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A Letter from the Chief Executive Director

This year we continued our mission to consciously invest in the resources available to unleash latent energies and potentials in our societies especially youth and women towards our modernist renaissance project. The women and youth in refugee and host communities came together to establish a movement that stands for social cohesion, more civic engagement and preventing violent extremism. Al Nahda Youth and Al Nahda Women Networks were launched this year, aiming to promote the Arab Nahda (Renaissance) project values in development, and social justice and emphasizing the true values of volunteerism.

“The more we increase active participation and partnership with women and youth, the better we serve our communities. Rather than standing or speaking for them, we need to stand with women and youth in refugee and host communities speaking for themselves. We need to build together through networks, alliances, and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders, policies for our collective future.”

Al Nahda Centre produced various publications and action reports and conducted research on policy and government to serve as an influential advocate for evidence-based policy change from and across the region in addition to holding conferences on localization, children's comprehensive access to justice, and launching reports on youth and women role in preventing violent extremism and achieving social cohesion.

This year we expanded our operations and engaged in regional advocacy through the Migration and Refugee Forum for the Arab World (MARFA) and various international conferences to encourage key regional and international actors towards coordinated actions regarding the refugees from and in the Arab world. Under the patronage of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal, ARDD's Global Network of Experts on The Question of Palestine concluded its 2nd annual meeting calling for more inclusion of Palestinian refugees in any durable solution approach to their plight

ARDD also continued its advocacy efforts and role in promoting localization of humanitarian response, as the coordinator of Jordan National NGOs Forum (JONAF), we held its annual event seeking to address the question “What will Jordanian civil society look like if localization is achieved?”. JONAF continues to play an important role in the follow-up of several significant agendas such as the Humanitarian Action Localization agenda, which calls for the inclusion of local and national representatives in the planning and implementation of humanitarian and development strategies to ensure that targeted community needs are met. On the organizational level, we have strengthened our institutional structure and strategies, launched a new website, and started a brand-lifting process, in addition to continuously building our internal capacity.

