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Mustaqbali... For the Children of Gaza

The 2008/2009 Gaza assaults left 1804 children orphaned. Given the breadth of the tragedy, The Abraaj Group took the decision to set up the Mustaqbali Foundation and identified the Welfare Association as a key partner in delivering a program that would create a positive future for these kids.

Mustaqbali is an unprecedented program reflecting the Abraaj Group & Welfare Association's integrated approach to catering for the various needs of the most unprivileged; the orphaned children of Gaza.

This approach is holistic, grounded in robust metrics, and most importantly, responds directly to the needs of individual Palestinian families living with the consequences of personal loss, displacement, political repression and violence.

Mustaqbali Program Vision & Objectives

To empower the children of Gaza, orphaned as a direct consequence of the War, so that they have the opportunity to live a normal and fulfilling life and to contribute to the long term development of Gaza. The objectives are to:

Beyond the daily trauma of being confined to the world's most densely populated area, these children suffer from continuous long-lasting effects of war.

Recognizing this, the Mustaqbali program is the only one of its kind that views each of the 1,804 children as a long-term investment. Mustaqbali tracks the evolution of each specific child, year after year, continuously addressing and nurturing their educational, psychosocial, health and professional career development needs from KG until they reach 22 years of age. The program is meant to cherish these children and young adults so they regain their dignity and become positive contributors to their families, their local communities and to their nation as well.

1. Provide adequate standard of living, health care, education, and protection from abuse and exploitation
2. Provide the resources and competencies required to gain autonomy and self-sustenance, and to pursue a career

Mustaqbali Achievements over the past 4 years

Education:

- 477 children were enrolled in pre-school and first grade
- Drop-out rates significantly decreased and success rates reached 95%
- Children's talents are being fostered through co-curricular activities in technology, sports, arts & culture
- 60 children graduated from higher education and 75 from vocational training

Career Development & Economic Empowerment:

- 34 children have been placed in internships and apprenticeships
- The living standards of 63 families have improved due to support of their startup businesses: green houses, barber shops, sewing factories, grocery stores, book shops
- 100 youth have been trained in career and skills development, work ethics, and life skills

Healthcare services:

- 400 program orphans were in need of medical interventions and have received adequate treatments
- The healthcare awareness campaign has reached all of the 482 families included in the program
- The health status of 68 program orphans suffering from various disabilities has improved (18 with mental and/or physical, 22 with speech problems, 22 with hearing and visual difficulties)



Fouad Elsamoni at work in his barbershop, which he established with the support of the Mustaqbali Program



With support from the Program, Loay Samouni is now a registered footballer at Football Union in Gaza



The WEF on the Middle East in 2009 witnessed the signing of an MoU between Abraaj and the Welfare Association, under the patronage of H.M. King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein & H.M. Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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