

# Annual Report

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**Maran Ma'ay'ah AbuJaber**

**( President and Founder)**

Dear fellow shareholders,

It is truly my privilege to lead Alhadaf Institute, an inspiring organization in a region that needs so much hope. We are an organization that acts as a temporary shelter for many families who have lost their homes and are looking for another place to call home.

When I founded Alhadaf Institute in 2014, I never thought we would be able to provide help and clarity for thousands of families in this region. I wanted to change the lives of one child, one family, and one person. We wanted to support one mother who was in so much pain, she was speechless. We tried to help one caregiver who didn't want to show weakness and possible lose the job that provides for his family.

We primarily tried to prevent abuse and intervene in the cases that needed urgent support.

I never thought that the Ministry would ask for a partnership, or that the reputation and influence of this warm institute would be in so many places in this region. I never thought that our influence would spread to reach so many people. But this is why we are on this earth, to listen to the voice of the child when he prays and to make this region a little bit better for our children and their children's children. Without each one of you - our friends and our supporters - I would not survive the weight of this responsibility and we would not survive this big of a calling. So I present this 2022 Annual Report for each of you. Each picture and each number is yours and we invite you to celebrate it with us.

# Who are we?

Alhadaf is a non-profit organization registered with the Ministry of Industry and Trade in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. We are committed to helping and empowering vulnerable orphans and refugees of all ages and backgrounds. We provide a wide range of training, trauma treatment, and health and outreach programs. We utilize various approaches such as art therapy, emotional healing workshops, life skills training, and psychological counseling to help those who have suffered great loss and injustice.

# Our mission:

Alhadaf Institute provides temporary shelter to people who are caught in life's storms, helping them to find their way. With us, they have the opportunity to figuratively collapse in front of a fire while others bring them warm clothes and soup. We offer comforting words and work to help them reach their destination. We provide an arms-around experience, which reignites the passion for life and will allow for growth and healing with patience.

# Our core values:

Reflect our core purpose and serve as an anchor to everything we do. We value psychological safety and physical security. We respect each other as humans deserving dignity. We extend care to our employees, interns and volunteers. We treat them and their families as our priority. We seek to present everything we do with a spirit of excellence.

# Our vision:

Our vision is to live in a society that treats all orphans (children and adults) without prejudice, with respect and dignity. We believe that every human deserves to live safely, learn, and grow.

# Refugees Program:

Iraqi refugees face unique challenges.

After escaping terrorism and war they have been welcomed by Alhadaf Institute and given safe shelter in Jordan. In continuing the Institute's humanitarian vision, Alhadaf provides Iraqi refugees with the support they need by offering different programs to women and children. Each of the programs mentioned below are tailored to meet specific needs. All our programs are given by certified trainers and volunteers with a loving heart to serve.

## Trauma Therapy:

Trauma-focused therapy is a specific approach to therapy that recognizes and emphasizes understanding how traumatic experiences impact a person's well-being. The Iraqi refugees we serve suffer from PTSD due to their journey of escaping ISIS and facing the challenges of war. Alhadaf provides a safe place for the children and their families to share their stories and express their emotions through identity and adaptation trainings.

Our approach to trauma therapy includes both verbal support and sensory workshops. We use arts and crafts as tools to help people open up about the personal traumas they have faced. This technique is used as a control mechanism for managing anxiety. The process of healing takes time and we are committed to standing with the children and their families as they grow and heal.



# Art therapy:

Alhadaf Institute welcomed the Iraqi refugee children after the COVID'19 lock down with big smiles and laughter. Our art therapy program provides the children with a safe environment to express their emotions and feelings through drawing. After many months of not being able to attend school or engage in the real world, the children were very excited to return to Alhadaf. The much needed art therapy along with several craft activities, boosted the children's positive emotions after facing difficult times during the pandemic.



