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■ Foreword :

Share-Net Jordan is pleased to issue the twenty-fifth issue of the periodical newsletter for the third quarter of 2022, which comes within the framework of its keenness to keep researchers, decision makers, policymakers, program developers, and research bodies informed regarding local and global developments in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights.

One of the main achievements during this quarter was the preparation of the semi-annual report for 2022 and the preparation of the Annual Action Plan for Jordan Sher-Net Project 2023, along with the participation of a team from Jordan in the Third World Confer-ence “Co-Creation : Co-Translating Knowledge together”, which was held in Bogota / Colombia, entitled" Access to Quality Information on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights (Technologies, Accessibility, Translation of knowledge, new challenges such as combating misinformation).

Share-Net Jordan worked on preparing a proposal for its work at the regional level this year to start a roundtable meeting and invite two experts from Egypt and two experts from Lebanon to present sexual and reproductive health programs in the two countries, and the proposal was submitted to Share-Net International.

A study entitled "The intersection between mental health and maternal health around child-birth for married Syrian refugee women under the age of 18" was launched, and as part of the celebration of this year's World Population Day, several events were organized and held, including a meeting to discuss two fact Sheets,

the first paper on "The role of media and communication in lobbying and raising awareness on sexual and reproductive health issues", while the second paper dealt with the topic of "Elderly and sexual and reproductive health in Jordan".

Share-Net Jordan participated in training workshops and meetings along with knowledge platforms in other countries associated with the global Share-Net via Digital Communication Technology, such as the canvas Pro training, the participatory approach meeting to exchange talk and ideas, preparation for the launch of the SRHRYA ICoP program, the semi-annual meeting, the periodic coordinators ' meeting, and the evaluation meeting of the third Global Conference of Share-Net International.

In addition to maintaining the website of the e-knowledge platform for sexual and reproductive health, by uploading (163) recent studies during the third quarter, the number of members of Share-Net Jordan reached (243) members, including (218) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships.

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■ **First: Sexual and Reproductive Health:**

- **Studies, policy briefs, Fact Sheets, working papers, and reports :**

01

A study and Policy Briefs on women's withdrawal from the labor market and sexual and reproductive health considering the corona pandemic.

02

Translation and design of two fact sheets related to sexual and reproductive health issues.

- A Study and Policy Brief on women's withdrawal from the labor market and sexual and reproductive health considering the Covid-19 pandemic.

The most important objectives of the study and Policy Brief are to study the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of Females workers and those who withdraw from the labor market based on the data of the social security corporation, to identify women's participation in the labor market and their withdrawal from it, and the types of jobs occupied by women and those who withdraw from them, as well as to provide practical recommendations that will reduce women's withdrawal from the labor market, improve their working conditions and accommodate their needs.

Several meetings were held with the experts working on this study, in addition to holding

meetings with the Social Security Corporation, to discuss the form and how to upload it on the website of Social Security Corporation, and how to obtain the necessary data to carry out the study and analyze the Social Security Corporation database of study variables.

- Translation and design of two fact sheets related to sexual and reproductive health issues.

The first on "The Role of Media and Communication in Advocating and Raising Awareness of Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues", whose main objectives are to address the most important challenges faced by the media in terms of the absence of sustainable periodic media programs specialized in sexual and reproductive health and the lack of media professionals trained in communication and information in the field of sexual and reproductive health.

While the second paper dealt with the topic of "The Elderly and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Jordan" and its main objectives are to diagnose the existing situation based on the relevant literature and strategies, to enlighten the global commitments in the field of sexual and reproductive health for the seniors, and to propose the best methods that can help improve the experiences, outcomes, and quality of life for the seniors in the field of sexual and reproductive health.



• Events and activities that have been implemented and participated in:

01 Participation of a Jordanian delegation in the third International Conference of the global network (Co-Creation : "Participating in the translation of knowledge together"), which was held in Colombia.

02 The Higher Population Council held the activities of the third part of the training of trainers Course in the field of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights funded by nuffic.

03 The Higher Population Council held a meeting with students of the University of Jordan, to test the digital knowledge platform for young people about reproductive and sexual health "Derby".

04 The Higher Population Council and Share-Net Jordan held a workshop to prepare the executive plan for the communication strategy for sexual and reproductive health issues / Share-Net Jordan (2022-2024).

