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YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER CRISIS AND WAR: NURTURING HEALTH,
EDUCATION, PROTECTION, AND RESILIENCE IN PALESTINE

JULY 30-31, 2024 | Kempinski Hotel - Amman, Jordan

The Palestinian and Arab Networks for Early Childhood Development, in partnership with the Jordanian National Council for Family Affairs, are delighted to share with you the official program for our upcoming symposium for the young children of Palestine.

The two-day symposium, organized by Juzoor for Health and Social Development, will feature various sessions, panels, and discussions focused on understanding current challenges and initiatives for early childhood in Palestine, sharing best practices, developing coordinated responses, and mobilizing support to address the immediate and long-term needs of Palestinian children, with a special focus on Gaza.

See below the [detailed program](#) for the event.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT AND PAVING THE WAY FORWARD

Arrival & Registration | 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Opening Session | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Welcoming Speeches

Dr. Umayyeh Khammash | Representative of the Palestinian Network for Early Childhood Development (PNECD), Director General of Juzoor for Health and Social Development

Dr. Ghassan Issa | General Coordinator of the Arab Network for Early Childhood Development (ANECD)

Dr. Mohammed Meqdady | Secretary General of the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA)

Keynote Speech | 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Dr. Rima Salah | Chairperson of the Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC)

Session 1 | 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Showcasing the Impact of Crisis and War on Palestine and Its Children

Panelists

Introduction: Dr. Siobhan Fitzpatrick | Chairperson of the International Network on Peace Building with Young Children

Dr. Tareq Emtairah | Director General of Taawon (Welfare Association)

Dr. Raed Amro | UNRWA Chief Field Health Programme in West Bank

Dr. Yehia Abed | Director of Juzoor for Health and Social Development in Gaza

Dr. Sana Najjar | Field Family Health Officer at UNRWA Gaza

Moderator

Dr. Jumana Odeh | Founder and Director of the Palestinian Happy Child Center

Video Report: Voices from Gaza | 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Session 2 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Addressing Child Rights Violations and Enhancing Child Protection in Palestine

Panelists

Dr. Ammar Dwaik | Director General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR)

Mr. Ayed Abu Eqtaiash | Program Director of Defense for Children International - Palestine (DCIP)

Ms. Jehan Helou | President of the Palestinian Section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY Palestine)

Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian | Professor and Global Chair in Law at Queen Mary University of London and Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Moderator

Mr. Hussein Al-Amoudi | Gaza Emergency Response Manager at War Child

Coffee Break | 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Video Report: Hope Despite All | 12:15 PM - 12:20 PM

Session 3 | 12:20 PM - 1:30 PM

Poster Exhibition: Building on Resilience and Showcasing Ongoing Initiatives for Children in Palestine

Introductory Speech

Nabila Espanioly | Director of Al Tufula Center

This session will begin with an opening speech on harnessing resilience, discussing how current initiatives in Palestine should be built upon, and introducing new approaches for childhood care and development in Palestine. Following the speech, the session will transition into an exhibition showcasing the ongoing initiatives by various organizations for children in Palestine, with attendees going around to engage with and learn from the presented work.

Participating Organizations

World Vision; Palestinian Child Institute; Nafs for Empowerment; SOS Children's Village; Juzoor for Health and Social Development; Plan International; Qader for Community Development; Tamer Institute; Palestinian Happy Child Center; Early Childhood Resource Centre; Right to Play; & more

Lunch Break | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Session 4 | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Exploring Effective Practices to Support Young Children in Emergencies and Crisis Settings

Part 1: Examining Successful Models from Other Crisis-affected Contexts

Speeches

Ms. Liana Ghent (Ukraine) | Executive Director of International Step by Step Association (ISSA)

Ms. Akhlaq Al Shami (Yemen) | Secretary General of the Higher Council for Motherhood and Childhood

Mr. Alfateh Younous Haroun (Sudan) | Board Member and Program Coordinator at iACT

Dr. Maher Aboumayaleh (Syria) | CEO of Aga Khan Health Services

Ms. Suna Hanuz-Penney (Turkey) | Director of International Programs at AÇEV—Mother Child Education Foundation

Part 2: Showcasing Innovative Approaches and Technologies for Emergency Contexts

Panelists

Ms. Dima Nustas | Head of Education Programme at Seenaryo

Ms. Hamida Jahamah | Country Director at Plan International Jordan

International Rescue Committee [TBD]

Save the Children [TBD]

Moderator

Mr. Sulieman Mleahat | Education Program Director at ANERA

Session 5 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Advising Effective Strategies for the Holistic Development of Young Children in Palestine

Panelists

Ms. Rihab Sandouka | Director of Programs at Juzoor for Health and Social Development

Ms. Lubna Musa | CEO of The Palestine Children's Relief Fund

Ms. Hana Rabadi | Evidence, Learning, & Accountability Director at World Vision

Dr. Busaina Nazzal | Protection and Gender in Emergencies Specialist at CARE International-Palestine

Arab Resource Collective [TBD]

Moderator

Dr. Ali Shaar | Technical Advisor for Early Childhood Development at An-Najah National University

END OF DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024

FORMULATING SOLUTIONS AND FORGING PARTNERSHIPS

Opening Session | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Recorded Speeches

Ms. Tricia Young | Director of Moving Minds Alliance

Mr. Aziz Kaichouh | Director General of the Moroccan Foundation for Advancement of Education

Commencing Session | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Speakers

Ms. Wigdan Madani | UNICEF Regional Office Jordan

Speaker 2 [TBD]

Guided Working Groups | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Discussing Ways Forward for the Holistic Development of Young Children Based on Insights from Day 1; Outlining Recommendations

Coffee Break | 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Group Presentations & Discussions | 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Closing Remarks | 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch | 12:30 PM

END OF DAY 2