





## **ACTIVITIES IN ARAB STATES**

<u>Jordan</u>

Lebanon

COUNTRY	ACTIVITIES	FOCAL POINT
JORDAN	• The WDACL celebration will take place on the 13th of June at King Abdullah the Second Stadium at Al-Qweismah, an area in the Eastern side of Amman where child labour is prominent. While the Ministry of Labour is giving overall leadership to the event supported by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Development, the Greater Amman Municipality is the main organiser and the host. Their involvement is an important development in highlighting the role the Local Administration, particularly the municipalities in Jordan can play in combating child labour.	Nizam, Insaf nizam@ilo.org
	• The programme is jointly supported by ILO and UNICEF, and focuses on the importance of education. There will be a number of children's events including drama, creative art and musical performance involving children - with the idea of drawing attention to the importance of children being in school rather than in the work place.	
	<ul> <li>One of the key items in the event will be the launching of an official government website on child labour in both Arabic and English. The website, developed with the support of ILO is administered and maintained by the Ministry of Labour on behalf of the National Committee on Child Labour. The site (<a href="http://childlabourjordan.org/">http://childlabourjordan.org/</a>) which is functional but is currently a test site is in the process of being transferred to the government domain (.gov.jo).</li> </ul>	
	• The event will also be marked by a press release highlighting the collective achievements in the past couple of years in combating child labour in Jordan while also drawing attention to the remaining challenges in achieving the ultimate goal of a 'Child Labour Free Jordan".	
LEBANON	<ul> <li>The recent influx of refugees from Syria, many of whom are children, has exacerbated the problem of street children in Lebanon, but is by no means the core cause of the children living or working on the streets. Due to the obvious increase in this phenomenon, the ILO initiated and led a recent study in coordination with Ministry of Labour, UNICEF and SCI on the magnitude and profile of these children. <a href="http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/arabstates/ro-beirut/documents/publication/wcms_344799.pdf">http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/arabstates/ro-beirut/documents/publication/wcms_344799.pdf</a></li> <li>The World Day will see a call for urgent actions to eliminate the worst forms of child labour in general and street work in specific. This will be organized through a comprehensive programme where the street children will be able to speak out their stories, sing it or express it through drama to the public at large, to other children and to policy makers.</li> <li>Policy makers including the Governor and the Municipal Council of Beirut and Owners of shops in Hamra will also be invited to event.</li> </ul>	Hayat Osseyran ohayat@hotmail.com & Rabia Jalloul jalloul@ilo.org
	The whole idea of this event and campaign is to say to policy makers, service institutions, police, owners of shops on the streets that working street children need their help.	