



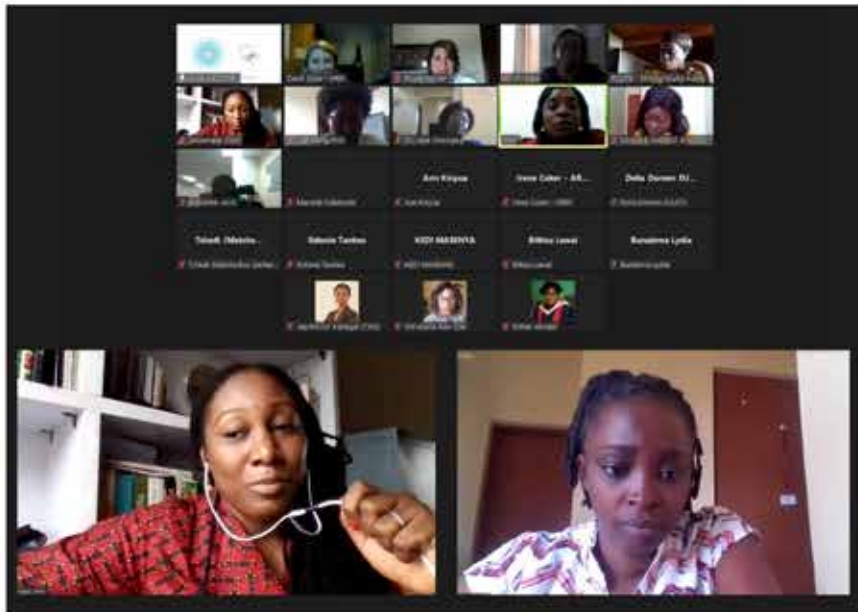
CSR NEWS



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CCC Supports Health Researchers across Africa

On September 13, in partnership with the Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF), the CSR Department launched the first of two grant writing skills workshops for African health researchers. The two-week long workshops will be delivered by Dr. Dawn Duke, Head of Programmes at AREF, and Dr. Peter Dukes, an expert in researcher development, and will assist talented early-career researchers increase their capability to solicit research funding and produce internationally impactful health research outputs.



AREF was founded by Professor Tumani Corrah KBE in 2015 to support the development of the new generation of African health researchers to ensure that talent is retained in Africa to address the continent's unique health needs. To date, AREF's grant-writing workshops have benefitted approximately 200 health researchers from across Sub-Saharan Africa at critical stages of their research careers. But AREF aims to do more to support the diverse community of scientists across Africa and to make workshops more accessible to female scientists and those working in under-served countries.

To address this gap, the first CCC sponsored workshop targets biomedical post-doctoral women researchers in Africa, and the second workshop planned to start on October 11, will target researchers working in under-served countries in Africa that find it even harder to access the development opportunities needed to progress their careers and undertake internationally-competitive health research.

The partnership with AREF falls under CCC's CSR mission to improve the social and economic livelihood of marginalized communities by developing and supporting initiatives that build capacity and empower people.

Samer Khoury, Chairman of the CCC says: ***"Africa has plenty of talent; especially among young women, and our duty as businesses is to give them the education and opportunities, so they can shine."***

Founder and Co-President of AREF, Professor Tumani Corrah says: ***"We are proud to deliver these grant-writing workshops in partnership with the CCC to equip African health researchers with the confidence, knowledge, and support required to win competitive funding from international funders."***

The workshops will help health researchers in defining their research focus, developing a well-written research proposal, planning a project proposal and budget, and gaining an understanding of the international and national research funding landscape. In her opening remarks, Rosie Nasser, CSR Consultant addressed the participants in a motivational talk saying: ***"my message to you today is very simple, always listen to yourself, to your heart, find what you love and focus on it because in love and passion is where you will find success and reach excellence."***

Medication Aid to Lebanon



To support the Lebanese people in these difficult and hard times, CSR in cooperation with the Department of Services and Relations at MOA, collected 430 boxes of medicine and 2,673 pills for various chronic diseases. The estimated cost of the collected medications which were shipped to Lebanon totaled around 2,400€. The task was accomplished with the help of MEDGive, a Greek non-profit organization which aims to facilitate access to medicines for all. Since 2016, MEDGive has been supporting socially vulnerable groups such as the poor, the elderly, refugees, and others with limited or no access to medicines.

In a matter of few days, CCC volunteers from the Services and Relations Department and CSR worked tirelessly to research, order, and deliver the drugs to the Lebanese Embassy in Greece, who had an aid shipment going to Lebanon on September 25.

