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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In this brochure, the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) proudly shares many of its achievements under its former name, the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development.

During DIFI's formative years 2006-2012, we actively pursued opportunities to work with organizations, institutions, scholars and NGOs around the world to promote effective family policies in line with the Doha Declaration of the Family of 2004 and support research to inform family policies at the national, regional and international levels.

During this time, however, it became apparent that while there were many influencers involved in various research endeavors on family issues, there were very few in the Arab region that focused specifically on Arab families. Recognizing a gap in regional expertise on the Arab family in international discussions, DIFI adopted a new vision to be recognized as a global knowledge leader on issues facing the Arab family through research, policy, and outreach. We aim to bring findings from our research to the international community.

On behalf of the Institute, I take this opportunity to thank Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, for her leadership and foresight in establishing the Institute to help support the family as the natural and basic group unit of society and as a fundamental agent for sustainable social and economic development.

Noor Al Malki Al Jehani
Executive Director

DOHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE FAMILY

In 2004, the Doha International Conference for the Family, hosted by Qatar under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation (QF), celebrated the United Nations' 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Family. The conference produced substantial high-quality global research on the family, prompted thousands of members of civil society to express their views regarding the meaning and centrality of the family, and ended with the UN General Assembly taking note of the conference's outcomes. The event provided the world with an important moment for recommitment to long-standing norms related to religious and ethical values, human dignity, marriage, parent and child relations, and the right of children to be raised within a loving and caring family.

BACKGROUND

The Doha International Conference for the Family was welcomed by General Assembly Resolution A/RES/58/15 (15 December 2003). The conference analyzed and reaffirmed Article 16(3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaims "the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the state."

The conference brought together a broad range of participants, representing diverse cultures, political systems, and faiths. The participants were united by the common understanding that, by protecting "the natural and fundamental group unit of society" (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 16(3)), communities, nations, regions, and the world will not only encourage sustainable development, but further the intercultural understanding that is the necessary foundation for a stable, secure, and just world.

As noted by then UN Secretary General Kofi Anan in his report on the 10th anniversary celebration, the family has significant "potential to contribute to national development and to the achievement of major objectives of every society and of the United Nations, including the eradication of poverty and the creation of just, stable and secure societies". (Report of the Secretary General, A/59/176 (23 July 2004)). Unfortunately, this potential "has generally been overlooked". The conference was designed to remedy this oversight by reaffirming fundamental international norms related to the family – and establishing proposals for action – that will provide recommendations for cooperative research, discussion, and policy development related to family life.

THE DOHA DECLARATION

During the two-day meeting, the Doha Declaration for the Family was negotiated by a distinguished Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, comprising representatives from governments around the world. The balanced and careful language of the declaration was finalized after thorough consideration

of all committee views. The declaration reaffirms commitments of the international community contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other UN documents.

PREPARATORY PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE FAMILY

The preparatory process of the Doha International Conference for the Family included a regional dialogue organized by an NGO Working Committee in Geneva, Switzerland. The committee worked with government representatives from Sweden and Malaysia to organize and conduct regional dialogues in Stockholm, Sweden, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Additional government meetings were held in Cotonou, Benin; Baku, Azerbaijan; and Riga, Latvia. The process was also enriched by the World Congress of Families III in Mexico City, Mexico.

FINAL SESSION OF THE DOHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 29-30 NOVEMBER

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and then President of Qatar's Supreme Council for Family Affairs, chaired the Doha International Conference for the Family. Topical sessions of the conference addressed such questions as the family in the third millennium, the legal and religious foundations for the family in the third millennium, the family and education, and the family and social dialogue.

The opening paragraphs review the goals and objectives of the 10th anniversary and recall the preparatory process of the Doha International Conference for the Family. The operative paragraphs reaffirm international commitments to the family and call for appropriate actions to implement those commitments.

