**ARDD Political & Civic Participation Unit**

**Country:** Jordan

**Organisation responsible:** ARDD-Legal Aid

**Period:** Since 2008

**Activity:** Working unit that includes diverse projects that promote the necessary requirements for developing and facilitating a civil society in which all members are active participants, in both the private and public spheres. These projects consist of creating appropriate spaces and platforms for communities to feel empowered to be part of political change and participate in the building of civil society around them.

**Objectives**

Increasing political participation and civic engagement in both the public and private spheres, especially for poorer and marginalized groups.

Building on human capital and promoting the necessary skills and resources required to integrate good governance practices into the foundations of civil society.

**Description**

The projects identify and assist change makers, open forums and bring together groups of people with either the same ideas or problems to empower them in bringing political change.

**Beneficiaries**

Vary in accordance to the project.

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**GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space**

(108) Promote the political space for nonviolent dialogue among all essential stakeholders and for the prevention of violent extremism. This dialogue should be based on the respect for the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Also, recognise and protect nonviolent civil society groups as essential partners in creating democratic and plural societies.