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Key Achievements of the National Centre for Human Rights for the Year 2024

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This report on the achievements of the National Centre for Human Rights for the year 2024 presents the tasks discharged by the Centre's commissions and monitoring directorates — comprising legislation, policies and practices — pursuant to the powers vested in the Centre by virtue of the National Centre for Human Rights Act No. (51) of 2006 and its amendments, during the year 2024. These tasks and activities constitute the principal source and the cornerstone upon which the substance of the Twenty-First Annual Report for the year 2024 was built.

The Protection Commission

The Protection Commission is composed of the following directorates: the Directorate of Groups Most in Need of Protection; the Directorate of Economic and Social Rights; the Directorate of Civil and Political Rights; and the Directorate of International Mechanisms.

Monitoring Axis

Monitoring the conditions of the groups most in need of protection

1. Women

- Monitoring the conditions of women and child workers on the farms of Mafraq Governorate (Sabha, Al-Dafyaneh, Zamlat Al-Amir Ghazi).
- Monitoring the conditions of women workers in the plant agriculture sector (three farms in the Middle Jordan Valley / Balqa Governorate; three farms in the Northern Jordan Valley / Irbid; and two farms in the Southern Jordan Valley / Karak Governorate).
- Monitoring the right of women to economic empowerment through the implementation of income-generating projects in the Northern Jordan Valley.
- Monitoring six of the agricultural workshops of Sahab in the Capital Governorate.
- Monitoring the conditions of workers in the citrus cultivation sector in the Northern Jordan Valley District, through a monitoring visit to the Jordanian Citrus Agricultural Cooperative Society and the Directorate of Agriculture of the Northern Jordan Valley.
- Monitoring the Family Reconciliation Home in Aqaba.
- Monitoring the conditions of women at risk at the shelter and rehabilitation home for women "Amneh" in Amman.
- Monitoring Karama Home for Victims of Trafficking in Persons / Amman.
- Monitoring the mock elections at Madaba Secondary School for Girls.

2. The Child

- Monitoring the conditions of children's rights at SOS Children's Villages Jordan in the Capital and Aqaba Governorates.
- Monitoring the right of children to play in eight parks in the Capital, Irbid and Karak Governorates.
- Monitoring the centres for the care and rehabilitation of beggars in Madaba, Zarqa and Amman, and the Anti-Begging Directorate.

- Monitoring the juvenile custody facilities in Ma‘an, Aqaba and the Capital Governorates.
- Monitoring the Behaviour Modification and Child Rehabilitation Centre in Zarqa.

3. Persons with Disabilities

- Monitoring the conditions of the rights of persons with disabilities at the Rehabilitation and Employment Centre for Persons with Disabilities in Irbid Governorate.
- Monitoring Aya Ghabi Park and the extent of its adaptation for children with disabilities in the Capital Governorate.
- Monitoring the conditions of persons with disabilities at the Aqaba Comprehensive Centre for Special Education in Aqaba.
- Monitoring the right of persons with disabilities to mobility in the Governorates of Ma‘an, Jerash, Aqaba and the Capital.
- Monitoring the right of persons with disabilities to mobility through a monitoring visit to the Land Transport Regulatory Commission in the Capital and Aqaba, and to the Jordanian Ministry of Transport.
- Monitoring six polling centres in the Governorates of (the Capital, Jerash, Irbid and Madaba) announced by the Independent Election Commission as having been adapted for persons with disabilities.
- Monitoring the Saudi Centre for the Training and Rehabilitation of Blind Women in Amman.
- Monitoring Abdullah bin Maktoum School for the Blind in Amman.
- Monitoring the Centre for the Care and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities in Dhulail.
- Monitoring the extent of the availability of facilitative arrangements for persons with disabilities in the Northern Shouneh Municipality, the Greater Karak Municipality and Baq‘a Camp.
- Monitoring the extent of the provision of reasonable accommodation, accessible formats and accessibility in governmental (service) institutions, through field monitoring visits to:
  - Al-Hussein Cultural Centre of the Greater Amman Municipality in the Ras Al-Ain area.
  - The building of the Greater Amman Municipality in the Ras Al-Ain area.
  - The building of the Medical and Insurance Committees / Social Security Corporation, in the Jabal Al-Hussein area.
  - The building of the Directorate of Examinations and Tests / Ministry of Education, in the Weibdeh area.
  - The building of the Directorate of Health of Persons with Disabilities and Mental Health / Ministry of Health, in the Jabal Al-Hussein area.

4. Older Persons

- Monitoring the Princess Mona Centre for Older Women in Zarqa Governorate.
- Monitoring, twice a year, Al-Zahraa Home for Older Persons in Amman.
- Monitoring Al-Amal Centre for Older Persons in Amman.
- Monitoring the Pioneers’ Forum for Older Persons / Day Club.

The most prominent impact achieved on the basis of the Centre’s recommendations and the field monitoring visits relating to the groups most in need of protection

The Centre monitored the shelter and rehabilitation home for women (Amneh)[445] on 16/4/2024[446]. The Centre observed that the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Health and the entities concerned had implemented certain of the recommendations of the Centre contained in its previous annual reports and specialised reports, namely: (a) the fitting out of a flat within the building of the home so as to be fully usable by beneficiaries with disabilities[447]; (b) the building of the capacities of the staff of the home in the rights of persons with disabilities and in case management; (c) the equipping of the sports hall with modern sports apparatus and equipment, and the assignment to every beneficiary of a suitable nutritional regime; (d) the fitting out of a hall for the display of products made by the beneficiaries[448]; (d) the provision to the home of a female physician by the Ministry of Health for at least two days a week[449]; (e) the provision to the home of a four-dimensional ultrasound device for following up the health condition of pregnant beneficiaries during the period of their residence at the home[450].