DOHA CONFERENCE OUTCOMES NOTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/59/111 of 6 December 2004, Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, again welcomed the hosting of the Doha International Conference for the Family by Qatar and noted its outcome, which includes the Doha Declaration.

THE DOHA INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT

During her speech at the Doha International Conference for the Family, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser proposed “founding a Center for Family Research and Studies with the primary task of instituting what may possibly be called Family Science for the Third Millennium as the intellectual reference for this institution. The same center will also be invited to take constructive initiatives aimed at mutual coordination and implementation among the national, regional, and international programs related to the family”. In fulfillment of this proposal, the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development, a member of QF, was established in May 2006.

In the preface to *The Family in the New Millennium*, a collection of scholarly papers developed during the yearlong series of international meetings culminating in the Doha International Conference for the Family, Her Highness explained the role of the institute.

“Despite its importance, the Doha Declaration on its own is not sufficient. Global society must work together to research, explore, and implement the references, standards, and goals set out in the declaration. For this reason I have organized The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development. The institute has been charged with the

responsibility of inviting the international community to undertake constructive and cooperative efforts to research, coordinate, and implement effective family policies at national, regional, and international levels. The institute will achieve these goals by completing and supporting academic research, organizing forums, publishing family scholarship, and supporting other family-based initiatives that will place the family within a complementary national and global framework and as the pivot around which all plans for development revolve.”

From 2006-2012, the Institute worked to achieve its mission by:

- Supporting research on the global family through its research grants.
- Raising awareness of family issues and promoting coordination of family policies and programs with local, regional, and international partners through the policy recommendations from the seminars, expert group meetings, and other events organized in partnership with UN and civil society partners.
- Supporting family programs and sponsoring family colloquia with partners all over the world.

After seven years of work, the Institute adopted a new identity and strategic direction. The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development changed its name to the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI). DIFI's new vision is to be recognized as a global knowledge leader on issues facing the Arab family through research, policy, and outreach while its mission remains supporting the aims of the Doha Declaration of 2004.

This brochure shares some the Institute's achievements between 2006 and 2012.



DR RICHARD WILKINS
Former Executive Director of the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development

Dr Richard Wilkins was Executive Director of the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development from February 2006 through February 2012. During that time, the Institute sponsored and conducted interdisciplinary research on the family and organized and sponsored conferences, gathering scholars, experts, and members of civil society to present research and discuss family-related issues. It also assisted national and international organizations with the development and implementation of policies to strengthen the family as “the natural and fundamental group unit of society” (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 16(3)).

Before moving to Doha, Dr Wilkins was a professor and the Managing Director of the World Family Policy Center at the J. Reuben Clark Law School,

Brigham Young University, Utah. He wrote extensively on international law, family policy, United States constitutional law, federal jurisdiction, and legal advocacy. He was a former assistant to the Solicitor General, US Department of Justice.

Dr Wilkins served as Chair of the NGO Working Committee for the 2004 Doha International Conference for the Family. The conference negotiated and adopted The Doha Declaration, which reaffirms the international community's commitments to the natural family.

Dr Wilkins argued eight cases before the US Supreme Court and presented major papers at conferences in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North and South America, and Scandinavia. He taught a course on international human rights in Beijing, China, and made presentations to numerous UN bodies and commissions, including the UN General Assembly, the Commission on Social Development and the Commission on Human Settlements.

He testified before legislative panels in Australia, the European Union, Sweden, and the United States and assisted various governmental and non-governmental advisory committees on issues related to the proposed constitution for the European Union.

HE ALSO MADE PRESENTATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES:

- The Human Life and Bioethics Conference (Philippines, 2007).
- The World Congress of Families III (Warsaw, 2007).
- Family Demography Conference (Kuala Lumpur, 2007).
- EGM convened by the UN's Economic and Social Policy Division (ECOSOC) (Bangkok, 2007).

