

JEN'S SPRING NEWS LETTER

Countries: Jordan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Pakistan, Tohoku

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Jordan

World Water Day

2015 April 23

“Water means life, health and prosperity,” said a young participant at a three-day campaign on the occasion of World Water Day, marked on Sunday, March 22nd.

“I believe this event tackled an important issue to those who live in the camp whether we stay at Za’atari camp or went back to Syria,” he explained.

The awareness campaign, organized by JEN, was launched at Za’atari camp for Syrian refugees with the theme of water and the need to protect and conserve water. The campaign included the publication of two main messages: “For better health, we need clean water. Let’s keep the water clean”, and “Water is for you and others; don’t waste it”.

The campaign targeted males and females from three age groups: Adults, teenagers and children. Three different methods were used to deliver the above messages in accordance with each age group. For Adults: Group sessions were held with refugees from both genders. During those sessions, awareness messages were discussed with the refugees through two key points: Ensuring that water is always clean and the knowledge of the share amount of water is 35 liters per day per person. Also they’ve been informed

about how to save water by re-using the drainage water after cleaning the dishes to clean the floor.

During the sessions, trainers received positive reactions from the attendees regarding the value of saving water, especially when someone referred to the issue of water shortage in Jordan compared with Syria. They also realized that water resources in Jordan are not as abundant as they used to be in their own country, which reflected positively on their behaviour in daily water use.

In addition, the process of water testing for safety and cleanliness in the camp was discussed. The attendees indicated that they are confident of the quality of water provided to them.



Children, showing their hygiene knowledge

Afghanistan

Improvement of Material and Child's Health



Improving the capacity of safety in health sectors

2015 May 21

One of the major issues in Afghanistan is the high mortality rate among children under five years old. The country's mortality rate is the second worst in the world. Lack of funding has led to a lack of medical equipment for children and insufficient training for their doctors.

To combat this issue, JEN conducted Eleven Days Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) training for 24 doctors in 10 districts of the Parwan Province from April 5th to April 19th the last year.

The IMCI also trained the health staff to update immunizations, give micronutrients, promote breastfeeding and provide feeding counselling.

The participants appreciated JEN's efforts in providing the training for them. They said they learned a great deal from the training and wished to continue working with JEN to improve the capacity of staff in health sectors and to equip various sections of hospitals and health centres with important medical tools.

Haiti

World Water Day Event

2015 April 23

Do you know about 'World Water Day'? In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly designated March 22nd as 'World Water Day', a day to think about the importance of water resources. At the moment, JEN Haiti is engaged in a water and sanitation project. We took advantage of this opportunity and held an event in two regions on March 23rd.

During the event, we demonstrated how to fetch water in a more hygienic way and how to treat water using purification tablets. We played musical chairs with the local population and held a question and answer session regarding water and sanitation. Adults and children alike participated in the event.

Haiti is said to have the majority of cholera patients in the world. Very few people have access to clean water and appropriate sanitation facilities, which is why World Water Day is so important.

JEN supports the long term maintenance of public water facilities in conjunction with local committees. Through this event, we continue to support proper hygiene so that more people can get a better understanding of importance of water and practice healthy habits on their daily lives.



Hygiene promoter explaining how to treat water.

Spring, 2015

Sri Lanka

The past 10 years' review – an extra selection



The returnees, celebrating own harvest

2015 March 15

The conflict between Sri Lankan government and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had intensified in the second half of 2006 and this led up to 130,000 Tamils to become IDPs. After the conflict in the eastern region ended in July, 2007, homecoming officially completed by November, 2008.

The eastern region was affected both by the massive Tsunami in December, 2004 and the conflict in 2006. Through that period, in this District, JEN implemented nutrition, health and hygiene activities. At the same time, we had provided counselling and conducted workshops toward revitalization of fisheries cooperatives since June, 2007.

These support activities were aimed to make the returnees to acquire ability to improve their lives cooperatively. By the end of February, 2014, we saw the benefits of these activities. Therefore, we completed the last self-reliance support projects in this District, health centres with important medical tools.

Iraq

Iraq Scabies Outbreak in IDP Camps

2015 April 23

JEN has been working in IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps in a region, which accommodates approximately 13,000 individuals. In such a situation, the likelihood of disease is high. Scabies is transmitted through close physical contact with a person who is infected or prolonged contact with infested linens, furniture, or clothing.

One of the major issues that these camps are facing right now is scabies, a skin condition which causes rashes and intense itchiness. Scabies is commonly caused by a lack of personal hygiene. Although it is easily treated, the disease spreads quickly which makes the whole family vulnerable when one member is infected.

There have been over 150 identified cases of scabies in the camps so far. In order to minimize its impact, JEN is working with UNHCR, and other agencies to provide hygiene kits, medicines and clean mattresses and blankets to affected families. JEN will also launch hygiene promotion activities through volunteers in the camps.



Girls, washing hands in a hygiene education event

Spring, 2015

Pakistan

Tohoku

Bannu Sports Festival



People stop by JEN stall to ask questions regarding to livestock management

2015 May 21

Bannu Sports Gala has been organized every year by the District Government and Army in order to boost new sports talent especially in youth. However, this time it was special as the Temporarily Dislocated Persons (TDP's) youth were also encouraged to expose their talent in different type of sports activities along with the host communities. The Sports Gala was held from May 12th to May 14th. Different indoor and outdoor games such as cricket, tug war and volley ball were arranged for all. The players came from far and wide with great enthusiasm and spirit.

The humanitarian organizations were invited by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) to arrange different stalls in the sports gala. JEN also displayed a stall introducing livestock management activities. The technical team provided basic information about livestock management to the visitors at the our stall who have showed great interests and curiosity. At the end of the event, the chief guest awarded by JEN with a shield to show appreciation to our staff for their contribution towards the communities.

Playground Equipment Supported by JEN, Set Up at Shimokama, Ishinomaki

2015 May 28

At the latest project, JEN restored a playground in the residential area of the Shimokama district. The district saw a mass exodus after the Tohoku earthquake, and the number of households fell down from 1,000 to 300. The playground used to be crowded with neighbourhood kids. However, after the tsunami damaged equipment was torn down, and the children stopped coming.

JEN invited the neighbourhood association to consult on the restoration, wanting to include local opinions in the project. They hoped that the playground would attract many children. Over 80 locals from young to old came to celebrate its completion and after the ceremony, many children were seen playing on the installed equipment.

100 families will return to the district this year, so many former residents will return. JEN hopes that their children will come and use the playground as a place to recover their communities.



Children playing with new equipment.

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