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Banks for the Poor

AGFUND has adopted its own pioneering initiative of setting up banks for the poor in the Arab World out of its solid and invariable belief in the efficiency of small and microfinance in fighting poverty and alleviating its adverse effects on poor communities in the Arab countries, in addition to raising the standard of living of the poor people, so as to become a productive force, capable of self-dependence and able to contribute to the support of their communities. The initiative, led by His Royal Highness, Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, President of AGFUND, to set up banks for the poor is the outcome of an extensive development experience that exceeds for 25 years, during which AGFUND has dealt with various segments of the society and spotted their suffering. On the other hand, the initiative reflects the fact that AGFUND is keeping abreast with developments in the concepts pertinent to the sustainability of the development process.



After crystallization of the efforts of AGFUND in the field of combating poverty in the form of the Banks for the Poor Project in the Arab world, and establishment of 5 banks and establishments for microfinance In Jordan (National Bank for Small Projects Financing), Yemen (Al-Amal Microfinance Bank), Syria (Ibda Microfinance Bank), Egypt (Ibda Microfinance establishment) and Bahrain (Ibda Microfinance Bank), the project led to a multi-faceted initiative including the following:

- Seeking constantly to link microfinance to small and medium-size financing to lift small and micro enterprises and encourage their growth and development.
- Activating the role of governments in providing an enabling environment for small and micro enterprises, and providing non-financial services (preparation, technical support, linking financial institutions together).
- Establishing a technical support unit to the Banks of the Poor
- Working towards fostering the culture of microfinance, and preparing institutions to adopt it and apply the best practices in this area.
- Exploring pioneering projects through AGFUND World Prize for Development
- AGFUND credit facilities

Statistical indicators from the operating Banks - May 2011

	Al-Watani Jordan	Al-Amal Yemen	Ibda Bahrain	Al-Amal Egypt	Ibda Syria	Total
Number of loans disbursed	105.700	28.475	2.145	22.790	70	159.180
Saving customers	0	28.238	0	0	70	28.238
Number of customers	105.700	56.713	2.145	22.7902	-	187.418
Beneficiaries (5 per family)	528.500	283.565	10.725	113.950	350	937.090
Amounts of loans disbursed (in USD)	100,850,900	6,798,729	5,632,200	3,685,344	35,000	116,993,173
Borrowing and saving women	92%	49%	66%	54%	80%	-
Repayment rate	99.0%	99.00%	98%	95%	100%	-
Number of branches	10	13	2	1	1	27
Number of employees	189	130	38	7	13	337

Early Childhood Development

Stemming from its firm belief in the famous maxim, "A great nation hinges on great education", AGFUND embarked on developing early childhood, being the best educational tool to prepare a generation of children ready to join school and contribute to the advancement of their society in the future.



The project undertakes the supporting and financing of kindergarten projects and ensuring that they are up to date and responsive to the renewable needs. AGFUND is implementing the project in collaboration with the Ministries of Education and the UNESCO in 11 Arab countries, namely Saudi Arabia (which launched the project in 1409 AH) *, Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt **, Sudan, Yemen, Syria. The overall requirements for the implementation of the project rest on AGFUND vision for early childhood development, namely:

- laying down nation-specific strategies for the development of early childhood;
- adopting a modern approach to kindergarten;
- training female teachers (instructors); and
- equipping training centers.

Convinced that developing societies all share the same development problems and challenges, AGFUND realized that it can take its project to a global level. The first tangible steps were taken when AGFUND participated in the Ministerial Meeting of the Most Densely Populated Countries in the World (Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil, Bangladesh, Nigeria, India, Mexico, and Egypt), which was held in Cairo in December 2003. Representatives of some of the group member states expressed readiness to implement the project in their respective countries.

Below are the training centers in KSA as an example of the output of the project **

Centers	Employees	Classes	Trainees***	Courses
Riyadh	27	3	705	29
Jeddah	19	3	673	31
Dammam	18	3	374	17
Unaizah	16	3	171	11
Bridah	14	3	152	9
Total	94	15	2072	97

** The sixth center in Ha'il is under construction

*** The Early Childhood Development Center has become a regional center that contributes in training trainers from other countries.

*** Trainees from other places 33



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The Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) is a non-profit regional organization founded in 1980, upon the initiative of His Royal Highness Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, President of AGFUND, and with the generous support of the leaders of the Arab Gulf States, that constitute AGFUND membership and provide it with financial support (United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, State of Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, State of Kuwait).



Prince Talal at UNs Tribune

AGFUND aims to support human development efforts, including fighting poverty, promoting education, improving health standards, supporting institutional capacity building and the training of personnel, with greater attention to youth as well as all development efforts geared toward the neediest groups in developing countries, especially women and children.

Since its inception, up to 2008 AGFUND took part in financing 1204 projects in 133 countries, without any discrimination as to color, race, creed or political affiliation.

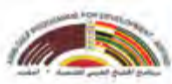
AGFUND believes that ensuring the sustainability of the desired development requires a sincere and determined will. Working to that end, AGFUND is focused on human beings, stemming from its conviction that to invest in human beings is to invest in the future.

