



A DECADE OF POSITIVE CHANGE

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Message from the Board

We are pleased to present you with our report which showcases the achievements of Al Jisr Foundation and sheds light on some of the contributions made over the last decade. We have ensured that our activities are in line with national priorities, Oman Vision 2040 and that they build on the Sultanate's ongoing efforts towards achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Al Jisr Foundation has always been driven by an overriding purpose to serve the underprivileged people of society. Throughout our journey, continuous improvement has been at the forefront of our agenda to ensure the adaptation of an endowment model that suits our unique style. This is implemented in accordance with our overarching vision, values and mission. We have always sought religious guidance for new and specific projects and hence will continue doing to ensure that the Foundation stays true to its purpose.

Over the last decade, Al Jisr strategically focused on engaging in relationships with stakeholders to promote synergistic partnerships with government organizations and other NGOs to unlock potentials and create new opportunities to achieve maximum impact for communities and individuals. We aim to broaden our approach to partnership engagement by collaborating with the private sector, leaders in training and higher education, health and medical sectors as well as leveraging our current relationships with the Government to create cooperative and meaningful long-term partnerships that broaden Al Jisr's sphere of influence and reach.

The Foundation continues its march of giving and supporting charitable projects and programs for its tenth consecutive year, following the legacy of our late father Sheikh Saud bin Salim Bahwan Al Mukhaini, may his soul rest in peace.

We conclude by extending our sincere appreciation to our team at Al Jisr Foundation for their tireless efforts and dedication in realizing Al Jisr's vision.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson of the Board

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Al Jisr at a Glance

Al Jisr Foundation is a private non-profit organization based in Muscat, Oman and established on November 14, 2010 under the Ministry of Social Development rule number 127/2010 and in accordance with the provisions of the NGO Law No. 14/2000

As a Zakat Foundation, its efforts follow the footsteps of Prophet Mohammed (Peace be upon Him) by focusing on strategic philanthropy initiatives which have the potential of leveraging high-impact, transformative change in communities. Since its inception in 2010, the Foundation has supported many initiatives and projects in Oman, particularly serving the eight categories mentioned in the Qu'ran, verse 60 of Surat Al Tawbah, which guide the distribution of Zakat (charity), namely the poor and needy, the debt ridden, Zakat administrators, new Muslims and friends of the Muslim community, those in bondage (slaves and captives), wayfarers and the allocation of funds in the cause of God.

Continuing the legacy of the late Sheikh Saud Salim Bahwan Al Mukhaini, founder of the Saud Bahwan Group conglomerate, the Foundation is governed by his daughters and operates wholly on Zakat funds with the purpose of breaking the cycle of poverty and other persistent problems through strategic Healthcare, Education and Social Initiatives.

Al Jisr Foundation provides opportunities for people to achieve a better life through its core programs in alignment with United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by Oman, and in a manner that respects and supports our culture and values.





VISION

Al Jisr Foundation aspires to become a world-class philanthropic foundation which is respected both in Oman and abroad. To be a trusted catalyst for sustainable impact and positive change in societies.

MISSION

Al Jisr Foundation's mission is to transform communities through empowerment and ensuring equitable access to opportunities in health, education and social welfare.

This is achieved through collaboration with Government, Non-Government Organizations, Local Communities and driven by a team of dedicated professionals guided by Al Jisr's core values:

Transparency

Aspiring to live the highest standards of honesty and integrity; acting in the best interests of those in need.

Commitment

Improving the quality of everything we do for the community.

Sustainability

Creating positive and lasting changes in the society.

These three pillars underpin a rock-solid foundation for how Al Jisr operates individually and collectively to achieve its vision to be regarded as a trusted catalyst for sustainable impact and positive change in society.

