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The Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD) is an Arab regional non-governmental organization working in the field of childhood under the presidency of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. ACCD was



founded in 1987 upon the initiative of HRH the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and a resolution issued by the Arab League's Conference on "Childhood and Development" that was held in Tunisia in 1986. The headquarters of ACCD is Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, and its relationship with the host country is governed by a special agreement with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that defines its identity and legal status (Diplomatic Corps).

ACCD Vision:

A leading Arab organization and a reference for institutions and individuals, in thought and practice, in the upbringing and development of the Arab children, guaranteeing their rights, enriching their awareness, using their reason and intellect, and enabling them to interact positively with the requirements of the future.

ACCD Mission:

Developing an enlightened educational stream of thought, creating enabling environments supportive of the upbringing of the Arab children and building their capacities for rational critical thinking, creativity and acquiring modern skills, as well as ensuring the enforcement of their rights and the opportunities for their continuous development and their participation in building their homeland along the path of human civilization.



“With the middle of its fourth decade, the need for the role of ACCD is confirmed, and the spirit of its launch upon the initiative of HRH the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, is evident, as the first Arab institution concerned with the Arab children. ACCD has been working to unify efforts to develop children and unleash their creativity as a vision for the future, as well as ACCD has worked with Arab and international support to become an Arab house of expertise in raising and developing Arab children and ensuring their rights.”

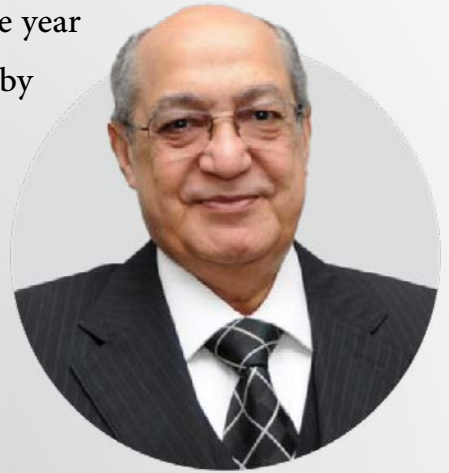
HRH Prince

Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The President of ACCD

Introduction

We are pleased to present ACCD's Performance Report for the year 2023, which documents the journey of a year distinguished by its achievements and challenges that added to the cumulative and institutional experience of ACCD and provided opportunities to implement programs, projects and activities, as well as expanding partnerships to achieve ACCD's goals that are seeking for care and development of the rights of Arab children and preparing them for the future.



One of the most prominent features of ACCD's achievements in 2023 is hosting the Fourth Edition of the Exhibition of HRH the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz, ACCD's Founder, entitled "Talal... a History Read by Generations". The Exhibition and its accompanying cultural activities, which were held in March, confirmed the leadership of HRH the late Prince Talal as an exceptional and unprecedented personality in the fields of development, giving and philanthropy, who was able to transform ideas into enlightening developmental institutions that work for humanity service in every place. In response to the international and regional movements, ACCD continued its initiatives, during the year 2023, in the field of climate change and child rights. In collaboration with partners, ACCD has worked on spreading awareness and addressing this issue, which has become a crisis for child rights. ACCD also continued to work on examining a number of crises and developments, such as the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and the impact of conflicts and wars on children, especially those suffering from difficult circumstances.

ACCD has also continued to implement its Programs and Projects included in its Strategic Plan (2023-2025), such as the Empowerment of the Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond, the Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights, Early Childhood Development, the Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Difficult Circumstances in Egypt, and the Assistive Technology for Children with Disabilities. This is in

addition to ACCD's role in developing knowledge in the fields of childhood and development through its scientific reports and periodicals.

Moreover, ACCD has exerted scientific and practical efforts during the year 2023 to prepare for a number of programs, projects and mechanisms supporting its Strategic Plan, which will be completed and launched next year, such as the launch of the Arab Childhood Training Academy (ACTA), and the announcement of the awards of the Third Cycle of King Abdulaziz Prize for Scientific Researches on Childhood and Development, as well as launching the 6th Arab Civil Society Forum for Children, and drafting the first Arab exploratory Study entitled *"The Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond"*. Despite the efforts presented in this Report, we are aware of the magnitude of the challenges that require more from us to confront the unprecedented conditions that Arab children suffer from due to crises, wars, and economic and social conditions that have negatively affected several areas related to their rights and upbringing. This obliges us - as part of our responsibility - to exert more efforts in cooperation with partners to provide care, protection and development for Arab children and ensure their preparation for the future.

In conclusion, we extend our thankfulness and gratitude to HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the patron of ACCD and the supporter of all its steps. We also extend our thankfulness to the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), our strategic partner, the League of Arab States (LAS) and all our partners, as well as to the members of the Board of Trustees, experts, researchers and all our partners from governmental and non-governmental institutions, and international and regional organizations that are working with us to achieve our mission towards creating enabling environments supportive of the Arab children.

Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi
Secretary General

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The Exhibition of “Talal ... A History Read by Generations”

ACCD Hosts the 4th Edition of “Talal ... A History Read by Generations” Exhibition and Celebrates its 35th Anniversary



ACCD hosted the 4th Edition of HRH’s Exhibition, the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Founder of ACCD, held on March 10-16, 2023, at its headquarters in Cairo. The 4th Edition of the Exhibition comes after it was held in Riyadh during 2020 and 2021, and in Kuwait during 2022, and coinciding with the celebration of the 35th anniversary of ACCD.

35 Anniversary

Arab Council for Childhood
and Development (ACCD)



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TALAL ... A HISTORY READ BY GENERATIONS



Under the Auspices of

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The Inauguration of “Talal ... A History Read by Generations” Exhibition and Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of ACCD

The 4th Edition of “Talal ... A History Read by Generations” Exhibition was inaugurated by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of ACCD, on March 10, 2023, coinciding with the celebration of the 35th anniversary of ACCD. The inauguration ceremony was attended by H.E. Dr. Reda Hegazy, Minister of Education and Technical Education in Egypt, and



H.E. Ambassador Khaled bin Mohamed Manzlawiy, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the International Political Affairs Sector at LAS, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Secretary General of LAS, as well as several public figures, members of diplomatic corps, representatives of regional and international organizations, representatives of the Egyptian Parliament, university presidents, senior thinkers and intellectuals, representatives of the Ministries of Youth, Sports, Education, and civil society organizations.



Statements and Testimonies at the Inauguration Ceremony



The 4th Edition of the Exhibition in Cairo, the capital of the Arabs, has its peculiarity, as it narrates the story of Prince Talal's relationship with Egypt's civilization, renaissance, science and culture."

HRH Prince
Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud



"Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz presented a model of the conscious Arab man who loves humanity, supports dreams, adventures with everything he has and fights for others."

H.E. Dr. Reda Hegazy, Minister of Education and
Technical Education in Egypt



"HRH Prince Talal provided care and support for the joint Arab action, which included many social developmental issues that affect the lives of Arab citizens."

From the speech of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Secretary General of LAS, delivered on his behalf by H.E. Ambassador Khaled bin Mohamed Manzlawiy



"Prince Talal adopted the strategy of transforming ideas into actions implemented on the ground to achieve the SDGs, and ACCD was an essential platform for his communication with the world's thinkers and intellectuals and the international organizations."

Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi,
the Secretary General of ACCD

Watch the Inauguration
Ceremony on
ACCD's YouTube Channel



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TALAL ... A HISTORY READ BY GENERATIONS



**The Exhibition was of interest to a large audience
especially children and youth**

35 Anniversary
Arab Council for Childhood
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The Exhibition's Coincident Events

ACCD Organized a Series of Coincident Events with the Exhibition



1- “Prince Talal and Sustainable Development...Egypt in the Heart” Seminar in partnership with AGFUND



2- An Interactive Session on the Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution



3- “Egypt with Arab Fingers” Exhibition in partnership with the Egyptian National Center for Child Culture (ENCCC)



4- Art Workshop for Children





5- A Workshop for Children on “Child Rights” in partnership with Terre des Hommes (TdH) Egypt, with the participation of more than 20 children



6- Performing Arts in partnership with the ENCCC



7- Performing Arts in partnership with the Ministry of Education



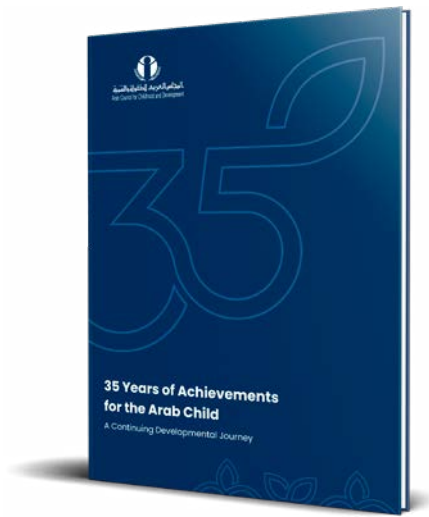
8- Training Workshop on Graphic Design organized by ACTA in partnership with the Arab Scout Organization (ASO)



9- Performing Arts and Songs dedicated to HRH Prince Talal by the students of Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Preparatory School for Girls, Helwan Educational Administration in Cairo



10- The Exhibition Closure Ceremony



ACCD in Numbers

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Years of giving & achievements for the advancement of the Arab child.

300

The Founding Members of ACCD that included experts, thinkers and public figures from 16 Arab countries.

130

The number of Programs, Projects and Activities implemented by ACCD in the Arab countries.

150

The number of ACCD's Partners at the international, regional and national levels.

100

The number of Cooperation Agreements signed by ACCD, since its establishment, with AGFUND and Partners.

200

The number of Studies, Researches and Guiding & Training Manuals issued by ACCD.

350

The number of Events, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops held by ACCD.

500

The number of Media Materials (Annual Reports, Press Files and Media Brochures) issued by ACCD.



The Meeting of the Board of Trustees



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud chaired the Meeting of the 19th Session of ACCD's Board of Trustees held on July 25, 2024, at ACCD's headquarters in Cairo.

HRH Prince Abdulaziz: We reviewed ACCD's achievements in 2022 and its upcoming Strategic Plan in light of the current conditions in the Arab region. We noted the digital transformation and development in ACCD's performance, which helped in reaching many groups in the Arab society, and we are looking forward for more achievements of ACCD's role as a house of expertise.

The Most Prominent Resolutions of the 19th Session

Adopting ACCD's Strategic Plan (2023-2025) under the slogan: "The Empowerment of the Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution".

Adopting ACCD's Budget and Action Plan of Programs and Projects for the year 2023.

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, has been selected to join ACCD's Board of Trustees.

ACCD Board of Trustees

Chairman of the Board



**HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal
bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**

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Nahla Gahwaji**
Dean of the College of
Human Sciences and
Design, King Abdulaziz
University



The activities of the 19th Session of the Board of Trustees witnessed the signing of the Agreement of ACCD's Institutional Support between HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of AGFUND, and H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, the Secretary General of ACCD, in the presence of H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, and H.E. Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the Arab Open University - Egypt Branch.

This Agreement aims to enable ACCD to continue achieving its goals for the Arab children

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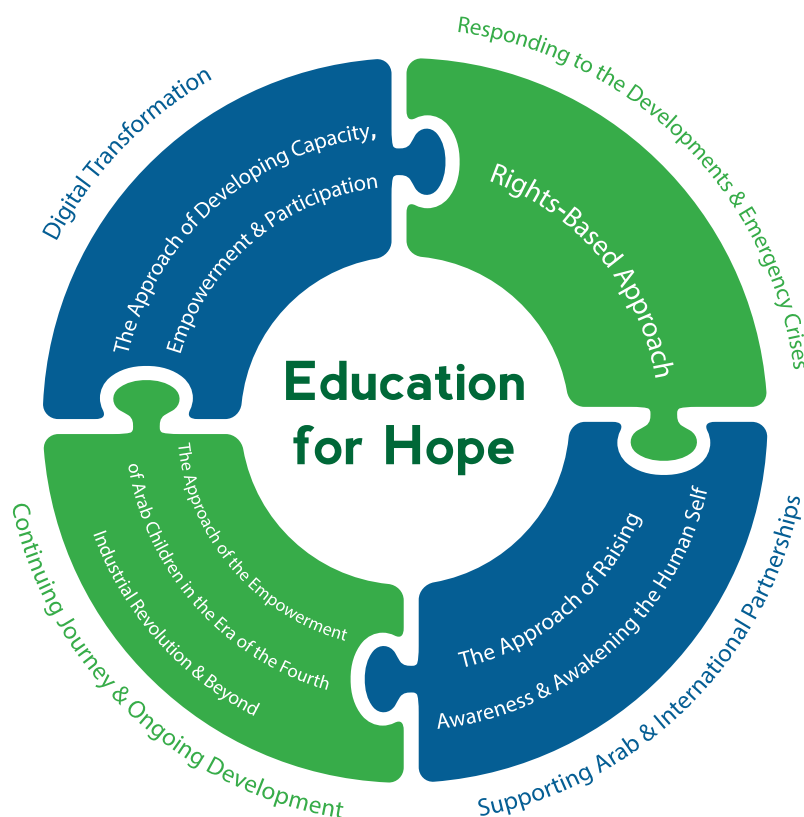
The Model of “Education for Hope”

ACCD’s Model for Arab Child Upbringing “Education for Hope”

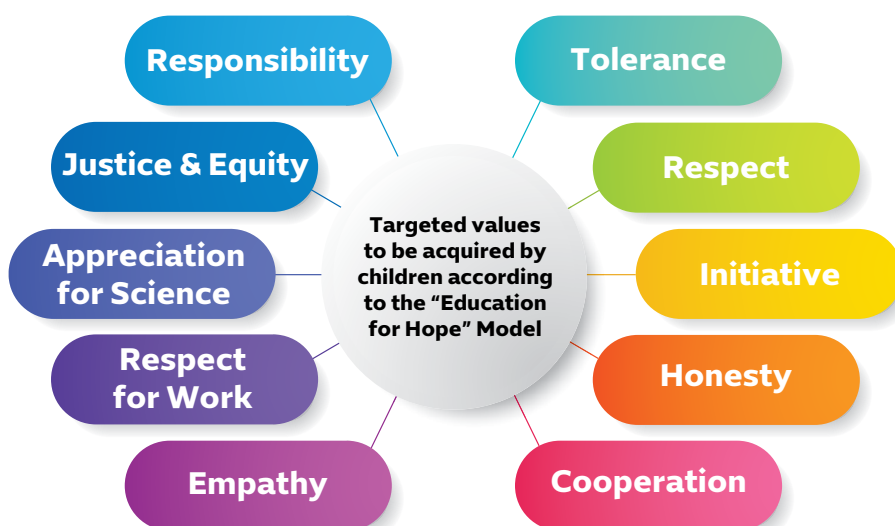
Using One’s Reason and Intellect ...

Enriching Awareness ... Promising Future

The “Education for Hope” Model stems from an open and flexible approach that is capable of adapting to all developments and updates, as well as the Model provides the opportunity to reach new ideas and introduce modern areas of knowledge that enable ACCD to continue undertaking its role as a house of expertise in issues related to childhood and development.



The Intellectual Framework of “Education for Hope” Model



The Model is a philosophical framework that combines thought and practice. The Model is applied in all the Programs and Projects of ACCD.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In partnership with AGFUND, ACCD contributes to the realization of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the 2030 SDGs through implementing its Model for Arab Child Upbringing “Education for Hope”, with its components.





**Programs and Mechanisms to Apply
the Model of “Education for Hope”
and Developing ACCD’s Work**

First: The Programs



**COP28
UAE**

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At the Inauguration of the Forums of the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit on Food Security

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Announces AGFUND's Readiness, through its Developmental Programs and Institutions, to Contribute to Achieving the Recommendations of the Civil Society Forum and the Arab Youth Forum after its Approval by the Summit

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud delivered a speech at the opening session of the Forums of the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit: Civil Society Forum and Arab Youth Forum, which were held at LAS on the topic of "Food Security" on October 24-25, 2023. The Forums were organized in preparation for the 5th Session of the above-mentioned Summit, and attended by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, H.E. Dr. Ashraf Sobhi, Minister of Youth and Sports of Egypt, H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND, H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD and H.E. Ms. Hoda Al-Bakr, Executive Director of the Arab Network for NGOs (ANNGO), with the participation of representatives of Arab delegations, Arab civil society organizations and media professionals.



