

Media Advisory

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

I. WEST BANK ACTIVITIES:

- a. **Photography exhibit by Palestinian children:** Launch of a photo exhibit by Palestinian children, which will be hosted at A.M. Qattan Foundation in Ramallah, on 19 November at 1500 hrs.
- b. **Right to Play:** UNICEF and Right to Play Palestine are supporting sports and recreational activities for hundreds of children across the West Bank, beginning with a central activity in Ramallah. Activities will include rap music; a race from Masyoon to Al Ahliyyeh school; a theatre performance; games for children with special needs and a football match. The celebrations will take place at Ahliyyeh school in Ramallah on Friday 20 November 2009 from 0900 until 1230. Similar activities are planned for Hebron, Jenin and Nablus in the coming days and weeks.
- c. **Adolescent led initiatives on the Convention on the Rights of the Child:** UNICEF in partnership with Ministry of Youth and Sports; National Committee of Summer Camps; Al Nayzak for Extra-curricular activities; Maan Development Centre; Tamer institute and Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation, is supporting adolescent led initiatives at 143 adolescent friendly centres across the West Bank and Gaza. Activities include sports; marathon; folkloric dance; arts; drama; music and awareness raising campaign on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The activities will start on Thursday 19 November until Saturday 21 November 2009.
- d. **Student's Orchestra:** A UNICEF-supported concert in partnership with the Edward Said National Conservatory Student's Orchestra, Maqamat Ensemble and UNICEF Canada Ambassador Steve Barakatt. The concert will take place at Ramallah Cultural Palace on 21 November 2009 at 1800 hrs.

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II. GAZA ACTIVITIES:

- a. **Photography exhibit by Palestinian children:** Launch of a photo exhibit by Palestinian children, which will be hosted at A.M. Qattan Centre for the Child in Gaza, on 19 November at 1300 hrs.

- b. **Right to Play:** With four adolescent -focused NGOs, UNICEF is supporting sports and recreational activities for more than one thousand children. The activities will start with a marathon including children with special needs from Barcelona Park to Al-Yarmuk Stadium. At al-Yarmuk stadium there will be games for children, theatre performances and folklore dance. The celebrations will take place at Al-Yarmuk Stadium on Friday 20 November 2009 from 1400 hrs until 1600 hrs.

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