



# Monthly Newsletter

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Jafra for Relief and Youth Development



January marks two global events: World Education Day and International War Orphans Day. At a time when the Jafra Foundation seeks to shed light on these two occasions, the world should be reminded of the suffering that our people are experiencing in the Gaza Strip in particular, where during the barbaric war of extermination more than 17,000 students killed and more than 25,000 wounded. In addition to the destruction of 792 schools, universities and colleges. The number of orphans also increased to 57,000.

Stopping the aggression, ending the occupation, and prosecuting war criminals is a fundamental right of the people.



Through its programs in the camps, Jafra Foundation aims to raise the level of community awareness among various segments of society, including youth, children, and women.

In Burj el-Barajneh camp, south of Beirut, the Jafra Center organized a skills development program with the participation of 11 women, under the title: "Psychosocial Support," with the aim of empowering women and enhancing their abilities to face daily challenges.

The Center also organized an awareness session, in cooperation with the TDH Organization, on Law 422/2002 to enhance youth awareness of children's rights and legal protection mechanisms.

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 Jafra Foundation organized a training course at its headquarters in Damascus entitled “Management of NGOs and Efficiency of Institutional Performance,” with the participation of a group of the Foundation’s volunteers and a number of those interested in humanitarian and development work.

The course aims to strengthen and empower cadres working in civil society scope, by providing them with leadership and administrative skills, and raising the organizations’ efficiency in managing their resources, thus contributing to achieving institutional sustainability and improving the quality of performance.



As part of our endeavor to develop the capabilities of families inside the camps by developing their skills and enabling them to obtain additional sources of income, the Jafra team visited those eligible for the rooftop farming project in the Shatila camp -Beirut, to see the results of home farming and follow the development of crops that were previously grown, and the extent of their commitment to applying the methods they learned, as part of a field follow-up aimed at assessing the practical impact of the project and enhancing its sustainability.

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



## Statement

In a statement, the Jafra Foundation condemned the UNRWA administration in Lebanon deleting the word "Palestine" from the school curricula. The statement stated:

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development announces its clear condemnation of this irresponsible and politicized step which is a part of a suspicious plan to erase the national identity of the Palestinians and a serious attempt to obliterate the Palestinian cause and undermine the belonging and collective memory of the Palestinian new generation.

This is not the first attempt to violate the rights of Palestinian refugees, including the right to maintain national identity, adherence to the right of return, self-determination, and freedom of expression. These are rights guaranteed by international agreements as inherent rights of peoples.

The Jafra Foundation, while stressing the importance of continuing financial support for UNRWA so that it can carry out its responsibilities in providing the minimum services to Palestinian refugees, expresses its complete rejection of attempts to undermine the national symbols of the Palestinians and their rights to preserve their identity and belonging and their legitimate struggle for their return to the homes from which they were forcibly displaced and their right to self-determination. It also calls on the Agency's administration to immediately cancel the decision and hold those involved, accountable.



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