DURING HIS TIME AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, DR RICHARD WILKINS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:

1. 'A Peaceful World Built Upon Strong Families' presented at the First Doha Colloquium on the Family (Nairobi, February 2006).
2. 'UN Ideologies Affecting Family Breakdown' presented via internet at the 2007 World Family Policy Forum (Utah, July 2007).
3. 'Protecting Children from the Harmful Effects of Media' presented at The XXIII International Congress on Family and Media (Ružomberok, September 2008) and at the Forum on Cable Television Channels on the Moral Challenge for Gulf Youth (Doha, November 2008).
4. 'Commemorating the World's Commitment to the Family: The 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights' presented by Amina Mesdoua at the Doha Colloquium on the 60th Anniversary of Human Rights (Bratislava, October 2008).
5. 'Natural Law and the Kenyan Constitution: A Comparison of the American, European and Kenyan Experiences with Recommendations for Action' delivered via internet at the Constitutional Review Commission Conference convened by Strathmore College (Nairobi, October 2008).
6. 'The Social Role of the Family' presented at the Conditions of Women and Family of the Eastern and Western Civilizations Conference (Turkey, May 2009).
7. 'Building on the Doha Declaration' presented at the Empowerment of the Family in the Modern World: Challenges and Promises Ahead Conference (Doha, January 2010).
8. 'Ringling the Arab World Together Around Online Safety' presented at the Creating a National Consensus for Online Safety Conference (April 2010) and at the Family and Arab Media Conference: Towards New Roles for Family Media (Doha, May 2010).
9. 'The Social Role of the Family' delivered online at WANGO's Online World Congress of NGOs (June 2010).
10. 'Families, Understanding and Tolerance' presented at the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue's Eighth Annual Doha Conference on Interfaith Dialogue – Raising the new generation with a foundation of values and tradition: Religious Perspectives (Doha, October 2010).
11. 'The Family as an Agent of Social Change' presented at SERFAC's Global Conference in Defence of the Family: Family, Children and Culture (Bangkok, June 2011).

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ACTIVITIES AT THE UN LEVEL

The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development supports implementation of the overall objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes by providing evidence-based research for the development of family policies, as well as integrating a family perspective in social and economic policies, through the series of events it co-organized with its UN partners.

The Institute worked with the UN Programme on the Family in organizing the Dialogue and Mutual Understanding Across Generations Expert Group Meeting (Doha) and the Raising Awareness Day and Expert Group Meeting on Confronting Family Poverty and Social Exclusion: Ensuring work-family balance, advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity in Europe (Brussels).

Other organizations the Institute has worked with include the Division for Social Policy (DSPD) in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Programme on Ageing, UN Programme on Youth in the Division for Social Policy (DSPD) in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the International Labor Organization (ILO), and International Training Center of ILO (ITC/ILO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women at the United Nations (OSAGI).

DOHA BRIEFING

Since 2009, the Institute has organized its annual Doha Briefing as a side event at UN headquarters, either during the session of the Commission on Social Development or the Commission on the Status of Women, to inform and exchange views and expertise with diplomats, UN representatives, and NGOs on important issues related to the family, women, and development.



THE ARAB REGION (DOHA)



EVENTS

IMPACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON THE FAMILY COLLOQUIUM DOHA, 19-20 NOVEMBER 2008

This colloquium was organized by the institute in collaboration with Qatar's Supreme Council for Family Affairs (SCFA). It was attended by prestigious personalities, including the Assistant UN General Secretary on Gender Violence, the Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Under Secretary General of the UN, the Executive Secretary of ESCWA, the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee, and the past Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. The colloquium also hosted experts in

this field from around the world. The colloquium helped raise awareness on the nature, extent, and causes of violence against women in the region and worldwide, and to build collaboration among different stakeholders. It was the first event organized in the region and the Arab world as a contribution to the campaign of the UN Secretary General to end violence against women. Recommendations from the colloquium were included in the Secretary General's special report on gender-based violence that was presented to the General Assembly in October 2009.