HRH Prince Abdulaziz: AGFUND is firmly convinced that stimulating the energies of civil society and unleashing young people to think innovatively and creatively will lead to positive change and contribute to sustainable solutions for the issue of food security

Regional Session on

“The Impact of Climate Change on Child Labor in the Arab Region”

Within the activities of COP28, a Regional Session entitled “The Impact of Climate Change on Child Labor in the Arab Region” was organized by LAS in partnership with ACCD, AGFUND, and the Arab Labor Organization (ALO), on December 8, 2023, at the Pavilion of LAS in the Blue Zone, Expo City, the headquarters of COP28 in Dubai, the UAE.



The Regional Session has recommended the need to study the impact of the Gaza war on children and the Arab region and its climate repercussions, as well as the Session has also proposed an action plan to address the negative effects of climate change on child rights based on mitigation and adaptation strategies while taking social protection measures.

The initiative to organize this Regional Session stems from the commitment of ACCD and the partners to address the issue of child labor, as well as in compliance with the recommendations of the Regional Study “Child Labor in the Arab Region” that was issued in 2019 and adopted by the 38th Session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs and the 4th Session of the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labor on June 12, 2023, the Partners have issued a joint statement stressing the need for the issue of child labor to be a special priority in development plans, programs and policies, as an issue that represents a flagrant violation of children's rights.

A Dialogue Session for Arab Children on Climate Change Issues

The Children Call for a more Stable, Equitable and Sustainable Future

Within the activities of COP28, a Dialogue Session entitled “The Role of Arab Children in Confronting Climate Change” was organized by LAS, ACCD, AGFUND, and the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood (SCMC) in the UAE, on December 9, 2023, at the Legacy Auditorium, Education Pavilion in the Green Zone, Expo City, Dubai, the UAE.



Children from 6 Arab countries participated in the Dialogue Session (UAE - Oman - Qatar - Kuwait - Libya - Egypt), and the Session was moderated by the UNICEF Youth Ambassadors for the COP28.

The children participating in the Session have emphasized their role in confronting climate change issues by changing their daily practices to be more sustainable



The Children have called on world leaders to direct the money spent on wars and destruction to strategies and programs that aim to save the world and become a green world.



This Dialogue Session is organized within the framework of the Arab Children Forum, which is adopted by ACCD in partnership with AGFUND and LAS, with the aim of empowering children to practice their right to participation and express their views in all matters affecting them.

Within the Integrated Strategic Partnership among the Developmental Organizations Headed by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

ACCD Participated in the Membership of the Scientific Committee of the ANNGO's Initiative to Launch the Second Edition of the Arab Climate Forum



The Forum was held under the slogan “Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security: Together to Build Resilience and Adaptation Capacities of Small Farmers” on November 13-14, 2023 in Dubai, the UAE.



2- The Program of Early Childhood Development

ACCD Continues to Implement the Project of Supporting the Capacity Building of Early Childhood Institutions in Partnership with AGFUND to Apply the Model of “Education for Hope” in the Arab Countries

TOT Training Workshop in Jordan

Within the framework of implementing this Project, ACCD, in partnership with the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) in Jordan, organized a training of trainers (TOT) Workshop on November 19-20, 2023. This training was implemented by ACCD' Training Academy (ACTA).



Signing a Joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between 3 Arab Institutions for the Development, Care and Protection of Early Childhood



The MoU was signed between ACCD, NCFA in Jordan, and the Arab Network for Early Childhood (ANECD) on May 24, 2023.

The MoU aims to produce knowledge, advocacy and conduct researches and training in the areas of early childhood

Launching the Regional Forum for Early Childhood with the Participation of 80 Experts from 12 Arab Countries

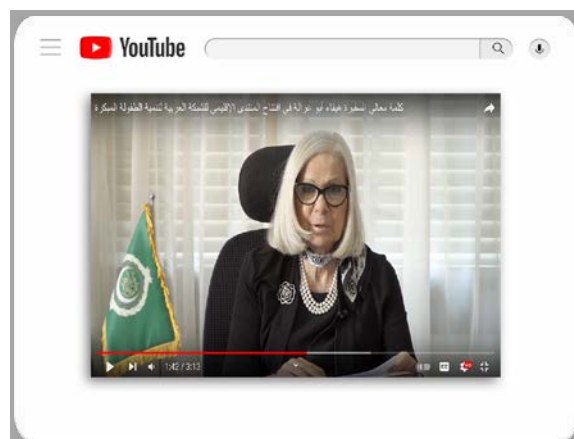


The Regional Forum for Early Childhood was organized by ACCD and ANECD on September 8-9, 2023, in Cairo under the title: “Caring for Young Children in a Turbulent World: Development Strategies in the Arab Countries”. The Forum was attended by more than 80 experts from 12 Arab countries, representing the members of the ANECD including experts, institutions and representatives of national networks for early childhood, along with representatives of bodies and organizations working in the field of early childhood, and several experts and specialists in the field.

The Forum was inaugurated by video speeches from HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS



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The Forum has aimed to renew the will of joint work to achieve the SDGs and to promote the growth, well-being and upbringing of Arab children, as well as to enforce their rights and develop their knowledge, skills and behaviors, with a vision to guide our new generations to the right path to confront all the challenges.

**ACCD is a Founding Member of the ANECD,
which was established in Lebanon during 2014**



A minute of silence for the victims of the Moroccan Earthquake that occurred on September 8, 2023



ACCD was honored by Sultan Qaboos University, Oman



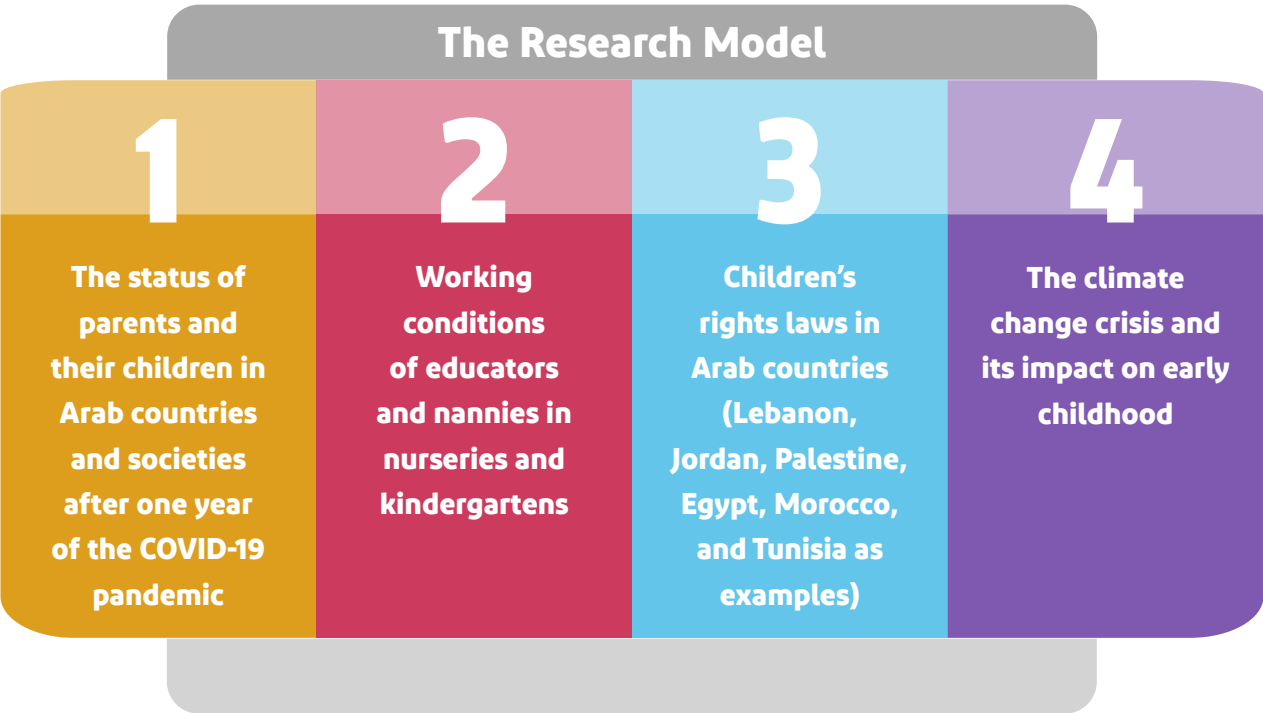
The Forum's Sessions and Workshops discussed 14 research papers in various fields of early childhood development



The recommendations of the Forum focused on drafting joint guidelines for the framework of strategies and researches in the field of early childhood and creating an interactive Arab platform that provides data, research, studies and expertise in the field and contributes to conducting training, as well as organizing conferences, exchanging experiences and consolidating partnerships for early childhood development.

