

Annual Report for the Year 2006

Al-Sadiq Al-Taieb Association for the Awareness, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment and Psycho-Social Rehabilitation for Drug Addicts have accomplished the various following activities and programs through its professional working teams at the different sites and locations:

- I. Awareness and Prevention programs in the area of drug addiction and maladaptive behaviors were accomplished for the following target groups:
 - a. School students in grades 8- 11 in Jerusalem and its suburbs, Jericho governorates schools, the Palestinian Directorate of Education and for public, private, and UNRWA schools in the Ramallah Governorate. A total of 1707 male and female students and 122 teachers in addition to 195 parents were enrolled in the program.
 - b. Training workshops were conducted to academic, Psychological, and social Institutions in the local Community. 958 male & female youth benefited from the program.
 - c. Educational visits by 250 university students specialized in social work, psychology and from the school of medicine to the Treatment and Rehabilitation Center to learn about the drug problem, addicts under treatment and psychological and social services provided.

- II. Empowering and Activating the Role of Youth in the Local Community through Drama and Theatre Education Project was carried from January to December, 2006. 2 Dramas were accomplished entitled “Before the Rising of the Wall” and “The Delusion of Reality and the Truth” by the 2 groups who were recruited from the schools in the villages of Dora Al-Qre’i and Dier Ammar.

Life Dramas were presented and post presentation discussions were accomplished for 2689 males and females in Youth Camps, Youth Clubs and Social Institution in Ramallah and its suburbs and suburbs of Jerusalem.

- III. Training workshops were conducted for 50 University Students from the various local universities specialized in Social Work at the Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. In addition, 390 consultation requests were received by ASTA on matters related to how to deal with family members’ addicts & ex-addicts at home.

- IV. Visits and Follow-up programs for the addicts’ families were accomplished. Family counseling services were provided for 150 families distributed among Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Bethlehem only due to the checkpoints restrictions imposed on the freedom of movement.

- V. **Treatment and Rehabilitation Services:** The Treatment and Rehabilitation Center received 60 cases of addiction who used various kinds of drugs including Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, Hashish, Ecstasy pills, and Alcoholism.
- VI. **The Mobile Unit Projects** funded by the UNODC in Cairo which aimed at decreasing the prevalence of HIV/ AIDS and Hepatitis C & D due to exchanging needles among addicts. The project addressed 3 hot sites in Al-Musrara in Jerusalem, Shu'fat Camp and Bethany. 783 addicts benefited from the program.
- VII. **Commemorating the International Day for Drug Addiction on June 26th, 2006.**
The activities included:
- a. Marathons in Ramallah & Bethany.
 - b. March in Ramallah to the Legislative Council and presented a letter to the Deputy Chairman requesting to activate the Law against Drug use and abuse.
 - c. A Football Match between a group of ex-addicts and a group from Silwan at St. Georges School's court in Jerusalem.
 - d. 4 Training workshops entitled "The Relation of HIV/ AIDS & Hepatitis to Drug Addiction" were conducted for 110 male & female Youth distributed among the following sites:
 1. Aboud Latin Club for Youth.
 2. Um Al-Sharayet Youth Club.
 3. Al-Sadiq Al-Taieb Volunteers (University Graduates and Students) called "Friends of ASTA"
 4. Al-Jeeb Club.

N.B. A total of 1500 participants from the local community participated in the various activities carried at the Week of June 20th – 26th.

- VIII. **Upgrading Staff members** professionally through training programs and university studies in order to develop new techniques in dealing with youth issues and drug use and abuse.