

ANNEX 2

Outline for a Consultative Workshop on Child-Friendly Cities in the MENA region

Amman, Jordan, 9th – 10th December 2007

Background

Marked progress has been achieved in some MENA countries in terms of policies and programs that cater to the rights and needs of their young citizens. However, many national governments and local authorities in the region still don't give due attention to the rights of children and to their need for various services. Urban areas in most of the MENA region are invariably characterized by inadequate education and health services, insecure streets and public spaces, unhealthy environments, inadequate recreational and cultural facilities. Most often than not there are no channels for young people to convey their demands and aspirations to policy makers.

Supported by international donors, the MENA Child Protection Initiative has launched a child-friendly cities program intended to assist MENA local authorities, civil society organizations and communities in improving the wellbeing of young people, and in transforming their cities into nurturing, child-friendly entities. The program builds on the Child-Friendly Cities Framework developed by UNICEF and UN-Habitat and attempts to adapt it to local conditions in MENA, and to facilitate its implementation throughout the region.

The MENA CFC program includes preparation of a resource book and training modules, training of trainers from the region, development of action plans for pilot cities, replication and follow up.

Proposed Workshop

As an essential component of this package, the CPI, in partnership with Greater Amman Municipality – Child Friendly City Executive Agency, will organize a brainstorming workshop in Amman during 9th – 10th December 2007. The **objectives** of the workshop are as follows:

1. Discuss the principles and strategies of the proposed MENA CFC framework and to verify their relevance to the region.
2. Review the experience of Greater Amman Municipality in transforming itself into a child-friendly city – as a unique model in implementing the CFC – show- casing the studies, programs and projects that have been initiated so far.
3. Share experiences on innovative programs aimed at improving children's wellbeing that are being implemented within the region.
4. Identify capacity building needs of various local authorities vis-à-vis child-friendly cities.
5. Identify guidelines and measures to solidify the proposed principles and proposed MENA CFC framework.

Targeted Audience

The targeted audience in this workshop include: (i) senior officials in local authorities; (ii) senior officials in local childhood councils / units; and (iii) leading civil society organizations.

Resource Persons

The workshop will benefit from the participation of the following resource person:

1. Dr. Eliana Riggio Chaudhuri, CFC Program Consultant
2. Prof. Rowaida Al-Maaitah, Senator, Member of the Upper Parliament, Jordan
3. Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Child Friendly Environments Research Specialist and Urban Design Consultant
4. Ms. Trish Hiddleston, Regional Child Protection Advisor, UNICEF MENA Region

5. Ms. Francesca Moneti, Sr. Project Officer, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
6. Ms. Golda El-Khoury, Regional Youth Advisor, UNICEF MENA Region
7. Ms. Jumana Haj-Ahmed, Adolescents Specialist, UNICEF Jordan Office.
8. Dr. Gamal M. Hamid, CPI Director.
9. Ms. Tagreed Fakhoury, Chief Executive Officer, Child Friendly City Executive Agency, Greater Amman Municipality.
10. Prof. Dr. Osman Alhasan Mohamed Nour, CPI Consultant.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Day 1: Sunday, 9th December 2007

Session One: Chairperson H.E. Eng. Omar Al-Maani, Mayor of Amman

- 09:00 – 09:20 **Welcoming Remarks**
H.E. Eng. Omar Al-Maani, Mayor of Amman
Mr. Ahmed Al-Salloum, AUDI Director General
- 09:20 – 09:30 **Background and Organization of the Workshop**
Dr. Gamal Hamid, CPI Director
- 09:30 – 10:10 **The Status of Children and concerned Institutions in MENA Cities**
Prof. Osman Nour, CPI Consultant
- 10:10 – 10:40 **The MENA CFC Framework: Principles and Approach**
Dr. Eliana Riggio Chaudhuri, CPI CFC Consultant
- 10:40 – 11:10 Discussion
- 11:10 – 11:40 **Break**

Session Two: Chairperson: Ms. Trish Hiddleston, Regional Protection Advisor, UNICEF MENA Region

- 11:40 – 12:20 **The MENA CFC Framework: Mechanisms and Program**
Dr. Eliana Riggio Chaudhuri, CPI CFC Consultant
- 12:20 – 13:00 **International Experiences in CFC**
Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Child Friendly Environments Research
Specialist and Urban Design Consultant
- 13:00 – 13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break** Hosted by MENA CPI

Session Three: Chairperson: Ms. Tagreed Fakhoury, CEO, EACFC

- 14:30 – 14:50 **The International Child-friendly Cities Program**
Ms. Francesca Moneti, Sr. Project Officer,
UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
- 14:50 – 15:10 **Child Helpline: Working Towards Making Child-Friendly Cities**
Ms. Nafila Maani, Program Manager, MENA Child Helpline International
- 15:10 – 15:30 Discussion
- 15:30 – 15:50 **The Status of Children and concerned Institutions in Iran**
Dr. Ali Maher, Manager, social protection and relief affairs, MOW
- 15:50 – 16:10 **The Experience of Bam, Iran**
Mr. Reza Manavi, Child Friendly City Specialist, UNICEF Iran
- 16:10 – 16:30 **Planning for Child Friendly Neighborhoods in Tehran**

Dr. M. Baquer Namazi, President, Hamyaran-Ghada, Iran

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 19:00 **Site visits**

20:00 – 23:00 **Dinner** Hosted by MENA CPI

Day 2: Monday, 10th December 2007

**Session Four: Chairpersons: H.E. Prof. Rowaida Al-Maaitah, Senator,
Member of the Upper Parliament, Jordan**

Ms. Golda El-Khoury, Regional Youth Advisor, UNICEF MENA

Panelists: Dr. Eliana Riggio Chaudhuri; Ms. Jumana Haj-Ahmad, Ms. Francesca Moneti.

09:00 – 10:00 **Experience of Greater Amman Municipality**

Ms. Tagreed Fakhoury, CEO, EACFC

10:00 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 12:00 **Experience of Alexandria**

Mr. Ala'a Abdel Khaleq, Director

National Foundation for Family & Community Development

12:00 – 12:30

Experience of Sana'a

Ms. Naseem Al-Maliki, Coordinator

CPI Program, Sana'a Municipality

12:30 – 12:50

Discussion

12:50 – 13:20

Experience of Khartoum

Dr. Najwan Shamsuddin, Secretary General

Khartoum Council for Child Welfare (KCCW)

13:20 – 13:50

Experience of Al-Madinah Al-Munawara

Mr. Mohammad Al-Surrani and two adolescents

13:50 – 14:10

Discussion

14:10 – 15:00

Lunch Break hosted by MENA CPI

Session Five: Chairperson: Dr. Gamal Hamid, MENA CPI Director

15:00 – 16:00

Group Discussion

16:00 – 16:30

Group Presentations

16:30 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 17:20

Next steps, Dr. Gamal Hamid and Dr. Eliana Riggio Chaudhuri

17:15 – 19:00

Free Time

20:00 – 23:00

Dinner Hosted by Greater Amman Municipality