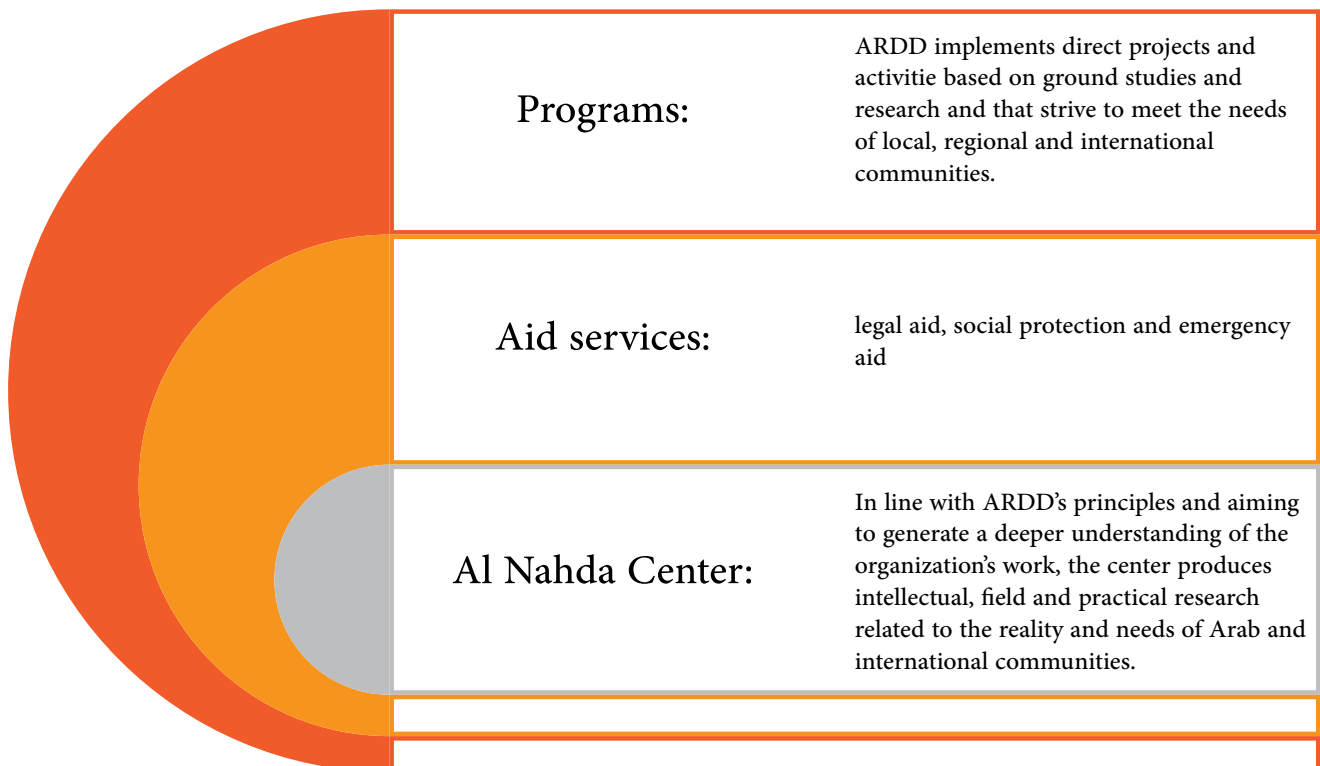
The year ended with the emergence of COVID-19—and we are working hard with partners on a preparedness and response plan to minimize the impact of the pandemic in Jordan. Next year we are looking forward to more achievements and to more collaborative work towards reinforcing local actors, locally-led humanitarian and development architecture and practices, and Jordanian civil society, to scale up and sustain investments from the aid sector by reinforcing accountability and localization. We look forward to making progress on our ambitious project for transformative change for all toward achieving active citizenship, social justice, and state-building centred around freedom, equality, the rule of law, and civil rights.

We applaud our team and Board of Trustees, who worked tirelessly toward all that we achieved in 2019. We thank our partners and donors whose support has enabled this year's accomplishments. From all my heart I say thank you.

ARDD Pillars towards Al Nahda

As part of its “Change Plan” launched in 2018, ARDD has been seeking to reinitiate a new Arab Nahda (Arab Renaissance) to enable the Arab world to form democratic societies in which all enjoy social, economic, and political justice.

ARDD Frameworks:



2019 in Numbers

15

research studies reports and papers



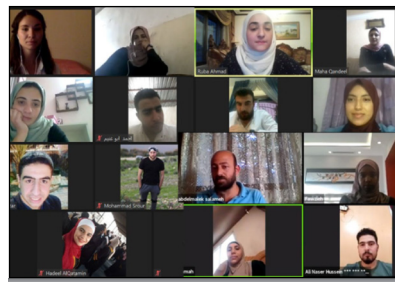
6 Discussions
and
2 Conferences



Over 40 Training and Awareness
raising sessions for women leaders,
youth and parents



Over 12000 direct beneficiaries
of programmatic interventions
including youth, women from refugee
and host communities



132000 beneficiaries
of legal aid services





Al Nahda Quotes



“When it comes to a holistic and permanent solution, justice must be discussed. We are at a crossroads where we either attract hatred or diversity, which calls for mutual respect.”

HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal, ARDD's Global Network on The Question of Palestine 2nd Annual Meeting



“Arab unity is achieved every day with the use of proper Arabic language because each of us understands it and can communicate with other Arabs through it. A healthy language unites us and makes us closer to our identity.”

Ph.D. Ramzi Munir Al-Baalbaki,

“The Arabic Language Security between Factors of Reassurance and Anxiety” seminar



Current challenges to implementing localization include different interpretations of the Grand Bargain by local and international organizations; conflicting approaches between government agencies, local organizations, and international organizations to implementing localization; and finally, the capacity and understanding within national organizations to carry out aid work.