The Centre monitored the Family Reconciliation Home in Aqaba on 29/4/2024. The team observed the implementation of the Centre's recommendations, which had been transmitted to the Ministry of Social Development during previous visits, including the following: (a) the existence of a designated shaded area in the garden for the play of the beneficiaries' children, protecting them from the summer heat and equipped with all the requisite facilities; (b) the adaptation of the home for beneficiaries with disabilities; (c) the intensification of the programmes directed at beneficiaries with a view to their economic empowerment, such as courses on electronic marketing, mosaic work, drawing, handicrafts, and soap and candle manufacture, among others; (d) work on raising awareness of the importance of the existence of the home for women victims of violence, and highlighting the services provided to them, through a segment within a radio programme broadcast on Aqaba FM.

The Centre likewise monitored the implementation of the community homes project at the Children's Villages, which provides for the integration of children with their peers, and the villages' response to the recommendation of the National Centre providing for (the retention of girls under the care of the substitute mother, so as to safeguard their psychological well-being and avoid their transfer to the young women's home), and the reduction of the number of children in a single community home to four children, so as to enable the substitute mother to provide them with optimal care and to meet all their living and educational needs and other requirements.[451]

As regards the rights of older persons, the National Centre for Human Rights submitted a set of recommendations to the Ministry of Social Development in the light of monitoring visits carried out to a number of residential homes for older persons[452], which are conducive to the protection and promotion of the rights of older persons in the Kingdom, namely:

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[445] For further detail concerning the impact achieved on the basis of the Centre's recommendations and the field monitoring visits relating to the groups most in need of protection, reference should be made to the axes on the rights of women, the child, persons with disabilities and older persons contained in the report itself.

[446] The National Centre addressed the Ministry of Social Development by letter No. H.A/378/18 dated 29/4/2024, and no reply was received.

[447] Through the provision of reasonable accommodation, accessible formats and accessibility — such as an electric lift, a ramp at the door of the flat, lateral handrails on the walls, and floor indicators inside and outside the flat — in addition to the provision of a bathroom adapted for beneficiaries with disabilities.

[448] During the economic empowerment courses held at the home, such as jewellery-making, children's clothing, woollen work, crochet and mosaic work and others. The administration of the home is presently engaged in preparing policies for marketing the products electronically through an online store, the proceeds of the products accruing to the beneficiaries.

[449] This followed the Centre's communications addressed to the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Health on this matter (letter to the Ministry of Social Development No. H.A/424/18 dated 18/10/2021; letter to the Ministry of Social Development No. H.A/530/18 dated 28/8/2023; and letter to the Ministry of Health No. H.A/424/18 dated 18/10/2021).

[450] The Ministry of Social Development was addressed by letter No. H.A/424/18 dated 18/10/2021, and the Ministry of Health was addressed by letter No. H.A/424/18 dated 18/10/2021; the Centre's request was complied with.

[451] The reduction of the number of children to four children was effected at the Children's Villages in the Capital.

[452] Letter issued by the Centre to the Ministry of Social Development No. (H.A/224/18) dated 17/3/2024.

- Working towards the adoption of a temporary care regulation for persons of no fixed abode, given the need to provide care for every person who has taken the street or public places as a refuge and who is without family support, within the age brackets of (18–60) years for males and (18–55) years for females.
- Working towards the activation of the account of the Fund for the Care of Older Persons, and towards the provision of home care as provided for in the Instructions on Benefit and Expenditure for Older Persons from the Older Persons Care Account of 2022.
- Establishing awareness-raising and guidance programmes on the rights of older persons.
- Making it obligatory for the relatives of an older person to visit him or her periodically in residential care homes.
- Establishing governmental day clubs for older persons.

The reply of the Ministry of Social Development[453] to the aforementioned letter of the Centre was as follows:

- The issuance of the Regulation on the Licensing of Homes for the Care of Older Persons and Day Clubs Dedicated to Them No. (98) of 2024.
- The Regulation on the Care of Older Persons No. (97) of 2021 was issued, together with the Instructions on Benefit and Expenditure for Older Persons from the Older Persons Care Account of 2022, which determined the provisions and conditions of benefit from the account and the heads of expenditure therefrom. The Fund is presently supplied with (10%) of the proceeds of the lottery pursuant to the provisions of Article (6/a/3) of the Jordanian Charitable Lottery Regulation and its amendments No. (161) of 2019.
- Work is being undertaken with partner entities on the development of the Jordanian National Strategy for Older Persons, which was first launched in 2012 and is developed every (4 years), and which aims at a society that protects older persons and their rights, that recognises their experience and capacities, and that provides them with a decent life and a supportive environment mindful of their particular circumstances, through the coordination of the efforts of all governmental and non-governmental entities so as to ensure their effective participation in society. There are six entry points constituting the priorities of the issues of older persons and ageing in Jordan, namely:
  1 - Social protection and financial security.
  2 - Health care for older persons.
  3 - Social care.
  4 - Participation and the promotion of intergenerational solidarity.
  5 - The protection of older persons from violence and neglect, and in times of crisis.
  6 - An enabling environment supportive of older persons.
- Most of the cases placed in homes for the care of older persons are persons without family support or persons abandoned by their relatives. The relatives of older persons are encouraged to visit them within the home, but there is nothing that empowers the authorities to compel them to do so.
- There is a single day club in the Capital, Amman, three out of four day clubs having been closed during the period (2018–2022) owing to their inability to cover their operating costs, in consequence of their not having received the requisite support. Work is, however, presently under way on the licensing of a second day club in the Wadi Al-Haddadeh area, which is in process; the Darat Samir Shamma Association is likewise now moving towards the reopening of the day club located at the Darat.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

[453] Reply of the Ministry of Social Development by letter No. (Sh.Q/6155/3) dated 23/4/2024.

