

## Fusayo Irikura's WFP Jordan Arabic Literacy Project - A Ray of Hope for Refugee Children

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Jordan is currently one of the largest refugee-hosting countries in the world, and it is the children that are particularly vulnerable and in need of support. The growing influx of refugees has strained the public school system, with overcrowded classrooms and high drop-out rates, and many children are falling behind. With a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of these children and give them hope for a better future, WFP Jordan President Fusayo Irikura launched the Arabic Literacy Project in 2016. She has made it her personal mission to provide refugee children aged 8 to 15 with opportunities to receive educational support and develop a good character in a safe and loving environment. To understand more about the character education programs to help the children overcome the violence in their surroundings click [here](#).

Throughout the month of October, WFP USA ran a fundraising campaign to support the Arabic Literary Project, and we are proud to report that we were able to send \$7,200 to Jordan.

Below is an excerpt from a letter from Fusayo dated Dec 17, 2021.



Dear WFP USA,

Much gratitude is extended to WFP USA for your kind donation of \$7,200 to WFP Jordan.

The donation will be used for the program to educate the needy children in Rusaifa in literacy and character education.

We will also be able to support our excellent volunteer teachers, who have been tirelessly serving and teaching the children for many years at the WFP center.

Recently we started a football (Soccer) team. We began it as PLAY FOOTBALL MAKE PEACE,

and our name of teams is "Dream come True".

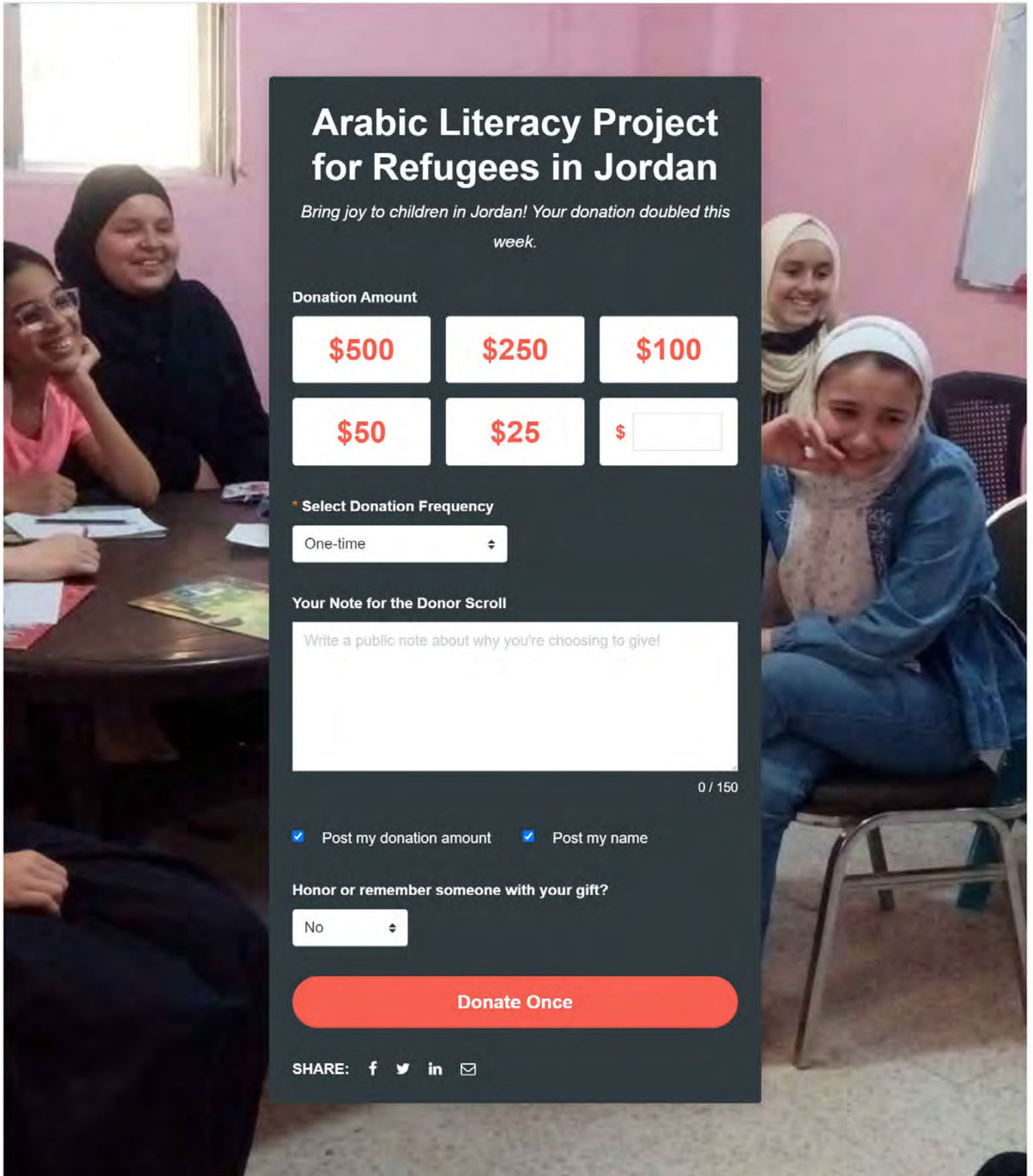
Due to the harsh conditions here, many of our children will be entering the workforce in two to three years as they are not able to study at high school. Therefore we have to give them good opportunities to build the foundation of their lives while they are students.