# English Courses:

Alhadaf has provided English courses for Iraqi Refugees since 2016. This program was designed to help bridge the gap in language learning for Iraqi refugees who are seeking placement in English-speaking countries. English courses are divided into two levels: beginner and intermediate. By providing two levels we endeavor to provide equitable language education. This year, English courses were separated into a Book Club and a Conversation Club. Our language students were incredibly excited to be a part of these courses. They have made significant progress since they first began studying English and are now more confident to travel to a new country if the opportunity occurs.



# Skills Program

## Sewing Courses:

After successfully watching this program take off, we are happy to see Iraqi women using their new skills to create innovative designs. The women have gained confidence in their abilities. These classes created a common space where they could gather around a sewing table and share their thoughts, experiences, and challenges. Women have been able to find a new sense of peace in the community of sewing classes. Sewing has increasingly become recognized as an effective way to combat depression. The required concentration and flow calm the mind and reduces feelings of anxiety. A sense of accomplishment can boost mental health and improve the immune system. Focusing on one task reduces the stress levels that are a result of frequent multitasking.





# Orphans Program:

An orphan is someone who has lost one or both parents due to a traumatic event. This program emerged from our desire to help meet the emotional needs of foster children. We also teach caregivers how to form special bonds of attachment by paying attention to children, listening to them, and encouraging them in their daily struggles. In Jordan, under Islamic Law, fostering is the equivalent of adoption. However, fostering is not a well-known concept among Jordanians. Alhadaf spreads community awareness of the fostering system. We believe that every child deserves to be a part of a family. We work to prepare the family before they foster their child. We also work with the families afterward to help both the parents and the child acclimate to their new living arrangements.



# Orphanages:

Alhadaf has partnered with the Ministry of Social Development and has been tasked with evaluating all of Jordan's orphanages. After the initial evaluation, Alhadaf will create, in collaboration with orphanage management, a measurable standard of care. We will then determine what areas need improvement and tailor individual pathways. Alhadaf will also develop care proposals for the orphans once they age out of the orphanage system.

In a partnership that has extended over many years, Alhadaf has been a strong supporter of Dar Al-Kadhim for Innocent Seeds by hosting training for people responsible for the psychological support and care for the little girls from the age of months till 18. Alhadaf seeks to provide these girls with the help they need to overcome any obstacle they might face in their lives, whether at the orphanage or in the outside world.

While striving to preserve the main objective of the Alhadaf Institute, the center implements periodic visits to the Lady of the Mount School in Anjara where we conduct training on child protection, communication skills, and sexual harassment awareness. These training are for teachers and school management. We also visit other orphanages in the area and follow up on certain cases by checking on the general condition of the children.

# Arab Foster Mothers

Alhadaf has been the beating heart for all foster mothers' workshops and trainings over the past year. The Institute continues its support for the foster mother community by providing a safe place for the mothers to gather and share their experiences and receive training about parenting and child protection. We want to enhance their relationship with their adoptive children and to promote healthy fostering in their families. The Institute holds a monthly meeting where different topics are shared while their children are engaged in art therapy.



## Schools Program:

The School program began originally with the goal of helping Jordanian youth develop more open and empathetic mindsets. In encouraging Jordanian students to get in touch with their emotions, we hope they can make the world a safer and more loving place. This opportunity gives the students the ability to connect more closely with Iraqi refugee students, get to know their stories and be a positive light in their lives. We encourage school students to take initiative in providing resources for the refugees.



## King's Academy

Our new initiative with King's Academy has played an important role in the lives of Iraqi refugee families. The motivation behind this initiative stemmed from our belief that every child deserves to live a dignified life and enjoy their childhood. The initiative raises awareness of terrorism and the radicalized ideology that spread throughout Iraq. Most of our Iraqi children have been through traumatizing circumstances as a result of extremism. Through our partnership with the King's Academy, the children get to enjoy an intimate time with their mothers while playing sports and interacting with the school's students.