1. The right to health: (23) monitoring visits were carried out to hospitals and to comprehensive, primary and subsidiary health centres, in addition to the monitoring of the reality of the right to health, as follows:

- Conducting a field visit to Tafilah Government Hospital / Tafilah Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Queen Rania Al Abdullah Government Hospital / Ma‘an Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Ma‘an Government Hospital / Ma‘an Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Tafilah Government Hospital / Tafilah Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Karak Government Hospital / Karak Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Hospital, Aqaba – field visit.
- Conducting a field visit to the Forensic Medicine Division, Aqaba – field visit.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Rashid Hospital for Psychiatry and Addiction.
- Conducting a field visit to Ramtha Government Hospital / Irbid Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Southern Shouneh Government Hospital.
- Conducting a monitoring visit to Qatraneh Comprehensive Health Centre / Karak Governorate.
- Conducting a monitoring visit to Aqaba Comprehensive Health Centre / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Quweira Comprehensive Health Centre / Aqaba Governorate.
- Al-Risha Comprehensive Health Centre / Aqaba Governorate.
- Princess Basma Comprehensive Health Centre / Karak Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Nu‘aimeh Comprehensive Health Centre / Irbid Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Azraq Comprehensive Government Health Centre / Zarqa Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Qurayyat Subsidiary Health Centre / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Wadi Rum Primary Health Centre / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Rahmeh Primary Health Centre / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting (3) field visits to the Directorate of Health of the Capital Environment, Amman.
- Monitoring the incident of the death of a juvenile aged (16) years during a deviated nasal septum operation at one of the private hospitals.

2. The right to education: (91) monitoring visits were carried out to secondary and basic mixed schools, as follows:

- Conducting a field visit to Al-Risha Secondary Mixed School / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Aqaba Comprehensive Secondary School for Girls / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Munaishir Secondary Mixed School in Quweira District / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Azraq Secondary School for Girls / Zarqa Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Jadideh Secondary School for Boys / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Jadid Secondary School for Girls / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Jabal Secondary School for Girls / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to the School for the Blind / Capital Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Qurayyat Basic Mixed School / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Namiyeh Basic Mixed School / Madaba Governorate.

- Conducting a field visit to Makawir Basic School for Girls / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Makawir Basic School for Boys / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Blouta Basic Mixed School / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Deir Basic Mixed School / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Jarwan Basic Mixed School / Madaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Prince Hamzah Basic Mixed School / Zarqa Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Al-Risha Basic Mixed School / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Wadi Al-Qamar Basic Mixed School / Aqaba Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to Wadi Al-Qamar Basic Mixed School in Quweira District / Aqaba Governorate.

3. The right to work: (5) monitoring visits were carried out, as follows:

- Conducting a field visit to the Hirfat Al-Ibra factory for ready-made garments / Zarqa Governorate, Dhulail Industrial City.
- Conducting a field visit to the Atlanta factory for ready-made garments / Capital Governorate, Sahab Industrial City.
- Conducting a field visit to the Al-Abqari factory for ready-made garments / Capital Governorate, Sahab Industrial City.
- Conducting a field visit to the Al-Janoubiyya factory for ready-made garments / Capital Governorate, Sahab Industrial City.
- Conducting a field visit to the Fourth Generation factory for ready-made garments / Capital Governorate, Sahab Industrial City.

4. The right to a sound environment

- Conducting a field visit to the site of the (former) Pepsi pond, in order to monitor its impact on the surrounding environment.
- Conducting a field visit to the environment of Dhulail Industrial City / Zarqa Governorate.
- Conducting a field visit to the environment of the Industrial Estates City / Capital Governorate, Sahab Industrial City.
- Conducting a monitoring visit to the quarry sites / Ajloun Governorate.

The most prominent impact achieved on the basis of the Centre's recommendations and the field monitoring visits relating to economic, social and cultural rights

Within the framework of the follow-up of the observations and recommendations concerning the reality of basic and secondary schools — in terms of the level of services and care available therein, and the extent of their readiness to fulfil the intended educational mission — which were monitored by the National Centre[454], (17) official communications were addressed to the Ministry of Education setting out the outputs of the monitoring visits carried out during the year 2024 to a number of basic and secondary schools in the governorates of the Southern Region (Aqaba Governorate) and the governorates of the Central Region (Madaba Governorate and Zarqa Governorate). The Ministry of Education took the requisite measures within

[454] For further detail concerning the impact achieved on the basis of the Centre's recommendations and the field monitoring visits relating to the axes of the right to work, health, education and the environment, reference should be made to the report itself.

the human and material resources available to it, with a view to raising the level of educational services and the care available therein[455].

