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Caritas Jordan Monthly Newsletter





Caritas Zarqa center was established on May 22, 1978. The center has been providing services and medical aid to local communities especially the most vulnerable groups in Zarqa and its surrounding areas. The establishment of Zarqa center has come to fulfill Caritas vision of helping the needy people and empower them through enrollment in vocational trainings, rehabilitation, and awareness in addition to fulfillment of material needs through providing different humanitarian services in the area. It is like any Caritas centers that are spread throughout Jordan and aims to build relations and network with local communities' institutions, as well as build youth capacities individually and groups. Further it aims to raise awareness of the society on medical and social issues.

Caritas Zarqa center is celebrating the 34th anniversary this month, continuing to provide services to the Zarqa area communities.

Zarqa center sections and services:

1. Medical services

a. General practitioner (GP) and gynecology clinic : the clinic provides the following primary health care services:

1. Clinical checkup.
2. Gynecological checkup
3. Small operations.

Subordinate medical services:

1. Lab tests
2. Specialists consultations
3. Medicines
4. Hospitals

b. Dental clinic:

1. Static and movable fixtures
2. Cosmetic fillings
3. Cleaning and scaling
4. Fluoride treatment
5. Dental surgeries
6. Braces fixtures
7. Dental implant ology
8. Check up
9. Pedodontics
10. Nerves treatment
11. Digital X ray

Dental clinic working days and hours: Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00- 7:00 pm. Sunday from 4:00- 8:00 pm.

GP clinic working days and hours: Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-3:30.

Gynecology clinic working days and hours: Wednesday from 8:30-3:30 .



2. Periodic checkup for school students

1. Providing health care for school students who are participating in the periodic checkup. The following medical services are available:

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- 1.Periodic medical checkup.
2. Dental periodic checkup.
3. Vaccination.
4. Social and health awareness lectures.

3. Social and health awareness program

The center holds awareness lectures tackling health and social topics as part of a work plan program that targets local communities in addition to center's beneficiaries.

4. Volunteers program:

The center is playing a coordinating and complementing role with the Volunteers Center. It is enhancing belonging and voluntary social service concepts through establishing voluntary working groups in Zarqa with an aim to reinforce the voluntary work and solidarity towards serving others without discrimination. The Volunteers program seeks to enhance and develop the capabilities of the volunteers individually or groups through providing training and rehabilitation courses and workshops so that prominent leaders will emerge, in addition to empower

the volunteers to run social and voluntary work within the framework of Caritas vision and mission.

5. The productive Kitchen Project

This project was established in 2011 in response to Caritas vision and mission in the social humanitarian work that seeks to improve economic development through establishing small productive projects that raise the capabilities of individuals and improving their incomes. The kitchen is equipped with modern equipment and utensils to fulfill the needs of civil society products of high quality food products like bakeries, sweets, pickles in addition to meals. To ensure a good quality of food products, the project is controlled by Caritas Jordan quality control unit.

6. Guidance program-listening

The guidance office in the center seeks to complement Caritas role in showing solidarity with others for the general good and in building humanitarian relations for those who are in bad need of listening to, for those who need social and psychological guidance to improve their capabilities and overcome their challenges and become active in the community. The center aims to create a new concept for charity work apart from providing traditional material and humanitarian assistance.



Caritas Jordan participated in the opening ceremony held on the occasion of opening the *Catholic Center of Studies & Media*, launching *Noursat Jordan TV channel* and *Abouna's new website* on April 25, 2012. The ceremony was under the patronage of **His Beatitude Patriarch Fouad Twal**, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and with the presence of religious, secular and media members.

Caritas Jordan was represented by the *Executive Director*, Mr. Wael Suleiman, Mr. George Akl, *Projects Manager*, Mr. Omar Abawi, *Program Manager*, Mrs. Dana Shahin, *Communication Officer* and showed its support for this event that reflects and strengthens Caritas mission and vision.

A group from Caritas Jordan in coordination with **Rev. Rifat Bader**, Head of Catholic Center for Studies & Media in Jordan, and **Mrs. Bassemma Samaan**, director of Noursat Jordan, took care of the event's printing materials that stress on the ideas and recommendations of M.E. Synod 2010, which at the same time reflect the project that Caritas Jordan launched a year ago in cooperation with Catholic Relief Services (**CRS**) to work within the parish on adopting the Synod recommendations and spreading them.

"We are brothers and sisters; God wishes us to be together, united by one faith in God and by the dual commandment of love of God and neighbour. Together we will construct our civil societies on the basis of citizenship, religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Together we will work for the promotion of justice, peace, the rights of persons and the values of life and of the family. The construction of our countries is our common responsibility. We wish to offer to the East and to the West a model of coexistence between different religions and of positive collaboration between different civilizations for the good of our countries and that of all humanity".

(Final Message of the Synod of the Catholic Church in the Middle East, num 9- one of the event's roll-ups)

Caritas Jordan participates in the Opening Ceremony of the Catholic Center for Studies & Media- Jordan



Updates... Caritas Jordan response towards Syrian Refugees

Caritas Jordan continues to disburse milk and diapers coupons to Syrian children in Mafraq in cooperation with MCC "Mennonite Central Committee". This comes as part of a prolonged plan that seeks to deliver six- month assistance to (200) infants less than one year of age.

