

Framework

Quality Assurance System for MoE kindergartens

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Overall Objective	To develop a Quality Assurance System for public kindergartens in Jordan that ensures safety, quality in educational experiences and services provided to the children enrolled in public kindergartens
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Starting date	May 2007
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Ending date	June 2008
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DESCRIPTION	The Ministry of Education in Jordan seeks to provide quality in its educational services. Kindergarten program is one of the Ministry educational services initiated in the nineties as a non compulsory cycle. The kindergarten program is targeting children in age group 5-6 years old. Priority was given to schools in rural and underprivileged areas. A kindergarten classroom is opened in selected schools in the targeted areas as part of the female primary school building. The kindergarten classroom was equipped with the suitable furniture and educational materials according to the available financial resources. Moreover, the Ministry of Education provided teachers with special curriculum to match the development and educational needs of the children in this age group and ECE teachers were provided with different training programs.
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As the Ministry is expanding its services for this age group, quality becomes essential and important to ensure achieving the educational and development aims for this age group. The Quality Assurance System focuses on the quality in all services provided to children in the kindergarten starting with the physical environment and ending with relationships

with parents and community organizations. The system looks at the quality in the following areas: children's health, nutrition, teaching strategies, children relationships with their peers and adults, leadership and management skills of the principal, teacher's skills and capabilities, safety measures in the school and the kindergarten classroom, monitoring children's learning and development and developing relationships with parents and local organizations within the community to serve the development and learning purposes for children.

Accordingly, ESP works closely with all related departments at MoE as well as with the related stakeholders to develop a Quality Assurance System for MoE kindergartens.

Project Content

- Develop a relationship with Quality Assurance Department at MoE.
- Develop common understanding on the content of the Quality Assurance System through bridging between the ISO system and the Accreditation system.
- Revise and agree on the areas and criteria of the system
- Form working committees as needed representing related stakeholders
- Develop the Quality Assurance Procedures.
- Develop the required manuals
- Build the capacity of QA staff to manage and run the system.
- Identify the potential teams to pilot the system
- Build the capacity of the identified teams through workshops.
- Pilot the contents of the system and modify according to the results
- Institutionalize the system

TIMELINE

Develop a relationship with QA and Inspection Department
May 2007

Develop a common understanding on the content of the
Quality Assurance System June 2007

Revise and agree on the area of the system July 2007

Develop Quality Assurance Procedures July and August 2007

Develop required manuals September and October 2007

Capacity Building of QA staff and identified working
committees: Continuous May 2007 to May 2008

Select Potential teams for Piloting the content of the system
and building their capacity: November 2007

Piloting the system's content: December 2007

Data analysis and modifications: January and February 2008

Institutionalize the system: March to June 2008