Within the framework of the follow-up of the observations and recommendations concerning the reality of hospitals and comprehensive and primary health centres — in terms of the health, curative and preventive services provided to citizens, and with a view to examining the improvement measures led by the Ministry of Health in the hospitals and comprehensive and primary health centres monitored by the National Centre — (23) official communications were addressed to the Ministry of Health setting out the outputs of the monitoring visits carried out during the year 2024 to a number of hospitals and comprehensive, primary and subsidiary health centres in the governorates of the Southern Region (Aqaba Governorate) and the governorates of the Central Region (Madaba Governorate and Zarqa Governorate). A reply was received from the Ministry of Health to the National Centre's communications, which set out the Ministry's adoption of a set of measures within the human and material resources available to it, with a view to raising the level of the health, curative and preventive services provided to citizens, the most prominent of which are the following:

1. The contract of the paediatric consultant was renewed, so as to ensure that one of the hospitals of the South is not left without its sole paediatric consultant.
2. The Minister of Health instructed those concerned to form a committee to take up the recommendations and observations contained in the letters of the National Centre and to take the requisite action.

In the same context, two communications were addressed to the Greater Amman Municipality concerning medical waste and the mechanism of its disposal — as regards the mechanism of disposing of domestic medical waste emanating from the facilities of the Ministry of Health, and the mechanism of disposing of (treated) medical waste at certain hospitals so that it becomes non-infectious domestic waste. A reply was received to the effect that, as regards increasing the number of containers for health facilities and the necessity of transporting medical waste on a periodic basis, the entity concerned (the owner of the medical facility) is responsible for securing a sufficient number of medical containers and for transporting the waste periodically through private companies.

A communication was likewise addressed to the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, setting out the National Centre's observation as to the need of the medical and nursing cadres working in hospitals and health centres for training courses concerning the mechanism of dealing with persons with disabilities of all descriptions. A reply was received from the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the National Centre's communication, to the effect that during the year 2024 the Higher Council had assessed certain hospitals and health centres as to the extent of the availability of accessibility therein, and had provided the medical and nursing cadres working in certain hospitals and health centres with training relating to the human rights-based approach, effective communication etiquette with persons with disabilities, and their access to health services; in addition to which the Higher Council has projects to be implemented during the year 2025 for the assessment and study of the extent of the adaptation of (60) health centres and (8) hospitals, through the Accessibility Directorate of the Council. Accordingly, work will be undertaken on coordinating efforts and establishing a mechanism of joint cooperation between the National Centre, the Higher Council and the Ministry of Health[456], so as to contribute to the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities and older persons in society. To this end, a consultative meeting was held by the Centre with the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and agreement was reached on a set of measures for the purpose of promoting the rights of persons with disabilities in gaining access to the right to health.

Within the framework of the follow-up of the observations and recommendations concerning the reality of workers and the extent of their enjoyment of their labour rights, in addition to the extent of the provision of a

[455] For further detail, reference may be made to the axis on the right to education, for a detailed account of the measures taken on the basis of the outputs of the Centre's field visits.

[456] Reply of the Higher Council by official electronic mail dated 6 June 2024.

suitable working environment for them, as monitored by the National Centre, (5) official communications were addressed to the Ministry of Labour setting out the outputs of the monitoring visits carried out during the year 2024 to the qualified industrial zones. In this context, the Ministry of Labour indicated its readiness to carry out inspection rounds by the cadres of labour inspectors together with the team of the National Centre, in order to examine the actual state of the factories. A set of measures was taken by the Ministry of Labour in implementation of the Centre's recommendations, as set out in detail in the body of the report (the axis on the right to work).

As regards the right to a sound environment, it should be noted that, within the framework of the follow-up of the Centre's observations based on the outputs of its monitoring visits to Dhulail Industrial Area in Zarqa Governorate, the Centre addressed the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and the Ministry of Environment, and received certain replies, including: that the Ministry of Water and Irrigation had addressed the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation with a view to securing the financial allocations necessary for updating the earlier studies and for implementing the sewerage network project, and that a start would be made on updating the technical studies and preparing the requisite tender documents and implementing the project as soon as the financial allocations therefor became available, in accordance with due process[457].

Within the framework of the follow-up of the Centre's recommendations relating to the outcome of the monitoring visits to the site of the Pepsi pond in the Russeifa area, the Centre addressed the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Local Administration and the Greater Amman Municipality, and received certain replies, including that the Ministry of Environment had addressed the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Local Administration and the Greater Amman Municipality, instructing those concerned to take the requisite action, each according to its competence.

Civil and Political Rights

- Monitoring manifestations of peaceful assembly, comprising forty (40) events, solidarity vigils and others.
- The Centre carried out (92) visits to correction and rehabilitation centres during the year 2024, in the course of which (111) inmates were interviewed, as follows: (65) inmates were interviewed on the basis of complaints received by the Centre, and (46) inmates were interviewed on the basis of monitoring.
- Following up detainees held against the background of certain sit-ins or protest vigils, conducting field visits to them, and addressing the entities concerned.
- The Centre received (709) complaints during the year 2024; these were acted upon within the relevant procedures, and the entities concerned were addressed.
- The Centre received (563) replies to the communications addressed to the entities concerned for the follow-up of complaints.

Third: Annual, Specialised and Monitoring Reports, and the Reports Submitted to the Treaty Bodies

- Preparing a specialised report on the recommendations and outputs relating to the legislative impact of the Cybercrime Act.
- Preparing the report on the parliamentary elections for the Twentieth House of Representatives of the year 2024.
- Preparing and discussing the shadow report on the Convention against Torture before the Committee against Torture in Geneva, October 2024.
- Preparing and discussing the shadow report relating to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.