Programme Management

Al Jisr has identified the following SDGs that will form the strategic direction of both the organization's short and long-term goals:



Short-term initiatives will focus on emergency relief, leveraging global data and networks and demonstrating the Foundation's contribution to global shared action. Long-term initiatives will focus on achieving Social, Educational and Health goals outlined in the Government of Oman's (GoO) Vision 2040 and those that contribute towards Oman achieving the SDGs

Overview of Programmes and Initiatives

Social and Relief Initiatives





Al Jisr Foundation seeks to provide the required support to eligible individuals in the fields of health, education and social welfare. Stemming from its belief that everyone has the right to live a healthy, safe and decent life, the Foundation made sure to include among its programs a housing initiative for families who are included in the Government's social security scheme or who are from a low-income background such as orphans, widows and divorcees across the Sultanate of Oman. Moreover, Al Jisr Foundation also provides various types of support to eligible individuals and families such as, financial support, medical treatments, monthly ration, basic electronics appliances, school meal vouchers, education scholarships, as well as releasing detainees based on the Foundation's criteria.

Housing Initiative (construction, purchase, renovation)

This programme relies on close coordination with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, who play an important role in achieving the desired goals of housing support.

Since its establishment, Al Jisr Foundation has strived to reach under privileged families, to analyze their situation and provide them with sustainable social

solutions, starting with their right to have a roof over their heads. The Foundation has so far supported over 400 families within the housing initiative and that includes building new houses, completing construction, purchasing, renovating, and adding rooms, all according to a criteria set by the Foundation's Social Welfare team.

Financial and Social Support

In order to contribute to achieving the first and second goals of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Al Jisr Foundation has supported more than 500 families since 2010 to raise their standard of living by

providing monthly ration, paying rent, utility bills, provision of school supplies and clothing. It has also funded at least 500 Muslims to go for Hajj.





“Istqrar” Initiative

Within the framework of cooperation and partnership between various state institutions in supporting the directions of the public sector, Al Jsr Foundation sponsored the "Istqrar" Initiative, a joint project with the Ministry of Social Development' that targets 40 families from

low-income backgrounds or under social security and social housing schemes to improve their living conditions by providing basic electronic appliances, such as cookers, fridges, ACs, washing machines and other home appliances.

‘Fak Kurba’ Releasing Detainees Initiative

The ‘Fak Kurba’ initiative is coordinated with the relevant authorities in order to help secure the release of individuals who were imprisoned as they were unable to meet their financial obligations. The

Foundation has assisted over 50 people to date, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and various other courts, as part of its national and humanitarian obligation.

Social Empowerment

The main objective of this program is to transform families who are from a low socioeconomic background into independent productive families and thus achieve sustainable economic growth. The Foundation works on developing eligible individuals' abilities and skills by enrolling them in various short training, professional courses, educating and guiding them on

how to rely on themselves and support their families. In addition, it also supports small businesses for housewives in an effort to improve their standards of living, where the main provider of the family is unable to generate revenue due to medical or other social conditions.



Medical Treatment Support

Since its establishment, Al-Jisr Foundation has successfully provided medical treatment support to more than 215 individuals. In this program, the Foundation focuses on critical cases that require

treatment in private health care institutions in Oman as well as cases that require treatment abroad for any reason based on the reports issued by the Ministry of Health.

Scholarships

In order to contribute to achieving the fourth goal of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which is Quality Education, Al Jisr Foundation continues its efforts to fund students to get their academic degrees. The importance of this program is to build a strong foundation for the future of the country by enrolling

students in universities and colleges in order to get a good quality of education. Al Jisr Foundation has funded more than 172 students at various universities and colleges in Oman as well as abroad. Applicants are carefully chosen and accepted as per the strict criteria set by the Foundation.