FAMILY POLICY IN A CHANGING WORLD: PROMOTING SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY – EXPERT GROUP MEETING DOHA, 14-16 APRIL 2009

This high-level meeting, organized in

collaboration with the UN's Division for Social Policy (DSPD) in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), considered the concept of family policy and analyzed how family and family policy are inter-related to social protection and intergenerational issues. Recommendations from the meeting were included in the UN Secretary General's report on the follow-up to the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family that was presented to member states at the next session of the General Assembly.



FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORKS AND POPULATION AGEING SYMPOSIUM DOHA, 3-4 JUNE 2009

This symposium, held in conjunction with the UNFPA, UN Programme on Ageing and Northwestern University, focused on the importance of family support networks in the context of rapid population ageing, considered the complexity and diversity of population ageing, showed how it affects not only older people but also families, communities, and societies, and highlighted the importance of intergenerational solidarity. It was attended by representatives of all of the participating UN agencies and funds, as well as distinguished international experts. The seminar's report was disseminated at the February 2010 Commission on Social Development and the May 2010 Commission on Population.



EMPOWERMENT OF THE FAMILY IN THE MODERN WORLD: CHALLENGES AND PROMISES AHEAD COLLOQUIUM DOHA, 27-28 JANUARY 2010

The institute organized this meeting to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Doha International Conference for the Family. The conference brought together 39 presenters, and more than 100 attendees, including scholars, UN officials, NGOs, and government representatives. It aimed to build on the Doha Declaration and to provide answers and guidance to national and international institutions for integrating a comprehensive family approach in policies and programs. It served as a forum for discussion and debate on family issues and challenges at all levels and for an exchange of views.



THE FAMILY AND ARAB MEDIA CONFERENCE: TOWARDS NEW ROLES FOR FAMILY MEDIA DOHA, 2-3 MAY 2010

This conference was organized in collaboration with the Arab Council for Childhood Development, a regional body

based in Egypt, and was supported by Qatar's Supreme Education Council and the Qatar Society for Rehabilitation of Special Needs. During the conference, participants discussed a range of topics, including globalization, the Arab child, and the role of media in shaping social trends. In addition, various successful projects and experiences were presented during the event, including Qatar Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking, Be Free Center from Bahrain, and Al Nahda Social Society from Yemen. An animation workshop for children, in collaboration with local schools including Qatar Academy, was also delivered to help foster the use of media as a tool for learning and the development of communication and social skills. Thirty-five children and teachers were trained in the use of animation as an educational tool to develop math, English, and social skills. Leena Al Derham prepared and presented the paper 'The Impact of TV on Children's Health' at the conference.

CIVIL SOCIETY IN ARAB COUNTRIES EVENT DOHA, 2-3 NOVEMBER 2010

This event, co-sponsored by Qatar University's Sociology Department, brought together 10 scholars to analyze and debate the importance of civil society organizations as efficient tools for mobilizing resources and promoting wider popular participation in building modern nation states. More than 60, students, NGO representatives and scholars attended the event.

DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ACROSS GENERATION: EXPERT GROUP MEETING DOHA, 8-9 MARCH 2011

This meeting, held in collaboration with the UN Programme on the Family and the UN Programme on Youth in the Division for Social Policy (DSPD), and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), was attended by about 100 participants, including 30 experts

and youth representatives. The meeting examined the role young people could play in advancing dialogue and mutual understanding, the role of the family in providing a space for intergenerational dialogue, and challenges and opportunities. It provided member states with expert opinion and concrete policy recommendations on issues related to youth. The meeting was convened in observance of the celebration of the International Year of Youth 2010-2011, and as part of the preparatory activities for the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014. The report of the meeting was published and used as an input for the UN Youth Conference, which took place in July 2011.



