



# CSR NEWS



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## Construction, Innovation and Academic Collaboration; CCC Kazakhstan Partners with Academia



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CCC has recruited multiple NU graduates, who are currently working in various departments, as well as provided internship opportunities for several students. Four NU graduates are completing their two month rotational internship in key departments and activities throughout the ADP project. The trainees, upon obtaining a comprehensive understanding of the overall procedures and responsibilities of key CCC departments, they are seconded to one of the CCC's areas abroad. When asked about how this approach benefits Kazakhstan, Civil Engineer, Mr. Sharif Abdelrazeq said "we believe that our establishments in the local markets are opportunities for us to share experiences and transfer the international standards to the local markets. We have students who complete rotations, attend seminars, and go on trainings in CCC's projects in Oman, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates. Our collaboration with universities in Kazakhstan is a milestone in a shared vision of establishing a more resilient and sustainable future for Kazakhstan, the Commonwealth Independent States (CIS) region and the world."

Bridging the gap between the education sector and industry is essential as both are interdependent parts of the economy at large and their working together will provide an engine for local economic growth. The CCC Kazakhstan team has tapped into the tip of the iceberg; the aim is to develop a sustainable CSR based projects that positively impacts both CCC and the country as a whole.

# CSR Project Conclusion with the Museum of Cycladic Art Athens, Greece

 [click here to see the Training Program at the Museum](#)

The CSR “Inclusion of Refugee Children through Art Education” Program with the Museum of Cycladic Art was concluded with an exhibition showcasing the artworks of children. At the opening ceremony of the exhibition, held on June 6, 2019, CSR Consultant, Rosie Nasser said: “CCC is very proud of its partnership with the Museum and its support of the Program which has brought together 30 Greek and 30 Refugee Children from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan under one roof to learn a new language through art education. Learning a new language through art helps children in the development of their motor skills, language skills, social skills, and creativity. This educational program benefitted both groups of children not only by enhancing their communication skills, and their artistic creativity but has also built their self-confidence.”

Through the workshops, the Greek and the refugee children aged between 14 and 17 learned to use the Cypriot-Minoic script to get to know each other, share their stories, and their memories with each other and this has led them to think out of the box and learn more about each other’s backgrounds, culture and life before they met. 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 basic rights. The Greek children who came from the IB program of Pierce College, and refugee children came from shelters run by Solidarity Now.

Ms. Nasser added “According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 15 states that every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organizations, and Article 31 of the same convention says that every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. It gives me great pleasure to say that the achievements of the Inclusion of Refugee Children through Art Education program address these two articles precisely.”

Not only has this program provided them with some of their basic rights to education but also provided them with the platform to exercise their fundamental right of self-expression, and offered them the chance to interact with children of the same age group without discrimination and beyond stereotypes.





# Building a Brighter Future for Youth through Photography Lebanon



Well into its 10 months of implementation, the youth trainees participating in the photography and videography training project, have completed their course work and are developing their photography projects to be showcased in an exhibition being planned at the conclusion of the project. Palestinian youth in Lebanon especially those living in camps, have been and continue to be the most affected by the difficult livelihood conditions as they continue to be subjected to all forms of economic and social marginalization.

Palestinian youth face legal restrictions that limit their rights, including the prohibition to work in 39 professions. The project aimed at empowering them by providing them with the skills needed to venture into their own professional endeavors or becoming freelancers in documentary, photojournalism, and commercial photography (studio, events photography, wedding photography, and portraits).

The CSR project run in cooperation with Zakira; the Image Festival Association; and which initially aimed to train 10 to 20 Palestinian youth, has attracted 47 trainees from which 6 are Lebanese participants who joined the training as they showed very strong interest in participating.

Zakira saw this as an opportunity to foster social cohesion and mitigate rising social tensions between refugees and hosting communities. The training workshops did not only provide a skill but also gave the Palestinian and Lebanese youth the chance to meet, communicate and develop relationships.

The trainees which include jobless youth, students, and housewives have developed photography and video skills and many of them are proficient enough to practice photography and videography. They learned using DSLR cameras manually, and have acquired the skill to develop and execute a short film. Each student chose a topic to work on from their environment; some worked on stories from where they live in Ain el-Helweh camp, some chose Saida, and some decided to go beyond and are working on projects about villages in the South region. The trainees are finalizing their story images in preparation for the exhibition to take place at the end of the project.



[Click here for the Testimonial of Training Participant, Ahmad Abdel Hadi](#)




[Click here for the Testimonial of Training Participant, Hanadi Jouni](#)

# Rebuilding of Houses Burned by Fires in Mbagala Village Mozambique

On May 18, 2019 CCC joined other companies in their humanitarian aid to the residents of Mbagala Village whose houses were burned by fire. CCC donated funds to the villagers to buy iron sheets for roofing their houses.