[457] Letter of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation No. (24111/2/7) dated 12/12/2024.

- Participating in the preparation of the official Beijing report with the Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- A statement submitted to the Human Rights Committee established under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, concerning the concluding recommendations addressed to Jordan under that Covenant.
- Preparing the first draft of the shadow report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Fourth: Embedding Human Rights Concepts in School Curricula

Within the framework of the Centre's mandate to embed human rights concepts in educational curricula, the Centre worked as follows:

- Reviewing twelve curricula prepared by the National Centre for Curriculum Development, for the purpose of embedding human rights concepts and principles therein. These covered the following subjects: Arabic language, social studies, Islamic education, history, national and civic education, geography, Islamic studies and Islamic education, in respect of the following grades (the first, fourth, seventh, ninth, tenth, twelfth / literary stream, and the twelfth grade / all streams).
- Attending focused working groups for the purpose of reviewing the curricula at the National Centre for Curriculum Development.
- Presenting best practices concerning the Centre's experience in embedding human rights concepts in curricula, to the Arab Human Rights Network.

Fifth: Seminars and Discussion Sessions Held

- A discussion session on the food industries in Jordan.
- A discussion session on the reality of the rights of women workers on farms.
- A discussion session on the reality of the rights of persons with disabilities in Jordan.
- The discussion session relating to "water and food security from a human rights perspective".
- The discussion session on the enforcement of the recommendations relating to the groups most in need of protection.
- The discussion session "The reality of the health sector: universal health coverage as a model".
- The discussion session relating to the Guarantee of the Right of Access to Information Act No. (47) of 2007.

Seventh: The Axis of the Issuance of Statements [numbering as in the source]

- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
- A statement on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day.
- A statement on the occasion of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- A statement on the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour.
- A statement on the occasion of the Arab Day for Population and Development.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Families.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Women Judges.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child.

- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women.
- A statement on the occasion of the Day of the Child.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day for the Protection of Women from Violence.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- A statement calling for support for the march of international justice in respect of the crimes of genocide in the Gaza Strip, 4/1/2024.
- A statement on the right to peaceful assembly, 12/1/2024.
- A statement on the march of human rights in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from 1999 to 2024, 7/2/2024.
- A statement on the occasion of the International Day of Women Judges, 10/3/2024.
- A statement on the right to freedom of expression, 26/3/2024.
- A statement on the solidarity vigils with the Gaza Strip, 31/3/2024.
- A statement on the resolution issued by the Human Rights Council.
- A statement on the crime of genocide, 7/4/2024.
- A statement welcoming the decision to release a group of detainees.
- A statement on the announcement of the date of the parliamentary elections, 25/4/2024.
- A statement on World Press Freedom Day, May 2024.
- A statement welcoming the decision of the Ministry of the Interior to release (485) administrative detainees, 8/5/2024.
- The concluding statement on the elections of the "Student Union Council of the University of Jordan", 22/5/2024.
- The concluding statement on the elections of the "Student Union Council of Yarmouk University – 29th Session", 29/5/2024.
- The concluding statement on the elections of the "Student Union Council of the Hashemite University", 31/5/2024.
- A statement on the publication of the preliminary voter rolls, 6/6/2024.
- A statement on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, 26/6/2024.
- A statement on the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 26/6/2024.
- A statement on the completion of the publication of the preliminary rolls and the publication of the final voter rolls, 28/7/2024.
- A statement issued by the Centre concerning the candidacy stage, 2/8/2024.
- The first statement on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives – polling stage 2024, 10/9/2024.
- The second statement on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives – polling stage 2024, 10/9/2024.
- The third statement on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives – polling stage 2024, 10/9/2024.
- The fourth statement on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives – polling stage 2024, 10/9/2024.
- Statement No. (5) on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives – ballot counting stage, 10/09/2024.

- A statement on the occasion of International Human Rights Day, 10/12/2024.

Eighth: National and International Participation

With a view to enhancing institutional capacity and building the capacities and skills of the General Secretariat of the Centre, the Centre participated in a number of conferences, training courses, workshops, and research and discussion sessions, the most important of which are the following:

- Participation in a workshop on guaranteeing the right to a world of work free from violence and harassment, at the Geneva Hotel.
- Participation in a workshop on the preparation of the strategy for older persons, with the National Council for Family Affairs.
- Participation in a workshop on the protection of women in residential homes, organised by the Jordanian Women's Solidarity Institute (Tadamun).
- Participation in the discussion session with the liaison officers of the National Coalition for the Activation of Resolution 1325, organised by the Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- Participation in a training course on monitoring and evaluation, organised by the Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- Participation in the FANDI meeting / National Council for Family Affairs, on family violence and the role of the National Centre.
- Legal aid for women victims of violence, organised by the Adaleh Centre for Legal Aid.
- Participation in a workshop on Security Council Resolution 1325, organised by the Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- Participation in a dialogue session on the draft legal aid regulation at the Jordan Bar Association.
- Participation and the presentation of a working paper on the crimes of the killing of women in Jordan, within a workshop organised by the Jordanian Women's Solidarity Institute.
- Participation in the regional preparatory conference for the Global Disability Summit.
- Participation in a course on gender equality.
- Participation in a seminar on the rights of the child, held remotely via the Zoom application and delivered by UNICEF.
- Participation in a workshop on social protection for older persons, organised by the Phenix Centre.
- Participation in the launch ceremony of the strategy for older persons, organised by the National Council for Family Affairs.
- Participation in the launch ceremony of the strategy for the prevention of trafficking in persons, organised by the Ministry of Justice.
- Participation in a workshop on the national referral mechanisms and data on trafficking in persons, organised by the Ministry of Justice.
- Participation in a workshop on reducing child labour and begging, organised by the Ministry of Justice.
- Participation in a workshop on protection from family violence and a reading of the Protection from Family Violence Act, organised by the Women's Union.
- Participation in the high-level meeting on the progress achieved towards the Beijing Platform for Action thirty years on, in Muscat.
- Participation in the Social Work Conference held at the University of Jordan.
- Participation in a workshop for the liaison officers of the Committee for the Reduction of Marriage under the Age of 18.