Senator Sawsan Al Majali,

JONAF 3rd Annual Event What Will Jordanian civil society look like if localization is achieved? JONAF -Working together toward Localization



Local CBOs specifically during times of crises were overwhelmed during humanitarian responses. As such, these CBOs were not able to build their capacity to the level of international organizations.

JONAF 3rd Annual Event

What Will Jordanian civil society look like if localization is achieved? JONAF -Working together toward Localization

The Question of Palestine

ARDD's Global Network of Experts on The Question of Palestine Concludes its 2nd Annual Meeting Calling for more inclusion of Refugees in any Durable Solution Approach to their Plight



Under the Patronage of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal, ARDD's Global Network of Experts on The Question of Palestine Concluded its 2nd Annual Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2019.

On 20 – 22 October, as part of its Global Network of Experts on the Question of Palestine's efforts, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD) organized the Networks 2nd Annual workshop in Amman titled "Palestinian Refugees: Towards a New Approach to Solutions" workshop. During the workshop, 30 Palestinian and international experts, from academia, civil society organizations, and the international community at large, explored ways that could revitalize discussions around Palestinian refugees.

The workshop recalled that Palestinian refugees, including their descendants born in exile, are recognized refugees under international law. As such, they enjoy fundamental rights under various bodies of international law, including human rights law and refugee law.

[For the publication](#)



Setting the foundation for Localization

What will Jordanian civil society look like if localization is achieved? JONAF -Working together toward Localization



As part of its advocacy efforts and role in promoting localization of humanitarian response, the Jordan National NGOs Forum (JONAF) held its third annual event On July 21, 2019, seeking to address and answer this question “What will Jordanian civil society look like if localization is achieved?”

JONAF has begun to play an important role in the follow-up of several significant agendas such as the Humanitarian Action Localization agenda, which calls for the inclusion of local and national representatives in the planning and implementation of humanitarian and development strategies to ensure that targeted community needs are met.

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government agencies, local organizations, and international organizations to implementing localization; and finally, the capacity and understanding within national organizations to carry out aid work.



This event, which was launched by a word from her excellency Senator Sawsan Al Majali, aimed to generate discussion amongst JONAF members, government officials, and CSOs to encourage the commitments made in the Grand Bargain in 2016 and in the Charter 4 Change in 2015. At the core of this commitment was to enable locally led humanitarian and development architecture and practices, and Jordanian civil society, to scale up and sustain investments from the aid sector by enforcing accountability and localization. The event also aimed to increase resilience to challenges posed by shrinking space for civil society, funding limitations, and increased due diligence requirements by governments and donors. For more [here](#)

Featured Publications



“Syrian Refugees’ Perceptions and Satisfaction Regarding the Justice Sector in Jordan” report is based on the outcomes of two surveys: the first one was conducted under “Support for Justice Sector Reform” funded by the EU, and included a non-national non-representative sample of (1700) Jordanians and non-Jordanians. The second one was conducted by ARDD as an independent follow-up survey that included a sample of (600) female and male Syrian Refugees living out of refugee camps in the areas of Amman, Zarqa, Mafraq, Irbid, and Karak.

According to ARDD’s report, (43.8%) of the Syrian Refugee respondents reported feeling that their rights are fully protected in Jordan. For [more](#)



Supporting Governance from Below – Effective local engagement of and within communities in northern municipalities in Jordan and the role of local civil society

The report explores the many challenges and opportunities that exist for local engagement and participation by community members - including youth, women, and refugees - within their communities and municipalities. It contributes to understanding the potential roles civil society can play to further support effective local engagement by and of communities. For [more](#)



Violence and Youth’s Participation in Public Life

This report addresses the perception and involvement of young men and women in the efforts to achieve social cohesion in Mafraq for [more](#)