AGFUND established a number of major projects, namely: the Arab Open University, and the Arab Network for NGOs, the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, the Arab Council for Childhood and Development, the Arab Family Health Project, the Arab Strategy for Early Childhood Development, and the Banks for the Poor.

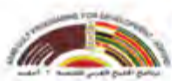
Proceeding from the conviction that the spread of knowledge among workers in the area of development would promote the exchange of experiences and support, the development of better methodologies of addressing the complex problems of poverty, social exclusion, and socio-economic marginalization of vulnerable groups, AGFUND established the "AGFUND International Prize for Pioneering Development Projects", to stimulate workers in the various development areas, discover the best development projects, and honor those in charge of them, hoping that the creative aspects involved therein would motivate the implementation of similar projects in other regions.

The AGFUND Model for Human Development

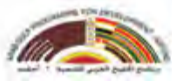
Elements of vision in Launching Development Projects



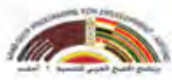
The Idea



Strategic Partner



Frame



Dissemination



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Financing



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Arab Council for Childhood and Development

The Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD)

The Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD) is an Arab non-governmental development organization that has a legal entity and operating in the field of childhood, and related areas, and child care and development in the Arab world. ACCD was founded in 1987 upon the initiative of HRH Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz, ACCD's President, 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.



ACCD's vision is embodied in its seeking to be a leading organization in the field of child rights in the Arab world, and a reference for institutions, individuals and families to raising up of an Arab child able to participate in the development of his society and deal with the rapid global changes. ACCD works towards developing an Arab environment that promotes child rights in development, protection, participation and integration, within the context of family and the society, through cooperation and effective partnership with governmental, non-governmental, regional and international organizations, in order to enable children to participate and interact positively in life, accept others, and love their homeland.

ACCD has a coordination relationship with the League of Arab States, and is a permanent member of the Arab Childhood Committee of the League of Arab States. In addition ACCD is as an observer member in the Economic and Social Council of the League of Arab States. Also, ACCD is a member in a number of international institutions, including the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). Moreover, ACCD has been selected as the representative of the Middle East and North Africa Region in the NGO Advisory Council for Follow-up to the UN Secretary General Study recommendations on Violence against Children.

ACD works with its main partners from High Councils and National Committees for childhood in the Arab countries, and cooperates effectively with civil society organizations, regional and international organizations, families, media, and children themselves.

Since its establishment, ACCD has implemented a number of projects that aim at activating child rights, and focus on: providing comprehensive development for children, protecting children from violence and abuse, achieving a real participation of children, and integrating children with disabilities. ACCD stems from its strong belief that the Arab child is the real wealth of investment, hence Arab renaissance has to start from child raising up and developing his skills and abilities.

Proj-ects	*Events	Studies, researches and consultancies	Releases	**Partners
61	591	25 studies 13 Consultations	*65 report and books) 250 (Periodicals & Media Materials)	111 national, regional and international partners

*591 Events: 129 conferences, seminars, and workshops organized by ACCD, as well as a number of 12 workshops for children. This is in addition to ACCD's participation in 450 Arab and international conferences and seminars.

** ACCD Partners include: the concerned Arab Ministries, Academic Bodies, Higher Councils & National Committees for childhood, International Organizations, Public Figures, and Civil Society Organizations working in the field of childhood.

www.Arabccd.org



Center for Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)

In response to the growing need to prove Arab women's capability to build their future and positively contribute to the development of their nations, through enhancing their participation in development, and supporting their presence in decision-making centers, AGFUND managed to bring together outstanding international and regional partners in 1993 to set up an independent Arab regional organization aimed at developing the capacities of Arab women; namely the Center for Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR).



CAWTAR hinges on the principle of "knowledge-based development". It seeks to contribute to the development of a new perspective of Arab women, and to raise awareness among policy makers and planners on the current status of Arab women and their actual and potential contributions to development.

The Center, based in Tunisia, aims to contribute to the strengthening of the capacity of governments and non-governmental organizations to analyze and follow-up on the changes in gender roles, draw up appropriate policies and launch programs and projects that are based on a gender-sensitive approach. CAWTAR also coordinates efforts with governmental and national, regional and/or international NGOs operating in the area of women and development in order to achieve common goals. CAWTAR strives to promote training and capacity and skills development, and conducting development researches which open new horizons for addressing women's issues and solving their problems.

As part of its efforts to establish the merits of Arab Women, CAWTAR issued a number of development reports, such as: "Globalization and Gender: Economic Participation of Arab Women" (2001), "Arab Adolescent Girls: Reality and Prospects" (2003), and "Arab Women and Media" (2006). CAWTAR also launched the Arab Network for Gender and Development (ANGAD).



Arab Network for NGOs

Developing civil work and strengthening its role in serving community are among the goals sought by AGFUND in supporting projects that are beneficial to civil society and organizations. Working to that end, AGFUND created an institutional structure that is inclusive of those organizations, viz. the Arab Network for NGOs. The Network, a regional non-governmental, non-profit organization, based in Cairo, was announced in 1998, and officially launched it in 2002. The Board of Trustees is chaired by Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz.



