

## World Autism Day

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The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) joins the international community and human rights defenders in reaffirming our collective commitment to building inclusive societies where every individual can thrive. World Autism Awareness Day highlights the ongoing global need to recognize the rights, dignity, and potential of autistic people, while addressing barriers that prevent full participation in education, employment, healthcare, and public life.

Autistic people face many obstacles in the Arab world, including the lack of available specialist services and social exclusion. Social stigma and misconceptions often compound these challenges, preventing full participation in society. These obstacles are not only social and economic issues but also fundamental human rights concerns, reflecting a failure to uphold principles of equality and non-discrimination.

This year's focus on valuing every life highlights that society benefits when autistic people are fully included. Embracing neurodiversity strengthens communities, enhances innovation, and enriches cultural and social life. Ensuring accessibility, understanding, and support is central to fostering societies that uphold the rights of all.

We emphasize that the measures taken to support neurodiverse individuals produce positive outcomes while encouraging both governments and society generally to adopt inclusive methods that allow all individuals to flourish. Some of the key areas this can be achieved are:

- Inclusive laws and policies the development and sustainability of legislation, which guarantees equal rights and opportunities for autistic individuals will ultimately strengthen social cohesion.
- Accessible and early education: Supporting the needs of autistic people will allow for greater learning, personal development, and social participation.
- Healthcare & social services: The provision of inclusive, person-centred health and social services will enhance the quality of life of both autistic individuals and their families.



- Employment & community engagement: The creation of accessible work and community programmes that encourage autistic people to utilize their skills and knowledge will enhance society in general.
- Participation & representation: Providing autistic individuals with a voice in decision making that affects their lives will ensure that the development of future policies and programmes reflect their needs or effectively address them.

On World Autism Awareness Day, and every day, ACHRS reaffirms its commitment to human rights, dignity, and inclusion for autistic people, and urges the region to take meaningful steps toward a society where everyone can thrive with dignity and respect.

More about World Autism Day [here](#).