

# The National Council for Family Affairs



## Our Accomplishments 2003 & 2004



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS



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# Foreword by

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The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) is pleased to submit the Annual Report for the years 2003 & 2004, which puts forward the accomplishments of the NCFA since its inception. The Council has incarnated the belief in the effective participation of the civil society in the planning, formulation and implementation of policies that aim at improving the quality of the Jordanian family's life.

The NCFA was established upon an initiative by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, and with a Royal Decree in 2001 to represent a new approach in meeting the challenges facing the Jordanian family. The NCFA has encouraged all concerned parties, both the public and private sectors, to join efforts and work in a framework that places family issues and interests at the highest levels of priority, while stressing on the issues pertaining to family protection, gender equality and family participation.

The continued work of the national task forces concerned with family protection and early childhood development which were formed in 1999 and 2000 was a tiring task, however, due to the consistent efforts of the Board of Trustees and the support of the partners, the NCFA succeeded in supervising the sound application of the National Strategy for Early Childhood Development, by preparing a comprehensive plan that resulted in several projects such as the Pre-school Educational Development project. The project produced a merger of the National Curriculum for pre-school education for kindergartens for the school year 2004–2005. On the other hand, the year 2004 witnessed the preparation of a ten year national plan for children which is considered an indicator of the NCFA's commitment to a "Jordan Worthy of Children" in compliance with the United Nations Special Session on Children in 2002.

We, at the NCFA, are proud of our accomplishments in the field of family protection. The family protection project in Jordan worked under the umbrella of the NCFA with an unprecedented determination in the last four years to increase awareness and promote family protection issues. Work is ongoing now to prepare a plan that sets the roles and responsibilities for all concerned parties. It is worth mentioning that the United Nations Prize for Human Rights was bestowed on the Family Protection Project Task Force in recognition and appreciation of their efforts in this field.

The NCFA shoulders the responsibility of making a positive and lasting change, and as a live example thereof, the NCFA worked on uniting efforts at all levels to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family. The success of the Arab Regional Conference which was held in October 2004 to celebrate this occasion, indicates the high level of awareness between the institutions on family related issues, and their participation in one agenda that guarantees effecting the needed change. Therefore, it is necessary to continue working to empower the family and protect it by establishing communication networks that facilitate interaction and cooperation between the concerned institutions when necessary.

Based on this summary, we hope to have presented a synopsis of some of the NCFA's accomplishments, which we hope, with your support and the support of our partners, will continue in its plan of action to crystallize a national vision that translates Jordan's development policies into a tangible reality to attain a better future for the Jordanian family.

## Milestones

The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) is working towards contributing to the formulation of policies and strategies that concern the family, and towards improving its status and protecting its rights as well as supporting the public and private institutions and societies that are concerned with family affairs.

**2001** The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA), chaired by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, was established as a non-governmental organization that enjoys financial and administrative independence.

**2002** The NCFA adopted the coordinating role for the preparation of the interactive curriculum for kindergartens. A national team specialized in early childhood development and education was entrusted with preparing a curriculum suitable for the Jordanian culture and context, which covers the clear shortcomings in the education of this critical age group. The team commenced work in 2002, and provided public kindergartens with the completed curriculum during the second school semester of the year 2003/2004.

**2003** The world celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in accordance with the resolution taken by the United Nations General Assembly which called on governments, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, religious societies and individuals throughout the world to enhance awareness on family issues.

**2004** The NCFA Strategy for the year 2004-2008 was set, which represents the Council's mechanism in responding to the issues that affect the ability of the Jordanian family to contribute to its security, development and welfare, which in turn impact the country's security, development and prosperity. The NCFA Board and Secretariat General, through its effort to develop strategies that would enable it to achieve its objectives, has defined the general and sub-objectives as well as the technical responsibilities for a series of programs and activities that aim at strengthening the Council's ability as an effective multi-dimensional institution concerned with effective co-ordination of activities concerned with improving the quality of the Jordanian families.

**2004** The National Action Plan for Children was launched under the patronage of their Majesties King Abdullah II and Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, which aims at developing and adopting a national action plan for children aged (0-18) for the years (2004-2013) based on the major themes identified in the World Fit for Children document adopted by the United National Special Session on Children, and the Arab Plan for Children.

### Mission

To strengthen the status of the Jordanian family and its role in the society so as to enable it to contribute towards maintaining the country's cultural and social heritage in line with the socio-cultural developments.

### Aim

To contribute towards attaining a better quality of life for the Jordanian family.