## Terra Sancta College

We are excited to be launching a new partnership with Terra Sancta College where we are able to share the importance of voluntary work and the personal growth that comes with serving those in need. Alhadaf's President and Founder, Maran May'ayah, shared her story with more than 180 students on how Alhadaf grew out of her love and passion for serving others.

## Staff & Volunteer Training and Workshops:

Throughout the year, Alhadaf hosted training and workshops for our staff and volunteers in order to sharpen their skills and better prepare them for the

### Child Protection

In collaboration with Al Taj Community Child Protection, we held a two day training on child protection for mothers and guardians. These training sessions emphasized the importance of protecting our children and the communities they are in, through practicing emotional and physical intelligence.



### Special Training

Coming all the way from Canada, our special guest Mrs. Insaf Safu is an active member of the International Association for Refugees (IAFR) who shared her life experiences as a refugee while visiting with us. Her unwavering support and compassion for refugee women align beautifully with Alhadaf's mission of supporting refugee women in their journey to a dignified life.



## Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP)

This year we had the pleasure of hosting the Refugee Highway Partnership - a network that stands with, walks beside, and advocates for forcibly displaced people for a six-day conference. Our partners who serve refugees internationally had the opportunity to visit Al-Za'tari Refugee Camp in order to see for themselves the conditions of the Syrian residents and the services that are being provided to them. They also learned more about Jordan's history by visiting historical sites and engage with a multitude of topics surrounding the Iraqi refugee situation in Jordan through the daily workshops we provided.

## Trauma Competent Care

The Trauma Free World organization held a three-day training session for Alhadaf employees, the members of Al Taj Community Child Protection organization, and other visitors and volunteers from the Institute. The participants gained an understanding of the principles, practices, and implementation process of trauma-informed care. Advanced Trauma Competent Caregiving provides an in-depth examination of nine modules of trauma content, and seven Essential Skills of Trauma-Informed Care, including assessment tools and care strategies.



## NEO Leaders:

In partnership with the New Leaders Association for Training and Consultation, psychological counselor Nada Haddad provided training on the first steps to overcoming psychological trauma. The training gave the Institute's team and CCO's a better understanding of the challenges faced by people with trauma and better equipped them to be competent supporters of the institute's refugees.

NOIVA Foundation (Shaping worlds of peace)

Alhadaf is very happy to announce a new partnership with the NOIVA foundation. NOIVA's vision is to break down prejudices, provide healing, promote reconciliation and create initiatives that bring people together. Our two organizations share the vision of making the world a better place for people in crisis.

The four-day workshop was conducted at Alhadaf institute. It emphasized the importance of being a peacemaker. The path begins by first coming to peace within yourself, and then spreading peace within your community by learning and implementing steps toward forgiveness and reconciliation. Several activities were made to strengthen the bond between participants.



# Internship Program:

## CET Academic Program

Every year we encourage students to serve as a volunteer or interns at Alhadaf Institute. Our partnership with the CET Academic Program provides a fruitful experience for students from multiple international universities. They learn a lot from their shared experiences and interactions with refugees and orphans at Alhadaf. Our volunteers and interns play a crucial role in providing educational support and love for the refugees. Each participant receives a certificate upon completion of their internship as an acknowledgment of our appreciation for their dedication to community service.



# Campaigns:

## Back to School Campaign with Al Nisr Al Arabi

We are thankful to have such a wonderful and consistent partnership with Al Nisr Al Arabi, where we host our “Back to School Campaign.” This campaign is tailored to welcome our Iraqi families to the new school year, and ensure that they are fully prepared with school supplies.





# Winter Campaign:

During our winter campaigns, Alhadaf gives heaters, blankets, clothes and food packages to families in need. This is a feature of the holistic support system we provide.

This year, as part of our Winter Campaign, we launched a new partnership with SERV International and were able to deliver food supplies to more than sixty families.



