

Legislation and evidence that the National Council for Family Affairs carried out and participated in regarding the family and the child

The Council operates under Law No. 27 of 2001 as a coordinating umbrella for national governmental and non-governmental institutions in the affairs of the family and its members to provide a supportive environment that enables the family to achieve its stability and well-being and perform its duties towards its members and their protection. Where the Council, in partnership with partners, and under the supervision of the National Team for the Protection of the Family from Violence, institutionalized the work and institutionalized methods of violence prevention, strengthened the national protection system, and provided integrated services for cases of violence of residents on the soil of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, especially women and children, and implementation of many programs and projects nationwide to unify the mechanisms of work at the national level.

The most important (main) aspects of protection:

- 1- The Jordan Constitution and its amendments of 1952
- 2- Penal Code and adjustment Number 16 of 1960
- 3- Law No. 10 for the protection against family violence of 2017 (including children and OP and up to 4th generation in the definition of family)
- 4- Use of modern technology to hear witnesses and victims
- 5- Article 33 of law number 32 of year 2014
- 6- The Child's Best Interest Guide in legal system to protect the child's rights and training of all legal staff including judges on how to handle the cases in the best interest of the child.
- 7- Legal framework for cases of family violence: the national council held a number of workshops and trainings nationwide for the best implementation of the law on family protection from abuse
- 8- List of relevant legislation

In the area of family guidance

The National Council for Family Affairs prepared a study of the reality of family guidance in Jordan during 2005 to identify the reality of the institutions that provide guidance services to the family, and the reality of their employees. Education in the form of lectures and home and field visits, and that this does not amount to family counseling services in its strict sense.

- in 2009, the national strategy for the family guidance in Jordan was prepared in partnership with several national institutions. The strategy vision is based on the establishment of a safe

and effective family open to diverse human civilizations and cultures, preserving its culture and identity.

- In 2010, The council prepared the book and training manual for family guidance. The topics of the book came from the results of a scientific evaluation study for the needs of guidance workers on various topics for different groups (children, women etc). In addition, there has been a series of workshops for capacity-building and training of trainers (about 2250) through several memorandum of understanding between different stakeholders in Jordan.

- Following this, several centers for family guidance opened up in Jordan. This helped further elaborate manuals on how to provide services in these centers, how to identify issues and provide assistance.

- In 2019, a report was issued with recommendations for improving the system and provide better training and better assistance to users of centers.

In the area of older persons

- cooperation of Council with UNFPA in 2015, with an analytical report on the outcome of the strategy and its implementation plan for year 2009-2013 outlining needs of OP category and services provided for this age group.

- and in 2017, the Council in partnership with the national agency, established the national strategy for OP and implementation plan for years 2018-2020, through which action Jordan is considered the first country undergoing an update to the strategy, ensuring it is meeting the needs of the age group.

- Jordan, like all other countries, suffered immensely of covid-19, but especially OP as the most vulnerable and at-risk tranche of population, which not only faced the disease but also poverty, lack of access to medical care and prescriptions, loneliness and social and psychological exclusion. This called for the Council and national agency for older persons to liaise with Prime Ministry to establish a national funding mechanism to assist OP and their needs. The government responded to this recommendation, and during the year 2021, the Elderly Care System was issued. According to which, a committee will be formed that will develop the articles of the system and create an account with the Ministry of Social Development to contribute to providing social, psychological and health services for this category.

- In the field of protecting the elderly, a monthly statistic has been prepared by the Family Protection Department that includes the number of monthly cases of physical and sexual abuse of the elderly, which contributed to the study of violence on the elderly, if any, through the preparation of summaries, policies, pamphlets and reports; most of its results indicated the low rate of exposure to violence and limiting it to some cases related to inheritance and neglect, discrimination on the basis of age at work. The Council also sought within the international efforts to start an international instrument for the rights of the elderly by preparing

interventions that include the reality of the elderly in Jordan in all social, economic, psychological and environmental fields...

In the area of communication and outreach

The Council worked on implementing a number of media campaigns, which came with the aim of mobilizing support for the issues it is working on, and it was able to form a fan base on social media platforms, to relay and deliver the message. The number of online followers increased substantially and reached over 1 million across all social media platforms following the Council's campaigns on social issues and its work. In addition to its website rich in content, the Council created in 2021 a separate portal specializing in children's issues under the overall title of "Site of the Jordanian Children".

For the Action Foundation to further raise awareness and mobilize support for children's rights issues: the strategy of Communication for Development was launched, laying out its implementation plan for the years 2018-2022, to reduce violence against children. Among its most prominent activities is a series of awareness campaigns, which began with a campaign entitled "Teach, Don't Learn" during 2017, where it focused on the importance of addressing the abnormal behavior of children, on correct and solid foundations not based on violence. The council complemented this strategy in 2019 with another campaign "my balloon color" aiming at teaching and providing positive examples, through personalities, to parents on how to address issues with their children, setting grounds for active listening, ways to manage discussions in a kind, safe and loving environment.

In 2020, the world witnessed the emergence of the Covid pandemic, which impacted everyone and during which time, the Council - in partnership with stakeholders - implemented a campaign which messages included ways of prevention for all groups; the repercussions of this epidemic were that cyber-bullying increased, especially among children and adults, and the awareness campaign entitled "Infiltrating epidemic in the time of the pandemic" came with the aim of raising awareness about cyber-bullying and how to get protected from it, between parents, caregivers, children, adolescents and teachers etc and to provide tools to parents on how to detect bullying and get online protection for their children. The campaign included TV spots entitled "together – Sawa" on cyber-bullying and bullying at school.