ACCD Participates in 4 Strategic Research Models of the ANECD

Within the framework of joint cooperation with the ANECD, as ACCD is a Founding Member of this Network, ACCD has participated in 4 Strategic Research Models, which are:



The Strategic Research Models aim to provide action plans and organized interventions that contribute to improving work programs for the advancement of the early childhood sector in the Arab world, as well as to strengthen the research component, which is oriented to policies, studies and providing scientific indicators directed to the activities, plans and strategic models of ANECD.

Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, ACCD’s Secretary General, has been selected as Chairman of ANECD’s Advisory Board, whose membership includes members from Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and the United Kingdom.

ACCD Launches 4 Campaigns to Raise Awareness and Disseminate Scientific Facts and References



1) An awareness campaign on positive parenting (assuming responsibility).

2) An awareness campaign on the best activities for children during the summer vacation.



3) The Gaza Children's campaign to provide messages containing facts and figures about what is happening to the children of Gaza.



4) The climate crisis and children's rights campaign.



3- The Program of the Empowerment of Arab Children

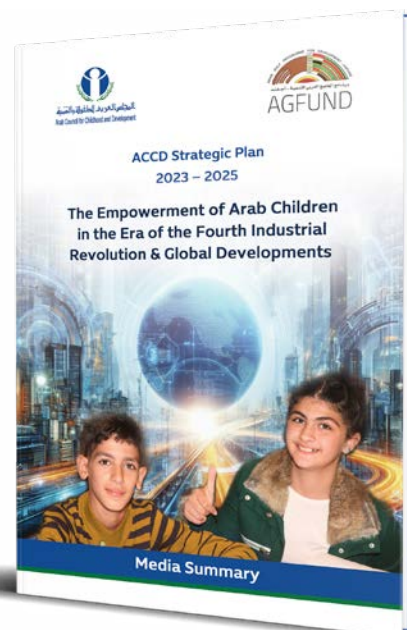
“The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond” is the Slogan of ACCD’s Strategic Plan (2023 – 2025)

During the year 2023, ACCD completed the preparation of its Strategic Plan (2023 – 2025), which included 8 strategic programs to apply ACCD’s Model for Arab Child Upbringing “Education for Hope” in light of global developments, digital transformation and enabling children to interact positively with the requirements of the industrial revolutions and beyond.

ACCD held various Meetings and Workshops to discuss the methodology and pillars of the Strategic Plan. In addition, a Workshop was held on June 7-8, 2023 at the headquarters of ACCD to discuss the final draft of the Strategic Plan with the participation of 20 experts from 5 Arab countries.

More than 40 experts in various fields of childhood from 5 Arab countries participated in drafting the Strategic Plan: Jordan - Saudi Arabia - Lebanon - Morocco - Egypt.

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King Abdulaziz Prize for Scientific Researches on Childhood and Development



The 3rd Cycle: Education in the Post-COVID-19 World

72 Researchers from 12 Arab Countries Compete for the Awards of the 3rd Cycle of the Prize

ACCD continues to work on the 3rd Cycle of the Prize that was launched by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in October 2022 on “Education in the Post-COVID-19 World”, to stimulate scientific research and knowledge production in Arab countries.

Topics of the Third Cycle of the Prize



During 2023, ACCD has done the following:

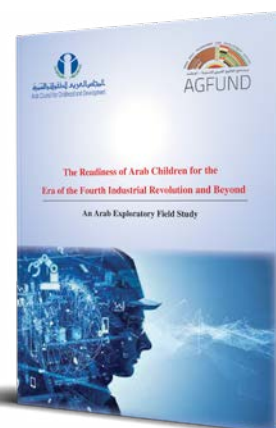
- 1 Extending the deadline for receiving researches for the 3rd Cycle until June 2023 in response to requests of the Arab researchers.
- 2 Receiving 57 research papers prepared by 72 researchers from 12 Arab countries: (UAE - Bahrain - Algeria - Saudi Arabia - Iraq - Morocco - Yemen - Oman - Syria - Palestine - Sudan - Egypt).
- 3 Organizing meetings and workshops for the Prize's Scientific Committee.
- 4 Sending researches to arbitration and following up on the results, in preparation for announcing the winning researches.

**The winning researches of the 3rd Cycle of the Prize
will be announced in the middle of 2024.**

The Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond

The First Arab Exploratory Study that Has Developed an Arab Measurement Tool to Test the Skills of Arab Children

ACCD, in partnership with AGFUND, has continued to work on completing its initiative to prepare an exploratory field Study entitled “The Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond”.



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During 2023, ACCD has done the following:

1

Completion of the second draft of the Study in preparation for its launch in 2024.

2

Organizing the meetings of the Study's Scientific Committee to discuss the draft and next steps.

3

Selecting the members of the Study's Readers Committee that includes an elite group of Arab experts.

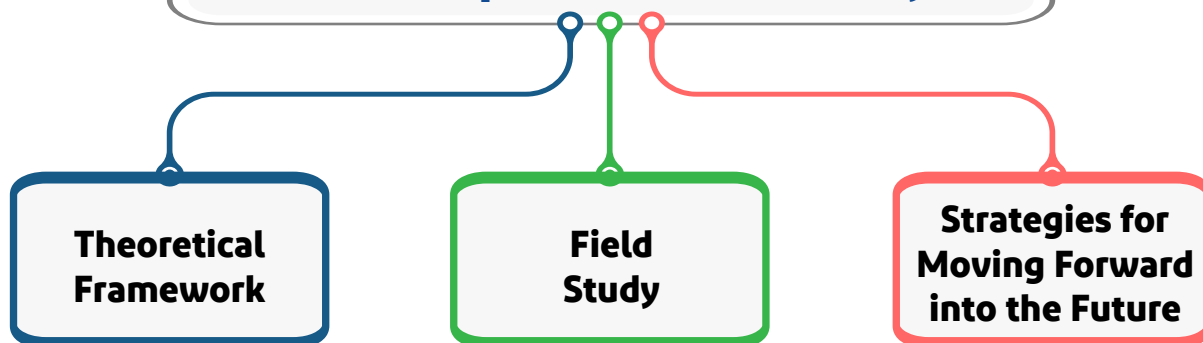
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Preparing scientific reference papers on strategies for moving forward into the future, in accordance with the Study's recommendations.

