



The Impact of Scouting on Increasing

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Through co-operation between the Arab Scout Regional Office and the Jordanian Association for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Dr. Atif Odaybat, Chairman of the Jordanian Supreme Council for Youth, on behalf of H.E. Princess Passma Bent Talal, Chairwoman of the Jordanian Association for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Dr. Atif Abdelmageed, Arab Scout Regional Director, and Dr. Mozer Al Masry, Secretary General of the Jordanian Association for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, inaugurated the 10th Arab Scout Gathering for Executives of Health Awareness in the Arab Scout Organizations. The Gathering, which was organized from 3-10/5/2008 in Amman - Jordan, was attended by forty three participants representing ten Arab Scout Organizations namely; Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia, Sudan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Palestine, Lebanon and Libya.

The objective of the Gathering was sharing experience between executives of health activities in order to develop and propose activities geared towards increasing youth awareness about health problems. During this event, the participants discussed some topics mainly; the current health status in the Arab region and the impact of scouting on increasing health awareness among Arab citizens, health awareness projects organized by NSOs at the local level and exchange of experience in the relevant field via paying visits to health care associations and holding meetings with health awareness experts and professionals.

It is worthy mentioning that the participants further addressed the production of a number of health awareness messages, suggested activities and programs that could be implemented by the Scout Movement at the regional and national levels and adopted a promising future action plan.

In addition to John Hopkins University and the International Union for Islamic Medical Associations, a number of international organizations such as UNESCO, WHO and UNFPA have technically participated in this prestigious event. At the national level, the Jordanian Ministry of Health (the General Department of Drug Addiction Combat), the Ministry of Interior (the General Department of Traffic) and Al Hassan Youth Award Program gave valuable contribution to the Gathering.