Donating medicines that are no longer needed, to social pharmacies and nursing homes, does not only help those in need but also protects the environment. The Ministry of Health estimates that medicine worth of 1 billion euros ends up in the garbage every year. Many of these medicines that end up landfills and drainage are dangerous for the environment and the public health, as they return to us via the food chain.



Support for the Forsa Program - Lebanon

CSR secured funds through the AUB Alumni Club in Athens to support Beit al Baraka's Program entitled: Forsa. The Program aims to find solutions for parents to educate their children, for teachers to carry out their mission, and for schools to keep their doors open. Faced with the unprecedented economic crisis, the education sector in Lebanon has fallen victim to the continuous issues that the country faces including the Covid-19 pandemic, and the massive port explosion last August.

The raised funds of 5000 euros (\$5,840) will cover the 2021-2022 tuition fees of 17-20 students enrolled in Saint François d'Assise Menjez School. Located in Akkar in North of Lebanon, the school falls on the priority list of the Program as it has a total deficit of \$17,000.

CCC Volunteers Clean the Shores of Ural River in Kazakhstan

On September 25, 32 CCC volunteers participated in the "Clean Shores" environmental campaign to protect the Ural River from waste. The volunteers worked in a 1-kilometer zone of the river, and collected around 4 tons of household waste such as plastic bottles, bottle caps, food packaging, plastic bags, aluminum cans, and cigarette butts and placed them in Atyrau's landfill.

Plastics that end up at the bottom of riverbeds and get mixed with the sediments there, have a detrimental effect on oxygen levels in the water and harms animals that depend on these ecosystems for their livelihoods.



My Volunteering Experience with Bouroume - Greece

Article by Abdallah Yamin

Bouroume's Volunteering program is one of the most prominent volunteering initiatives that aims to reduce food waste and malnutrition in Greece. For several months, I participated in Bouroume's "We can in Laiki" program which caters to the nutrition needs of the poor. I and other volunteers were responsible for collecting all remaining and leftover foods from sellers at the food markets, which was directly delivered to public organizations who support those who suffer from malnutrition.

By participating in this activity, I have met many like-minded people and had the opportunity to learn more about the local culture. In addition, the sellers at the food market were friendly and supportive, and the whole process was well organized and enjoyable. Furthermore, the feeling of happiness and self-satisfaction that the volunteering work leaves you with is beyond words.

Overall, my volunteering experience with Bouroume was great; I have developed a better understanding of the food shortages and made many new friends. Thus, I highly recommend it to others.

Summer Getaway for the Kids of CCC Employees - Kazakhstan



In coordination with the Association of Trade Unions of Atyrau, CCC organized two recreational camp vacations for 80 CCC employees' kids. Divided in two groups, and on two different occasions (in July and August) the kids were taken on a 10-day trip to Eurasia, a touristic recreational complex located in the suburbs of Uralsk on the Derkul River, 550 km from the city of Atyrau.

Accompanied by teachers, the children spent their getaway days playing games, sporting activities and competitions, singing contests, boat trips, camping and swimming.

Riyadh Metro Project Celebrates Pakistan's and India's Independence Days

On the 15th and 16th of August, the Indian and Pakistani employees of Riyadh Metro Project celebrated their 75th Independence Days at the South Village. The celebrations were attended by CCC's managers and directors as well as Embassy officials of both countries. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event was celebrated in a minimal way and followed Covid-19 protocols and procedures.

Even though the event was not very excessive it was indeed a day for remembering the great patriots and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for obtaining freedom for the motherland.



CCC's Football Team Wins the Second Place on Labor Day Competition – Kazakhstan



On the occasion of Labor Day in Kazakhstan, the CCC football team participated in a mini football competition between companies working at the Tengiz field which was organized by Atyrau's regional Trade Union. Labor Day celebrated on last Sunday of September, was officially established in 2013 as a holiday to revive the traditions of respect for working professionals and recognize workers' achievements.

The CCC team came in second place after the team of the State Communal Enterprise Atyrau Su Arnasy. Such sports activities contribute to team building among colleagues of the same company and enhance friendly relationships between enterprises.

CSR ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome Aboard New CSR Area Coordinators!

Although being a CSR Coordinator is a voluntary position, the Coordinator's passion for social responsibility and sustainability is what drives them to be members of the CSR team. They provide support and insight on the social needs of the communities and ensure that CCC has a positive impact on local communities. In brief they are the drive and vitality behind doing good.

CSR is pleased to announce the newly delegated CSR Coordinators in Egypt and Saudi Arabia:

- Ahmad Refaat - Egypt
- Yara Salama - Egypt
- Mohamed Galal - Egypt
- Shady Ali - Egypt
- Rajesh Varghese - Saudi Arabia
- Sarah Mubarak - Saudi Arabia
- Essa Yousef - Saudi Arabia

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