We are really very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you very much.

Click: [Arabic Literacy project for refugees](#) to learn more about the program and to donate.





# Arabic Literacy Project for Refugees in Jordan

Bring joy to children in Jordan! Your donation doubled this week.

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## The Jordan Arabic Literacy Project

WFP USA BEGAN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT IN 2018

WFP Jordan is running literacy classes at the WFP and Community Development Centers (CDC) located in the refugee camps. **Especially in 2020, the center has been able to stay open because public schools have been closed for over a year due to the pandemic.** The WFP center is one of the few places where they can study in the area.



2018  
• \$7,000 sent to refugee children to support their education.

2019  
• New location is found for second location of WFP Center.



"When a child misses basic education, their

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**Emaculate Mungye** **\$100**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela. Our advancement depends on our education.

8 days ago

**Anonymous** **\$250**

I donated in support of this campaign.

17 days ago

When a child gains basic education, they keep hope in their future..... we have seen less fighting, and, instead, we have seen more smiles on their faces.”

Mrs. Fusayo Irikura (2020)  
WFP Jordan President



2020  
• \$9,300 sent to support this important project.

**\$16,300**

total raised and sent between 2018 and 2020, which helped provide tutoring and character education to refugee children in Jordan.

“Sulaiman [8th grade] ... was very shy. After spending time with us at the center, his self-confidence became great and now he speaks perfectly. Now he is no longer shy and his academic achievement became good.”

Absalatu (2020)  
Volunteer for English, Arabic, Literacy Classes



WFP USA ran a fundraising campaign to support the Arabic Literacy Project in 2020. With your support, Mrs. Irikura is able to renovate the centers, replace old plastic chairs and tables with new ones, purchase new school materials, and provide stipends to the dedicated tutors. The goal was to raise \$4,000 and the final result was \$5,397!



Due to finances in 2016, the WFP tutoring center closed. Not wanting to stop activities, active core women started searching for a small space with a reasonable rent where they could open a WFP center themselves. They nearly gave up. It took almost three years after the old one had closed to find a new location in 2019.

“The reason for their persistence was that they had learned through WFP activities what is the most important thing in our lives, which is to live for others. Therefore, they could not abandon it.”



*Thank you!*  
from the children, volunteers,  
and mothers in Jordan!

Al-Zarqa, Jordan is a city industrious in its working style and modest in culture. The city houses approximately nine million refugees for whom the hope of resettlement has become a remote possibility. The refugee encampments are grindingly poor where daily survival is a struggle.

Of the nine million refugees in the city, 60% are children. These children have access to school but many are still unable to read or write in their local language due to poor facilities. Classrooms in the public schools have as many as 60 students, which makes learning and individualized attention difficult. The drop-out rate from these schools is also high. Many graduate still unable to read and write at the appropriate level.



HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The hope for providing these children with a bright future has come through the “Arabic Literacy Program for Children” for students ages 8 to 15.

**Michiyo Cupp** **\$50**

Thank you Fusayo and WFP for standing on the frontline to give hope to God's children!

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**Janice Zarco** **\$25**

I love the children and want to help them realize a bright future!

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**Anonymous** **\$25**

I donated in support of this campaign.

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Students in the program learn how to read and write, which is essential for creating a more sustainable future of happiness and success. **WFPW Jordan is running literacy classes at the WFPW and Community Development Centers (CDC) located in the refugee camps.** The project aims to improve the levels of literacy among the children, and also to instill values in them which can help them overcome the psychological damage that comes from the unstable life of a refugee.

WFPW Jordan hopes to continue restoring the future of their children through a carefully designed program. At each center of WFPW and CDC, 30 students have been taken in who are taught a curriculum tailored to their learning capabilities. The program lasts a year long with a summer break in between.

Check out the 2020 Arabic Literacy Update, and how recent funds are being used:

[CLICK HERE](#)

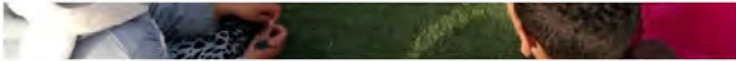
**In order to continue their work of educating these children, they need your help!**

**Please donate today so that WFPW is able to pay its teachers, recruit volunteers, and assemble educational materials necessary for creating a safe and loving learning environment.** The transformation in the children as they are able to improve their academic abilities while also being emotionally and morally supported is invaluable.

**Help us set new standards of humanity, care, and dignity for these children.**

Checks can be mailed to: WFPW USA, 481 Eighth Ave. Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001





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