- Participation in the seminar celebrating International Human Rights Day, under the slogan “Human Rights: A Path to Solutions”.
- Participation in the seminar of national human rights institutions on climate change and human rights, held concurrently with the Twenty-Ninth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in the city of Baku, Azerbaijan, during the period (11–22) November (COP 29).
- Attending the meeting of the National Education Team, by the end of 2023.
- Participation in the training programme “The Role of Women in Achieving Peace and Community Security”.
- Participation in the consultative session between the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights and the members of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.
- Participation in the educational seminar on business and human rights.
- Participation in the training workshop on the relationship between climate change and human rights.
- Attending the third meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Project on Empowering Civil Society Organisations in Jordan.
- Attending the fifth meeting of the Committee on Development and Economic and Social Rights of the Board of Trustees.
- Participation in the training course on leadership skills and self-development.
- Attending the second meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Project on Empowering Civil Society Organisations in Jordan.
- Representing the Centre within the National Team concerned with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the year 2030 (Good Health and Well-being).
- Participation in the workshop organised by the Office of the World Health Organization in Jordan, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, to review the progress achieved in the data and governance of Goal Three of the Sustainable Development Goals in Jordan.
- Participation in the discussion session entitled “Towards the Inclusion of Digital Platform Workers in Social Security”.
- Participation in the proceedings of the public meetings of the Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Jeddah, under the title “The Right to Health: The Islamic Perspective and the Human Rights Perspective”, held in the Arab Republic of Egypt and organised by the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in cooperation with the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).
- Participation in the training course on “The Promotion and Protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”, held in the Arab Republic of Egypt, by the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions.
- Participation in the programme for monitoring economic, social and cultural rights, via the Zoom application, of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF).
- Participation in a workshop with the European Union to discuss the recommendations of the report on the elections of the Twentieth House of Representatives for the year 2024 issued by the European Union mission.

- Participation in a dialogue conference on the political participation of women and youth in the parliamentary elections for the Twentieth House of Representatives (Rasid).
- A representative of the Centre at the National Dialogue Conference on Local Administration: Partnership for Development.
- Participation in a course with the APF on gender equality.
- Participation in the capacity-building workshop held in India with the National Human Rights Commission of India.
- Participation in a dialogue session on the parliamentary elections with the Arab Network for Educational Development.

Achievements of the Promotion Commission for the Year 2024

The Promotion Commission comprises three directorates, namely: the Directorate of Awareness-Raising and Training; the Directorate of Studies and Documentation; and the Directorate of Legislation; in addition to the Projects Unit.

First: Directorate of Awareness-Raising and Training

- Delivering (23) training courses and workshops for civil society organisations and university students.
- Delivering (18) lectures for school and university students and the Greater Amman Municipality.
- Delivering (5) lectures for officers and personnel of the Public Security Directorate and the National Defence College.

Courses and workshops delivered by the Directorate of Awareness-Raising and Training

- Delivering the first training course in the field of human rights and national legislation for service providers at SOS Children's Villages.
- Delivering the second training course in the field of human rights for service providers at SOS Children's Villages.
- Delivering a foundational training course in human rights for the staff of Ibtina' for Training and Consultancy / Al-Juweideh.
- Delivering a human rights course for the members of the Northern Mazar Young Women's Centre / Irbid.
- Delivering a workshop on the role of the Centre in the protection and promotion of human rights for the students of the Global Education Institution of the United States of America.
- Delivering the training course on human rights and elections for the students of Ajloun National University.
- Delivering a training workshop for 15 participants from the team of INJAZ for Creating Opportunities for Jordanian Youth.
- Delivering the training course on monitoring and report writing for the members and cadres of the National Society for Human Rights.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, "Empowerment and Oversight", at Yarmouk University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, "Empowerment and Oversight", at the University of Jordan.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, "Empowerment and Oversight", at Ajloun National University.

- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at Al-Zaytoonah University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at the University of Jordan / Aqaba Branch.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at Al-Hussein Bin Talal University / Ma‘an.
- The dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at the Hashemite University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at Jerash University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at Tafila Technical University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at Al-Balqa Applied University.
- Holding the dialogue session on elections and the role of the National Centre for Human Rights, “Empowerment and Oversight”, at the Kulluna Al-Urdun Youth Commission / Mafraq.
- A foundational training course for service providers working at the SOS Villages / Aqaba Governorate.
- A dialogue session on “Elections and the Role of the National Centre”, in cooperation with the Kulluna Al-Urdun Youth Commission / Aqaba Governorate.
- A dialogue session on “Elections and the Role of the National Centre”, in cooperation with the Kulluna Al-Urdun Youth Commission / Mafraq.
- A workshop for a delegation of students from American universities, introducing them to the Centre and its activities.