### Objectives

- Maintain the entity and stability of the Jordanian family.
- Provide the political, cultural, economical, social and legislative environment that support the entity of the family.
- Empower the family to interact positively with the emerging cultural, social and economical phenomena, both regionally and socially.

### NCFA's Roles

- Contribute to drafting and developing policies and legislations and development plans for the wellbeing of all families and its members.
- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of all families and enabling them to meet the needs of its members.
- Contribute to improving the status of the family and to protecting it.
- Support and co-ordinate the work of various civil society institutions.

## The strategic objectives of the NCF A are:

- Formulating policies and reform to facilitate the development and reform of policies, legislations and guidelines: in doing so NCF A works on creating a tangible impact on the attainment of an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.
- Management of research and data resources to ensure that pertinent, accurate and reliable data and information is accessible and timely available to enable decision makers, program managers, family affairs advocates and other concerned clients to promote and institute timely and informed action focused on ensuring an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.
- Mobilizing support and increasing awareness and support for programs and policies that impact the quality of life of all Jordanian families.
- Coordination and monitoring to facilitate, coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of policies and national initiatives focused on ensuring an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.
- Institutional development in order to build the capacity of the NCF A to technically, administratively and financially respond to the Council's role and responsibilities as established under Jordanian law.
- The NCF A has approved the strategy for the next five years (2004-2008) which represents the mechanism of the NCF A in responding to the issues that affect the ability of the Jordanian family to contribute to its security, growth and welfare, and the security, growth and welfare of Jordan as well. As part of the endeavors of the Council to develop its work strategy to attain its objectives, the members of the Board and the General Secretariat set the general objectives and secondary objectives and the technical responsibilities for a series of programs and activities that are programmed in time, and which aim at embedding the ability of the Council to effectively coordinate a multi-dimensional institutional methodology to improve the quality of life of the Jordanian family.

## Important Family Indicators

Population	5.35 million	
Family Size	5.7 members	
Extended Family	13.8%	
Nucleus Family	77.1%	
Families headed by a female	13%	
Age at first marriage		
Males	29.3%	
Females	25.9%	
Previously married between (15-19yrs) Elderly	4.7%	
	Total	3.8%
	Males	4.0%
	Females	3.6%
Divorce rate per 1000 aged 15+	5.4	

\*All statistics taken from the year 2003

# 1. Policy and Planning Unit:

The NCFA, through the Policies and Planning Unit, works with decision makers and all bodies concerned with family affairs, in order to attain its strategic objectives represented in the development and appropriate reform of policies, and assisting decision makers in determining the trends and challenges in their early stages, developing effective mechanisms for preparing reports, dissemination of information, and setting mechanisms for close communication with governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Our aim is to formulate and review policies, legislations and strategies pertaining to the family, through directing the researches and scientific programs towards the national priorities in order to attain coherent and harmonious policies and strategies that aim at improving the quality of life for all members of the Jordanian family .

## This is achieved through:

- Creating strategies and plans pertaining to the priorities of the Jordanian family in cooperation with the concerned governmental and non-governmental institutions.
- Providing scientific research directed forwards policies relevant to issues that affect the status of the Jordanian family.
- Evaluating and analyzing existing legislations and proposing recommendations based on the evaluation findings.
- Contributing towards the formulation of legislations that fulfill the family's needs and guarantee its security and stability.
- Mobilizing support and raising awareness on the importance of creating a proper legislative environment concerned with safeguarding the entity of the family.
- Collaborating with decision makers and concerned parties towards creating policies and effective plans that focus on the family, in order to attain the strategic objectives of the Council.
- Continuously planning for the future development of the Council in cooperation with the different Units.

## Main Projects:

- 1- The National Strategy for the Family
- 2- Review of Family Related Legislation
- 3- Developing Family Counseling programs and services
- 4- The Family Protection Project
- 5- Accrediting the Council as a cooperation center for the WHO

## Main Activities in 2003 & 2004:

- 1- **The National Strategy for the Family:** the draft document of the National Strategy for the Family and the first draft of the Executive Plan of Action were presented. The strategy focuses on the components and issues pertaining to the family such as its composition, empowerment and protection from disintegration, and other components, such as family's performance of its main responsibilities, its educational role and the status of the Jordanian family. The strategy also focuses on coordinating the family's affairs in the law, national legislations and family policies and their integration in the framework of the sustainable national development policies. It also concentrates on the attainment of the basic needs and rights of the family and of its members, the family's participation in the different domains of the society, the expatriate family and enhancing its links to its homeland and the protecting its rights, as well as the protecting the family from social, health, security and environmental threats and hazards.