Regional Responses regarding the Integration of Europe’s Recently Arrived Arab Diaspora/Shataat

In this paper we address the potential for civil society organizations (CSOs) from the MENA-region to positively contribute to discussions in Europe about the most recently arrived Arab diaspora, or *shataat*. We explore if, and how, lessons learned from this region with regard to hospitality and refugee hosting can be of use for governmental and institutional bodies and for civil society elsewhere. We particularly question how we can respond to problems related to the integration of recently arrived Arab migrants, taking the MENA region – which consists of sending and transitioning countries – as the point of departure for [more](#)



Jordanian youth and their decision-making processes regarding their futures paper addresses the issue of out-migration of Jordanian youth, which has consistently been noteworthy. We consider the factors that influence the decision-making processes of Jordanian youth regarding migration in a way that consciously takes individualistic motivations into consideration while attempting to recognize certain patterns and commonalities among this specific age cohort. Within this analysis, we recognize the ways that young people are often reduced to either a 'resource' that must be mobilized or taken advantage of, or a social hazard that is to be placated and controlled. For [more](#)



In its third perspectives paper "**Gendering decision-making in mobility and insecurity; the necessity for including Syrian women and girls in discussions on potential return**", ARDD calls for more efforts to be conducted to research the gender aspect in such decisions and demands that no such decisions should be made without the inclusion of women and girls in the process and the guarantee of their voluntary return into safe and dignified conditions. For [more](#)



Analyzing Women's Access to Justice

Challenges to women's access to justice are considered one of the main reasons for the prevalence of economic violence against women. This paper aims to shed insight into the nature of women's engagement with the justice system and aims to identify gaps from a variety of different perspectives. Within the analysis, reference is made to ARDD's surveys, with Jordanians and Syrian refugees, on public perceptions and satisfaction regarding the justice system through four main dimensions: navigability, affordability, timeliness, and fairness. For [more](#)



Jordanian Women in the Context of Conflict Prevention & Resolution

the report emphasizes the important role of women in community-based peace-building efforts and the prevention of violence. It also calls for concerted efforts by the State, civil society and non-governmental organizations, to strengthen alliances based on grassroots localized humanitarian action to win support, and to facilitate joint action to enable women's access to justice, which is a prerequisite for women to attain all their rights, and to enable them to access resources and opportunities by ensuring her equal participation economically and in decision making. For [more](#)



This report is the third and last publication for the project „Women’s Access to Economic Participation. It explores the scale and effects that debt have in people’s everyday experiences, in particular in the lives of the most marginalized in Jordan’s communities: poor and/or refugee women.

<https://www.ardd-jo.org/Publications/between-poverty-and-prison-the-challenges-of-debt-among-vulnerable>



Legal Paper: Non-Jordanian Work Permit’s Fee Regulation

In this paper we discuss the legal situation of migrant workers in Jordan, whose numbers has increased significantly in the last ten years, prompting the authorities to find legislative and regulatory solutions that seek to balance the situation of local and expatriate workers.

The analysis highlights the different stages the work permit **Non-Jordanian Work Permit’s Fee Regulation**. For [more](#)



Legal Paper: New Procedures Home Based Businesses Professional Practice License for Syrians in Jordan

This paper addresses the recently amendments issued on the procedures of 2017 , which allows the practice of certain home-based professions, and their impact on Syrian women refugees’ economic participation and empowerment, the paper also discusses the summary of the development of these instructions, and how it affects Syrian refugees. It also clarifies the conditions of registration of such works and procedures, and the relevant challenges, in addition to discussing the general challenges and recommendations related thereto. For [more](#)



Legal paper on Birth registration statistics for Syrian Refugees in Jordan

This legal paper addresses the statistics of birth registrations for Syrian Refugees in Jordan during 2017 and 2018, the importance of recording these cases, the legal dimensions, challenges, and measures to address these challenges and ARDD’s role and recommendations in this regard.

