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# Resilience and Empowerment of Vulnerable Women: The Future of Jordan's Growth and Stability

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## UN Women and Partners Commemorate International Women's Day at Oasis Centres

This year, International Women's Day (IWD 2023) places a spotlight on the transformative potential of "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality." This theme not only harmonizes with the spirit of IWD but also sets the stage for the 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), focusing on technological and educational advancements in the digital age as catalysts for achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.

In a moving tribute to the fortitude of refugee women, UN Women, together with the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate, UNHCR Jordan, UNFPA Jordan, and the GBV Sub-working Group, recently held a series of events to honor the resilience of these remarkable individuals. Aimed at advocating for refugee women's rights, their empowerment, and protection from gender-based violence, the occasion was marked by interactive theatre performances, storytelling sessions, and engaging discussions.

The events were particularly significant as they coincided with the observance of International Women's Day, a time to reflect on the progress made in women's rights and the challenges that lie ahead. This year, the delegation of European Union in Jordan and delegates from the 7th Brussels Conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region attended the gatherings at the Oasis Centre in Azraq Camp. Their presence underscored the international commitment to supporting refugee communities and the ongoing crisis in Syria and its surrounding regions.

UN Women extends its profound gratitude to our partners, including the delegation of European Union in Jordan, the Australian Embassy Jordan, the Embassy of Canada to Jordan,



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*UN Women, alongside the partners, commemorates IWD 2023 at the Azraq Oasis Center, celebrating the enduring spirit and resilience of refugee women while fostering conversations on their rights, empowerment, and the collective journey towards gender equality.*

the Embassy of Finland in Beirut, the French Embassy in Jordan, the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Jordan. Their unwavering support for the Oasis Centres has been instrumental in reaching the most marginalized women, providing them with a sanctuary for growth and healing. Their dedication to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment is not only celebrated on International Women's Day but is also a testament to their commitment to fostering these values every day.

The Oasis Centres, established as havens of support and development, continue to serve as a beacon of hope and progress. The efforts made by these women, often in the face of unimaginable challenges, remind us of the enduring spirit of humanity and the power of collective action in creating a more equitable world.



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We extend our heartfelt thanks to Her Excellency Ms. Wafa Bani Mustafa, Minister of Social Development and Chairperson of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Women's Empowerment, for her recent visit to the Oasis Centers in Al Taybeh and Al Moujeb. Her presence was a significant gesture of encouragement to the women participating in the tailoring and hairdressing training programs. The Minister's support and recognition of the diligent efforts put forth by these women are invaluable. These centers operate under the collaborative efforts with the Ministry of Social Development and are generously funded by the EU Trust Fund 'Madad', reflecting a shared commitment to enhancing vocational skills and fostering economic independence among women in the region.

## Two-Day Retreat Sets Path for Enhanced Impact of Oasis Centers in Jordan



*Oasis Centres and Ministry of Social Development strategize at a retreat to further empower Jordanian and refugee women, with funded from the EU Madad Fund.*

In an impactful two-day retreat, the 18 Oasis Centres, operating across 11 governorates in Jordan which are funded by EU Trust Fund 'Madad', convened with the Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) to refine and enhance their support programs for vulnerable Jordanian and refugee women.

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## Celebrating Gender Equality in the Digital Age: The 11th Women's Film Week Honors International Women's Day



We are excited to announce the 11th Women's Film Week, graciously under the patronage of HRH Princess Basma bint Talal, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador. This significant event is a collaborative effort organized by UN Women and the Royal Film Commission - Jordan, featuring the artistic direction of renowned filmmaker and TV presenter Ghada Saba. This year's edition coincides with the International Women's Day celebrations and bears the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," reflecting the crucial role of digital advancement in promoting gender parity. We extend our sincere gratitude to our esteemed partners including the embassies of the Argentine Republic, Belgium, Finland, Ireland, Italy, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the European Union, the Doha Film Institute, and the U.S. Embassy in Jordan, for their generous support in making this event a platform for dialogue, reflection, and celebration of women's achievements in film and technology.

The Oasis Centres, under the EU Trust Fund 'Madad', are pivotal in empowering women through skill development, psychosocial support, and education. The retreat focused on collaborative strategies to bolster the centres' initiatives, align with national development goals, and improve the socio-economic status of women.

Key outcomes include a commitment to strengthen skill development and awareness raising support. This strategic collaboration underscores the importance of partnership in driving effective social change and paves the way for the Oasis Centres to amplify their positive impact on women's lives in Jordan.



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