05 During the period, the Higher Population Council held a training workshop for trainers in sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, on the topic of "Neuro-Linguistic Programming".

06 The Higher Population Council launched the Results of the Study "The intersection between mental health and maternal health around childbirth among married Syrian refugee women under 18.

07 Share-Net Jordan held the annual meeting of Share-Net Jordan members for the year 2022.

08 The Higher Population Council implemented a training program to build the capacity and qualify charities to apply national standards for youth-friendly reproductive and sexual health services in cooperation with the Family Health Care Institute/King Hussein Foundation.

09 Implementation of training on the preparation of reproductive and sexual health policies for health workers in Palestine and Gaza in cooperation with the National Center for family health care.

10 A meeting for the committees of practitioners from Jordanian university students in the field of sexual and reproductive health.

11 Members of Share-net Jordan attended several meetings, workshops, and seminars.

- Participation of a Jordanian delegation in the third International Conference of the global network (Co-Creation : "Participating in the translation of knowledge together"),

which was held in Colombia during the period (5 - 7/7/2022), organized by Share-Net International and Share-Net Colombia, entitled " Access to quality information on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (technologies, accessibility, translation of knowledge, new challenges such as combating misinformation)".

The delegation included representatives of Share-Net Jordan hosted at the Higher Population Council, the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Royal Society for Health Awareness, and a youth sector representative. several institutions in Jordan also participated in this conference virtually through the video communication technology "zoom".

The main objectives of the conference were to present the latest knowledge and evidence on access to good information about reproductive health and rights, identify areas that require change, the type of knowledge products and processes needed to improve policies and programs, develop knowledge products and outputs in conjunction with content experts and



specialists in various media, analyze and formulate messages and language used in knowledge products.



- On 3/7/2022, the Higher Population Council held the activities of the third part of the training of Trainers Course in the field of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, The Course came within the activities of the project “Towards more sustainable services and solutions for the needs of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for young people and refugees in Jordan”, which is implemented in partnership with VRIJE University in Amsterdam, the Dutch Belink Acad-

emy, the Royal Netherlands Tropical Institute (KIT), Yarmouk University and Ahl Al-Jabal Jordanian Association.

The main objectives of the project are to design a unified approach based on international standards to implement and coordinate efforts in a more structured way to address sexual and reproductive health issues effectively and efficiently with a special focus on the most vulnerable communities in Jordan, and to improve cooperation between key stakeholders.

The third part of the training focused on providing participants with the concepts and mechanisms of participatory research work, understanding how to formulate different key messages to guide knowledge transfer tools for advocating, and providing participants with methods for creating stories for presentations based on research, policy summaries, and lobbying plans.



- The Higher Population Council held a meeting with students of the University of



Jordan on 10 / 8 / 2022, to test the Digital knowledge platform for young people about reproductive and sexual health "Derby",

which aims to raise the awareness of young people and correct misconceptions about sexual and reproductive health issues and provide an integrated package of reproductive and sexual information that meets their needs.



- The Higher Population Council and Share-net Jordan held a workshop to prepare the executive plan for the communication strategy for sexual and reproductive health issues / Share-Net Jordan (2022-2024) on 30 / 8/2022, with the participation of steering committee members from the relevant institutions.

The workshop aimed to come up with the 2023 executive plan for the communication strategy, which aims to provide, facilitate, disseminate and share knowledge related to reproductive and

sexual health for researchers, research bodies, policymakers, decision makers, media, program developers, and service providers to contribute to the decision-making process in this area.



- During the period (September 11-15, 2022), the Higher Population Council held a training workshop for trainers in sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, on the topic of "Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP, Communication) Training".

The Course is part of the training package of the project "Towards achieving more sustainable services and solutions for the sexual and reproductive health needs of youth and refugees in Jordan," which is implemented in partnership with VRIJE Universiteit Amsterdam, the Dutch Belink Academy, the Royal Netherlands Tropical Institute (KIT), Yarmouk University and Ahl Al-Jabal Jordanian Association.



The course aimed to train participants on communication skills, training, and guidance, to address a broad understanding of the concept of NLP and the possibility of applying it in their work, and to enable participants to further use the methodology of this programming, its models, interventions, and techniques to provide organized and effective training for young people, refugees, and others.