Lectures delivered by the Directorate of Awareness-Raising and Training during the year 2024, the most important of which are:

- Delivering a lecture on human rights and the role of the Centre in the protection and promotion of human rights, for the teachers and pupils of Khadija Umm Al-Mu’minin School in Zarqa Governorate.
- Delivering a lecture on the rights of the child, bullying and early marriage, for the teachers, pupils and mothers of Nuzha Girls’ School affiliated to UNRWA.
- Delivering a lecture on human rights and the role of the Centre in the protection and promotion of human rights, for the teachers and pupils of Umm Atiyyah School in Zarqa Governorate.
- Delivering a lecture for officers and personnel of the Public Security Directorate on oversight bodies in Jordan.
- Delivering a lecture at the Greater Amman Municipality / Sweileh for a number of local community women on the participation of women in the parliamentary elections.
- Delivering a lecture entitled “The Extent of the Conformity of Human Rights in the Jordanian Constitution with International Instruments”, for the Master’s programme in Strategies for Countering Extremism and Terrorism at the Royal Jordanian National Defence College.
- Delivering a lecture on the political participation of women at the Greater Amman Municipality.
- Delivering a lecture on the rights and duties of refugees for a group of Public Security officers at the Police Judiciary.
- Delivering a lecture at the Public Security Directorate on oversight bodies in Jordan.
- Delivering a lecture at the American schools on the rights of the child.

- Delivering a lecture at Al-Marqab Secondary School for Girls.
- Delivering a lecture for a number of students of Amman National Schools.
- A lecture at the Public Security Directorate / Police Judiciary on human rights organisations in Jordan.
- A lecture at the Greater Amman Municipality.
- A meeting with students from the German University concerning asylum in Jordan.

Second: Directorate of Legislation

The preparation of a number of legal opinions (the position of the Centre in respect of Jordanian laws) — contributing to raising the societal awareness of young people concerning Jordanian laws. The most prominent achievements are the following:

- A study of the Crime Prevention Act with a view to its conformity with the Jordanian Constitution and international standards, and the preparation of a matrix of the proposed amendments, in cooperation with the Danish Institute.
- The preparation of a concept paper on the first stage of the electoral process, comprising: the candidacy instructions, electoral campaigning, and the instructions relating to the selection of observers.
- The preparation of a legal opinion on the position of the Centre regarding the Act Amending the Labour Act 2024.
- The preparation of a legal opinion on the position of the Centre regarding the Act Amending the Social Security Act 2024.
- The preparation of a legal opinion on the proposed amendments to the legal aid regulation at the Jordanian Bar Association.

Directorate of International Relations

The Directorate of International Relations exercises its legal powers derived from the mandate of the National Centre for Human Rights under its Act No. (51) of 2006 and its amendments, Article (5/i) of the Act providing that among the objectives of the Centre is the exchange of information and expertise with national, Arab and Islamic societies and organisations and with comparable regional and international institutions. The most prominent of those achievements may be summarised as follows:

- Following up the Centre's participation in meetings, training workshops, courses and conferences (the Doha Conference; attendance at the Universal Periodic Review session; and the training-of-trainers course).
- Follow-up and coordination with the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions in respect of the statement issued by the Centre and the Network concerning the case brought by the State of South Africa against Israel before the International Court of Justice in relation to the crimes of genocide committed against the people of Gaza.
- Participation in the preparation of the working paper on "The Role of National Human Rights Institutions and Civil Society Organisations as Actors in Addressing the Food Crisis through Monitoring, Documentation, Reporting, Advice, Follow-up of Implementation and Engagement with the International System in this Respect".
- Reviewing the Arab Strategy for Human Rights, and addressing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in respect thereof.
- Communication with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) concerning the Centre's submission of an independent report on the progress achieved in respect of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

- Follow-up with the United Nations Development Programme concerning the securing of a project for the establishment of a communications and partnerships unit within the Tripartite Partnership Programme in support of national human rights institutions.
- Consolidating the Centre's relations with the relevant entities within the framework of the protection and promotion of human rights (USAID, the Norwegian Embassy, UNHCR, the United Nations Office in Jordan, the Department of Statistics, the Jordanian Bar Association, and the International Committee of the Red Cross – Jordan Office).
- Following up the Danish Partnership Programme for the forthcoming phase 2024–2026, in respect of the activities to be implemented during that phase (the review of legislation, the preparation of reports, the preparation of the strategic plan, and the updating of the Centre's website).
- Following up the Centre's participation in meetings and conferences (the meeting of the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah; and the regional forum on the role of national human rights institutions in planning and following up the implementation of national visions in fields relating to human rights, Sultanate of Oman).
- Follow-up with the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions concerning the holding of a regional event in Jordan, in cooperation with the Centre, on one of the subjects of human rights, in November 2024.
- Follow-up with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the holding of a regional event in Jordan, in cooperation with the Centre, on the digital space and human rights, and the preparation of a concept paper on the subject and its sharing with the Office of the High Commissioner.
- Contributing to the preparation of the concept paper for the Spanish project on capacity-building and the development of the Centre's infrastructure.
- A meeting with the British Governance Fund for the purposes of attracting funding.
- Membership of the Drafting Committee for the Guiding Principles on the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Situations of Conflict in Asia and the Pacific.
- Following up the procedures for holding a regional discussion session on national human rights institutions and new and emerging digital technology in the Middle East and North Africa region, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- Preparing and dispatching the invitations for participation in the first meeting of the working and partnerships group, held on 9/10/2024 in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme.
- Following up the participation of the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees in Morocco during the period 15–19/10/2024 to attend the Tenth Gallion Dialogue on Human Rights.
- Following up the Centre's participation in the Eighth Conference on Digital Transformation and the Right to Health Care, in Moscow.
- Following up the Centre's participation in the course of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions on economic, social and cultural rights, in Cairo.
- Preparing for the 23rd Conference of the Arab Network of National Institutions (following up the issuance of visas, dispatching invitations, and working during the two days of the conference).
- Following up the Centre's participation in the discussion of the report on the Convention against Torture in Geneva.
- Following up the Centre's participation in the meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions in Doha.