Meanwhile, registration numbers of Syrians in Caritas Jordan premises has reached (1400) families; Caritas office is receiving **(20-25) individuals on a daily basis.**

Caritas social workers are paying home visits to Syrian families to conduct needs assessment studies and be updated with all developments and changes in the families' living conditions. They are also observing a high demand of cash by Syrian families as they lack the ability to purchase their basic needs.

Awareness Lectures...

Awareness Unit continues with awareness lectures each month to spread knowledge on various topics aiming to raise the awareness of the community concerning health and medical issues.

During April 2012, Awareness Unit targeted **(624) beneficiaries** from school students, Iraqi and Syrian Refugees in addition to Jordanian youth at both parishes and local organizations.

The lectures for that month included: **HIV/AIDS awareness** for Iraqi Refugees and Jordanian youth, **Milk benefits** for Syrian Refugees, **Puberty& Personal Hygiene** for school students. At the end of each lecture, beneficiaries received gifts and printing materials that reflect the content in respect to each subject such as awareness booklets, *milk bags* and *hygienic kits*.

*by MCC "Mennonite Central Committee"





A workshop on Local Needs Assessment conducted

The volunteers' center conducted a workshop under the title "local Needs Assessment" for **"Abna Al Watan Organization"** in Ghuwerieh- Zarqa.

The workshop took place on 23, 24 April 2012. **Mr. Hussein Dahamsheh, Director of the organization** welcomed the volunteers' center team expressing his gratitude for this initiative and the cooperation with Caritas Jordan in conducting such workshops.

The first day included a definition of needs assessment and why it is carried out. The 14 participants were then distributed to work groups, each group discussed the needs of their area of living and who are the needy categories, according to the groups studied needs. A social case study that is based on field visit was discussed and put an emphasis on the importance to fill all related information, in addition to come up with recommendations of the social workers after conducting the visit.

The second day tackled the principles of social service. The participants were distributed to three work groups, the first and the second groups performed a sketch about a true story that dealt with an individual who saw and talked to a social worker. The skit showed how the social worker dealt with this case; whereas the third group detected the negative and positive attitudes of the social worker while dealing with the case.

Finally, social services principles discussion and presentation had been made: professional relation, confidentiality, acceptance, self-determination, self-assistance and evaluation principles.



Services provided by Caritas Jordan

April 2012

Target Group	Assistance	No.	Notes
Iraqis	Medical	2600	GP, Dentistry, treatment, transference to hospitals, surgeries, psychology...
	Humanitarian	32	Food & non-food items, diapers, blankets, monthly salary...
	Educational	30	School fees, formal & non-formal education, vocational training
	Awareness	13	Awareness lectures on nutrition, diabetes, breast cancer, puberty, sex-education, Milk benefits...
		2675	
Syrians	Medical	163	GP, Dentistry, treatment, transference to hospitals, surgeries, psychology...
	Humanitarian	57	Food & non-food items, diapers, blankets, monthly salary...
	Educational	-	School fees, formal & non-formal education, vocational training
	Awareness	57	Awareness lectures on nutrition, diabetes, breast cancer, puberty, sex-education, Milk benefits...
		277	
Other Nationalities <i>(Migrant Workers, Somalis, Sudanese & other nationalities)</i>	Medical	2402	GP, Dentistry, treatment, transference to hospitals, surgeries, psychology...
	Humanitarian	45	
	Educational	-	School fees, formal & non-formal education, vocational training
	Awareness	19	Awareness lectures on nutrition, diabetes, breast cancer, puberty, sex-education, Milk benefits...
		2466	
Jordanians	Medical	678	GP, Dentistry, treatment, transference to hospitals, surgeries, psychology...
	Humanitarian	1552	Food & non-food items, diapers, blankets, monthly salary...
	Educational	47	School fees, university loans, formal & non-formal education, vocational training
	Awareness	535	Awareness lectures on nutrition, diabetes, breast cancer, puberty, sex-education, Milk benefits...
		2812	
TOTAL		8230 SERVICES	



One Human Family... Zero Poverty

Humanity wakes up every day with hope and anguish, light and darkness, knowledge and illiteracy, comfort and despair, happiness and sadness, birds singing, no bats, persons are born and others die.

However, every morning and despite all the contradictions, humanity is requested to be productive and work hard in all aspects of life: science and politics, words and deeds, agriculture and industry, construction, planting and harvesting, excellence in art and sculpture, music and dance and in creativity.

This production secures work chances for human, concentration, planning, and carrying out achievable work.

Man seeks freedom and safety. It is not enough to live in peace and safety, breathe air in safety and enjoy a life full of safety if man has no freedom as safety is like smoke that ends as the fire die out and disappears in the air, leaving no trace.

Freedom can produce safety but safety can't produce freedom. The freedom we aim here is freedom of thought, will, good production, continuity to live in freedom, which the Creator has given to human.

However, does the freedom that I wish to live help others to live free, or is my freedom a chain to others?

Does this freedom make me productive or indolent? Is it for my own good or for others'?

The freedom that is given by God is for humanity and my freedom ends when it hinders others'.

Freedom is everlasting; it is the sight and sound, the future of our humanity, a guarantee for safety. Freedom makes all united, brings peace, justice, tolerance, equality solidarity and respects to others.

Our ancestors left us a history, thoughts, logic, and knowledge. They introduced us to a comprehensive world. As they did a lot, what are we going to leave for our sons and grandsons? If we work together hand in hand and live in freedom and safety, we will leave unforgettable heritage to our sons:

“One Human Family... Zero Poverty”

Wael Suleiman
Executive Director