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Spotlight on Hope

NCNP Highlights Social Development for Saudi Communities



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Executive Summary

This month's newsletter highlights the National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) strategic initiatives to strengthen nonprofit organizations across the Kingdom. Through targeted programs, NCNP continues to build the capacity of these organizations to make meaningful contributions to sustainable development and national progress.

The newsletter also showcases the impactful efforts of Saudi nonprofits that are transforming the lives of children with cancer and disabilities. Their initiatives create hope, promote inclusion, and empower children for brighter futures, underscoring the sector's vital social development role in supporting vulnerable populations.

Additionally, this edition provides an update on key indicators of the nonprofit sector's growth and its expanding contribution to Saudi Vision 2030. The ongoing rise in nonprofit registrations and the increasing scale of their community programs demonstrate the sector's growing strength and alignment with Vision 2030's aspirations for a sustainable and thriving society.



NCNP Launches Key Initiatives to Strengthen Emerging Foundations

As part of its mission to build a supportive ecosystem that enhances the impact of nonprofit projects across Saudi communities, the National Center for the Nonprofit Sector (NCNP) announced a comprehensive initiative package during a Riyadh ceremony titled "Empowering and Sustaining Emerging Foundations."

- An Operation Support Center providing consultancy and operational services
- A 100-day acceleration plan for the establishment and operation of foundations
- A measurement tool for selecting appropriate funding structures for individual and corporate donors

These initiatives aim to enhance the sustainability, governance, and effectiveness of emerging foundations, enabling them to make stronger contributions to national development goals.

The event witnessed wide participation from regulatory authorities, private sector representatives, the Council of Foundations, and both established and emerging nonprofit organizations.



NCNP Forges Global Ties at Hong Kong Philanthropy Summit

Muhrah Al Khuzaim, General Manager of Partnership and International Cooperation at the National Center for Non-Profit (NCNP), attended the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network's annual flagship conference.

From September 8–11, thousands of global participants gathered in Hong Kong to share experiences and insights on the future of social work, with discussions centering on youth empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, women's empowerment, and technology's role in social impact.

Al Khuzaim joined the panel "Enhancing Partnerships to Achieve Social Impact in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," where she outlined the Kingdom's regulatory landscape for non-profits and highlighted the sector's progress and its alignment with Saudi Vision 2030. She emphasized the vital role of partnerships in driving social progress, noting the Gates Foundation's interest in opening a Saudi branch and NCNP's eagerness to collaborate internationally including with Asian non-profits.

Her participation underscored NCNP's dedication to elevating Saudi Arabia's global profile, fostering relationships, and exchanging expertise.



NCNP Receives International Recognition at EFQM Global Awards 2025 in Spain

Photo: Mr. Ahmed Albadr presenting a commemorative gift during his visit to the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Spain.

The National Center for the Nonprofit Sector (NCNP) has received international recognition at the EFQM Global Awards 2025, held alongside the EFQM Sustainable Performance Conference on October 15–16, 2025, at the Tarraco Arena in Tarragona, Kingdom of Spain.

Representing the Center at the event, Mr. Ahmed Albadr, Vice President of Strategy, accepted the award on behalf of NCNPS in acknowledgment of its commitment to excellence, innovation, and sustainable performance in advancing the nonprofit sector.

During his visit, Mr. Albadr also met with Her Royal Highness, the Saudi Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, to discuss strengthening collaboration and showcasing Saudi Arabia's leadership and vision in developing the nonprofit ecosystem globally.



46

Number of family and charitable funds registered in September 2025

104

Number of charitable associations registered in September 2025

433

Number of fund-raising permits issued to non-profit organizations

16

Number of foundations registered in September 2025

6,755

Total number of non-profit organizations registered in Saudi Arabia by the end of August 2025.

Children with Disability Association: Creating hope and empowering futures



جمعية الأطفال ذوي الإعاقة
Children with Disability Association
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Ministry of Education

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the association expanded its programs to reach more beneficiaries:

Key Figures

145K

Children treated since the association's establishment in 1979

400k

Therapeutic and rehabilitation sessions annually

+96k

Number of subscribers to the SMS donation service

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the association expanded its programs to reach more beneficiaries:

49%
Growth rate in the number of sessions provided to students of support services during 2024

698
Students transferred to receive support services at the association's centers in 2024, with a growth rate of 35%

STEP Pro Center: Comprehensive Physical Therapy Experience

The center launched its first adult physical therapy center (STEP Pro) in Jazan, the first of its kind in the region of southwest Saudi Arabia. The center features premium state-of-the-art equipment, cutting-edge technology, and a highly specialized team. It adheres to the latest clinical treatment protocols and evidence-based physical therapy programs while maintaining the association's established quality standards, procedures, and patient experience objectives.

Shurooq Al-Faqihi
Rehabilitation Department Director

"We take pride in our many inspiring success stories that demonstrate the power of collaboration between our specialist teams and families. Each story represents a long journey of patience, consistent follow-up, and determination, resulting in positive outcomes that highlight the vital importance of services provided by the Children with Disabilities Association."

Sanad Children's Cancer Support Association

By the Numbers

The Sanad Children's Cancer Support Association is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting children's cancer centers across the Kingdom by providing financial and in-kind assistance, accommodation, and educational programs for patients and families.

> "Our vision to reach every child diagnosed with cancer and provide support to both them and their families serves as our guiding light. This vision directs our program planning and implementation strategies as we work to achieve our mission of delivering financial, social, and psychological support to children and their families throughout the treatment journey."



HRH Princess Adela bint Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Chairperson, Sanad

514
Participants in group counseling sessions

150
Non-citizen children unable to afford treatment costs

267
Beneficiaries of support workshops for families of children with cancer

3.5k
Beneficiaries of Sanad Educational program in partnership with the Ministry of Education
This program provides modern classrooms inside hospitals

3.8k
Sponsored children receiving cancer treatment

646
Social research studies conducted during 2024

125
Children benefiting from the Wish Fulfillment program, which grants wishes to children in critical stages of illness

Who We Are?

National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) is a cornerstone of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, advancing the role of the third sector in social and economic development.

Established through the National Transformation Programe, NCNP regulates, empowers, and strategically develops non-profit organizations across the Kingdom.



Center's Objectives

NCNP empowers non-profit organizations and enhances their effectiveness through:

- Amplifying social development impact & reach
- Regulating & enabling non-profit organizations
- Integrating governmental licensing procedures
- Strengthening financial oversight mechanisms
- Facilitating collaboration amongst stakeholders

Through its initiatives, partnerships, and inspiring impact stories, NCNP continues to strengthen Saudi Arabia's non-profit sector, reinforcing its role as a global leader in sustainable development.

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