- Following up the Centre's participation in the meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah.
- Following up the Centre's participation in the executive capacity-building programme for senior officials in India.
- Following up the Centre's participation in the meeting of the Arab Women's Academy in Doha.

Membership of Committees with Official Bodies and Civil Society Organisations

In furtherance of cooperation and partnership between the National Centre for Human Rights and the official bodies and civil society organisations, and in order to ensure the integration of human rights principles into national policies, members of the General Secretariat represent the Centre on the following committees:

- The Committee for the Preparation of the Legal Aid Strategy (the Justice Sector Strategy 2022–2026).
- The Criminal Justice Committee / Ministry of Justice.
- The Committee on the Harmonisation of National Legislation with the International Conventions and Treaties Ratified by Jordan / Ministry of Justice.
- The Committee for the Enforcement of the Rights of the Child Act – National Council for Family Affairs.
- The Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health – Information and Research Centre.
- The National Committee for Criminal Justice – Ministry of Justice.
- The Higher Steering Committee for Juvenile Justice – National Council for Family Affairs.
- The National Team for Protection from Family Violence.
- The Committee for the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons – Ministry of Justice.
- The Equal Opportunities Committee / Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- The National Observatory on Cases of the Killing of Women and Girls / the Chairperson of the Ministerial Committee for the Empowerment of Women.
- The Committee on the Financial Allocation for Alternatives to Shelter Homes / Ministry of Social Development.
- The Sham'a Network Committee / Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- The Committee on the National Plan for the Activation of Resolution 1325 / Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- The Committee for Following up the National Strategy for Older Persons / National Council for Family Affairs.
- The Pay Equity Committee / Jordanian National Commission for Women.
- The Amman Age-Friendly City Committee / Greater Amman Municipality.
- The National Team concerned with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the year 2030 (Good Health and Well-being).

Delegations Received by the Centre

With a view to introducing the Centre and exploring avenues of cooperation, the National Centre for Human Rights received during the year 2024 a number of delegations from the embassies of Arab and non-Arab States, and from governmental and non-governmental, national, regional and international institutions, as follows:

- A delegation from the United States Embassy.
- A delegation from the Spanish Embassy.

- A delegation from the French Embassy.
- A delegation from the British Embassy.
- A delegation from the Norwegian Embassy.
- A delegation from the Saudi Embassy.
- A delegation from the German Embassy.
- A delegation from the European Union.
- The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Jordan.
- The President of the Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunis.
- A delegation from the United Nations Office.
- A delegation from the Spanish Agency for Development.
- A delegation from Amnesty International.
- The British Governance Team.
- The High Commissioner for Human Rights in Palestine.
- A delegation from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
- A delegation from the Red Cross.
- A delegation from the Hareer Organisation for Community Development.
- The delegation of Penal Reform International.
- A delegation from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the United States Department of State.
- The National Society for Human Rights.
- The International Labour Organization.
- The European Union Election Observation Mission in Jordan.
- The mission of the Institute for Human Rights.
- The delegation of the League of Arab States for the observation of the elections.

Memoranda of Understanding

In completion of the working methodology of the National Centre for Human Rights for institutionalising the relationship with the national entities concerned with human rights, so as to strengthen cooperation and coordination between them and the Centre; and in fulfilment of its objectives set out in its Act No. 51 of 2006 and its amendments — which comprise (monitoring the state of human rights in the Kingdom; seeking to have human rights principles taught at the various levels of education; conducting legal, political, social, educational and intellectual studies and research relating to the objectives of the Centre; holding lectures, seminars and conferences relating to the objectives of the Centre and participating in comparable activities; and exchanging information and expertise with national and Arab societies and organisations and with comparable regional and international institutions) — the National Centre for Human Rights signed a number of memoranda of understanding during the year 2024, with a view to strengthening cooperation and coordination with those entities, in the context of promoting a culture of human rights and for the purposes of deepening the human rights understanding of human rights issues within the framework of the Jordanian Constitution and international human rights standards and their bearing upon the Jordanian reality. These were as follows:

- A memorandum of understanding with Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan, dated 2/6/2024.
- A memorandum of understanding with the Jordanian National Committee for International Humanitarian Law, dated 3/6/2024.

- A memorandum of understanding with the Independent Election Commission in the field of the provision of legal assistance to persons with disabilities during the elections of the House of Representatives 2024, dated 28/7/2024.
- A memorandum of understanding with Al-Isra University, dated 21/8/2024.
- A memorandum of understanding with the Zaha Cultural Centre / Greater Amman Municipality, dated 27/8/2024.