

Statement on the Occasion of International Youth Day Amman Center for Human Rights Studies adds “Youth Rights” as a Seventh Priority in its Programs

The world celebrates International Youth Day on August 12 of each year, as designated by the United Nations, to serve as a global occasion to highlight youth issues and rights, and to promote their active participation in social, economic, cultural, political, and scientific life

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) affirms that youth are a driving force for change and social progress, possessing creative energy and innovative capacities that enable them to contribute to developing creative solutions to major challenges—foremost among them poverty, ignorance, disease, and national and social liberation—along with addressing the impacts of climate change and building free societies and happy peoples

This year’s theme emphasizes empowering youth and strengthening their role as key partners in shaping a more sustainable and just future, through investing in their potential, supporting their participation in confronting local, regional, and international challenges, and contributing to formulating creative solutions to them

On this occasion, the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies calls for the respect and protection of youth rights to quality education, the provision of decent job opportunities, the guarantee of comprehensive health services and care, and the empowerment of youth to reach decision-making positions in society and the state, in a manner that meets their ambitions and responds to their aspirations

The Center also announces, on this day, the adoption of a seventh priority within its programs— “Youth Rights”—to join its six existing priorities since its establishment in 2000: the right to life, the right to thought, the right to speak, the right to participation, women’s rights, and social protection. To achieve this new priority, the Center has established a Youth Rights Unit aimed at enhancing the role of young people in peacebuilding, reinforcing the values of tolerance, safeguarding human rights, and supporting sustainable development

It is worth noting that since 2019, the Center has launched the Youth Leadership Program, with youth constituting around 70% of all participants in its various activities—reflecting its deep commitment to empowering youth and providing them with the space for active participation in addressing their communities’ issues