- 2- **Review of Family-related Legislation Project:** specialized sessions were held to mobilize support for the assignment of the personal right in the cases of child harassment from the civil, criminal and Sharia aspects. Specialized sessions were held to discuss the Juvenile Conduct Monitoring Law, the Execution Law, the Child Rights draft law, the Criminal Act Law. The Unit has also prepared legal memos and submitted them to Parliament for debate such as the Juvenile law, the Personal Status law, and several other laws concerned with family issues. As for the family related legislations, Personal Status component was discussed. Also, a major part of the education component was debated. The Unit has also completed analyzing legislations concerned with the health component.
- 3- **Developing Family Counseling Programs and Services:** the draft study on the reality of the family counseling services in Jordan was completed.
- 4- **Family Protection Project.** A plan of action for the Family Protection Project was formulated for the period 6/2004 – 6/2005. All parties working in the field of family protection collaborated and formed a consultative committee to study the Jordanians perception of family violence. The committee completed the draft plan and its quantitative and qualitative tools. The Policies and Planning Unit has also presented a national plan of action for protecting families from family violence.
- 5- **The NCFa was accredited as a cooperation center for WHO.** The Council took part in the meeting of the Directors of Excellence and Cooperation Centers affiliated with the WHO in Geneva.

### Future Projects:

- Launching the national strategy for the Jordanian family, and developing an executive five year plan for the strategy with the concerned parties.
- Following up the convening of specialized sessions to discuss the laws that will be submitted to the House of Representatives in its current cycle, and analyzing the family legislations such as the environment, housing and economics axis.
- Following-up the legal memos that are sent to the parliament.
- Reviewing and formulating the final draft of the national framework for family protection from violence, and following up the implementation plan of the framework document.
- Increasing the awareness regarding family protection through a national awareness-raising campaign for family protection from violence, and cooperating with the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs to raise awareness of preachers and the religious counselors on family violence.
- Setting the final draft of the national plan of action for family protection from violence and preparing a funding plan for the plan.
- Holding a national workshop to present the national action plan for family protection from violence and discuss it, in addition to holding a regional conference on the Jordanian experience in the field of family protection from violence.
- Following up the procedures for accrediting the NCFa as a cooperation center for the WHO with the Organization's bureau in Amman.



## 2. Technology and Data Resources Unit

The Technology and Data Resources Unit conducts studies and researches relevant to family affairs. The unit provides assistance through both programs of information and technology services to all the units of the Council by providing technical support and establishing projects such as the National Database and the National Library for Family Affairs to provide information and data with credibility, via the latest technology methods.

Our objective is to provide and manage information and data on family issues to enable decision makers, policy-makers, academics, researchers and the society in general, to take the appropriate decisions that would improve the quality of life of the Jordanian family.

### This is achieved through:

- Develop a structured and comprehensive database relevant to the family, and facilitate access to information and data for all parties concerned.
- Providing decision makers with modern objective information on family issues from the family's point of view.
- Spreading information among all partners and institutions working in the field of family affairs, in addition to disseminating them amongst students, researchers, academics and scientists.
- Determining the priorities and loopholes and fields of interest and taking procedures towards improving the quality of life in cooperation with partner institutions and organizations.
- Providing technical support and information technology services to all the Council's projects and units.
- Contributing in setting visions, implementing projects and technology systems that support the work of the Council.

### Main Projects:

- 1- The National Database.
- 2- The National Library for Family Affairs.
- 3- Support Programs and Systems for the Council.

### Main Activities in 2003 & 2004:

- Developing the second stage of the National Database for family affairs in cooperation with Yarmouk University.
- Collecting Statistical Indicators pertaining to family affairs.
- Entering data on institutions, legislations and agreements pertaining to family affairs to the NCFSA database.
- Developing the NCFSA website in cooperation with the Communication and Partnership Unit.

### Future Plans

Working on the second stage of the National Database for Family Affairs and the National Library for Family Affairs, updating the National Database, and using a geographical information system to prepare files for governorates which highlight the most important data and indicators linked to each governorate.



### 3. Communication & Partnership Unit

This Unit was established in 2004 to support mobilization efforts, and to strengthen the relationship with the media, create networks and organize fundraising activities. The Council, through this unit, focuses on the issues and policies targeted towards the family.

