

# Improvement of Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities in the Middle East through employment



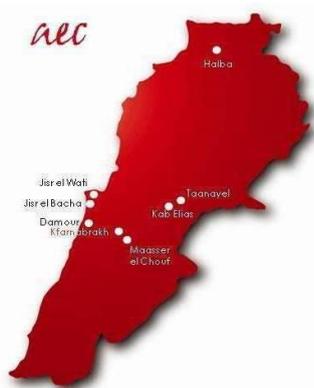
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The Convenio is aimed at making a significant contribution to creating a favorable social and physical environment to all those who suffer from disabilities, enabling them to be direct and active agents of their own development. The general purpose of the Convenio focuses on improving the quality of life and the integration of disabled people in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

The first specific objective of the Convenio aims at adapting public spaces to make them accessible to Persons with Disabilities.

The second specific objective of this Convenio is the development of programs that ensure a better integration of Persons with Disabilities through access to vocational training and employment and to ensure better integration opportunities and economic independence of Persons with Disabilities.

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Arcenciel, due to its long experience in providing vocational training as part of their employment program, and their extensive partnership with the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs, is the leading NGO in charge of the coordination of all the interventions being conducted in Syria, Jordan and Egypt. Arcenciel is guiding the other local organizations on the type of vocational trainings and employment strategies to support the access to employment for Persons with Disabilities.

JORDAN 

## Vocational Training

### IT training course in Jabal Tareq Vocational Training Center (VTC)

**Location:** Jabal Tareq – Al Zarqa Governorate

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** 20 boys and girls with mental disabilities

**Duration of the course:** 2 months

**Type of course:** Internet, Word and other basic computer programs

The course was held twice a week;

Before the beginning of the training course, Al Hussein Society in collaboration with FPSC renewed the IT room, purchased new adapted devices, such as computers, mice, but they also built ramps, to facilitate the access to wheelchairs, installed wall handles and built new toilets to meet the accessibility standards;

The trainees were selected in collaboration with the local institution Princess Basma Association which works with Persons with Disabilities;

This training course is now fully included the VTC program.

### Planned activities for 2014

IT training course in Jabal Tareq Vocational Training Center (VTC)

The IT course will register a new group of students, while the previous group will continue to go to the Centre once a week to strengthen and improve their skills.



SYRIA 

## Vocational Trainings

**Yadan bi Yad has provided different types of training programs:**

**Location:** Aleppo Governorate

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** around 100

**Duration of the course:** 9 months, from September 2011 to May 2012

**Type of courses:**

- blacksmith workshop;
- upholstery workshop;
- carpentry workshop;
- sewing and embroidery workshop;
- office workshop;
- computer workshop.



## Planned activities for 2014

### - Trainings provided by Yadan bi Yad

**Location:** centers for displaced persons in Aleppo Governorate

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** 30 people with physical disability and medium mental disability between the age of 14 and 30

**Duration of the course:** Yadan bi Yad will provide personalized programs for each trainee (depending on a case by case approach)

**Type of course:** carpentry and sewing workshops;

Trainers with previous experience in teaching people with disabilities were hired.

The assessment and selection of trainees started in November 2013. The training course is expected to be launched by the beginning of 2014.

### - Trainings in private institutes

**Location:** private institutes in Aleppo Governorate

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** Unknown until the registration period starts

**Duration of the course:** On case by case approach

**Type of courses:**

- sewing and upholstery workshop;
- computer workshop;
- make up workshop;
- hairdressing workshop.

## EGYPT

### Employment and training unit

The unit - a mobile van unit - is equipped to provide services for unemployed Persons with Disabilities that are willing to join the labor market. These services include: recruitment, labor advice, training and economic empowerment.

The mobile unit has been operational since March 2013, and with it, CEOSS (Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services) is undergoing the awareness raising campaigns and the selection of beneficiaries, in full cooperation with the Community Based Organizations (CBO's).



The mobile unit has provided recruitment services and labour orientation for the Persons with Disabilities, supported by a team of technical staff. Throughout the campaigns, recruitment consultants have been assigned to provide job consultation for jobseekers.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013, a total of 6 community campaigns have been carried out, targeting 72 Persons with Disabilities.

## **Vocational Training**

- Computer and laptop maintenance training course

**Location:** Different locations in Cairo

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** 50 people

**Duration of the course:** 102 hours (3 months)

**Type of course:** vocational training program on computer and laptop maintenance;

A credited software certificate from the Ministry of Labour was issued by the end of the program;

Exclusive Rehabilitation CBO will provide loans for the trainees through their lending programs to facilitate self-employment through the creation of small businesses.

### **Planned activities for 2014**

Various training activities are already planned for 2014:

- IT training courses;
- language courses.

Training curriculum orientation (- CV writing;- interview training course;)

- IT training course

**Location:** Shebeen El Kanater Community

**Numbers of beneficiaries:** 104 persons

**Duration of the course:** 102 hours (3 months)

**Type of course:** computer skills and internet utility training course.

These activities and interventions are set to facilitate the empowerment and economic independence of the beneficiaries.