# TV Interviews:

Prominent Jordanian channels including Jordan TV, A One TV, Ro'ya, and others hosted Alhadaf's Founder and President Mrs. Maran Ma'ay'ah, and interviewed her about Alhadaf's work and mission.

Our hope is to increase community awareness and help parents understand the importance of encouraging children to express their feelings.. Television interviews play a crucial role in communicating Alhadaf's vision to all segments of society, as well as encouraging the strengthening of family relationships.

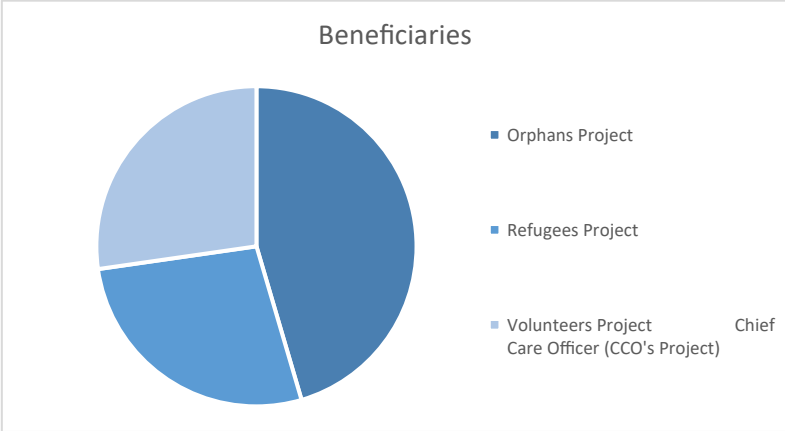
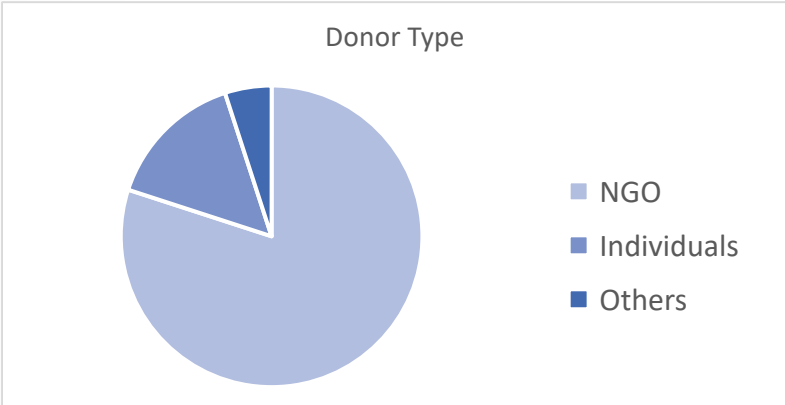
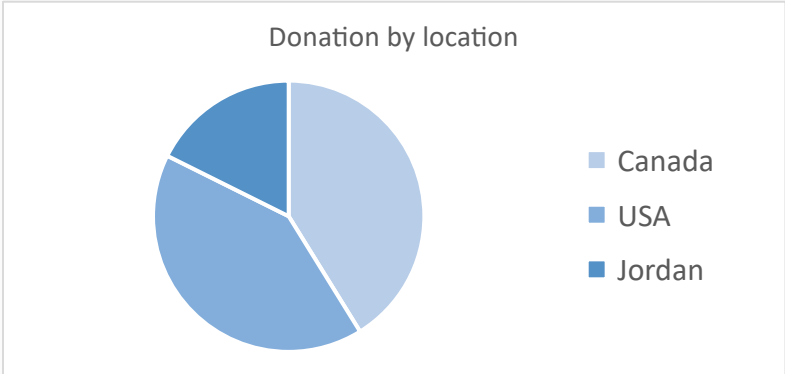


# Community Partners

We are honored to collaborate with partners toward a future where every child enjoys a dignified life. Our shared commitment and passion for serving the community have helped us provide a safe haven where children can grow and learn through love.



# Financial Info & Beneficiaries



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