Our objective is to increase awareness of the policies and the programs that tackle family issues and the basic rights of its members, and mobilize effort for establishing a national action plan that focuses on improving the quality of life of the Jordanian family and secures the rights of its members.

#### This is achieved through:

- Mobilizing support to secure the wellbeing of the Jordanian family, and directing national efforts towards creating an appropriate environment that supports the strategic vision of the Council.
- Supporting media, cultural, social and educational activities and programs targeted towards the family and participating in the development of these programs.
- Promoting the role, mission and objectives of the Council on local, regional and international levels.
- Establishing contract with Arab and international counter-institutions.
- Coordinating efforts between local partners.
- Seeking financial and technical support from donors.
- Supporting awareness-raising and the dissemination of information on the Jordanian family, to ensure the formulation of policies that secure the rights of the Jordanian family, and mobilizing local support to the strategic vision of the Council.

#### Main Activities in 2003 and 2004:

- Developing the Council's website, and a booklet on the Council.
- Developing a media strategy for the Council, and determining the media objectives of the Council, the targeted audience and the media tools.
- Opening communication and cooperation channels with regional organization and diplomatic missions in Jordan to promote the NCFA on the local, regional and international levels.
- Signing Memorandums of Understanding with several partners such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the German Technical Agency (GTZ), the Department for International Development (DIFID), the Link Campus University of Malta.
- Strengthening the relation with the media and informing them of the activities, and enhancing their role in dealing with family issues.
- Holding an Arab regional coordination meeting for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.
- Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 in accordance with the resolution taken by the United National General Assembly that called upon governments, non-government organizations, the educational institutions, religious groups and individuals throughout the world to spread awareness on family issues.
- Conducting several visits to international organizations to obtain funding.

#### Future Projects:

- Launching of the NCFA official website.
- Developing the strategy for financial sustainability for the Council.
- Publishing a periodical newsletter on policies related to family issues.
- Developing actions plans with local partners and the decision makers.
- Supporting the Council's Units in developing awareness-raising campaigns on family issues.
- Reinforcing relationships with donors.

## 4. Monitoring and Evaluation Unit

The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit works with national partners to ensure effective implementation and follow-up of policies, strategies and active programs which emphasizes the importance of having institutionalized relationships with all partners, and strengthening existing efforts directed towards securing the wellbeing of the family.

Our aim is to facilitate, coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of policies and national strategies focused on ensuring an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.

### This is achieved through:

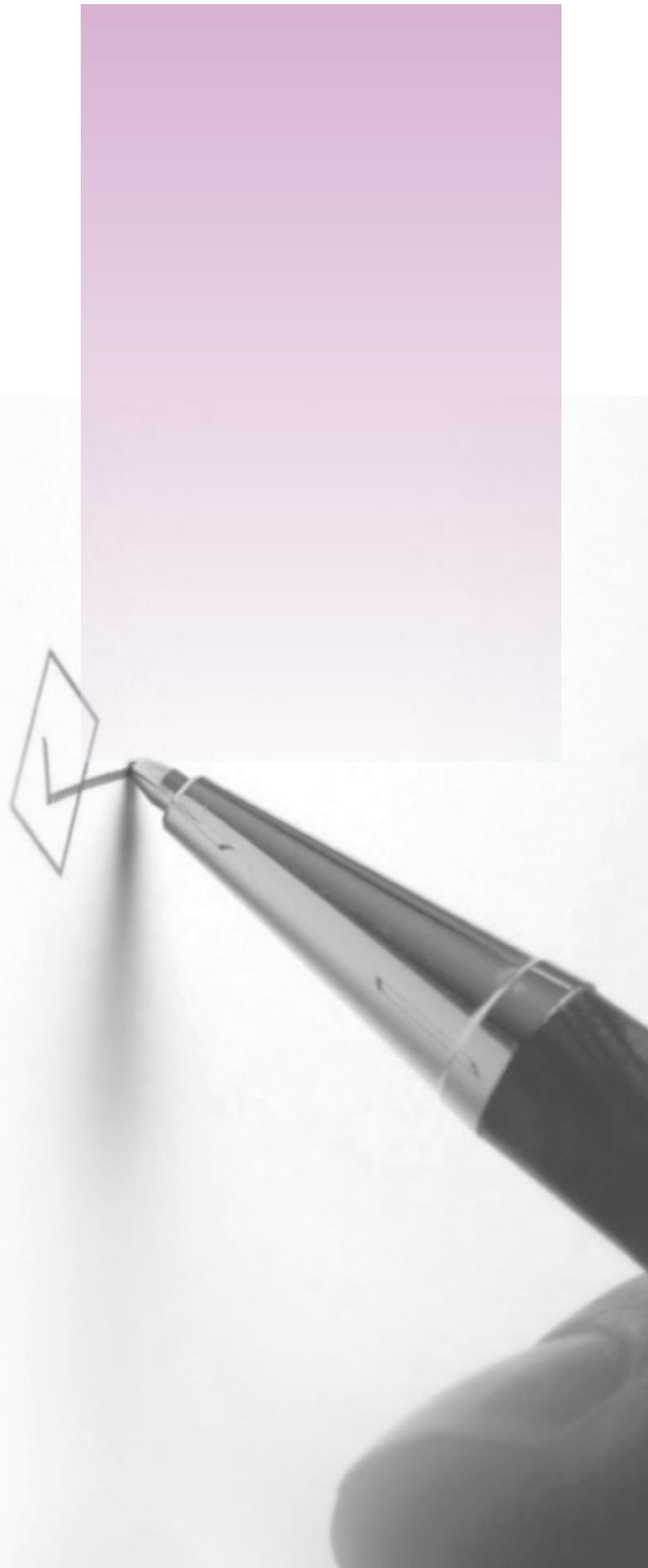
- Ensuring coordination with national partners.
- Strengthening relationships with local, regional and international communities.
- Coordinating efforts with all parties concerned with family issues, and supporting their initiatives.
- Activating the role of the members of the board in supporting the Council's programs and activities.

