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Community Building

What Day is March 22?



Above: Children dancing and learning about the importance of water

In 1992, the UN General Assembly declared March 22 as World Water Day, which is a day to celebrate the importance of water. Jordan, already being the fourth most water deprived country, received very little precipitation this year during its rainy season. Water is normally supplied through water tanks, which are placed on rooftops of buildings. The tanks are then filled by public water delivery several times a week.

JEN's work in host communities involve renovation of water related facilities and hygiene promotion in public schools to teach students about waterborne disease prevention and water conservation. On March 20, UNICEF and JEN held the World Water Day joint event at a school renovated by JEN. At the event students sang songs, danced and participated in skits to celebrate the day.

JEN's hygiene promoters have been going around schools to train the teachers through the training-of-teachers (TOT) model, which creates a sustainable hygiene education system. So far 142 schools have been trained, and hygiene

kits have been distributed to 124 schools. It is important to remember that World Water Day is also a day to remind everyone that there are many children who still suffer from the lack of water and unsafe water.

Emergency Assistance

Welcoming New Arrivals in Za'atari with New Clothes

JEN has begun distributing new clothes to new arrivals in the reception area of Za'atari Camp. After passing the Syrian-Jordanian border, refugees register with UNHCR then take a bus in the middle of the night to arrive at the camp. There they receive food from organizations, such as WFP and Save the Children, blankets from UNHCR, and clothing from JEN. The clothing is donated by UNIQLO.

Personalization of each family package is done on site in the distribution caravan, which is open twenty-four-seven and is run by seven JEN staff members. During JEN's first three days of distribution, over eight hundred individuals were handed new, warm clothes. Thanks to the warehouse team, who organized and repacked donated clothes, over forty thousand individual sets of clothing have been distributed since January, 2014.



Above: JEN staff personalizing clothing packages

COUNTRY: Amman, JORDAN

Community Development

Renovated 150 Schools and 50 To Go

JEN has been involved in providing aid for Syrian refugee students living in host communities for over a year. Specifically, JEN continues to renovate water and sanitation facilities and provide hygiene promotion activities in Jordanian public schools. JEN's renovation of one hundred fifty schools is almost complete, despite it being a difficult project due to the scale of it.

One of the schools JEN renovated initially only had four latrines for about one thousand boys. After consulting the Directorate of Education Engineer team and the headmaster of the school, JEN remodeled a storage room into new latrines.

In another school of both boys and girls, girls were hesitant to use the latrines because they were not separated by gender. Therefore, JEN created separate restrooms by converting the dead space into the girls' latrines.

JEN conducted careful case by case assessments of each school where practicality and cost effectiveness were of importance. The headmistress of one school JEN renovated posted on the school's Facebook page: "Thank you very much to JEN and all participating in the improvement of our school's environment."

JEN has decided to renovate an additional fifty schools and has started building new classrooms to accommodate for the increasing number of students.



Above: Storage room was converted into new latrines at a Jordanian public school

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Hygiene Promotion Event

There are over 110,000 children, about forty-percent of Za'atari Camp's population. On January 16th this year JEN's hygiene promotion team organized an all-day kick-off event as part of its monthly activities to promote hygiene in JEN's tent, located in District 4.

Because the kick-off event's theme is based on the previous month's key message, January's theme was "water conservation." Since that day was windy and cold, staff members dressed up as clowns and danced around the streets to attract children.

The event was a success, and children participated in sing-alongs, skits, quiz contests and poster contests. At the end of the event everyone received a gift because JEN believes that change starts with everyone having a positive impression of the message. Gifts such as whistles, balloons, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste were given out. The key message of January was personal hygiene.



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