Ramadan Initiatives

During the holy month of Ramadan, Al Jisr Foundation organizes a group iftar as well as distributes Ramadan food baskets in some of the most crowded areas in Al Amrat, Al Ansab and Al Mabela. This initiative has served numerous people in these areas, but mainly focused on blue collar workers who heavily rely on such initiatives to break their fast and end their day with a good meal. The Foundation also supplies meat to families from low-income

backgrounds or those under social security in various areas of Oman. On a recreational side, the Foundation has organized some events to include the children from civil associations and institutions, such as Association of Early Intervention for Children with Disability and Oman Down Syndrome Association as well as children who were admitted in hospitals during Eid.



Elderly Care and Support

The Foundation has shown interest in supporting and enabling the efforts of various institutions to strengthen their services to meet the basic needs of different segments of the community, including the elderly. In 2018, Al Jisr provided a range of devices for the physiotherapy lounge at the Social Care Home in Rustaq which included an interferential TENS, muscle stimulation unit, hydrocollator heating unit, and an electrotherapy unit machine as well as 10 wheelchairs. As of 2019, the social care home housed 48 elderly individuals who did not have family members able to care

for them. In addition to the above, and in line with Oman Vision 2040, which calls for a decent and sustainable life for all, the Foundation adopted a project of building 20 units (1 bedroom with attached bathroom) for the elderly who are staying with “foster” families. This project, in coordination with The Ministry of Social Development, aims to integrate the elderly who do not have immediate relatives to look after them, into a family setting that provides them with social protection and the necessary health care to ensure their survival in the community in which they live in.





School Students Nutrition Program

Nutrition is one of the most important factors that affect students' level of understanding, concentration and improving their knowledge. Al Jisr Foundation implemented a nutrition program in 7 schools in Muscat governorate from 2012 to 2016 by providing daily meal coupons to approximately 1,000 students from

low-income background families or those under social security.

The Foundation also provided some basic appliances and equipment, such as school canopies, playgrounds as well as developing recess areas, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the relevant general directorates.

Charitable Endowment for Orphans

The Foundation strongly supports social solidarity and participation to achieve shared objectives. It has contributed to a social campaign (Khaircom Wafi) which is

managed by Al Rahma Association for Motherhood and Childhood in 2019 by funding a sustainable project that would serve orphans from all over Oman.

Emergency Relief

The Foundation has always strived to elevate the burdens caused by life's

circumstances through its numerous emergency relief initiatives and activities

Cyclone Mekunu Relief

In May 2018, when the "Mekunu" tropical storm struck Oman's southern region of Dhofar, it caused huge damages in the area. Al Jisr Foundation combined efforts

with the authorities to overcome these damages and carried out a project to repair 11 houses in the state of Rakhyut.



COVID-19 Pandemic

The Foundation's preparedness and response during the COVID 19 Pandemic was immediate and effective. These unprecedented and challenging times highlighted the irreplaceable social role of the civil society, the private sector and the impact of their solidarity with the Government.

Al Jisr Foundation combined forces with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development, as it took over the implementation of the following initiatives in order to face and overcome the pandemic with guidance from the Omani government:

Provision of food supplies in Musandam, Salalah, Al Amerat and Quriyat to more than 7,000 families between April and June 2020.

Implementation of a community initiative to provide economic relief to families across Oman affected by the Pandemic. This initiative served over 5,000 beneficiaries and included the provision of food supplies and routinely prescribed medicines as well as the payment of utility bills and rent between March and May 2020.

Al Jisr Foundation pledged OMR 1 million to the Ministry of Health Fund to combat the spread of COVID-19 and had also allocated another OMR 1 million to cover the provision of medical equipment for the Royal Hospital and Khoula Hospital as well as 16 ambulances towards the health centres and hospitals that come under the General Directorates of Health Services in the governorates of Al Dakhiliyah, South Al Batinah and North Al Batinah.



Al Jisr Foundation has given special attention to initiatives in health over the last 10 years and has aimed through its contributions to support the Government in raising the health care standards through the development of health systems and facilities, provision of medical equipment and durable devices as well as capacity building opportunities for health care workers and staff and creating and raising awareness of the general public in order to adopt healthier behaviors and habits, all in line with the strategic focus of Oman's Vision 2040 and Oman Health Vision 2050.