The prime objectives of the Network are to contribute in strengthening relations of cooperation, coordination and interaction among Arab unions and NGO's engaged in sustainable human development, and contributing in their capacity-building and development, developing Arab non-official



action, training staff and volunteers of Arab NGO's in areas related to administrative development and institutional building, instructing Arab trainers, conducting research geared towards the development and understanding of Arab non-official action and activating its role in development, and finally, contributing in building specialized databases on Arab NGO's. The Network publishes a periodical entitled "Al Mazalah", i.e. (the Umbrella), designed to communicate knowledge and information related to development of non-official action, and realizing networking and communication among Arab NGO's.

Network members	Projects	Reports	Conferences	Supporting organization
740 associations * 692 members	- 83 training workshops (2146 participants) - Group Development project Capacity Building Project	- 10 reports - 48 Mazalah issues	- 74 international conferences - 3 Arab conferences - 16 symposiums	AGFUND, OPEC Fund, Islamic Development Bank, European Union, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, in addition to other organizations

* Jordan 255, United Arab Emirates 10, Bahrain 27, Tunisia 56, Algeria 22, Djibouti 1, Saudi Arabia 27, Sudan 76, Syria 80, Palestine 217, Qatar 20, Iraq 21, Oman 3, Kuwait 109, Libya 18, Morocco 25, Egypt 182, Mauritania 12, Yemen 46



Pan Arab Family Health

Pan Arab Family Health aims to provide reliable information necessary for national institutions to undertake health planning in particular, and development planning in general. Other goals include strengthening national capacities, developing mechanisms and methodologies for research and studies and strengthening efforts of partnership and networking.



The project includes conducting health surveys on all family members and drawing indicators of "health equity", that is, justice in the distribution of health care services and equal opportunities for society members in accessing primary health care. It also provides a range of socio-economic and demographic (i.e. population-relation) indicators necessary for drawing up programs and policies at the national and regional levels.

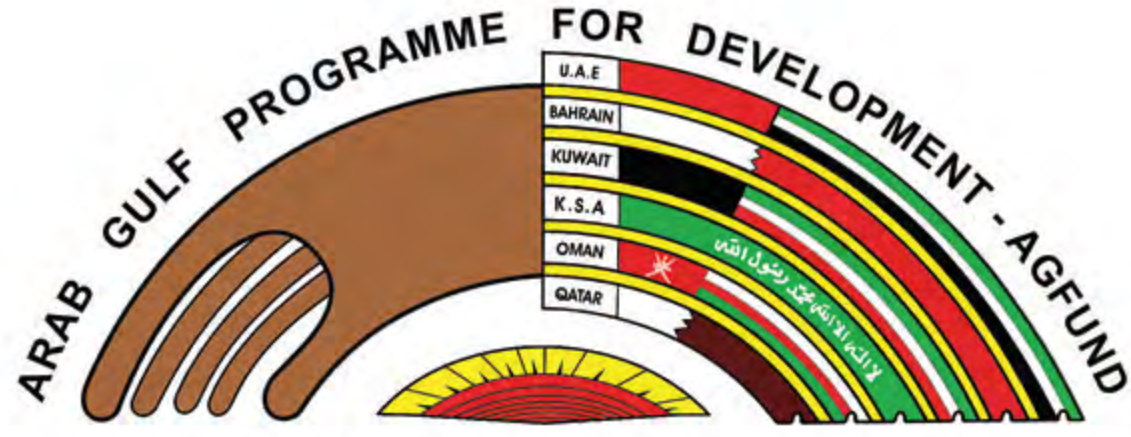
Pan Arab Health is an extension of a successful project adopted by AGFUND, i.e. the Gulf family health project, implemented in the six GCC member states.

One of the most important characteristics of Pan Arab Family Health is that the idea attracted wide-ranging alliances and partnerships, on the Arab, regional and international levels. Prince Talal noted, "This is a project where experiences and knowledge blended, and where most sectors of the Arab society contributed. In addition to AGFUND, the project is co-financed by the United Nations Population Fund, the OPEC Fund for International Development, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, the World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences.

The project has become part of the League of Arab States structure and divisions. Thanks to such distinction, Pan Arab Family Health is now regarded as one of the most successful projects of joint Arab action. In all dimensions, it responds to the MDG's.

States where the project was implemented (Phase I - the Family Health in the Gulf)	6	Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, the Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Bahrain
States where the project was implemented (Phase II)	13	Djibouti, Palestine, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Yemen, Lebanon, Somalia *, Iraq *, the Palestinian camps in Syria and Lebanon *
States where arrangements for the implementation of the project (New Stage).	3	Djibouti, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Morocco
States where the project will be completed at a later stage	All Arab states have been covered except Jordan, Egypt, Mauritania, Comoros, The project is continuing to update statistics.	

* In partnership with the multi-indicator cluster survey conducted by UNICEF.



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