

Naseej

Community Youth Development Initiative (CYDI)



مبادرة التنمية الشبابية المجتمعية
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Naseej in the Arabic Language is the action of “weaving” and was chosen to reflect the Program’s spirit which aims at reinforcing and strengthening actions and influencing individuals and groups as well as relationships within societies. **Naseej** reflects on the fabric of the Arab societies which is multi-cultural, multi-colored, that is able to bring positive change being not only connected but also intertwined.



The “**Youth Worker**” possesses a specific set of competencies that enables him/her to work directly with youth.

This drawing shows the ideal “**Youth Worker**” from the perspective of young people themselves.

Naseej provides Arab youth with the opportunity and support to take an active role in the development of themselves, their peers and their communities.

Naseej Facts

- Naseej is the Community Youth Development Initiative (CYDI)
- Naseej is managed by Save the Children in partnership with a regional advisory committee (RAC) consisting of active experienced individuals in the field of youth & community development in the Arab World
- Naseej is funded by Ford Foundation and its initial phase was launched in October 2005
- Naseej sub grantees / partners are implementing CYD and civic activism initiatives in 5 countries touching upon all sectors

Naseej main components & activities

1. **Sub-grants** to support the implementation of new and existing youth initiatives through local organizations or youth groups **with, for and by youth in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Yemen.**
2. **Regional Arab events and linkages** to encourage and support linkages and to share experiences, best practices and challenges in the field of CYD in the Arab World.
3. **Outreach, Dissemination and Documentation** that captures and highlights **best practices, resources, lessons learned**, etc. in relation to the CYD field in the region; **in Arabic** and inspired by the spirit and culture of the region.
4. **Leverage Interest and Funds** to increase support for, and interest in, CYD approaches in the region by **increasing awareness and knowledge of the importance of the field, sharing results** and encouraging partners to support similar initiatives.

Naseej in Numbers

- US\$ 3.4 million is the Naseej sub grants budget for the first 18 months.
- 225 proposals were submitted to Naseej in the first phase.
- 61 NGOs and Youth Groups received a sub grant from Naseej in 5 countries: 17 in Egypt, 20 in Palestine, 7 in Lebanon, 8 in Jordan, and 9 in Yemen benefiting 120 localities.
- 18 workshops with NGOs, youth groups & youth were conducted in 5 countries to launch Naseej & promote CYD concepts.

“Young people grow up in communities, not programs. Efforts to promote positive development must be focused on the overall context in which that development occurs”



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