FORUM ON DECENT WORK AND POVERTY REDUCTION DOHA QATAR, 24-25 OCTOBER 2011

This forum was organized in collaboration with the ILO and International Training Center of ILO (ITC/ILO). The exchange of experiences and policy lessons from different countries, including the Arab region, helped consolidate the decent work approach in national development strategies and plans for Qatar and the Gulf region. The event report, including papers by experts and recommendations, was disseminated during the 50th session of the Commission on Social Development at the UN.



FAMILY, MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS) AND AIDS SYMPOSIUM ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA) REGION DOHA, QATAR, 1-2 NOVEMBER 2011

The symposium was organized in collaboration with UNICEF and UNAIDS and, for the first time, brought together senior experts from governments in the MENA region, senior experts from the UN System, the World Bank, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), the League of Arab States, and civil society and academics. The participants discussed the regional AIDS response in the Arab world within the broader development agenda, particularly MDGs, and to see how the family is the key to reach them all. The set of recommendations made by the participants was included in the final report.



MENTAL HEALTH AND THE FAMILY SEMINAR DOHA, 28 FEBRUARY 2012

The aim of this symposium was to raise awareness about the important impact of



mental health on family life. During the seminar, Dr Samantha Callan, Chairman in Residence at the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) in the United Kingdom, detailed the outcomes of the CSJ's 'Report on Mental Health', a research project funded by the institute.

FAMILY MIGRATION AND DIGNITY DOHA, 27-29 MARCH 2012.

This symposium provided an opportunity to explore how international migration affects families, in particular women and children, and how family functions in the context of migration can be strengthened by good policies and practices. Participants considered a comprehensive and integrated approach to the complex challenges of this theme, identifying lessons learned and providing recommendations.

JURISPRUDENCE OF EXTENDED FAMILIES, EXTENDING FAMILIES AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY SYMPOSIUM DOHA, 30 APRIL - 1 MAY 2012

The symposium was organized with the International Academy for Jurisprudence of the Family to explore, in a thoughtful and comparative way, the jurisprudential principles that underlie the legal

recognition of substantive laws and policies regulating extended family relations, such as between grandparents and grandchildren or cousins, the extension of legal "family" or family-equivalent status to non-relatives, and the implications and significance of such laws and social phenomena for intergenerational solidarity. The symposium:

- Attracted local and international family law experts that subtly allowed for ongoing comparisons and discussions on the differences between various countries, civilizations, and cultures with regards to family law.
- Provided an opportunity for interaction and discussion between Arab and Islamic scholars and other participants.

Selected papers from the symposium were published in the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family (IJJF), Volume 3, published by William S. Hein & Co.

RESEARCH

PERCEPTIONS TOWARDS WORKING FROM HOME (WFH) IN QATAR – A SOCIAL EVALUATION OF INTRODUCING A WFH MODEL.

In 2010, ictQATAR commissioned a set of related studies to examine the feasibility of introducing a Virtual Office Environment (VOE) model of employment that would enable Qatari citizens to participate in the workforce aided by the use of information technology.

One component of this research was evaluating the receptiveness of Qatari citizens towards a WFH employment mode. The institute was approached by ictQATAR to lead the research with Dr Ganesh Seshan, from Georgetown University in Qatar, as principal investigator. The study examined the receptiveness of Qatari men and women of working age towards a work-from-

home employment scheme. It concluded that there is ample potential for organizations in Qatar to introduce WFH schemes and recommended the creation of guidelines to ensure that participants are not isolated professionally or socially, and that career paths can be charted with management buy-in.

RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION



HEART-TO-HEART PROGRAM IN QATAR

The Heart-to-Heart Program was developed to teach the basic principles of communication and how to apply them effectively in the family context, to help strengthen marital communication skills, and to build communication within the family. Participants in the training sessions included:

- Housewives and representatives of local NGOs, such as Red Crescent, Family Consulting Center, and Qatar Social and

Cultural Center for the Blind.