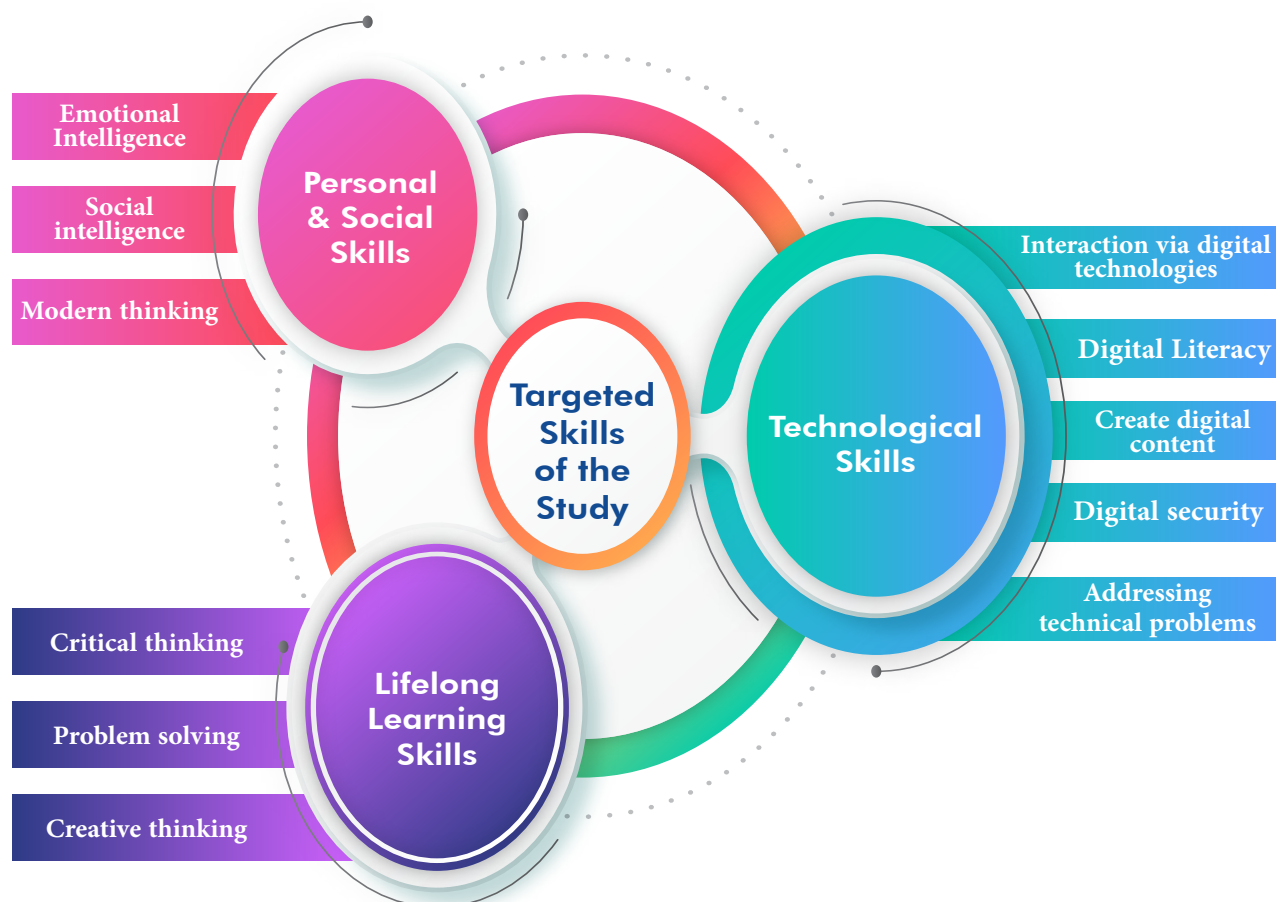
The preparation of this Study comes within the framework of ACCD's implementation of “The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution” Project in 6 Arab countries: (Bahrain - Oman - Saudi Arabia - Kuwait - Lebanon - Egypt) in partnership with AGFUND.

This Study was prepared by more than 25 experts from various Arab countries and has included the first Arab scale to measure emotional and social intelligence and modern thinking. The reliability and validity of the scale were assessed.

The Components of the Study



The Study seeks to draft intervention plans of empowering children in this changing world, in order to maintain growth and progress.



Signing MoU between ACCD and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA)



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President ACCD, and H.E. Prof. Ahmed Zayed, Director of BA, signed the MoU on February 14, 2023, at the headquarters of BA in Alexandria, in the presence of H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD and Mr. Mazyad Al-Huwaishan, Consul General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Alexandria, as well as ACCD's delegation, several professors from Alexandria University and heads of sectors at the BA.

***The MoU aims to enhance the empowerment of Arab children
and achieve sustainable development in our societies***

An official visit of HRH Prince Abdulaziz to the most prominent landmarks of the BA including various museums, libraries, exhibitions, research centers and the children's library.





The 6th Arab Civil Society Forum for Children is the First Joint Cooperation between ACCD and BA, in partnership with AGFUND and LAS

ACCD is working to complete preparations for organizing the 6th Arab Civil Society Forum for Children, which will be held during the year 2024 in partnership with LAS, AGFUND and the BA, under the slogan “The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution”.

During the year 2023, ACCD, in coordination with the BA and partners, prepared the concept paper for the 6th Forum and assigned experts and researchers to draft research papers, as well as completing the logistical and technical preparatory procedures for holding the Forum at the headquarters of BA in Alexandria city.



The activities of the 6th Forum, which will be held during the year 2024, will include launching the Study entitled “The Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond”, and discussing the status of Arab civil society for childhood in light of the current changes.

The Arab Civil Society Forum for Children is a periodic forum to institutionalize the efforts of Arab civil society organizations. It aims to raise the developmental awareness of children’s issues in the Arab world. It adopts the approach of rights and development and stems from the CRC, in a way that guarantees non-discrimination and respect for difference within the framework of an effective partnership.



4- The Program of Child Friendly Media

“Child friendly media” is media that respects children’s rights and works to enforce them, media that supports a value system based on professionalism, empowerment, citizenship, social justice, freedom and transparency.



Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights Child Friendly Media

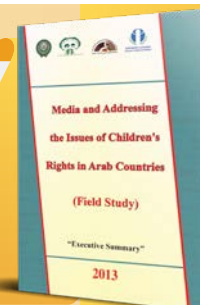
ACCD continues to implement the components of the Project of Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights (MOACR) in partnership with AGFUND and LAS.

The Stages to implement the Project of Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights (MOACR)

1

An Arab Study on Media and Addressing the Issues of Children's Rights in 6 Arab Countries

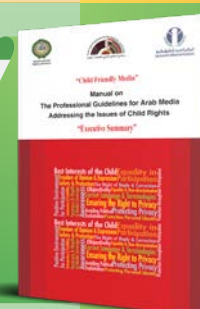
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The Professional Guidelines for Arab Media Addressing the Issues of Child Rights adopted by: The Council of Arab Ministers of Information and the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs

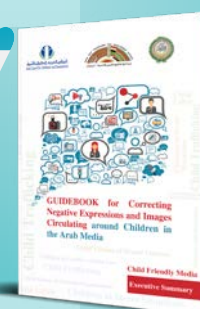
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Guidebook for Correcting Negative Expressions and Images Circulating around Children in the Arab Media: monitoring more than 800 Negative expressions and images with providing guiding alternatives. The Guidebook is adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs

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4

Training and Developing Capacity of Arab Media Professionals (On-going Stage)
More than 18 regional and national workshops in 14 Arab countries



5

Operating the MOACR (Future Stage)
Periodical Reports and Networking with Media Institutions



Activating ACCD's Role as a House of Expertise in Realizing Child Rights

ACCD is Working on Circulating its Expertise in Implementing the Stages of the MOACR to Disseminate the Concept of “Child Friendly Media” at the Regional and National Levels

During the year 2023, ACCD has been keen to disseminate its expertise in implementing the stages of the MOACR, during several events at the Arab and national levels, which are:



1-The 6th Arab High-Level Conference on Child Rights under the slogan “Effective and Sustainable Development Investment that Guarantees the Rights of the Arab Child”, organized by LAS on May 31, 2023.



2- A Regional Training Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Media Professionals in Using Data and Disseminating Development Statistical Indicators, organized by LAS and AGFUND, on November 15-16, 2024, attended by 50 participants.



3- A Roundtable Discussion entitled “The Role of the Media in Promoting Education and Learning to Connect Generations”, organized by the Women and Society Association on June 21, 2023, at the headquarters of the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate, and attended by an elite of intellectuals and media professionals.

H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, ACCD’s Secretary General and the Main Speaker at the Roundtable Discussion, has emphasized the vital role that the media plays in addressing the problems of education reform.

In 2024, the MOACR will start a new phase with the support of AGFUND, which aims at promoting media outlets to adopt the slogan of “Child Friendly Media”.