Health



National Nutrition Campaign

In a joint effort with the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO), Al Jisr Foundation signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health in October 2019 to launch the National Nutrition Campaign over a period of 3 years which targets several aspects of dietary habits, including increasing exclusive breastfeeding and reducing sugar, salt and fat in the diet. The

campaign will include the dissemination of educational materials and awareness messages through social media, the preparation of workshops, the building of the capacity of health workers, as well as the involvement of local authorities and social leaders with the allocation of resources to do so.



Medical Fellowships Abroad

Al Jisr contributes to raising the standards of medical services to an internationally recognized level, increasing health security and reducing the growing number of patients required to receive medical treatment abroad. In partnership with the Oman Medical Specialty Board, the Foundation sponsored fellowships for 3 doctors in 2019 to obtain specialization in

various fields of cardiology, pediatric cardiology, cardiology and cardiac catheterization, which will enable them to acquire more experience and skills in accordance with international standards. The Foundation will also be sponsoring 2 more doctors and 2 allied health professionals in the field of cardiology in 2021.



Medical Equipment Initiative

In 2019, the Foundation provided medical equipment at a total cost of RO 225,000 for Nizwa, Ibra and Rustaq Hospitals. These included: a Doppler machine, ultrasound devices, endoscopic tower, autoclave, ECG machine (8 units), patient monitors, injection pumps, corneal topography device, delivery beds, pharmacotherapy device and an endoscopy machine.

In 2020, the Foundation also provided 245 durable devices including medical beds and wheelchairs to facilitate home care to

low income patients in Nizwa, Rustaq, Ibri and Ibra Hospitals and the Directorate General of Health Services in North Batina.

This is in addition to the provision of over 53 insulin pumps and annual provision of consumables for patients with diabetes during the last 10 years.

Community Respiratory Equipment

Al Jisr Foundation signed a funding agreement with the Ministry of Health represented by the Directorate General of Specialized Medical Care in 2020 to purchase around 186 equipments required for patients' home care. This initiative

meets the needs of patients with limited resources and reduces the incidence of infection as a result of an unnecessary prolonged hospital stay, as they cannot be discharged without having these equipment at home.

National Heart Simulation Centre

Simulation-based medical education is one of the most important methods used in the field because it allows trainees at all levels to practice and develop their practical skills without jeopardizing patient safety. The Foundation established and equipped a simulation room with pulmonary resuscitation training equipment within the National Heart Centre at the Royal Hospital in 2020, to equip and develop the knowledge, skills and practices of

specialists in this field.

The simulation training programme has targeted 80 healthcare staff and has implemented 4 basic life support (BLS) courses already. It is expected to serve more than 700 healthcare staff, allied health staff, patients and their families. In addition to more than 1000 specialists from the Royal Hospital in the coming years.





Sur Hospital Dialysis Unit

Al Jisr is currently funding the construction of the extension of the dialysis unit at Sur Hospital, which is a qualitative shift in the field of health services provided to facilitate the dialysis of patients, in addition to increasing outpatient intake and solving the current centre's inability to treat critical cases due to overcrowding. The new unit will be built on an area of 1,150 square

meters and will contain 20 beds, the main room will include 14 beds and 6 beds in the isolation room which can accommodate 60 patients per day or 120 patients over two shifts. The services of the dialysis unit will benefit the people of Sur and the South Sharqiyah provinces. Delivery of the unit is expected towards the end of 2022.



To complement the Government's achievements in universalising access to education and in line with SDG 4, Oman is now focused on improving the quality of basic and higher education. The Government aims to develop educational curricula to ensure that Oman's graduates are equipped with competitive qualifications that will enable them to enter the local and international labour market. As part of this strategic direction, the development of stimulating educational training systems that align with International Standards, encompass the use of technological innovation and modern learning and teaching methods will help ensure that this ambitious goal becomes a reality.



