



Early Childhood Education Training:

In collaboration with Kayan center (Human, Art and Nature) as well as the experience and knowledge of Iman Early Learning Center a 3-month training for 15 women was implemented. The activity did not focus only on the theoretical knowledge but also the wellbeing of the group of women. The training included the following topics;

Theoretical knowledge on early childhood education: it included the delivery of training sessions by experts on topics such as brain development, child development, enriched care giving, child guidance, child guidance challenges, social emotional development, language priority, guiding the child's art and music experience, guiding the child's writing and reading experience, storytelling & puppets making, conversational reading, learning games, special needs.

The practical side: it focused on the inner self of the group of women and allowed them to experience different activities and discovering their interests through artistic, drawing, yoga, introduction to music therapy, book reading and discussion, etc. They also had the opportunity to get some life-coaching sessions. Additionally, they had the chance to practice some skills related to the theoretical knowledge as making books for children, practicing storytelling and puppets making. The combination of theoretical and practical activities contributed to maximizing the impact of the activity.

Impact:

The training was resulted by several examples of change on the level of self-awareness, relationships and work wise. Below are some examples;

- An un-employed woman got a job in a kindergarten.
- A mother expressed the change she touched in the relationship with her 3 children.
- 2 women reflected the impact of the training on their jobs as care givers in kindergarten with all the new methods they brought to the children.

Fuheis Women Group/ Early Childhood Education

As a consequence of the training a smaller group of women was created from the bigger group. The aim of the group is to work further on assessing needs of Fuheis community especially the ones related to early childhood education and design activities responding to it. This is in order to maximize the impact in the community of Fuheis.



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Introduction about Fuheis

Fuheis is a town located in Balqa, Jordan in 25 km distant from Amman city center. It's a quite area with a nice landscape.

The community of Fuheis is a small, close community where the people know each-other. It has many churches, schools and some CBOs and associations. Fuheis also has cultural, environmental and social challenges.



Analysis of Community Needs

Focus Group Discussions were conducted with the community of Fuheis particularly women, to assess the community needs. The Focus Group Discussions were resulted by prioritizing one main community issue which is **(lack of knowledge for parents to deal with issues in their families due to lack of professional alternative educational methods.)**

This issue was deeply analyzed with the community. As a result of that, we designed an activity on **(Improving the community through building the care givers, especially parents capacities, in early childhood education.)** Additionally, an analysis was done beforehand with alternative education practitioners to support in designing the framework of the activity.



During the focus group discussions with the community