Preparations for Organizing a Regional Workshop on “Child Friendly Media” in the UAE during the Year 2024

In accordance with the recommendations of the Arab Childhood Committee, ACCD is coordinating with LAS, AGFUND and the SCMC in Abu Dhabi to organize a Regional Workshop on “Child Friendly Media” in the UAE during the year 2024.



A coordination meeting of the ACCD delegation at the headquarters of the SCMC in Abu Dhabi on December 19, 2023.

ACCD's Participation in the 33rd Arab Scout Camp
Al Marmoom Desert Conservation Reserve in Dubai

ACCD Held the Arab Children Forum under the Slogan
“Child Friendly Media and Sustainable Development Issues”
with the Participation of 600 Children from 19 Arab Countries



ACCD, in partnership with AGFUND and the ASO, held the activities of the Arab Children Forum under the slogan “Child Friendly Media and Sustainable Development Issues” on December 16-18, 2023, within the framework of ACCD’s participation in the activities of the 33rd Arab Scout Camp. The Camp was held on December 15-25, 2023 under the slogan “Scouting is a Sustainable Curriculum”, at Al Marmoom Desert Conservation Reserve in Dubai, the UAE, and attended by more than 1500 children from 19 Arab countries. The Camp was organized by the ASO and the UAE Scout Association, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai

The Arab Children Forum is adopted by ACCD in partnership with AGFUND and LAS since 2010, to emphasize the importance of children’s participation, encouraging and facilitating their effective participation, and realizing children’s right to be heard on matters that affect them.



The Sessions of the Arab Children Forum of the year 2023 included 6 training workshops in which more than 600 children from 19 Arab countries participated. The workshops tackled various topics related to child rights, sustainable development and child friendly media.





5- The Program of Children in Street Situations

The Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations through Education for Hope “I have Chosen Hope”



ACCD has developed an integrated Model for the rehabilitation and inclusion of children in street situations through Education for Hope “I have chosen hope”, based on the accumulated experience of the pioneering initiatives undertaken by ACCD since its establishment to implement many programs and projects in this field.

The Model of “I Have Chosen Hope” was implemented by ACCD in partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity in Egypt and other Partners, funded by AGFUND, from 2014 to 2018 at the Institution for Children Social Welfare “Dor El Tarbiya”.

Based on the successes achieved by the ACCD’s “I Have Chosen Hope” Model, LAS has recommended circulating this Model in the Arab countries (the 21st Session of the Arab Childhood Committee).

During the year 2023, ACCD has been working on coordinating with the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon and the ENCCC in Egypt to apply the “I Have Chosen Hope” Model.

A Joint Initiative “Together” to Rehabilitate 100 Children in Safe Areas through ACCD’s Model “I Have Chosen Hope”

ACCD is working to apply its Model of the Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations through Education for Hope, under the slogan “I Have Chosen Hope” in partnership with the



ENCCC affiliated to the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt, and with support of AGFUND. This is done through the joint initiative “Together”, which aims to rehabilitate and provide inclusion for children in safe areas. This initiative is sponsored by H.E. Dr. Nevin Al-Kilani, the Egyptian Minister of Culture.

This initiative comes within the framework of empowering the Egyptian child in accordance with Egypt’s Vision 2030 and aims to empower children living in safe areas (alternative housing for slum areas). The initiative applies the pillars of ACCD’s Model “Education for Hope”, to enrich the learning process and provide children with positive values and skills.





Launching the 1st Phase of the Joint Initiative (Together) at “Al-Khayala” Area in Cairo Governorate. The Initiative started in July 2023 and lasted for 6 months.

During 2023, ACCD implemented the following:

1

A series of meetings with the ENCCC to coordinate the steps to implement the Initiative.

2

6 TOT Training Workshops to build the capabilities of the ENCCC’s staff (18 trainees).

3

Introductory Meeting on the Initiative and ACCD’s Model “I Have Chosen Hope” in the presence of more than 100 children and their families in the Al-Khayala Area.

4

Preparing a database on the children who will be worked with through the initiative, using preliminary and baseline questionnaires (133 children).

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Implementing 16 activities with children in the Al-Khayala Area, with the participation of more than 100 children.

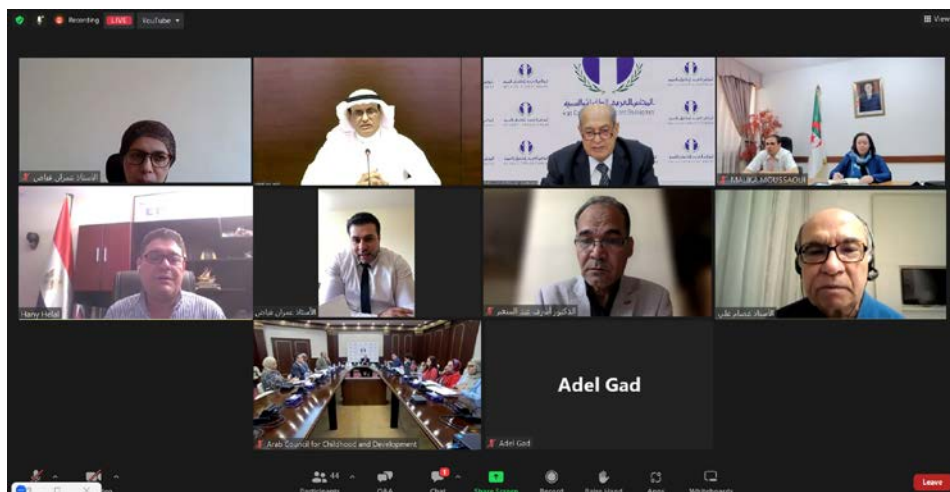
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Preparing intensive training materials to be applied with children in safe areas within 3 months.

In Implementation of LAS's Recommendations of the Meetings of the Arab Childhood Committee (the 26th Session)

An Arab Workshop on “Social Protection Policies for Children in Street Situations” Attended by 70 Participants from 14 Arab Countries

ACCD, in partnership with LAS and AGFUND organized an Arab Workshop on “Social Protection Policies for Children in Street Situations” on June 14, 2023. The Workshop was attended by 70 participants from 14



Arab countries representing childhood national mechanisms in Arab countries and the national, regional and international organizations, as well as the concerned civil society organizations, experts and media professionals.

The Workshop aimed to highlight the importance of establishing, developing and activating social protection systems and policies for children in street situations, based on the human rights approach and sustainable development, in order to achieve their best interests, and enhance their upbringing and empowerment to integrate into society.

The Workshop reviewed governmental and non-governmental experiences and initiatives in this field from Algeria, Egypt and Mauritania



Watch the Workshop on ACCD's YouTube Channel



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The Project of Early Detection and Intervention among Stakeholders Concerned with Children with Disabilities within the Context of Scientific Advancement and Technological Progress

In collaboration with partners, ACCD continues to implement this Project, which aims at developing the knowledge, skills, awareness and positive beliefs of stakeholders concerned with children with disabilities in Arab countries, in order to enable them to use strategies, programs, advanced technology and its applications in early detection of disability, and early intervention to prevent it or limit its effects.

During 2023, ACCD implemented the following:

Preparing the first draft of the “Guiding Manual for Capacity Development for Early Detection and Intervention among Stakeholders Concerned with Children with Disabilities” with the participation of 11 researchers from Egypt and Jordan.

Preparing the first draft of the “Training Manual for Parents and Teachers to Develop their Skills of Early Detection of Disability and Participation in Early Intervention”. The draft was sent to the Arab countries and the observations on the Manul’s content were received.

Drafting the Conceptual Framework of the Analytical Study on the Culture of Early Intervention in its Comprehensive Concept, Practices and Challenges in the Arab Countries

A Workshop was held on May 18, 2023, at the headquarters of ACCD, with the participation of 19 experts from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Sudan to discuss the conceptual framework of the Analytical Study.

Meeting with specialists to draft the TOR of the Awareness-raising Materials (Documentary Film to raise awareness of the culture of early intervention and the role of advanced technology and its applications.

Partners



Signing a Cooperation Protocol between ACCD and Nida Society



The signing of a Cooperation Protocol between ACCD and Nida Society for the Rehabilitation of Hearing-Impaired Children and People with Multiple Disabilities (Nida Society) on May 3, 2023, at the headquarters of ACCD. The Protocol was signed by H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, ACCD's Secretary General, and Dr. Magda Fahmy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nida Society.

