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Introduction

Dear readers,

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies is pleased to present its 21st newsletter. ACHRS 2013 was full of new activities improving Human Rights in the State and in the Region. In particular we improved our effort in the topic of the women rights. With 13 activities during the all duration of the year, the Center has seen an improvement of the participants in the activities of the 32,4% than 2012. These activities had lead to a better acknowledge of Human Rights in Jordanian women mind and also a better will of Jordanian women in participating in public life.

In the same topic ACHRS has increased its activities in Lybia to stress the importance of brotherhood with the Arab World. The Training Courses on Libyan Women's Rights has been a good way to put a stone in building the new Libya.

ACHRS members believes that to teach better is important to learn better. For this reason a number of our representatives were sent in the main national and international activities on the Human Rights like the 38th congress of the Fédération Internationale des ligues des Droits de l'Homme. An ACHRS delegation participated also in the Universal Periodic Review showing a report on the respect of Human Rights in Jordan.

ACHRS members will continue to develop the consciousness on Human Rights also in 2014.

Happy new 2014,

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OUR WORK FOR THE WOMEN RIGHTS

ACHRS continue to work to improve women right's through training courses, lectures and workshops. According to the data of 2012, the Amman Center for Human Rights studies has increased its effort to expand the interest of local and international community on this topic.

▪ **The Training Courses of the Institute's Program for Jordanian Women Leaders**

Between January and December ACHRS organized the eight training course of the Institute's program for Jordanian women leaders (ProJoWLe) in cooperation with Future Foundation and Finn Church Aid, which was soon followed by the ninth and the tenth training courses in the months of February and April.

In the month of May, the girls of the Third group of the ProJoWLe and the ACHRS Director Nizam Assaf did a study visit to Lebanon. Than between May and June ACHRS organized the last Training Course



on this topic. Finally, the 24 of June, the 12 participants of the third group of ProJoWLe graduated. The ceremony was made Under the auspices of President of Jordan Women's General Union Mrs. Nuha Maaytah and was organized in Amman in the presence of families and friends of the graduates and representatives from a number of Jordanian civil society organizations interested in the subject of women's leadership. During the event the Center's director Dr. Nizam Assaf welcomed the attendees and the families of the participants, and wished them success in practical life.



■ The Activities on Jordanian Women's Rights

- In the month of April 2013, ACHRS organized a training course for the students of Um Hieran Secondary School for Girls with the aim to grow the sense of the importance of Human Rights. The goal of this activity was reached thanks to the trainer Salem Aqbilat, lawyer Saleh Abu Jaish, Hala Murad and the lawyer Noor Uthma.
- The 4th June 2013, ACHRS organized a lecture for parents in Wakalet Azhoor Primary School about women's rights and the Personal Status Law. The lawyer Saleh Abu Jaish held the lecture.
- In the month of October 2013, ACHRS organized 2 training courses in Al-Rusaifeh and in Jerash in cooperation with FINN Church Aid and the Professional Associations Complex for Lawyers.



➤ In the end of October 2013 ACHRS organized a training course on women's rights in Madaba in cooperation with the Melih



Center for Development and with the support of Finn Church Aid. The trainers for the group of graduates of the Institute of Jordanian women leaders were: a lawyer from the Majd Club, lawyer Amani Aweys, and the researcher Lina Jazrawi.

■ Training Courses on Libyan Women's Rights

➤ Between the 15 and the 19 of September, ACHRS in cooperation with Foundation For the Future



(FFF) organized a training course in Libya on the concepts of the state, the constitution, the law, citizenship, democracy, human rights, women's human rights , the development of political pluralism, the devolution of power, women and decision-making

positions, the International Bill of Human Rights, international declarations and conventions on Human Rights ratified by Libya, public freedoms, political parties in terms of the origins and evolution, international and local laws of political parties, the experience of women in politics, functions and roles of political parties, unions and the importance of union action, the role of parliaments in legislation, accounting, and management of state funds, appointments of senior positions in the state, internal regulations of parliaments and the mechanisms of forming and action of the parliamentary blocs, in addition to the role of civil society organizations and women 's organizations in public life.

- Between the 6th and the 9th of October ACHRS and FFF created the second session of the



Women's Leadership Program and carried out in Tripoli, Lybia. The training course stressed different Women's issues: political participation, Women's rights in the

Constitution, Legal and policy framework to strengthen their partnership, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), National laws on women (the Personal Status Law, Social Security, Labor Law), Labor Organization (ILO) conventions on women, Women and party work, Women and trade union action, Challenges and obstacles to women's political participation, Gender in Arab culture.

