

### **CSR NEWS**



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### **Building Resilience and Self-Reliance of Women**

Farmers, Egypt

CCC has launched its first venture CSR project with Alfanar (www.alfanar.org) with the aim of building resilience and self-reliance among women farmers in Upper Egypt. With 28% of Egypt's population under the national poverty line, 24% unemployment among women, yet 65% of Egypt's economy dependent on agriculture, the need and positive economic effect of investing in female farmers in Egypt is compelling. Through this one year project, working together, CCC's CSR and Alfanar will scale Life Vision's (Alfanar investee since 2015) Farmer Field Schools and Farmer Business Schools in Minya to reach 450 female farmers in 2019 - 2020. The project aims to contribute to the creation of sustainable livelihoods for impoverished small-scale female farmers in Minya Egypt, by training women farmers on modern agricultural and business practices thus improving yields and financial returns to their families. In addition, it aims to work with Ministry of Agriculture staff to scale the Farmer Field school model beyond its current reach.

These schools provide on-site training to disadvantaged smallholder female farmers, helping them to modernize and improve their farming practices, thus reducing inefficiency, improving yields and ultimately increasing their take-home household income. In parallel, Alfanar will work with Life Vision to achieve financial sustainability through the running of its own greenhouse.





## Bringing Water for the Village of Mulinda, Mozambique

In partnership with WaterAid Mozambique (https://www.wateraid.org/where-we-work/mozambique) CCC's CSR has recently launched a six months project that will provide 700 people (146 families) with access to clean water. In addition, the project will promote healthy hygiene behaviors for the community. Activists from the community will be trained to raise awareness and educate families to build their own latrines and adopt good hygiene practices. Situated in the District of Mecanhelas, Niassa province, the Community of Mulinda is a remote rural community where its residents rely on unsafe polluted water of Muchimazi River located 4 kilometers from the village.

The river is the only water source available for village inhabitants, and women and girls have to walk 8 kilometers to fetch water. In addition to being shared with cattle, the water is used for drinking, bathing, washing clothes; a situation which is conducive to the breakout of water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery.





#### CCC Stands Against Hunger in Saudi Arabia





Since 2016, CCC and its project consortium have cooperated with Saudi Arabia's Food Bank (ETTAM) to collect surplus food from BACS' South Camps and distribute it to the needy. Supported by the Saudi government, Ettam is a non-profit organization engaged in collecting excess food from hotels, restaurants and companies and distributing them to those in need.

Through its cooperation with Ettam, the Riyadh Metro project so far has provided more than 10,000 meals to the needy. CSR hopes to replicate the surplus food collection initiative of the Riyadh Metro project in other project areas. The goal of preserving food campaign is to remind people about the importance of supporting and spreading the culture of giving to those who are less fortunate in the form of food.

The donation of surplus food does not only benefit disadvantaged people but also has positive impact on the environment, by cutting down on waste and supporting the main elements of sustainability. In an era of rising food prices and increasing hunger in the world, it is quite alarming that one third of the food produced in the world for consumption is wasted. According to a study of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FOA) of the United Nations, approximately 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted in both industrialized and developing countries.

# International Women's Day; CCC UAE Joins the #Doit4Her Campaign



On the occasion of International Women's Day, CCC UAE joined the Doit4her Campaign (http://uae.melltoo.com/doit4her) to support displaced refugee women residing in Tripoli, Lebanon. CCC contributed computers which were cleared from data and sold, with cash from the sales used to support these women.

The Campaign was organized by Companies for Good, an organization which specializes in creating team building, sustainability, and volunteering activities for corporations in the UAE.



# Inclusion of Refugee Children through Art Education – Athens, Greece

The on-going CSR program with the Museum of Cycladic Art entitled: "Inclusion of Refugee Children through Art Education", has now completed its three workshops which brought together 60 refugee and Greek children to learn a new language through art. The workshops provided the refugee children the platform to exercise their fundamental right of self-expression, and to teach all of them how to communicate with their peers using the Cypriot-Minoic alphabets. Children's ages ranged from 14 to 17, the Greek students came from IB program of Pierce College, and refugee children came from shelters run by Solidarity Now and include Arabic and Farsi speaking countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran and Pakistan.

Through these workshops the children had the opportunity to use the Cypriot-Minoic and to learn that its use began in a period of intense economic and commercial activities, and used by people who speak different languages to communicate, but its use decreased with the prevalence of the Greek alphabet. CCC's rationale behind its support of the program stems from its commitment to stand by vulnerable groups, especially refugee children who are the most vulnerable groups of people who have to bear the burden of displacement and have been deprived of their basis rights.



The on-going program will conclude with an exhibition to be held at the Museum and which will showcase the artwork of the students.