Education



Strengthening the English Language Curriculum

Stemming from the Foundation's interest in advancing students' level in the English language, a new more comprehensive project to reform the national English Language curriculum was adopted, ultimately serving all public schools across the Sultanate. The Foundation signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education to develop the current curriculum using international series for schools in the first education cycle (Grades 1-4). To achieve this vision, the Ministry and Al Jisr

Foundation will contract an international publishing house that has extensive experience in the field of designing curricula, in addition to training teachers, supervisors and specialists on methods of teaching the developed curricula to provide students with the latest scientific knowledge and practical skills. By the end of the year 2023, this project would have served around 300 cycle 1 schools and over 400,000 students from grades 1 to 4.



STEMinds

According to Oman's Voluntary National Review (VNR) Research and Development (R&D) expenditure is still very modest, along with the capacity to invest in research as R&D currently accounts for only 0.24% of the Country's Gross Domestic Product. The Government has identified that investment in infrastructure and innovation are crucial drivers of economic growth and

development. As part of the Country's 2040 vision the Government has placed priority on economic diversification with a focus on technology, knowledge and innovation. Achieving this goal will depend heavily on developing local capabilities in innovation and creativity and assist in working towards SDG9.

In this context, Al Jisr Foundation launched the STEMinds Initiative to instill a culture of research and innovation among students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and equip them with 21st century skills. This project, which started in 2019, is implemented through a series of

interactive workshops, educational trips and motivational talks. The project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the implementing partner YouThinkers, has been rolled out in 3 phases across two schools with participation of 120 students.



Al Jisr Innovation Lab

Al Jisr Foundation has supported the establishment of an “Innovation Lab” to be housed at Suhail Bin Amru Al Amri School for Basic Education located in South Al Hail. The laboratory consists of two main parts, a manufacturing laboratory to convert theoretical ideas into prototypes and a training room aimed at refining students' theoretical skills through advanced technical systems. It is an ideal environment for implementing STEM fields

in all its stages. The project aims to attract qualified lecturers and trainers in various fields of scientific innovation as well as keeping pace with the rapid developments of the industrial revolutions requirements (Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and 3D printing). Apart from serving the school's own 840 students, the school's management is opening the opportunity for other schools and programmes to utilize this facility.

Education Grants and Scholarships

The Foundation aims to build its previous efforts and continue to provide support by covering the educational fees of children from the Childhood Care Center. Al Jisr currently covers the annual academic and private tuition fees of 10 students.

The initiative aims to ensure that most children in the Childhood Care Center have quality education by enrolling them in private schools. It also aims to enhance children's English language skills and other skills as the targeted schools are international or bilingual.

