

Youth, Technology and Career (YTC)

Project Summary

YTC is a five-year educational component implemented by Save the Children as part of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project is funded by the Education Reform Support Project (ERSP). YTC works in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Creative Associates International, and it supports the Government of Jordan's Education Reform for Knowledge Economy program (ERfKE II).



Life Skills to build youth competencies brought to life in the classroom

YTC activities aims at building a framework of life skills, and to prepare students for the workforce, through hands-on learning opportunities based on active partnerships between public schools and local businesses. The YTC component includes two programs: the School-to-Career Program (STC) and the Life Skills through Sports Program (LSTS). STC mainly supports students' acquisition of life and workforce skills by providing labor market learning opportunities. The program includes in-school career counseling sessions, youth livelihoods mapping exercises, school based career days and summer internships in work places.

STC supports the Ministry of Education in forming sustainable partnerships with private sector organizations, and introduces approaches to engage parents in their child's career choices. School to Career will target 330 schools throughout Jordan (in 13 governorates) to provide 130,000 students in grades 8 – 11 with opportunities to explore career pathways, and to develop a range of basic workforce skills. The program will run over a period of 5 years,

The LSTS program works to improve communication, teamwork, problem-solving, negotiation and critical thinking skills. It also aims at building self-confidence and enhancing the physical well-being of youths through sports. Students are encouraged to study how they can develop tactics and ideas to overcome the various challenges they face in the games they play. LSTS targets students between the ages of 13 - 17 in 100 public schools, prioritizing schools in urban high density areas. Each school are encouraged to extend LSTS services to students at neighboring schools, thus increasing student access to the program. One of the successful effects of this program is the way the after school sports activities have reached out to local communities and have brought youth from neighboring areas together.

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