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#### Easter Candle for a Good Cause – Athens, Greece

In solidarity with our fellow human beings that need our care and support, CCC employees assisted the Doctors of the World (MdM-Greece) organization (https://mdmgreece.gr/en/) by purchasing Easter candles made by the MdM's volunteers to fundraise for their humanitarian work in Greece. Founded in 1990, Mdm is a medical humanitarian non-governmental organization which implements projects within Greece and abroad to provide medical as well as other services to marginalized populations that cannot access healthcare services and medical care. With the 29 purchased candles and the donations provided, MdM will purchase vaccines, bandages, medical gloves and support its mobile units that feeds the disadvantaged.

#### Mrs. Angeliki Mavrikou, Fundraising Officer of MdM in Greece said:

"It is so important for people to know that with something like this, they can easily help and support the work of an NGO. Not everyone can be a great donor, or not everyone can be a volunteer, but everyone can find an easy way to show their sensitivity and help people in need. I think this is the greatest-probably-lesson out of these kind of gestures, that we all together, are very strong and the moment we feel happy for what we did, almost at the same moment, smiles are multiplied on faces, that didn't - probably- exist before!"

## CCC Supports Recreational and Educational Activities of Disadvantaged Children – Greece

CSR signed an Agreement with Friends of the Child Association to strengthen children's mental and emotional capacity through recreational and educational activities. The Association was founded in 1987 with the aim to protect and support children from families that face financial and social problems so that they can grow up with dignity and create a more promising future for themselves and for society. CCC has been supporting the Nursery's activities since 2015 which aims to create a place where children can learn to love learning and receive the care they have been deprived of. CCC's support has been channeled to contribute to the efforts of the Nursery that focus on proper childhood development and education that begins at an early age. As a result the objective is to offer the care that children have been deprived of as well as a variety of recreational programs that positively affect their cognitive skills.

Since the signature of the agreement in January 2019, the Nursery has organized 5 recreational activities for more than 100 children. CCC's support for the educational and recreational program of the Nursery will continue until June 2019. Since its establishment the Association has been able to offer valuable help to more than 13,600 children and 5,692 families by giving them the opportunity to face the future with optimism.

CCC is proud to have been able to support the mission of the Association to offer children with the needed educational and entertaining activities that they are deprived of as well as a variety of recreational programs that positively affect their cognitive skills







## CSR Employee Welfare

#### CCC Offers English Courses to Employees in the UAE and Kazakhstan





To support the personal development of workers, CCC started since February 2019 providing English language courses to its workers at Jabal Ali Camp in the UAE. The courses are delivered by SmartLife; an NGO registered with the Community Development Authority (CDA) of Dubai and focuses on the betterment of blue collar workers. Under the NGO's Smart Reading Program, around 70 workers were first screened and placed in beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. The aim and benefits acquired from enhancing their language skills will help workers to shake off their fear, and enhance their confidence and self-esteem in having acquired a new skill.

Similarly, in Kazakhstan and since July 2017, English courses were offered to local staff. Professional English language teachers of leading learning centers were delegated to deliver these courses to provide the staff with an opportunity to learn a new language and build their confidence as well as to improve communication between expatriate and local staff. Depending on their needs, staff joined the elementary, intermediate or Business English courses.

#### Fun Run Event - Qatar



Sixty CCC employees (from MDP4 and QRMS projects) participated in the 5 m Fun Run event that took place at Aspire Zone in Qatar on April 26, 2019. The event is the first ever Qatar 'Workers Fun Run' event thatwas organized by the Ministry of Administrative Development, the Labour and Social Affairs (ADLSA), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to celebrate the contribution of migrant workers to the development of Qatar and promote togetherness and good health. the 60 participants received participation medals, free t-shirts and refreshments from the event management.

#### Football fun in Tengiz - Kazakhstan

A football tournament was organized by and for the Civil and Core Substation (3GP) Project employees in Tengiz, Kazakhstan. The tournament was held on March 3, 2019 at the industrial village of Tengiz and included 16 competing teams. Awards, medals and trophies were the prizes that were given to the winner, second and third runner up teams. The tournament provided the staff with the opportunity to have some fun, stay healthy and it created an atmosphere of friendliness and brotherhood amongst them. According to Senior Administrator, Mr. Amin Mushtaha, facilitating enjoyable activities and social connections between employees will ultimately create a fun atmosphere which can help us retain good employees longer.



## Sports day and Basketball tournament in Qatar





In addition, to organizing a five months basketball tournament stretching from July to November 2018, the CSR Team organized a Sports Tournament for all CCC workers. The tournament was held on December 18, 2018 and on the occasion of Qatar's National Day, and it brought together around 700 workers from all CCC Projects who played basketball, volleyball, billiards, table tennis and cricket.