Empowering Persons with Disabilities

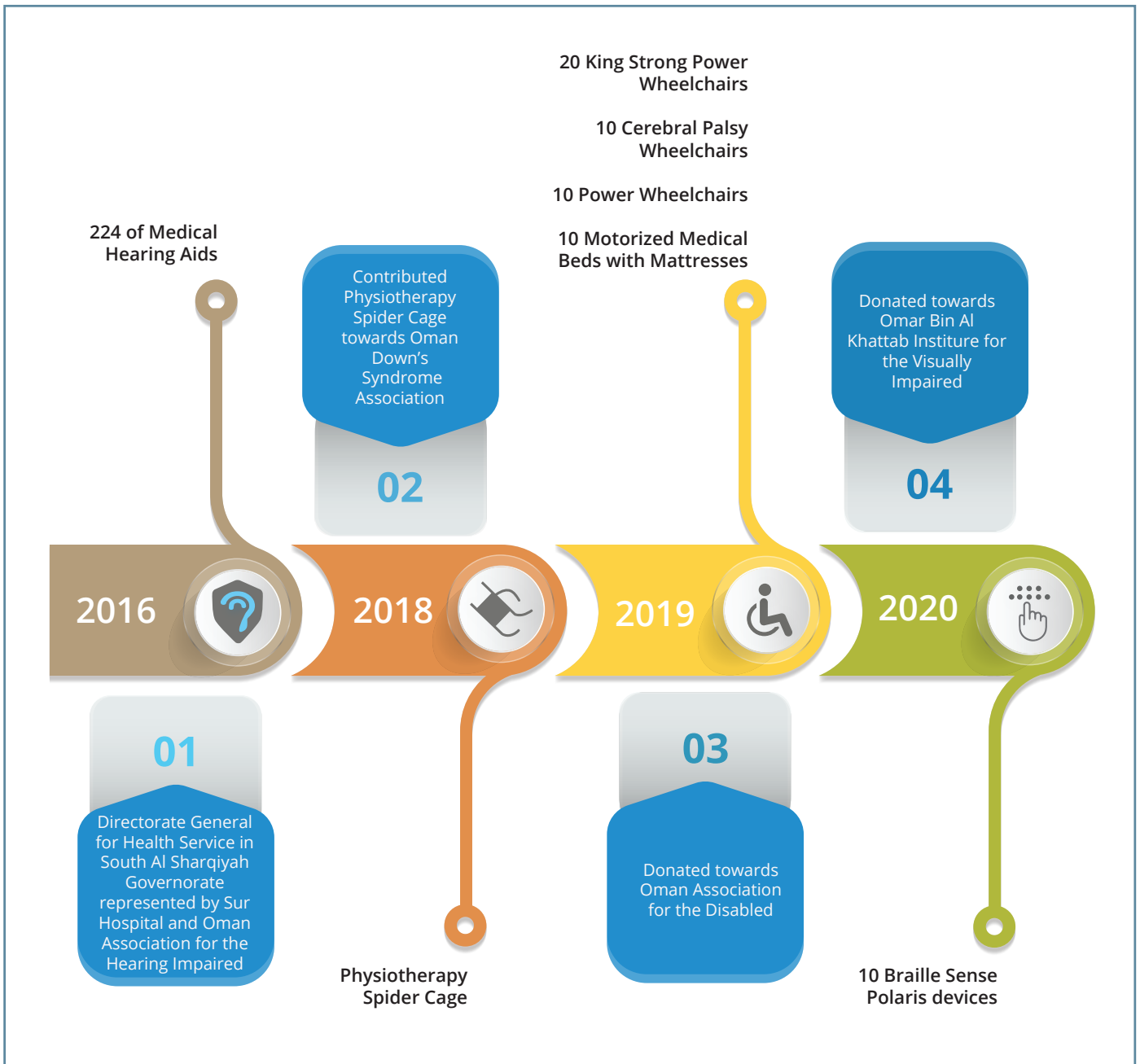




Persons with Disabilities (PwD) are among the most vulnerable groups all over the world. They have limited access to education, services, employment and are often excluded from social, economic, and political processes of their societies.

Accessibility and Inclusion

Stemming from Al Jisr's commitment to achieve social inclusion for individuals with disabilities in training and employment programmes as well as access to the means that facilitate their mobility, education, information and services to improve their lives overall, The Foundation has contributed the following:



Developing Vocational Skills for Persons with Disabilities

Al Jisr Foundation signed an agreement with Gulf College in November 2020 to cover the tuition fees of 20 persons with different disabilities from low income backgrounds to join the programme “Developing Vocational Skills for Persons with Disabilities (Motor-Visual-Hearing)” in order to provide job seekers with disabilities with the necessary skills and experiences to join

the labour market and stimulate their sense of achievement and professional growth. The program has obtained academic recognition by the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation and has also been certified by Continuing Professional Development (CPD).