### Main Activities in 2003 & 2004:

- Improving the performance of strategies, programs and projects and enhancing partnerships and cooperation with the Council's partners.
- Developing a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure the implementation of the Council's activities and programs.
- Monitoring, developing and implementing the Council work strategy within the framework of the strategic objectives of the Council.
- Providing continuous support Policies and Planning Unit, Technology and Data Resources Unit and Childhood Unit, as well as the Council's partners, in the formulation and planning of policies.

### Our Future Projects

The unit seeks to develop a monitoring and evaluation system for the Council's projects and activities to guarantee their effective implementation, in addition to providing constructive feedback that aims at enhancing and evaluating the effectiveness of these activities on the local community.



## 5. The Childhood Unit

The Childhood Unit was established to provide support to the decision makers and all those working in the childhood field, to ensure the development of an appropriate environment for the children of Jordan. Our aim is to enhance the quality of life for the Jordanian child, by providing a sound and safe environment for the physical/motor and mental/cognitive and social/emotional needs of children through the contribution in the creation of an appropriate legislative environment that secures the children's rights.

### This is achieved through:

- Developing childhood strategies and plans based on the priority issues in Jordan in cooperation with the governmental and non-governmental agencies working in the field of childhood.
- Conducting scientific researches pertaining to children and their growth from all aspects in line with the family's stability and security.
- Evaluating and analyzing the legislations that affect children and submitting recommendations accordingly.
- Working with the decision makers and institutions concerned with childhood to develop policies, programs and plans focusing on children needs.
- Following-up and implementing the work of the childhood unit within its strategic objectives.

### Main Projects:

- 1- The National Action Plan for Children which aims at developing and adopting the National Action Plan for Children aged (0-18 years) for the years (2004-2013), based on the "World Fit for Children" document adopted by the United Nations Special Session on Children and the Arab Plan for Children.
- 2- The National Pre-School Project, with the support of the Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Programs (AGFUND) which aims at developing the pre-school education for children aged (4-6 years).
- 3- The Education Reform for the Knowledge Economy (ERFKE) Project/ Fourth Component "Promotion of Learning Readiness through Early Childhood Education". This project aims at developing pre-school education through capacity building, increasing the numbers of pre-schools and involving civil society institutions in Early Childhood Development.
- 4- Early Childhood Development Indicators Project, which aims at providing parents, teachers and other caregivers with a good understanding of the expectations of childhood development to enable them to conduct sound evaluation processes of the strengths, weaknesses and interests of children, and to enhance their development process.
- 5- Disadvantaged Children Project, which aims at providing qualitative and quantitative information on disadvantaged children in Jordan, as well as project directed at them in order to reach policy recommendation to improve their lives.
- 6- Child's Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The NCFA, in cooperation with the Legislation Bureau, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Social Development, UNICEF and other parties concerned, is in the process of drafting the 3rd Jordanian Report on Child's Rights, as part of the Council's efforts in fulfilling the objectives of international documents and agreements relating to family issues.
- 7- Kindergarten Database aims at providing information on kindergartens in Jordan to ensure proper planning for this sector.