- The Higher Population Council launched the Results of the Study" The intersection between mental health and maternal health around childbirth among married Syrian refugee women under 18, during the meeting held on 3 / 8 / 2022 with the participation of the relevant national authorities.

The main objectives of the study, prepared by the council in cooperation with the University of

Jordan, the University of Edinburgh-Scotland, and the University of the West of Scotland, and with the support of the Arab Council for Social Sciences within the program "Health and livelihoods in the Arab region : well - being, fragility and conflict" in its first session (2020-2022) funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), were to understand the perspectives of Syrian adolescents and mothers regarding their experiences with child marriage in the context of conflict and displacement, and to explore the drivers that increase the vulnerability of young women who married early to poor sexual and reproductive health and existing violence on the social type.



- Share-Net Jordan held on 28 / 9 /2022 the annual meeting of Share-Net Jordan members for the year 2022, who represent various



national public, private and voluntary entities, international organizations, and academic institutions.

The annual meeting aimed to review the achievements of Share-Net for the year 2022 and future aspirations for the year 2023 and presented the most prominent results of Jordan's participation in the third International Conference of Share-Net global (joint creativity: "Participating in the translation of knowledge together"). On the sidelines of the meeting, an exhibition was held to highlight knowledge products in the sexual and reproductive health field, including studies, films, brochures, promotional materials, and others, for partner institutions working in this field.

- The Higher Population Council implemented a training program to build the capacity and qualify charities to apply national standards for youth-friendly reproductive and sexual health services in cooperation with the Family Health Care Institute/King Hussein Foundation, where a workshop was held on 22 / 8 / 2022 to identify training needs, and the training program was held during the period (4-8/9/2022), which aims to familiarize

charity workers with the national standards for providing youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, taking into account the sensitivity of local culture and religious values, and to develop the necessary mechanisms for applying the standards within the concerned associations.

The targeted associations were (Deir Youssef Association / Irbid, Erhaba Association / Irbid, Al Manara Charity Association for Social Development / Amman, Women's Union for World Peace Association / Al-Rusaifa, Erada and Tasm-eem Association for people with disabilities / Al-Rusaifa).

- Implementation of Training Program on the preparation of reproductive and sexual health policies for health workers in Palestine and Gaza in cooperation with the National Center for Family Health Care, over the course of 6 training days.

- A meeting of the committees of practitioners from Jordanian University students in the field of sexual and reproductive health was held on 25/9/2022, formed by the Center for Women's Studies, the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Jordan and the Faculty of Nursing at Al-AlBayt University.



During the meeting, several presentations were made, where the Secretary-General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Masarwa, made a presentation on "The current demographic situation in Jordan", and a representative of each committee made a presentation on their experience in desk review, where a presentation of desk review experience was presented entitled "Promoting information and education among parents and adolescents on sexual and reproductive health", a presentation of desk review experience entitled "Identifying information related to sexual and reproductive health and the educational needs of individuals with disabilities (male and female)", and a presentation of desk review experience entitled "Technology in promoting education and information related to sexual health". A presentation was made in the style of collective participation on "Concepts of sexual and reproductive health".



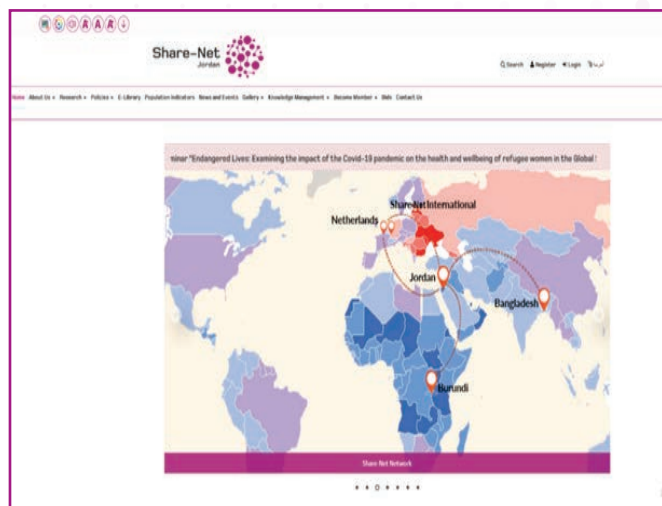
- Members of Share-Net Jordan attended several meetings, workshops, and seminars, as follows:

- Launch of the Youth Economic Security, Skills and Empowerment Report: Learning from Positive Values among Refugee Youth Affected by Forced Displacement in Jordan.
- A meeting on youth in dialogues, which was held through zoom with the global Share-net.
- Dissemination of the International Youth Day creative storytelling workshops to university students and young people.
- A course on the SPSS software package for Social Sciences.
- Participation of Share-Net Jordan as a member of the main committee of the SHIRIM program.

• **Sustain the website of the Digital knowledge platform for sexual and reproductive health**, by uploading (163) recent studies during the third quarter, the number of members of Share-Net Jordan reached (243) members, including (218) individual memberships and (25) institutional memberships, and the number of



visitors to the platform during the third quarter of 2022 reached (141) visitors, including (70) females and (71) males.



■ Second: population and development :

• Events and activities that have been implemented and participated in :

01

The Higher Population Council presented a lecture to master's degree students at the Jordan Media Institute on the role of the council and development in supporting population and development issues.

02

The Higher Population Council held a workshop to prepare the executive plan for the National Population Strategy (2021-2030).

03

The Higher Population Council launched the National Plan for the years (2021-2030) to implement Jordan's commitments towards the Nairobi Summit 2019-ICPD +25 / accelerating the promise.

04

On 18/8/2022, the Higher Population Council, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), held a scientific meeting to present and discuss two fact sheets related to the reproductive health of the Jordanian family in general and the seniors.

05

The Supreme Population Council organized a theatrical performance in the municipalities of (Al-Salt al-Kubra, Al-quwaira, and Umm al-Jamal) and the Greater Amman Municipality, entitled "shou testany".

06

The participation of the Higher Population Council in the ceremony organized by the United Nations Population Fund on the occasion of World Population Day.

07

Publishing a briefing on World Population Day in various media.

08

Several TV and radio interviews were coordinated on the occasion of World Population Day and the events held on this topic.



- The Higher Population Council presented a lecture to master's degree students at the Jordan Media Institute on the role of the council and development in supporting population and development issues, on 5/7/2022.

During the lecture, presentations were made on the role, tasks, and programs of the council in the field of supporting population and development issues, as the contents of the National Population Strategy for the years (2021-2030).



- The Higher Population Council held a workshop to prepare the executive plan for the National Population Strategy (2021-2030) on 17/7/2022 and lasted for two days, with the participation of the relevant national authorities.

It was confirmed during the workshop that the council, in cooperation with the partners of the national population strategy, is developing the

executive plan for the next five years and that the executive plan includes policies for the four axes of the strategy, namely, the axis of Health and sexual and reproductive health, the economic and social axis, the axis of women and youth, the axis of migration, asylum and crises.



- The Higher Population Council launched the national plan for the years (2021-2030) to implement Jordan's commitments towards the Nairobi Summit 2019-ICPD +25 / accelerating the promise, during the ceremony held on 19 /9/2022 with the participation of the relevant national authorities.

The document, prepared by the The Higher Population Council with the support of the United Nations Population Fund/ Jordan office and with a participatory approach with the relevant national authorities, includes the conceptual framework adopted for the development of the document, which includes Jordan's international commitments,



including the outcomes of the Beijing conference, the outcomes of the World Population Conference, the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, the current situation of the Jordanian population and the dialogues held with stakeholders, as well as other strategies issued in this regard.

The national plan outlined the twelve national commitments towards the Nairobi Summit 2019, and the current Jordanian situation was clarified under each commitment to justify the goal of changing this situation to determine how to change this situation, by proposing the main interventions that varied in nature in terms of policies, to awareness and education, to the development of laws and regulations, to services, financial, capacity-building and research, followed by a list of activities to be carried out to implement the proposed interventions, indicators, the monitoring, and evaluation mechanism and the bodies

responsible for implementing the proposed activities.

❖ Activities to celebrate World Population Day:

■ **On 18/8/2022, the Higher Population Council, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), held a scientific meeting to present and discuss two fact sheets related to the reproductive health of the Jordanian family in general and the Elderly as well,** with the participation of the relevant national authorities, as part of the activities of celebrating the World Population Day.