- Local professionals, such as NGOs and staff from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Environment and Hamad Medical Corporation.
- Women from Qatar Charity and Dar Al Arqam.
- In collaboration with Reach Out to Asia, a workshop aimed at building youth/adult partnerships through effective communication with 30 youth and 5 adults participating in the event.

THE CHALLENGES OF BUILDING A HAPPY AND HEALTHY FAMILY IN A FAST DEVELOPING NATION EVENT DOHA, 19 MARCH 2010

The event was organized in collaboration with the Eid Foundation and the Arshdny Campaign at the Al Fanar Center. Dr Jassem Al Muttawah, a renowned expert on family issues in the Arab world, delivered the lecture. About 50 men and women attended the talk, delivered in

Arabic. The lecture highlighted current challenges that parents face with regards to childrearing and provided attendees with useful information on how to effectively fulfill their parental roles and responsibilities and provide an adequate family environment for children.

EARLY START SEMINAR DOHA, 7-11 APRIL 2011

The event was organized in collaboration with Action Care, an educational development organization based in the United Arab Emirates. The seminar was attended by 17 educational and family practitioners, including teachers, counselors, and trainers in early childhood development, and parents. Participants were able to learn more about childhood development theory focusing on children aged 0-6 years, and learned useful and practical skills on how to foster children's emotional, physical, and social development in a home and/or nursery setting. The course employed interactive methodology by engaging attendees in solutions-based discussions and assisting them in creating teaching aids.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

The institute held two training sessions to help build the capacity of 53 NGOs from the Arab region. The program's training topics included marital enrichment and marital relations, the components of effective parenting, and how to communicate with adolescents.

The institute also organized the following community workshop and an evening lecture related to family life in Doha:



FEELING SMART: RAISE YOUR EMOTIONAL IQ AND ENHANCE INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS WORKSHOP DOHA, 23-25 MARCH 2010

This three-day workshop was delivered by Dr Wei-Jen Huang, from Northwestern University in the US, and attended by 100 local professionals, individuals, and couples. The training aimed to foster the development of marital, personal, and family life social skills.

FROM THE INSIDE OUT: BUILDING JOYFUL RELATIONSHIPS, A HEALTHIER SELF, AND HAPPIER LIFE LECTURE DOHA, 25 MARCH 2010

The lecture was also delivered by Dr Huang, and attended by more than 160 couples and individuals. It focused on evidence-based techniques on personal and family development.

THE ARAB REGION (MIDDLE EAST)

EVENTS

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES TRAINING WORKSHOP, MUSCAT, 20-22 SEPTEMBER 2011

Held in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development of Oman. More than 37 NGOs from the Gulf Cooperation Council and Yemen, participated in the workshop.

The workshop was presided over by Dr Yahya bin Badr al Maawali, Under-Secretary of the Social Development Ministry, Oman. The overall objective was to provide knowledge and skills to the NGOs who work with families and communities in order to build healthy families and communities.

The training program focused on different aspects of psychological and socio-psychological resources that promote well-functioning families through two modules. The first module, 'Marriage', was covered over two days and presented by Dr Jassam Al Motawa, Chairman of Iqra Channel.

The second module, 'Parenting', was presented by Dr Mostafa Abu Saad, a psychologist and educational consultant.

SPONSORED EVENTS

THE ARAB-GERMAN FAMILY BUSINESS SUMMIT, CAIRO, OCTOBER 2008

This event was organized in collaboration with the International Institute for Family Enterprises (Witten-Herdeck University-Germany). The summit gathered 250

influential family business owners from the Arab region and Europe to discuss and propose innovative solutions regarding the sustainability and social responsibility issues faced by Arab family businesses.

THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COLLOQUIUM, ORGANIZED BY UNESCO REGIONAL BUREAU FOR EDUCATION IN THE ARAB STATES, BEIRUT, 1-2 OCTOBER 2009

This regional experts' meeting shared the approach and findings of policy research on social development in the Arab states and debated policy orientations and actions among regional experts from ministries, academia, and civil society organizations.