<https://www.ardd-jo.org/Publications/ardd-issues-a-legal-paper-on-birth-registration-statistics-for>

Forced Migration, Refugees and Statelessness

Protection through Documentation



As part of the Legal Aid Project funded by UNHCR, more than 400 birth certificates for children over the age of one year, issued during 2019 with the support of ARDD's Legal Aid Unit

During 2019, ARDD's Legal Aid Unit provided legal counseling services and clarified formal procedures for issuing birth certificates for children over one year old. As thus, ARDD supported the issue of more than 400 birth certificates.

As part of ARDD's role in this regard, it provided a financial amount to cover the cost of each birth certificate issued correctly and legally for the cases that followed up with the organization's branches inside and outside the camps, covering expenses at the competent court and the Personal Status Department and part of the transportation expenses, and the beneficiaries are provided with all information and procedures thus enabling them to legally follow-up and issue the certificate successfully, as these procedures are simple and the beneficiaries can independently pursue them under the supervision and guidance of specialized lawyers.

It is worth noting that ARDD in partnership with UNHCR has been providing these services for the past 3 years and will continue to provide them throughout 2020.

Enhancing Refugees Protection through Legal Awareness

ARDD's legal aid unit provides more than 100 legal awareness workshops for more than 3000 beneficiaries during 2019

As part of its legal services and support project and throughout 2019, the ARDD's legal aid unit, held 82 workshops for Syrian refugees, and 22 workshops for refugees of other nationalities.



The workshops were attended by 2064 Syrian refugees, and 558 refugees of other nationalities (Iraqi, Yemeni, Sudanese, and Somali) in addition to 1032 Jordanians. These workshops were held in the specialized training halls at ARDD's offices inside and outside the camps.

The workshops were held by ARDD's expert lawyers and consultants, who covered the topics of interest and the most prominent legal challenges in addition to addressing false legal information and/or rumors as follows: the official regulations related to the general amnesty law, Syrian refugees legal work status, foreign workers legal status, and other instructions and procedures issued by official agencies.

In addition to providing a set of legal information and practical advice to understand some of the Jordanian laws that touch on the reality and needs of the daily life of the beneficiaries such as: the landlords and tenants law, the labor and labor rights and work permits law, securities, dealing with physical and verbal abuse, juvenile law, the law of electronic crime, and violence based On gender, personal identification documents. Also, the Personal Status Law, clarification of information about marriage, proof of divorce, and rights of the wife and children.

Gender Justice

Throughout the year several projects, meet ups, workshops on the role of women, peace and security were conducted with refugees and host communities. In addition to institutional capacity building for women leaders on UNSCR 1325 for Women, peace, and security, and women's role in peace and social cohesion in her community.



The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The Arab Nahda (renaissance) is a common intellectual and societal act and comes as a result of the participation of both men and women in the project of the aspired human

civilizational renaissance. There can be no Nahda without Gender Justice.

As thus, ARDD participated in the 16 Days of Activism National Campaign addressing "Economic Violence", with various activities sponsored by different partners and projects funded by different organizations and in coordination with the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW) and the UN Gender Based Violence Working Group (GBV WG)

These are:

- On 25th Nov.2019 Reaffirming its commitment to Gender Justice and the development of justice sector in Jordan, ARDD launched the 4th part of its Perspectives Series entitled “**Analyzing Women’s Access to Justice in Jordan**” which aims to serve as a guide for ARDD through its efforts in evidence based advocacy for justice for all regardless of gender, background and status.
- Employing arts and culture in stimulating debate and in partnership with UN Women, ARRD introduced an interactive theatre play “When She Works” that will be performed in front of 6 communities across Jordan aiming to highlight the importance of women’s work for her wellbeing, financial independence and security in addition to its impact on her family and community and to encourage men to further support women. The events of the play were further debated in an elaborated discussion with the audience about the importance of work for women.
- ARDD conducted “He for She” article competition, in Al Zaatari and Al Azraq camps targeting youth to share success stories of men helping women achieve success. 2 winning articles were chosen and shared by ARDD’s platforms and social media.
- During the campaign and as part of **Indicasere: Research, Capacity Building Awareness & Resilience of the Syrian & host-communities supported by NOVACT**, three community sessions were conducted by women in east Amman, Al Zarqa and Al Karak under the theme (Over a cup of coffee) discussing relevant issues, networking and seeking to further help each other.
- Drawing from real role models, ARDD shared stories of the journey of women, who took part in capacity-building sessions and other relevant services and inspired us with their determination and strength.
- 28th Nov. 2019 witnessed **Building Bridges: Engaging Young People in Promoting Social Cohesion conclusion event in Al Mafraq** with the participation of Al Nahda Women Network, which was formed through the project and includes a membership of 450 women.
- Asserting the role of women in various aspects of development and conflict resolution ARDD launched the report “**JORDANIAN WOMEN IN THE CONTEXT OF CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION**” on 1st December 2019 calling for more empowerment for women in all aspects.
- Starting November 25 and throughout the campaign, ARDD, with the support of UNHCR, conducted several legal awareness-raising sessions across Jordan among refugees and host communities on challenges facing women in the labor market. ARDD also participated in a joint event in Irbid city hall from 3-4 December providing advice and information. ARDD’s participation in the Joint event in Amman included a performance of traditional arts and singing presented by 20 Sudanese women refugees.

In their words



Her Steps: Stories of Ambitious Women

In this feature, we shined a light on the inspiring and ambitious women we met in our journey to achieve the legal and economic reinforcement of women in Jordan through the economic empowerment training provided by ARDD for [more](#)

Youth Enablement and Education

Furthering Learning to Improve Chances for Students in Jordan Project

Many Jordanian youth lack the means and opportunity to access higher education. In addition, access to higher education for Syrian refugees is low where 1% of refugee youth worldwide are enrolled in tertiary education although higher education offers the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life and combats feelings of stagnation and hopelessness.

To provide chances for vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development – ARDD in cooperation with Yayasan Hasanah (Hasanah) Foundation is offering a total of 15 two-year scholarships to help talented students in need to obtain a technical or vocational diploma at Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan.



In 2019, ARDD Launched capacity-building and weekly mentorship and capacity building sessions for young students benefiting from the vocational education grants with the supervision of mentors. These sessions focused on providing life skills and enhancing the students understanding of the importance and opportunities of vocational education and its prospects.

This program comes in partnership with Yayasan Hasanah (Hasanah) Foundation in Malaysia.



ARDD celebrated the graduation of 30 accomplished young men and women who graduated with distinctions from their respective programs as part of “Furthering Learning to Improve Life Chances for Students in Jordan” project that provided grants for vocational and technical education programs, in collaboration with Yayasan Hasanah Foundation and in partnership with Balqa’ Applied University, Khawarzmi College, and Theodor Schneller Schools in Jordan.



Women, Youth and Social Cohesion



Training sessions on PVE

In partnership with the International Institute for Nonviolent Action (NOVACT), ARDD held training sessions as part of the work of the Observatory for the Prevention of Violent Extremism and within the framework of the project Indicasere “Research, Capacity Building, Awareness and Resilience of Syrian and Host Communities,” to address the concept of prevention of violent extremism from the contributing to enhancing the skills and knowledge of women civil society workers in the prevention of violent extremism, as well as contributing to the adoption of new methodologies in the prevention of violent extremism. The training sessions covered several topics such as the concept of violent extremism, why it happens, and how to prevent violent extremism and meet needs with others in a synergistic and positive way to build a more just, sustainable and democratic future.