### Main Activities in 2003 & 2004:

- The launch of the National Action Plan for Children under the patronage of Their Majesties King Abdullah II and Queen Rania Al-Abdullah.
- The launch of the National Interactive Kindergarten Curriculum under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah.

- Conducting an analysis and comparison study with international studies on the licensing and practice standards for kindergarten, and conducting a workshop to discuss them.
- Training 100 kindergarten teachers and supervisors based on the University of Wisconsin's "Working with Children" program.
- Participating in the monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the action plan for the ERFKE Project's Fourth Component "Promotion of Learning Readiness through Early Childhood Education".
- Establishing a consultative committee for steering the work on the development of ECD Indicators in Jordan, and conducting workshop to discuss the first draft of the ECD indicators, in the presence of experts from Columbia University. In addition to establishing a specialized committee to review the participants' comments in the workshop, and incorporating their comments in the indicators.
- Developing a training manual and training researchers on testing children's readiness for learning.
- Completing the third part of the study on Disadvantaged Children on the proposed strategic policies to improve the lives of disadvantaged children.
- Reviewing the National Action Plan for Children, with emphasis on the child protection in difficult situations component, and comparing it to the strategic policies for Disadvantaged Children.
- Completing the Child's Rights Law and submitting it to the Lower House of Parliament for discussion.
- Participating in the review of the Child's Rights Law.
- Incorporating reports submitted by the CRC Report task force into one report.
- Conducting a workshop to discuss the 3rd Jordanian CRC Report to be submitted to the CRC committee.
- Preparing a database on kindergartens, which includes information such as the number of kindergartens in Jordan, number of children enrolled in them, number of kindergarten teachers and supervisors and their qualifications.



#### Future Plans:

- Conducting an awareness-raising and media campaign to promote the National Action Plan for Children.
  - Evaluating the implementation of the National Action Plan for Children through the development a monitoring and evaluation framework, and the establishment of a committee entrusted with this task.
  - Conducting field visits to kindergarten affiliate with the Ministry of Education and private kindergartens to assess their performance and application of the practice standards, as well as identifying any violations.
- Updating applications for establishing, licensing and supervising kindergartens.
  - Developing an updated mechanism for supervising kindergartens and training Ministry of Education supervisors on the application of instructions for establishing and licensing kindergartens.
  - Collecting data on the kindergarten, nurseries and childhood centers to determine their numbers, the non-served areas, number of children enrolled, and number of care providers, their qualifications and specializations.
  - Participating in the main committee meetings of ERFKE's Fourth Component "Promotion of Learning Readiness through Early Childhood Education" to monitor the implementation and evaluation of the projects.
  - Forming specialized committees comprising experts, teachers and parents to ascertain the adequacy of ECD Indicators to the Jordanian context, and conducting a comprehensive national ECD survey in accordance with the ECD Indicators in order to incorporate it in a national system for assessing the situation of children.
  - Publishing the study on Disadvantaged Children and presenting the study for discussion on the subject of building the capacity of those working with disadvantaged children.
  - Providing support to ensure the endorsement of the Child's Rights Law by the Parliament and raising awareness on this law.

## Financial Resources:

### The NCFA's Projects and Activities are funded by the following:

- UNICEF: provision of technical and financial support in projects that are linked with the UNICEF plan of action, especially in the field of Early Childhood Development, Child Protection, revision of legislations and raising awareness.
- The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Grant: which supports the work of the Council in general, received through monthly installments deposited in the Council's accounts.
- World Bank grant under the title "Building the Institutional Capacities of the NCFA" monitored by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. The fund is deposited in a special account at the Central Bank, and details of expenditure, consultants' reports and achievements are to the Ministry.
- DFID's grant for the implementation of the database project "Partners and Institutions Course".
- AGFUND directed towards the implementation of the National Pre-school Project as part of an agreement with Ministry of Education.
- WHO provide technical support aimed at developing and publishing a national report on health and violence in Jordan as a means towards developing family protection strategies.
- World Bank fund for the national study on Disadvantaged Children which is in its final stages.
- USAID provides technical support for the NCFA's Strategy for the years (2004-2008) as well as developing a communication strategy.
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- The Jordanian University of Science and Technology
- The Link Campus University of Malta
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