# The Project to Improve the Living Conditions of the People of Mulinda Community is Well Underway - Mozambique

 [Click here to see the Digging of the Borehole](#)

The project aiming to provide access to clean and safe water, as well as promoting hygiene behavior change to 146 families living in Mulinda Community is well underway.

Delivered in partnership with WaterAid, the project started in May 2019 and the drilling for water is completed. WaterAid is in the process of assessing the water flow rate and water quality to confirm the installation of the borehole and ensuring that people are drinking safe water. In addition, a water committee was formed and trained on managing and maintaining the borehole. WaterAid has also identified and trained community activists on hygiene promotion techniques. The activists through their door to door household visits to promote good hygiene practices have started to see positive results as families have started undertaking good hygiene practices – such as building their own latrines, dish racks, installing hand wash facilities, and placing garbage pits.

By the end of the project the population of Mulinda will no longer need to rely on getting their water from the polluted Muchimazi River which is the only available water source. The river is not only located 4 km away from the village, but is also very unclean as it is being shared with cattle, used for drinking, bathing, and washing clothes; a situation which is conducive to the breakout of water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery.



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## CCC Assists Pensioners, the Disabled and the Poor in the Atyrau

CCC in cooperation with Atyrau Association for the Disabled organized a charity event for pensioners, disabled and low-income inhabitants of the Atyrau region. The first part of charity event took place in Balykshy city, where 75 vouchers worth of 1,125,000 KZT to people who are in great need. The second part took place in Qulsary city, where an additional 75 vouchers were given to poor people. With these vouchers many people had the opportunity to purchase basic supplies such as milk, meat, rice, etc. from a local grocery store.





# Employee Engagement

## CCC Employees Raise Funds for Good Causes – Oman



CCC Oman and staff members raised funds to support the missions of Al Rahma Association for Motherhood and Childhood, and the Early Intervention Center for Children with Disability Organization. While the Al Rahma Association's mission is to help less fortunate families across all governorates of the Sultanate by providing them with the necessary financial and non-financial support, the Early Intervention Center for Children with Disability provides rehabilitative, social, psychological and therapeutic services to children with disability.

The President of the Al Rahma Association and the President of the Early Intervention Center for Children with Disability were invited to CCC's Area office to receive the donation and to provide their token of appreciation for CCC's management and staff.

## Three Blood Donations in the UAE



Three blood donation days were organized by CCC in the UAE in which project staff braved the needles to save lives. The first was organized by EPSO in partnership with Abu Dhabi Blood Bank—Sheikh Khalifa Medical City and was held on December 5, 2018. Fifty six blood bags were collected and for the fifth time in a row, CCC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Abu Dhabi Blood Bank for its continuous support of this life saving initiative.

The blood donation day was repeated at CCC's Al Zahia project in Sharjah on April 1, 2019 and was organized in cooperation with Ministry of Health and Prevention in Sharjah.

The third one was held in Dubai on August 9, 2019 in cooperation with Dubai Blood Donation Center and 39 employees participated in.

## Blood Donation in Saudi Arabia



In collaboration with governmental hospitals in Riyadh, A ten-day blood donation drive was organized by Riyadh Metro Project. Three hundred employees participated in the drive. The aim was to raise awareness that individuals can save lives and improve the health of others by donating blood, to encourage people to donate blood voluntarily without compensation and to support the operation of safe and reliable blood services.

# CCC Employees Run for the Cure of Breast Cancer



On September 29, 2019, 92 CCC employees joined 44,000 people of all age groups in down town Athens to run for the cure of breast cancer. The annual Race for the Cure fundraising event was organized by the Hellenic Association of Women with Breast Cancer “Alma Zois” in collaboration with the Susan G. Komen Organization. The Panhellenic Breast Cancer Association will use the proceeds to help raise public awareness, promote prevention and early diagnosis of the disease and support those who are currently living with breast cancer.

## Family Fun Afternoon for CCC Staff Members in Abu Dhabi

On September 27, 2019 CSR organized a Family day for CCC Abu Dhabi staff members and their families. Thirty five employees and their families spent an afternoon at the Freestyle Sports Club where they carried out various fitness activities, including playing football, basketball, and play station. The staff members had the opportunity to compete against each other, and intermingle over snacks and refreshments. The goals of the initiative is to enhance collegial relationships between staff members, as well as encourage them to adopt a healthy lifestyle.



## Ramadan Clothing Collection Campaign and Food Donations in Oman, UAE, and Palestine

In partnership with the Red Crescent in the UAE, employees of the CCC Area Office and the MTB, Al Zahia, and OGTP projects donated 25 bags and boxes of clothing and blankets. The Red Crescent collected, washed, packed and distributed the donations to the needy and unprivileged countries. In Oman, Area Office, Ghazeer and the Mall of Oman project employees donated 275 boxes of food to the needy. In Palestine, CCC employees donated 100 food packages to poor families.

