

Project Proposal

*A Centre for People with Special Needs*

**Petra Region**

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A Project Proposal for the Establishment  
Of a Centre for those with Special Needs  
In the Petra region

**Introduction:**

Jordan, like other countries, cares and caters for those with special needs, whether in terms of legislations, or providing health education and rehabilitation services, as well as other social services, provided both on official and private levels. Within this frame, a network of social entities and specialists centres that cares for this segment of our society, and provide for services they need, adopting the best and most recent technical and scientific technologies, as well as developing legislations that cater for this segment.

It is important that we signal out herewith the role that the Ministry of Social Works plays in this regard, whether it is direct daily care or through opening specialist centres and private societies, that cares for those with special needs. These entities cater for, educate, rehabilitate and employ this segment of the society, and provide for their integration within the society, through training and rehabilitation programmes, as well as endeavour to create awareness and educate people around them, both individuals and families, to eliminate the occurrence of such impediments and finding ways of protection against it.

The Petra region (or Liwa'), has a population of 26 thousand inhabitants, distributed over five residential gatherings, being, Wadi Mousa, Taybeh, Rajef, Dalagha, Um Sayhoun, and Al Baida. Total number of persons with impediments reaches around 170, with some who are unqualified, and need rehabilitation programmes in the field of caring, training and employing. The Directorate of Social Development in Petra, has prepared this modest proposal stemming from the belief of the imperative need to render caring attention for this segment of the society with special needs, and the fact that it is their right to have such a centre available and for it to become a nucleus for training and rehabilitating. The Centre will also contribute towards achieving the aims of development towards this category of our children. This stems from the following justifications.

**Justifications:**

1. lack of specialist training and rehabilitating centres in the area that would rehabilitate this special segment of residents.
2. the poor economic condition of most of the families that has kids with impediments in the Petra region
3. The presence of many cases in the region, which counts up to 170 cases distributed as per attached annex, which illustrates the real need for such a centre
4. the weakness of guidance and awareness programmes, and the non-existence of rehabilitation programmes for this segment of the society in the whole region.
5. the shortage in diagnostic studies that contribute towards early detection of an impediment, its type, or degree, which in turn indicate the need to establish such a centre in the region

6. Families who have members with impediments suffer from exerting a lot of effort and spending a lot of money and time trying to get medical care, for purposes of diagnosing and following up on the conditions of their suffering family member or members. Some families are forced to avoid going through these processes due to the poor economic situation or the distance they have to take or many other elements that people know very well.

### **Centre Aims:**

1. Eliminating social, health, and environment reasons that cause impediments amongst children, through conducting awareness campaigns that target the families.
2. Alleviating levels and means of fighting diseases that cause impediments, as well as early detection of impediments that impact the child's growth. Such measures can be taken through liaising with concerned parties, whether in the Ministry of Health, in authorized diagnostic centres, or any other concerned party
3. Liaison amongst rehabilitation service providers, to guarantee such services will reach the widest segment of needy children in the region
4. Conducting field studies in the Petra region, especially regarding the volume and reasons of impediments, their types, and giving families directions towards treating and helping an impeded child
5. Preparing an evaluating study for institutes operating in the field of impediments, to define the needs that would care for the affected child and how to integrate him/her in the society.
6. Preparing a psychological report, that identifies family conduct drives towards impediments, and retardation, with a view to defining the positive and negative drives, through:
  - a) building a data base on the volume of impediments in the region, divided according to age groups, sex, type of impediment, and duration.
  - b) Develop basic health care units in the field of protection and impediment early detection, at health centres and hospitals.
  - c) Expanding the establishment of special education schools, and challenges that children classes face, and providing schools with modern equipment, as well as preparing and rehabilitating teachers and trainers.
  - d) Increase the participation of challenged individuals in the production and service activities, with a view to integrating them in the society
  - e) Designing social and cultural programmes that increase the integration rate of challenged individuals in the society
  - f) Upgrade the awareness of the society, by informing it of the problem of impeded individuals, and how best to face the challenge through programmes, and media activities, as well as how to deal with impeded individuals.

- g) Prepare a draft law concerning the establishment of a fund for the care of retarded children, which aims to safeguard and protect impeded kids from all kinds of work that may harm their health or their physical or mental or social growth.

### **Reality of Retardation in the Petra region:**

To clarify the realities concerning this segment of our children, Table number (1) distributes impediments in the region, in accordance with its type and degree. The table shows that mental, physical, and hearing impediments in the age range from (6 – 16) years may be close.

Table Number (1)  
Distribution of impediments in the Petra region in accordance with the impediment degree and the age range

Region	Type of Impediment	Degree	AGE GROUP				
			6 – 16 years		17 – 45 years		
			No	%	No	%	
The Petra Region	Mental	Severe	10	12.2	15	16.8	
		Medium	11	12.4	19	21.3	
	Physical	Severe	9	10.9	3	3.4	
		Medium	13	15.9	5	5.6	
	Hearing	Severe	18	21.9	19	21.3	
		Medium	4	4.8	12	13.5	
	Several	Severe	3	3.7	10	11.2	
		Medium	1	1.2	2	2.2	
	Seeing	Severe	--	--	3	2.2	
		Medium	5	6.1	1	1.1	
	Cerebral Palsy	Severe	6	7.3	--	--	
		Medium	2	2.4	--	--	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>82</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Project Description:**

The project establishes a centre, for individuals with special needs, in the Petra region. It is to be established on a plot of land owned by the Government, to cover an area that is not less than 5 dunums, to be situated in an area close to the Petra region Governorate, or over any other location that an appropriate piece of land is made available. Execution of the project will entail building to a 500 square metres building, to contain classrooms, crafts work shops, carpentry, and metal work shop. These facilities will aid the rehabilitation of these impeded people, and will in turn facilitate their integration in the society.

### **Duration of Execution:**

The execution of the project will take one year after obtaining final approval on the proposal.

**Estimated project budget – rough costing:**

Table Number (2)  
Budgetary Estimate of Proposed Project

<b>Item</b>	<b>Costing in JD</b>
Plot of Land – from the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	00000000
Building, construction and facilities (500) square metres	120,000
Furniture and office appliances	20,000
Protected workshops	15,000
Equipping outside open areas, different outdoor toys	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,000</b>