



# Monthly Newsletter

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Jafra for Relief and Youth Development



Jafra seeks to upgrade the capabilities of the refugee households by developing their skills and enabling them to obtain additional sources of income.

As part of the rooftop farming project, the Foundation organized a specialized training session on soil preparation and home farming methods, which included practical application on the rooftops of the houses of beneficiaries in the Shatila camp in Beirut and Burj Al-Shamali -Tyre.

Agricultural materials and equipment were also distributed to the participants, who began growing organic crops on the rooftops of their homes.

The Jafra team also visited beneficiaries of the rooftop farming project in Burj al-Barajneh camp - Beirut, to review the results of home farming and follow the growth of crops, and the extent of their commitment to applying the methods they learned, within the framework of field follow-up aimed at assessing the practical impact of the project and enhancing its sustainability.

This project is in cooperation with Welthungerhilfe and with the support of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



With the participation of the Jafra Foundation, a symposium was held in Brussels, entitled “Involving armed actors to enhance the protection of civilians: from law to implementation,” within the framework of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Geneva Call organization.

Wissam Al-Sabaana spoke about the key role that local actors play in humanitarian negotiations, how to deal with local communities, and the importance of deep knowledge of the context and long-term presence, which enables local organizations to deal with various parties in ways that are often not possible without engaging in continuous dialogue. Engaging in a serious dialogue with armed parties is not an option, but rather an absolute necessity if we truly want to protect civilians and preserve humanitarian principles.

During the discussion, it was emphasized that policies cannot be a one-size-fits-all version, but must start from the reality of conflict-affected communities and be based on the experiences of workers closest to them. Bridging the gap between field expertise and policymaking is a key element to building principled, context-sensitive responses that actually protect civilians.

The event, which brought together policymakers, field practitioners and experts committed to strengthening humanitarian standards and human rights in the most fragile and complex contexts, was held in partnership with the Royal Institute of International Relations - Egmont, and was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the European Union, with the support of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2025.



Through its activities, the Jafra Foundation seeks to raise the level of societal awareness among various segments of society, including youth, children, and women. The Burj el-Barajneh Camp Center concluded a series of awareness sessions for women, which covered important topics in psychological and social support. The Center also organized an educational session for children as part of the National Program activities, in which they learned about the era of the British Mandate over Palestine and the historical context that paved the way for the Nakba of Palestine. These sessions come within the framework of the empowerment and development program implemented by Jafra in refugee camps, which aims to inform various social segments of their human rights guaranteed by law and ways to defend them.



The Belgian, Flavors of Resistance, hosted a presentation and discussion activity for the book Dear Little Palestine, where the author of the book, Wissam Al-Sabaana, reviewed the work, which talks about a personal experience that reflects the life of a Palestinian refugee from the camp and his relationship with their environment and others.

A discussion ensued about the book and the symbolism of the Palestinian issue and the concepts it carries of land, identity, liberation, return, struggle, refugee life, etc.

Many thanks to those in charge of the Flavors of Resistance organization for hosting the activity and their continued support for Jafra and everyone who contributed to the success of this event.



The Jafra team in Ein al-Hilweh camp completed the process of distributing food baskets to a number of eligible families. These baskets were produced by a group of women who participated in the 7th food production training course, within the "Money for Work" program, which is organized by the Jafra and aimed to empower women economically and develop their skills in food processing in a healthy and safe way.

The course participants attended business development sessions aimed at enhancing the economic independence of women by helping them transform their skills in the food industry into practical business that secure additional income for their families.

The training included the basics of establishing food enterprise, especially food and home supply enterprise, from developing the idea to preparing an integrated business plan.

The sessions concluded with presentations during which the participants presented their project plans to their colleagues and the trainer.

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