Establishing a Sustainable Protective Workshop

The Foundation is currently working on establishing a Sustainable Protective Workshop for individuals with moderate intellectual disability. This project is in collaboration with the Directorate General of Persons with Disabilities Affairs and will provide an opportunity for people with intellectual disabilities for economic independence. The workshop will also

develop their social skills and increase their self-esteem and have daily companionship of working with their colleagues. This initiative will contribute towards the GoO achievements in SDG10 which is to reduce inequality and SDG8 that is decent work and economic growth with a long-term goal of implementation at the National level.

Sponsorships

Al Jisr Foundation has at times dedicated some funds to sponsor events that address and highlight topics in line with Al Jisr's focus and objectives and as well as inspire, equip and connect people.

1st International Mental Health Forum

Al Jisr was the golden sponsor for the 1st International Mental Health Forum which took place in October 2018 and organized by Whispers of Serenity, the first mental health clinic in Muscat, to

raise community awareness on mental health. The event was held under the theme 'Not Alone Stories, My Secret to Change' and hosted a number of specialists in mental health from three continents.



2nd Regional Adolescent Health Conference

Al Jisr was the golden sponsor for the 2nd Regional Adolescent Health Conference, organized by the Ministry of Health in co-operation with the International Association of Adolescent Health (IAAH). The conference was held in October, 2018 in Muscat and was attended by more than 50 participants from national and international

institutions, universities, NGOs and government entities working on youth and adolescent health issues. The conference aimed to increase regional awareness on community based programs and to ensure that the health care providers are able to prevent and face the unmet needs of the adolescents and youth population in the MENA Region.

We Care Forum

Al Jisr was the main sponsor of the first Persons with Disability Forum in 2019 organized by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Oman Physical Therapy Association under the theme "We Care". The Foundation also produced two short films, one aims to increase public awareness of people's ability to be productive members of society despite their disabilities when

they receive the right support and encouragement. The other video highlights the numerous services offered by the Omani Government through a number of health, education and social development facilities and institutions with the aim to either detect, prevent, manage or treat long and short term disabilities.



1st Gulf Autism Conference

The Sultanate of Oman hosted the 1st Gulf Autism Conference, where the Foundation allocated 10,000 Omani Riyals to support the attendance of about 180 families with children with ASD from various Governorates. This contribution covered the registration fees and accommodation for parents from outside Muscat throughout the conference duration, which extended for 3 days. The conference was sponsored

by Gulf Health Council and in participation of Sultan Qaboos University Hospital and in cooperation with Ministries of Social Development, Education and Health, King Salman Disability Research Center as well as UNICEF.



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Autism: Understanding Beyond Difference

The United Nations Global Compact



With an objective to become a professional, ethical organization that aligns with international standards and demands, Al Jisr Foundation's management committed to the United Nations Global Compact by pledging to the UN Secretary General in April 2018, making the Foundation the first Omani Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to sign the UNGC that year and to join more than 12,000 organizations worldwide who have committed to working towards meeting the highest standards of ethical business conduct and governance.

The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) is a voluntary principal based initiative that encourages businesses and institutions worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, in 4 areas: Human Rights, Labour, Environ-

ment and Anti-Corruption.

The Foundation submitted its first Communication on Engagement (COE) in April 2020, a report that highlights Al Jisr's contributions towards achieving the 2030 agenda and its ongoing endeavors to promote partnerships between civil society and the public and private sectors. The report also aims to highlight for potential partners and current stakeholders Al Jisr's commitment to upholding its core values of transparency, commitment and sustainability, dedication to meeting the targets of the ten UNGC principles and highlight the positive impact and change the Foundation has on local communities by addressing their immediate needs as well as providing a sustainable and secure future. The full report can be found on Al Jisr Foundation's website: www.aljisrfoundation.org





These principles reflect the Foundation’s approach and work ethic, which we uphold wherever we operate:

Principle 1

Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2

Make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Principle 3

Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.

Principle 4

The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.

Principle 5

The effective abolition of child labour.

Principle 6

The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Principle 7

Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges

Principle 8

Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

Principle 9

Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Principle 10

Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.



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