter items parcel: “Thank God, somebody cares”

► Anah is Syrian Refugee from Dara’ who is working with DSPR as a volunteer said: “DSPR saved me after I was pregnant and my baby was dead inside my womb, they referred me to a hospital even they covered treatment expenses, God bless them all”.

► Dr. Bernard Sabella (DSPR Central Office Executive Director) after his field visit to Husn Camp:
“In conclusion, my visit to DSPR Jordan was a rewarding one for personally and as the Executive Director of DSPR Central Office. I commend the great work being done by colleagues and their determination to reach out and work hand in hand with refugees. There is much work awaiting them and until the journey of turmoil and trauma faced by these refugees comes to an end with a Syria that is at peace with itself, the work of DSPR Jordan is essential and indispensable. God bless them all and give them and the refugees the courage and strength to overcome and to look forward for better times and prospects.”