



Shabab 2250

Towards a practical translation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250 in Jordan

Introduction

This recommendation paper is a result of Shabab 2250 project which aims at enabling youth participation in building community resilience where this paper offers a practical Jordanian translation of the UNSCR 2250.

This recommendation paper was created based on the steps of Shabab 2250 project. It started with info sessions to raise awareness about UNSCR 2250 across the twelve governorates in Jordan. Three capacity building programmes were conducted where the youth were divided into three groups; art, media and general initiatives. This was followed by youth designing and implementing their own initiatives over six months while targeting all the governorates with support of an online national campaign about the resolution. A summative consultative meeting with the youth was conducted in order to encompass their recommendations about how to translate the UNSCR 2250 into practice in Jordan from their own point of view. These recommendations were presented to relevant stakeholders and representatives from the Government Coordination Team for Human Rights. All inputs were collected and summarised in this recommendation paper.

UNSCR 2250 Pillars of focus in Jordan

Out of Shabab 2250 experiential learning journey, three out of the five pillars of UNSCR 2250 were of a priority in the context of youth work in Jordan;

1. Participation: participation aims at enabling and creating mechanisms that ensures meaningful youth participation in the decision-making process at all levels related to positive peacebuilding and preventing violent extremism.
2. Prevention: which includes implementing programs around strengthening community resilience as well as institutionalising mechanisms to promote the culture of peace, tolerance, intercultural and interreligious dialogue.
3. Partnerships: this pillar focuses on the multi-sectorial partnership with and among relevant stakeholders.

Frames of Intervention and their Guiding Principles

As far as the practical translation of the UNSCR 2250 into youth, peace and security programming, we suggest the following guiding principles that fall under two frames of intervention: youth and enabling environment;

First frame: Youth

1. Focusing on youth competencies for youth to be able to strengthen community resilience.
2. Promoting values as a basis for youth, peace and security programming.
3. Institutionalising the culture of UNSCR 2250 at early ages by working with families and schools.
4. Encouraging the culture of voluntary work among youth.
5. Adopting "positive youth development" approaches when designing youth, peace and security programmes.
6. Designing interventions that boost youth's intellectual autonomy and provide the opportunity for youth to apply this autonomy creatively.
7. Focusing on youth's self-awareness and confidence to be able to better contribute to the culture of social peace.

Second frame: Enabling Environment

1. Improving youth inclusion policies and practices as a step for better youth participation particularly vulnerable youth, young women and young people with disabilities.
2. Enhancing the efforts of the Ministry of Youth and its centres in promoting youth participation in peace and security.
3. Enhancing digital outreach and communications with youth.
4. Adopting cultural, creative and art-based methodologies at the school, university, and civil society organisations.
5. Harmonising the guiding principles of this paper with the Comprehensive National Plan on Human Rights, National Youth Strategy pillar on youth, security and social peace, National Strategy for Human Resource Development and other relevant strategies and policies.
6. Coordinating efforts of different stakeholders for better youth, peace and security programming.
7. Capitalising in decentralisation which Jordan is going through to ensure creating more venues for youth participation at the local level.
8. Structuring dialogue between youth, authorities and stakeholders to better connect youth to their local and national realities and embrace their voices in the decision making processes.

The philosophy of this recommendation paper

Some of the above mentioned guiding principles may sound similar to other youth programming or prevention of violent extremism activities. Nevertheless, the added value of this paper lies in its philosophy which reinforces the need to have youth at the heart of design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of youth, peace and security programming. This is why when we talk about participation, we must ensure that youth initiate and lead their programmes. This philosophy makes youth agency as both an objective and approach when designing relevant programmes. This recommendation paper is an invitation to adopt a new perspective when we approach youth, peace and security programming in Jordan.

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I Dare has implemented a number of projects related to the topic of youth, peace and security: project and campaign to promote online love speech, preventing the engagement of young Jordanians in violent extremism, and Articipate: Youth Participation through Art.

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