The Protocol seeks to apply ACCD's Model "Education for Hope" in the field of the rehabilitation and inclusion of children with disabilities.

To activate the Protocol, ACCD is coordinating with Nida Society to hold a Regional Conference entitled "Community Protection and Obstacles Facing Children with Disabilities" in January 2024.



Programs and Mechanisms to Apply the Model of “Education for Hope” and Developing ACCD’s Work

Second: The Mechanisms

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The Arab Childhood Training Academy (ACTA)



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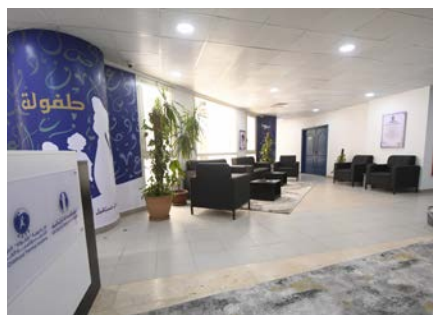
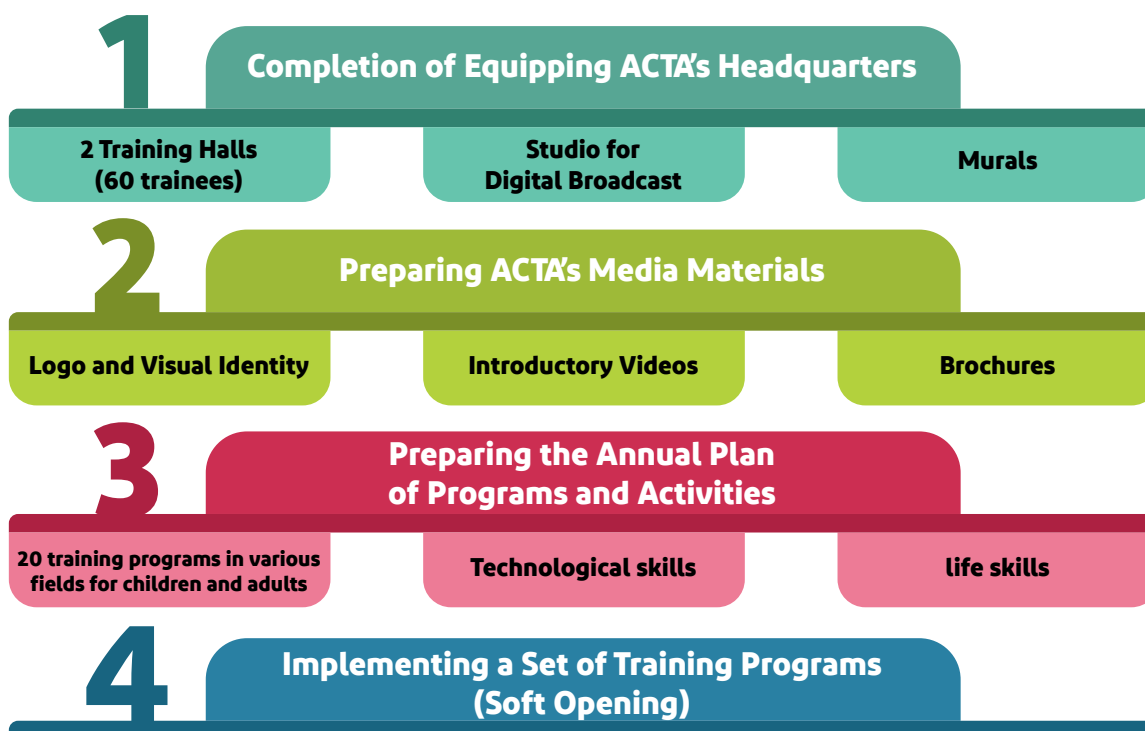
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ACTA is one of ACCD’s new mechanisms in the development to implement the Model of “Education for Hope”. ACTA aims to provide training and capacity development for many target groups that include teachers, parents, civil society, media institutions, media professionals and children.

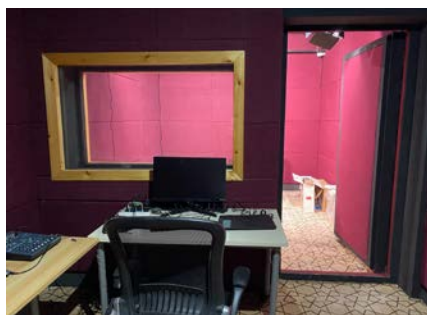
Under the Auspices of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, ACCD Celebrates the Official Launch of ACTA in 2024

ACCD, funded by AGFUND, has completed equipping the headquarters of ACTA according to international specifications, as well as a number of training programs were implemented in preparation for the official launch during the year 2024.

During 2023, ACCD implemented the following:



ACTA's Headquarters

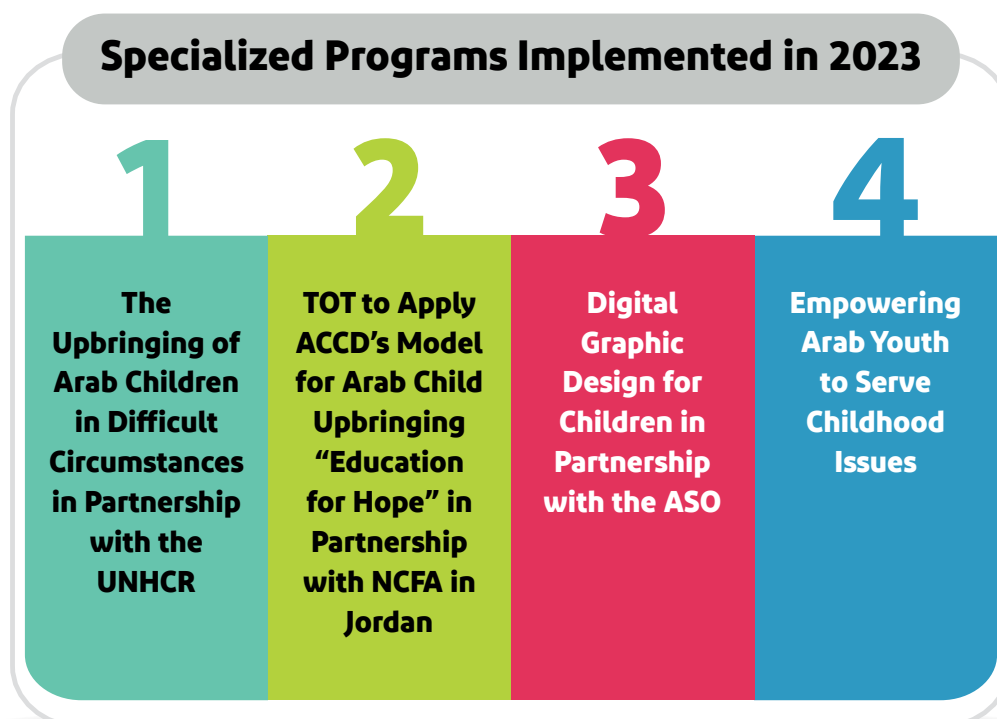
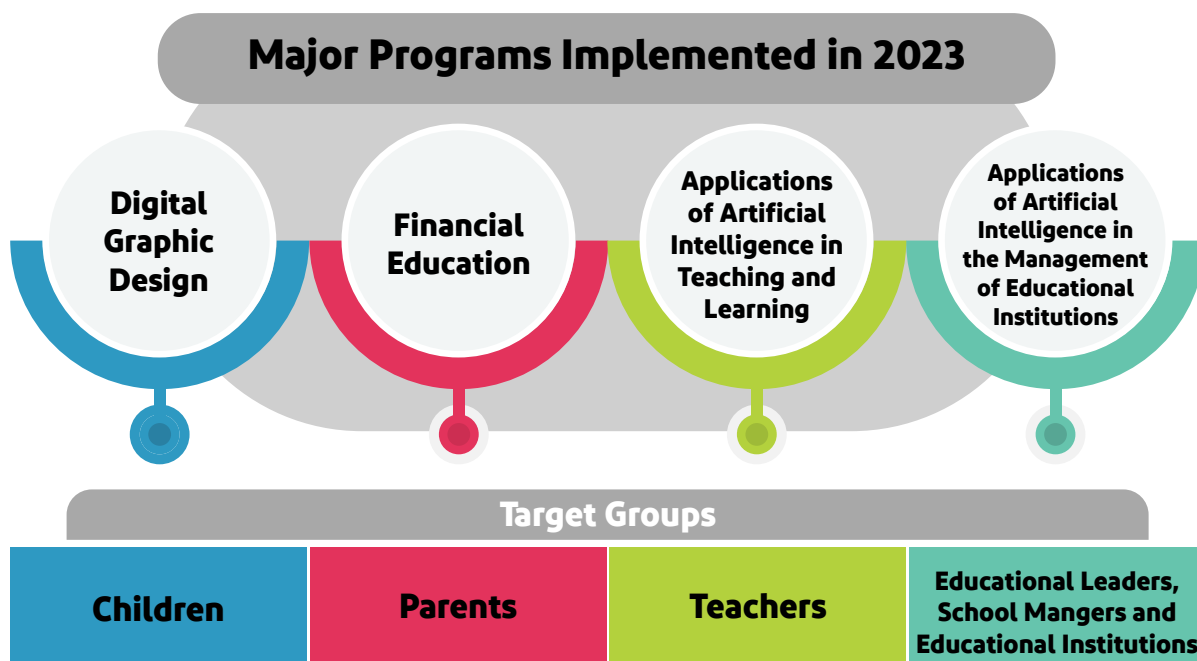


