

Violence against Children

UNICEF and NCFA launched the last phase of the 12-weeks violence against children online social media campaign on 20 September 2017. The campaign’s strategy involves mobilizing online community, who happen to be current or future parents and/or survivors of violence themselves, to take a stance in supporting the campaign as well as speaking up against the issue of Violence Against Children. Through a series of targeted messages using statements, statistics, images and videos, the campaign aims to advocate social change; generate support for the cause, promote the use of positive disciplinary methods and highlight that violence against children is a real domestic issue. The campaign elements have gone through many testing phases. Ultimately, the campaign aims to shift attitudes regarding violence so that it may promote behaviour change in the way children are treated.

In the interactive phase, the online community is encouraged to post a photo or video clearly showing their hands marked with the black non-violence line and share the photos on their social media account using the hashtag #تعلم لا تعلم. To date, more than 350 stakeholders and influencers participated in the interactive phase.

This campaign is the first step of a multi-sectorial national behavioural change program to end violence against children in Jordan. The “تعلم لا تعلم” online social media campaign is an expansion on the Ministry of Education Ma’an (تعلم لا تعلم) Campaign, which was launched in 2009 under the Leadership of Her Majesty Queen Rania with the support of UNICEF and in conjunction with UNRWA and military education schools to reduce violence in schools. A recent assessment showed that while the campaign was successful in reducing violence in schools, there still exists a need to address violence in all settings, including homes and neighbourhoods. Hence the focus of the “تعلم لا تعلم” online social media campaign.

For more details: UNICEF Violence against Children Handbook

Healthcare Costing Study in Jordan

On 27th August, 2017, UNICEF convened a meeting with partners and stakeholders in the health sector to present the final results and findings of the Healthcare Costing Study that aimed at estimating the average cost and financial impact of expanding the health insurance umbrella for vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees.

This was in follow-up to the launch of “MOH Healthcare Costing Study in Jordan”, in May, 2017, For more details: Healthcare Costing Study - results summary.

The Learning for All (L4A) Campaign has started in August and it will continue till end of September with the participation of UNICEF 14 education partners. The L4A is a nationwide campaign that aims to support children going back to school, through door to door and awareness sessions. It targets out of school children, who are at risk of dropping out. To date, our partners have reached over 110,000 children, 14,000 out of which are out of school. They have been referred to public schools, Catch-Up and Drop-Out centres.

Journalistic practices on child protection issues in Jordan, 2017
Developing an App for waste - Strengthening waste water collection in Za’atari Refugee camp

Since July 2012, UNICEF has been managing the collection of wastewater from tanks across Za’atari camp, using a fleet of desludging trucks. To ensure a more efficient desludging operation, the Za’atari Wastewater Plant was constructed, and was commissioned in April 2015. Since then, UNICEF and UNOPS have been working together to ensure the maximum amount of water is collected each day, to reduce the potential for any standing water around the camp. However, managing over 40 trucks involves a lot of challenges. To address this, UNICEF and UNOPS, with support from a software company based at the American University of Beirut, have developed an application to navigate the drivers to the optimum desludging route. Here is a link of the case study that was published on Icon as well Strengthening waste water collection in Za’atari Refugee camp.

Strengthening Social Protection of Vulnerable Children

UNICEF and National Aid Fund launched a new partnership on Social Protection Systems strengthening, on 28th August, 2017. It aims to provide care and protection for needy families and raise their standards of living. The project includes a child cash grant for the most vulnerable children in Jordan. This will target 92,000 families (330,000 individuals) of whom 33% are children. Based on available funding, the project will initially support 1,000 families with at least two children aged 6-18 years with the highest vulnerability score.

Sharing experience on Case Management System

Beginning on 17 September, UNICEF Jordan hosted a delegation from Egypt, which included UNICEF staff and 10 government representatives, including from the police, judiciary, and the social development sectors. The purpose of the visit was for UNICEF Jordan to share information about the case management system in Jordan, which is shifting from a system used only by international case management agencies to a national system that is being rolled out using the PRIMERO/CPIMS+ modality. The visit included sessions with international and national actors in Jordan, including the National Council for Family Affairs and the Family Protection Department. The Egyptian delegates left Jordan keen to explore how such a system might be adopted in Egypt to handle the country’s case management needs.

Corporeal Punishment in Jordan

In July, UNICEF – in conjunction with the National Council for Family Affairs – facilitated a workshop on the issue of corporeal punishment in Jordan. The workshop included legislators, scholars, and leaders from the Sharia court. A key recommendation arising from the workshop was the need to repeal article 62 of the Jordanian Penal Code, which permits the use of violence against children in the home if it is consistent with custom. Some 60 people attended the workshop at which Hatem Kotrane from the Committee on the Convention of the Rights of the Child presented the Tunisia experience and global best practice.

Useful Links

1. Situation of Children in Jordan Sept 2017
2. Census Infographics
3. https://agora.unicef.org

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