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## Issue 19, Fall 2013

Welcome to the nineteenth issue of the King Hussein Foundation's quarterly e-newsletter. Please feel free to forward to a friend or colleague who might also be interested.

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### Success Story: A Sweeter Life

Subhiya's family had been barely making ends meet for several years: with an unemployed husband suffering from bone cancer and six children to feed and care for, holding on to her determination was a constant struggle. Two months ago, she partnered with her husband Mahmoud and the family embarked on a cotton candy business to help them sustain their livelihoods. Now, of Subhiya's young children is ecstatic about the new developments, noting that for the first time, the whole family can afford to eat breakfast together each morning. [Read more..](#)



### Tamweelcom Awarded 1st Place among Jordan's Large Service Organizations

Tamweelcom, Noor Al Hussein Foundation's microfinance institution, received the 1st place King Abdullah II Award for Excellence for the Private Sector, succeeding against powerful industry titans such as hotel chains and banks. It was honored for having the year's most successful performance strategy and most significant achievements. [Read more..](#)



### On the Road with MENA's 1st Mobile Microfinance Facility

Tamweelcom launched the MENA region's first mobile microcredit branch, which will serve three key developing areas of Jordan's north, allowing beneficiaries in northern poverty pockets to easily take part in financial services that are crucial for many struggling families. [Read more..](#)



### IFH Provides Crucial Insights on Refugees at UN ExCom

IFH was represented at UNHCR's Executive Committee Annual Meeting on the "High Level Segment on Solidarity with Countries Neighboring Syria" panel in Geneva to share best practice models for improving traumatized adolescents' overall health. [Read more..](#)



## Enacting Change through Theater

A partnership between NCCA, UNFPA, and the Y-Peer Network is realized through interactive theater techniques that raise awareness on issues such as healthy lifestyles, reproductive health, and civic engagement. [Read more..](#)



## Students Gear Up for National Robotics Competition

The Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education launched its annual kick-off for the National Robotics Competition, a nation-wide challenge that engages youth in complex engineering challenges. Over the coming months, dedicated mentors across the country will nurture Jordan's promising youth to realize their dream of becoming engineering and technology's next generation of leaders. [Read more..](#)



## Working Together to Improve Trauma Rehabilitation

The Institute for Family Health conducted the first meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee, a passionate team consisting of health experts from across the Middle East and North Africa, in order to address the lack of preexisting standards and protocols in the field of trauma rehabilitation. [Read more..](#)



## Supporting Jordan's Young Entrepreneurs

Noor Al Hussein Foundation's groundbreaking microfinance institution Tamweelcom and Qatar-based microenterprise initiative Silatech collaborate to target creative and motivated young Jordanian entrepreneurs and provide them with the tools they need to create successful new businesses. [Read more..](#)



## Small Businesses Making a Big Difference

Families in Jordan's most impoverished areas are gaining momentum towards financial sustainability and poverty alleviation by taking the first steps towards the creation of their new businesses, with support from the Community Development Program's Poverty Pockets Empowerment Program. [Read more..](#)



## Jubilee School Sweeps Competition Circuit

The Jubilee School continues to surpass local and international competition as its students distinguish themselves as innovative global citizens who are also passionate about effecting change in their communities through the application of science and technology. [Read more..](#)



## Civil Society under the Microscope

Information and Research Center Director Dr. Aida Essaid led a thought-provoking debate at Jordan's premier civil society conference "Advancing Change in Jordan: Sharing Reflections on Civil Society Achievements, Challenges, and Legacies." [Read more..](#)



## "My Right to Education" Keeps Underprivileged Students in School

At the beginning of the back-to-school season, Tamweelcom extended the reach of its goodwill services under the umbrella program "Haqi At'allam" ("My Right to Education"). The campaign endeavors to keep students in school by providing crucial supplies and offsetting miscellaneous expenses that are often enough to deter youth from poor families from continuing their education. [Read more..](#)



## Our Views: Messages from the Region's Young Leaders

Participants concluded the National Center for Culture and Art's 33<sup>rd</sup> International Arab Youth Congress with an in-depth discussion of their personal ambitions and recommendations for creating a better future for society. Such suggestions are not taken lightly – International Arab Youth Congress with an in-depth discussion of their personal ambitions and recommendations for creating a better future for society. Such suggestions are not taken lightly – these proposals are reviewed by influential leaders around the world in organizations such as the United Nations and the Arab League. [Read more..](#)



## A Musical Revival at Amman's Citadel

Former players of the National Music Conservatory's now-disbanded Amman Symphony Orchestra showcased their incredible talent at Amman's Citadel Festival recently. Collaborating with the Palestine Youth Orchestra, the group performed to a rapt audience at one of Amman's best-loved historic gems. [Read more..](#)

