



YOUTH SECTOR



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Overview

Jordan has one of the youngest populations in the world, with 63% of its residents are under the age of 30. In Jordan, 100,000 young people start looking for work every year. 32% percent of youth aged 15–30 years are unemployed. The situation for girls is even more challenging, as Jordan has the third-lowest female labor force participation rate in the world.

Youth in Jordan are often educated and connected to the global community. However, the great potential they see in the world and in themselves is often at odds, with the political and economic realities they face as they enter their adult years.

Caritas Jordan youth response

By helping volunteers gain experience and capacity building relating to others, especially to the marginalized and vulnerable segments of society, Caritas Jordan volunteers' program enables them to become empathetic, advocates for the majority of the underprivileged groups while supporting the community to adopt certain concepts and activities that contribute towards building the civil society and empowering youth skills. The volunteers' program is aligned with the Jordanian National Youth Strategy (2019- 2025) which focuses on encouraging and promoting the concepts of engagement in voluntary work, building young peoples' abilities and skills, improving and developing the Ministry's programs in this regard.

Interventions

- **Youth mobilization and exchange:** Youth and community members are continually engaged in social voluntary work, involving them in the following services: civic education and engagement, pastoral committees' activation and church-based activities' mobilization, youth cultural exchange through internal and external camps, peace culture through training, conferences, initiatives marking world events campaigns, participating in friends of Caritas Schools' community service activities, formulating a peacebuilding curriculum to become active peace actors as part of Caritas social services projects.
- **Responding to local community needs:** Volunteers' skills are capacitated engaging them in workshops, orientations, acquiring scope of training such as soft, technical and professional skills, enabling them to respond to local community needs. Volunteers are involved in activities that support youth to identify and implement ideas which contribute to promoting community resilience through creating opportunities that lead to social cohesion, civic engagement, mentoring entrepreneurship self-initiative, and conducting prisons' visits.
- **Strengthening the relationship between CJ and Jordanian bodies:** Volunteers program provides meaningful opportunities build strong various partnerships with several national and international institutions, NGOs aiming at implanting societies volunteerism to encourage Jordanian, refugees and foreign volunteers to voluntarily serve communities, needy families, specialized institutions for a better future.



DATA SUMMARY

Volunteers centre held **74** workshops, trainings and orientation to almost **3000** participants.