

Project Update - May 2019

● Education Support Programs: Super Girls

- This month, our Super Girls made a traditional sweet dessert, called mahlaya, made from a mixture of milk, cornflower, rosewater, sugar and nuts. The girls prepared it together and then took it home to their families to enjoy after the breaking of the fast in Ramadan. Sharing food together is an important part of the Ramadan experience, so this was a great way to help our girls contribute to their families.
- We also focused this month on Mothers, with each girl writing a letter of appreciation and thanks to take home to her mother. They also promised to help out at home! When we spoke to the mothers, one mother said “I feel like you changed my daughter - now she is more helpful at home and more sweet with her siblings.” Another mother said “we need programs for Super Moms and Super Boys as well!”

● Technical Training for Women and Girls

- Our two ICDL classes have continued throughout this month, with 9 and 13 participants respectively. This month, the women have focused on learning skills in Microsoft programs, like Word and Excel.
- Our two Coding classes are also continuing, with 11 and 14 participants. The women are so excited to learn HTML and CSS that despite it being Ramadan, the participation rate was 100%.

● Women’s Economic Empowerment Program

- This month the 30 women in our beauty course have learnt about facial cleansing and massage, as well as manicure and pedicure. Manicures and pedicures are highly sought after in periods of celebration here in Jordan, so with the Eid holiday next week, the women can practice and implement their new skills!

● Women’s Empowerment 101 and GBV Awareness and Advocacy

- In Women’s Empowerment 101 this month, we have had 15 attendees, with some participants away due to Ramadan. With participants we have talked about the causes and effects of human trafficking; women’s rights; GBV; protection of refugees; leadership skills; and communication skills. The women are engaged and interested in the content.
- We continue to run the GBV course from our Downtown Center and are slowly seeing the men more willing to engage with the discussion.

● Leadership in Action

- We are preparing to start the second cohort of Leadership in Action after the Eid holiday (first week of June). Over the course of this month we have developed an action plan for the role-out of this second iteration, including how to approach recruitment of participants and trainers and how to evaluate the program. Recruitment will start in early June and we are looking forward to continuing to implementing the lessons learned from the last iteration and developing this program.

● Project Finances (through May):