The first paper dealt with the role of media and communication in gaining support and raising awareness about reproductive health issues in the Jordanian family, while the second paper dealt with the topic of "Reproductive health for the Elderly in Jordan" from the perspective of Health for all and at all stages of life.





■ The Higher Population Council organized a theatrical performance in the municipalities of (Al-Salt al-Kubra, Al-quwaira, and Umm Al-Jamal) and the Greater Amman Municipality, entitled "Shoutestany", which comes within the activities of the World Population Day, and deals with the topic of entrepreneurship, creativity, and self-employment, and was presented by the sketchteam.



■ The participation of the Higher Population Council in the ceremony organized by the United Nations Population Fund on the occasion of World Population Day, which was revived by the artist nidaa Sharara at Al Hussein Cultural Center.



■ Publishing a briefing on World Population Day in various media, which came this year under the slogan "a world of 8 billion people: towards a flexible future for allseizing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all", where the briefing included a set of relevant data, figures, and facts.

■ Several TV and radio interviews were coordinated on the occasion of World Population Day and the events held on this topic, including:





- Hosting the Assistant Secretary General of the Higher Population Council Rania Al-Abb-adi on 11/7/2022 on the Al-Mamlaka channel to talk about the occasion of World Population Day.

- Hosting the Secretary-General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Masarwa, on Jordanian radio on 21/8/2022 to talk about a meeting to discuss the fact sheets on sexual and reproductive health.

- Hosting the director of the media and Communication Unit Etaf Al-Hadid on Jordanian radio on 21/8/2022 to talk about a meeting to discuss the fact sheets on sexual and reproductive health.

- Hosting the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Masarwa, on Hawa Amman radio on 22/8/2022 to talk about a meeting to discuss the fact sheets on sexual and reproductive health.

- Hosting the Secretary General of the Higher Population Council, Dr. Issa Masarwa, on Farah Al-Nas radio on 29/8/2022 to talk about a meeting to discuss the fact sheets on sexual and reproductive health.

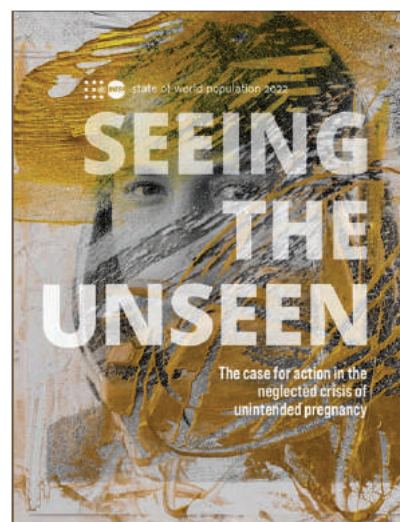
■ Grants and projects :

The small grants provided by Share-Net International for Jordan during 2022 were followed up and reviewed and approved by Share-Net Jordan, and the grant was entitled :

“Increase the reach of people with disabilities (people with visual disability) to the proper services and knowledge related to the SRHR.”

■ Third : the latest local, regional, and international reports and publications related to population and development issues :

• State of World Population Report 2022 :



The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations agency for sexual and repro-



ductive health, has released the state of world population 2022 report entitled "Unmasking : moving to confront the neglected unintended pregnancy crisis".

Almost half of the pregnancies worldwide, totaling 121 million per year, are unintended, the report said. For the affected women and girls, the most life-changing reproductive option -whether they become pregnant or not is no longer an option for them at all.

The report warns that this human rights crisis has serious consequences for societies, women, girls, and global health. More than 60% of unintended pregnancies end in abortion, and it is estimated that 45% of all abortions are unsafe, causing 5 to 13% of all maternal deaths, thus significantly affecting the world's ability to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Wars, conflicts, and crises around the world are expected to lead to an increase in unintended pregnancies, as this hinders access to sexual and reproductive health services and increases sexual violence.

It is estimated that globally 257 million women who want to avoid pregnancy do not use safe and

modern contraceptives, and where data are available, almost a quarter of women are unable to refuse intimacy.

Report link :

https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/AR_SWP22%20report%20-%20web.pdf

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