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR MEDIA WORKERS

The strong determination to improve the skills of media workers was shown also in 2013. Indeed in the month of September the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies in cooperation with



Al-Karama and Al-Jazeera organized a meeting hold in the Palace of Nations of Geneva, Switzerland, with the topic “Challenges of Media Coverage of the Crisis in Egypt”.

During the month of November 2013 ACHRS sent a representative to participate in the Symposium entitled “Protecting the messenger-Challenges of media coverage in conflict zone”, held



in London with participants from several media outlets (Al Jazeera, BBC, CNN), non-governmental organizations, Universities, the chairman of Arab Committee for Human Rights, the president of the International Federation of Journalists, the manager of the International Press Institute (IPI), the president of

the Press Emblem Campaign “PEC” representative to the United Nation , the manager of Doha Center for Press Freedom, the General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists UK and Ireland, the MENA Program Coordinator of the Committee to protect Journalists, the representative of the International News Safety Institute (INSI), the head of Campaigns frontline defenders, the director of the Ethical Journalism Network and the representative of the section for Freedom of expression , Communication and Information of UNESCO.

OUR ACTIVITIES TO TEACH AND TO LEARN HUMAN RIGHTS

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies every month organize and think new ways to learn more about the field of Human Rights as far as new methods to communicate it. Through this approaches ACHRS shows its competence in teaching the national and international rights of the people.

✚ Our participations in national and international Human Rights' Activities

- Between the 16th and the 18th of February 2013 the ACHRS Director Nizam Assaf and the Coordinator of Women's



Leadership Program Maysoon Al-Jariri took part in a Seminar hold in Egypt on the topic of on the Arab Charter on Human Rights.

- Between the 27th and the 29th of March 2013 ACHRS send a representative in Bangkok, Thailand, to participate in a conference on national institutions for human rights.



- In the month of May, the Director of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies Nizam Assaf participated in the 38th



Congress of the *Fédération Internationale des ligues des Droits de l'Homme*, hold in Istanbul, Turkey.

Our courses in the field of Human Rights

- Between the 30th of October and the 5th of November 2013 ACHRS organized a Training course on "Human rights and international humanitarian law" for 20 Syrian Activist held in the Headquarter of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies.

OUR COURSES ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Our involvement in the field of Human Rights is linked to specific sections that made possible a real implementation of our purpose. Between them we work to promote the participation of persons in the social environment to change society into a better one.

- At the end of August 2013, the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, in cooperation with the Professional Associations Complex for lawyers in Jerash organized a Training Course on participation in public life. Thirteen participants took part in the event who saw also the participation of the lawyer Amani Mustafa and Lena Khadr, as well as Dr. Lubna Baaouk.



- In the start and at the end of September 2013 the Center organized two Training Courses in cooperation with



the Association of working women in Zarqa and the Association of Women Charitable in Ma'an with the aim to improve the women participation in public life.

ACHRS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS

ACHRS helped students to know its own environment through visits in different institutions in the country. It also let Jordanian members of institutions visits schools to make feel better the link between state bodies and society.

- The 30th March 2013 some members of the Jordanian Parliament visit students in the First Mixed School Hussein;

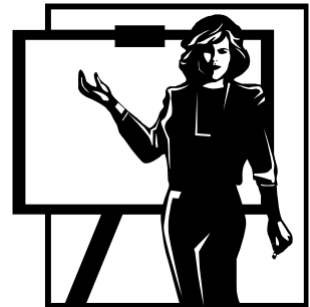


- The 25th April 2013 some members of Jordanian Parliament visit the Ainat Primary School in Madaba.



ACHRS AND THE TRAINING OF TRAINERS

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies since 2001 has continued to give new skills to improve gradually the knowledge of human rights in different Arab societies.



- Between the 12th and the 15th May 2013 ACHRS organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) on children's rights hold by Dr. Nizam Assaf and the Lawyer Manhal Al-Seddah.



ACHRS AND SOLIDARITY

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies believes in the values of each member of our association and strength in particular the value of solidarity. In the month of November 2013 the Coordinator for Expert Program Salem Qubailat and the Coordinator for International Relations



Wanda Dimitri, followed by the Interns Giulia Tonietto and Matteo Mannai went to the school for disabled boys in Madaba. The center is held by the Italian association Sermig (Arsenale della pace) and have the aim to help disabled boys and girls doing social activities improving their ability to be included in the social life.

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