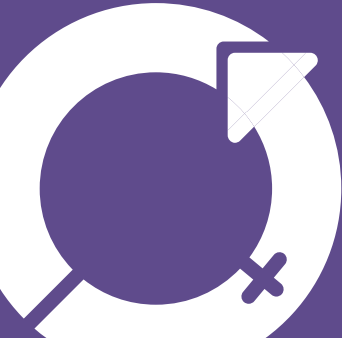


## Celebrating International Women's Day



On March 8th, 2018, worldwide, multi-sector entities celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) with this year's campaign, #PressforProgress. The campaign focuses on gender parity, due to the results of the 2017 Global Gender Gap Report, which calls for action on gender equality.

This year's gender initiatives advanced, flourished and promoted collaboration in a result of last year's #MeToo and #TimesUp campaigns which ignited global activity towards the dialogue on gender equality.

USAID Takamol advocates for these initiatives and campaigns working towards empowering women and hopes that the values of International Women's Day will endure past this single day of celebration.

## Communications and Digital Outreach

### Women, Peace and Security Campaign



**"I learned that there are no boundaries for women in the military sector!" -First Lieutenant Eng. Rima Al Harasis**

[Click here to read her story](#)

USAID Takamol has launched an online campaign under the theme of "Women, Peace and Security," on the Facebook page Faces of Takamol, in collaboration with the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW), who led the efforts in the implementation of the Security Council Resolution No.1325 on women, peace and security in Jordan in 2017.

This campaign, launched on February 21st, 2018, aims at changing perceptions about and raising awareness on the importance of women's participation and access to leadership positions in the military sector. Basing the stories on the four strategic goals of the Jordanian National Action Plan on the UN Security Council Resolution No. 1325 which are:

1. Gender responsiveness and meaningful participation of women in the security sector and in peace operations
2. Meaningful participation of women in preventing radicalization and violent extremism and in national and regional peace building
3. Availability of gender-sensitive humanitarian services (including psychological, social, legal and medical services) that are safely accessible to Jordanians and refugees in host communities and refugee camps in Jordan, in full alignment with the Jordanian Response Plan to the Syrian Crisis.
4. A culture that recognizes the importance of gender equality and the role of women in peace and security.

## Policy and Advocacy

### Policy Seminar on Women and Vocational Training

USAID Takamol held a policy seminar on March 14th, 2018, to celebrate the release of the study on How to Increase Women's Participation in Vocational Training by the Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics. Different experts including members of the Ministry of Education, the Vocational Training Corporation, educators and activists, were invited to present the findings of the study and carry out a discussion on the suggested recommendations in moving forward. Some examples of suggested recommendations include the importance of coordinating with the private sector on vocational training, unifying policy work on public policies regarding vocational training, enhancing labor conditions in Jordan and encouraging flexible hours for women in the workplace.



## Universal Periodic Review Submissions



In an effort to build the capacities of the members of USAID Takamol's Research Consortium and CBO networks on the upcoming Universal Periodic Review (UPR), USAID Takamol has been working closely with these members interested in submitting papers on the agreed upon submissions.

In March 2018, USAID Takamol is providing technical assistance and support to finalize 10 UPR submissions that highlight several issues that need to be addressed to achieve gender equality such as: gender pay gap, child labor, school-dropouts, challenges facing women in leadership positions, stereotyping school curriculum, lack of recreational activities for youth, right to water from a gendered perspective, early marriage, Jordanian women married to non-Jordanians.

## Social Dialogue

### Souk Takamol Round III for Creative Community Initiatives

The Third Round of Souk Takamol was Officially Launched on January 3rd, 2018

#### Orientation Sessions

12 Souk Takamol orientation sessions were held in all 12 governorates during the month of January. The sessions were attended by:

**360**  
PARTICIPANT

**228**  
FEMALES

**132**  
MALES



#### Proposals

The received proposals for the Souk Takamol III grants focused on advocating for gender related issues by engaging communities and collaboration and coordination with key decision makers and entities in order to advance gender priorities among elected officials and local entities.

**161**  
RECEIVED  
PROPOSALS

**26**  
FINALISTS

## Community of Practice

### Gender Training of Trainers Program

On February 18th 2018, USAID Takamol hosted a closing ceremony celebrating the completion of its first Gender Training of Trainers Program which aimed at building a group of qualified gender trainers from different sectors through a year and a half-long capacity building initiative delivered with training, coaching and advice. The program resulted in the production of 13 gender-related training manuals/materials developed by the participants. The closing ceremony was attended by Kenana Amin, USAID Jordan's Gender Team Leader.



In the meantime, USAID Takamol has also launched its second round of its long-term gender training of trainers in February 2018. 20 participants representing 20 different entities - mainly USAID Implementing Partners, CSOs and some governmental institutions - were selected to join the program. The program has a total of 81 training hours that will cover a wide range of topics including:

- Basic gender terminologies and concepts
- Gender analysis and planning
- Gender audit and gender sensitive research
- Gender in public policies
- Campaigning for gender awareness and advocacy

The participants are expected to develop training manuals or policy papers on a gender topic which will eventually be used to mainstream gender throughout their specified sectors.

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