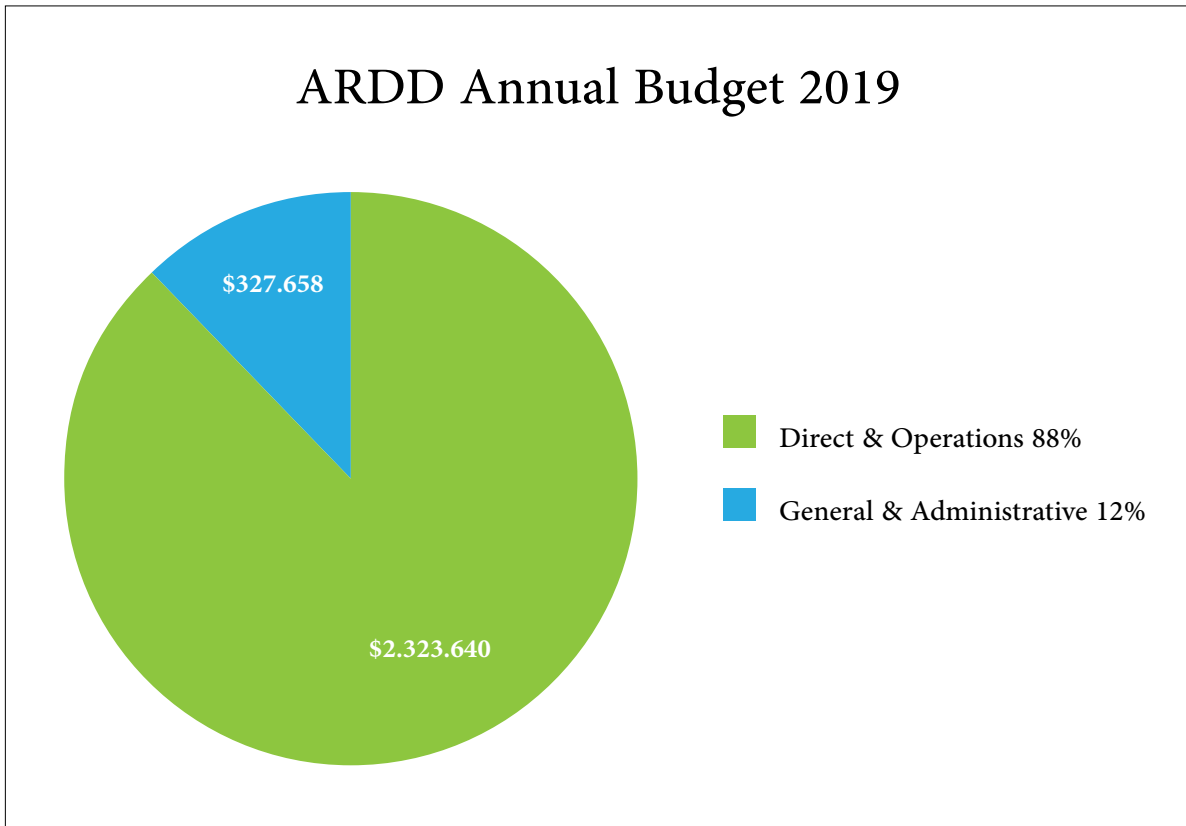


He for She In partnership with UN Women, ARDD has engaged over 200 men and boys in ‘HeForShe’ training sessions in the Za‘atari and Azraq refugee camps, as well as across six Governorates in Jordan, to raise awareness on gender equality, women’s empowerment and gender-based violence. This initiative is part of the ‘Empowering Each Other’ programme, generously supported by the Government of France and the European Union through [#EUTEMadad](#).



(He For She) is an initiative launched by (United Nations Global Solidarity Movement for Gender Equality). The aim of the initiative is to create a bold, visible and united force for gender equality; as Gender Equality is not it's not just a women's issue, it's a human rights issue that concerns both females and males. In its (Empowering Each Other) project implemented in cooperation with UN Women, ARDD adopted the (He For She) theme as part of the Capacity Building Agenda including: Civic engagement trainings, Training for Daycare providers in Syrian Refugees Camps, Training of MoSD training centers

Financial overview







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