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Training Halls

During 2023, more than 550 Beneficiaries Registered in ACTA's Training Programs





***ACTA is
accredited by
the American
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Specialized Programs for Refugee Children were implemented in partnership with the UNHCR in Egypt

ACTA launched an electronic educational consultation service to support parents and institutions concerned with childhood

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<https://accd.moodlecloud.com>

Digital Training Portal



A Coordination Meeting between H.E. Dr. Reda Hegazy, Minister of Education and Technical Education in Egypt, and the delegation of ACCD, headed by H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, the Secretary General of ACCD; to enhance cooperation. The Meeting was held at the Ministry's headquarters on January 31, 2023.



A delegation of Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation, headed by H.E. Mr. Jamal bin Huwareb, Executive Director of the Foundation, visited the headquarters of ACCD on January 25, 2023, and a Coordination Meeting was held to discuss future joint activities.



In the presence of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, ACCD organized a Ramadan Iftar on April 6, 2024, with the participation of a number of media professionals, artists and public figures, as well as several officials from the ACCD, ANNGO and the Arab Open University, Egypt branch.



ACCD, represented by Eng. Mohamed Reda Fawzi, Director of the Department of Research, Documentation and Knowledge Development, participated in the World Health Organization's Celebration of World Health Day and its 75th Anniversary, on April 10, 2023, in the presence of Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari, the WHO Regional Director.



ACCD, represented by Dr. Abdullah Omara, a Researcher in the Department of Research, Documentation and Knowledge Development, participated in the Founding Workshop of the Arab Research Committee, organized by the ANECD on May 26-28, 2023 in Jordan.

ACCD was chosen as a major partner in the 2023 World Education Policy and Innovation Conference (EPIC), organized by the KIX Project, held on June 6-8, 2023, in recognition of ACCD's role



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as a leading organization in the fields of education and innovation through its programs and projects.

The Conference aims to create a forum for dialogue between researchers, policy makers, education experts and practitioners from Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, in order to bridge the existing gap between research and practice, mobilize knowledge and highlight national and regional expertise. The Conference sessions included lectures by more than 100 international experts, with the attendance of more than 7000 participants from various countries of the world. The Conference topics included issues such as the use of technology in education, gender equality in education, blended education, technological applications, education in emergencies and early childhood.



ACCD hosted the International Day for Peace Celebration, in cooperation with the UNESCO Future Builders Club, the National Committee of UNESCO, and a number of partners, under the slogan “A Message of Peace from the Land of Peace,” on September 23, 2023, at the ACCD’s headquarters in Cairo.



In partnership with the ENCCC, affiliated to the Supreme Council of Culture of the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, ACCD participated in organizing the Celebration entitled “A Day in Love for Sudanese Children”, which was held on September 25, 2023, at the Children’s Cultural Garden in Sayyida Zeinab in Cairo. The Celebration included artistic and singing performances, workshops with children and a heritage exhibition.



ACCD participated in the Meetings of the 27th Session of the Arab Childhood Committee, the 19th Session of the Committee to Stop Violence against Children, and the 13th Session of the Arab Family Committee, organized by LAS, on September 25, 2023, with the participation of Ministries and national mechanisms for childhood in the Arab countries, along with representatives of regional and international organizations.



ACCD, represented by Ms. Iman Bahi Eldin, Director of the Media Department, and Ms. Marwa Hashem, Coordinator of the Media Department, participated in the Consultative Meeting of the Center of Excellence for Early Childhood, organized by AGFUND and UNICEF at AGFUND's headquarters in Riyadh on November 19, 2023, with the participation of experts from various sectors concerned with early childhood.



The participation of H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, ACCD's Secretary General, in the 2022 Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development Award Ceremony, on “Decent Work and Economic Growth”, held under the patronage of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of AGFUND and Chairman of the Award Committee, on December 4, 2023 in Dubai, coinciding with the activities of the COP28.



ACCD presented its “Education for Hope” Model on the rehabilitation and inclusion of children with disabilities at the Annual Conference of the “Maak” Child Care Centers affiliated to the Arab Doctors Union, under the title: “An Integrated Vision for Developing the Child’s Capabilities” sponsored by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in Egypt. The Conference was held on December 2, 2023, and ACCD was also honored for its tireless efforts in protecting the rights of children with disabilities and working for their inclusion in society.

ACCD participated in “Earth Hour” by turning off the lights of its headquarters for an hour on May 27, 2023, to emphasize the importance of this event and its contribution to reducing environmental degradation and climate changes that threaten the planet Earth.

Earth Hour is a global event that saves energy and contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.





Media Activities

The media activities aim at promoting ACCD's role in spreading and developing the culture of child rights and upbringing children in Arab countries, with a view to raise awareness and advocating for child rights, in cooperation and coordination with media channels and other developmental institutions.



**ACCD's Annual Performance
Report of 2023**



**ACCD's Portal and
Accounts on Social Media**



**Releasing 12
Monthly Press Files.**



**Annual Calendar of 2024 under the
slogan "Protect the rights of your
children to grow up healthy and happy".**

Media coverage for events and issuing 47 newsletters on ACCD activities.



ACCD Periodicals

Three Issues of Childhood and Development Periodical



The Periodical has obtained the accreditation of the Arab Citation and Impact Factor (ARCIF) in the second category in the field of social sciences, within 500 periodicals from 20 Arab countries.

Three Issues of Khatwa Magazine Specialized in Early Childhood



ACCD is working on developing Khatwa Magazine into interactive Issues, in addition to launching a new portal for the Magazine.

Please visit ACCD's portal to review the full version of the above-mentioned periodicals.

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Participation in Seminars and Conferences

- A Human Rights Awareness Workshop to Advocate for the Rights of People with Disabilities, organized by Nida Society, on May 25, 2023.
- Celebration of the International Day of the Deaf-Blind, “Dialogue in the Dark”, organized by the Nida Society, on June 13, 2023.
- Launching the 12th Arab Cultural Development Report, organized by the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt and the Arab Thought Foundation, on September 18, 2023.
- The Arab Scout Partnership Workshop, organized by the Arab Scout Organization, on October 24, 2023.
- “The Family...and the Road to the New Republic” Symposium, organized by the “Awareness” Salon in cooperation with the Arab Research Center and the Egypt Public Library, at the Egypt Public Library headquarters, on October 25, 2023.
- The Opening Ceremony of the 5th Forum of the Aragouz and Traditional Puppet, organized by the ENCCC, on December 19, 2023.



ACCD's Partners in Children's Support and Development





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