LINKING RESEARCH TO POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST REGION: FAMILY TIES AND AGEING, BEIRUT, 19-21 OCTOBER 2010

This event was organized by the American University of Beirut to disseminate the findings from the study 'Family Relations and Ageing: The Case of Lebanon', previously funded by the Institute.

The event promoted networking among 16 Arab and international scholars and policymakers, and gave them the opportunity to critically review the existing state of knowledge concerning families and ageing in the Middle East region. More than 45 scholars, practitioners, and policymakers attended the event.

GRANTS

The Institute awarded a grant to the Trust of Programs for Early Childhood, Family and Community Education, a Palestinian NGO. The grant supported the development of educational kits on parenting for 160 young mothers in Palestine.

RESEARCH GRANTS

LEBANON FAMILY TIES AND AGEING, EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, 2010

Recognizing the important role of the family in Lebanese society, this study provided critical empirical evidence on the strengths and challenges of families in Lebanon.

The study looked at the norms of family/social relations, the experience of stress at different levels from the individual to society, the perception of elders as burdens as opposed to resources, and the role of the family in managing stress.

The study considered insights into the ways in which Lebanese families may capitalize on having older members, as well as how identified strengths within the family may be used to address emerging challenges.



THE ARAB REGION (NORTH AFRICA)



EVENTS

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN ARAB COUNTRIES COLLOQUIUM TUNIS, 5-6 OCTOBER 2010

This event was organized in collaboration with OSAGI. It aimed to provide UN member states with expert opinions and recommendations regarding policies to empower women in the political, economic, and social fields. Twenty experts from different parts of the world, including five from Qatar, participated. They explored the empowerment of women in multiple contexts, addressed challenges and achievements, and provided recommendations to all stakeholders in order to make policy responses more effective. About 50 participants from UN agencies and women associations, attended. Papers presented at the colloquium were collated and published in the book Promoting Empowerment of Women in Arab Countries, published by the Institute and OSAGI, including papers submitted by the experts and recommendations.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES TRAINING WORKSHOP

MOROCCO, 20-22 FEBRUARY 2012

In cooperation with Al HIDN National Association, more than 27 NGOs and 63 attendees from North African countries participated in the workshop. The workshop's main objective was to provide knowledge and skills on building healthy families to NGOs that work with families and communities. The training program focused on different aspects of psychological and socio-psychological resources that promote well-functioning families through two modules. The first module, 'Marriage', was covered by Dr Humoud Alqashan, Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Students, Kuwait University. The second module focused on 'Parenting' and was presented by Dr Saliha Taleb, a consultant and psychotherapist at Souissi Clinic in Rabat.

SPONSORED EVENTS

THE CHALLENGES OF BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES IN SOMALIA

MOGADISHU, 12-13 OCTOBER 2011

This event, organized by Somali Youth Concern (SYC) with funding from the institute, included 50 participants representing local NGOs, business groups, house-girls, students, and media. The workshop's overall objective was to raise awareness on strategies used to build healthy families and how to meet challenges faced. Ibrahim Mohammad Omar and Khadija Ahmad Abukar, from the Organizational Development and Community Empowerment Firm, ensured the two-day workshop ran smoothly.

EUROPE

SPONSORED EVENTS

THE XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FAMILY AND MEDIA

RUZOMBEROK, 6-7 SEPTEMBER 2008

With the institute's support, this meeting was organized by the Katolica Univerzita V Ruzomberku to emphasize the social responsibility of all media outlets regarding the promotion of family values and cultural understanding.

WHAT WORKS IN RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION? LESSONS FROM ACADEMICS AND SERVICE DELIVERERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE COLLOQUIUM

LONDON, 17-18 SEPTEMBER 2008

This event was organized by the institute in collaboration with Care for the Family International, a British NGO, and held at the British House of Commons. As part of the event, 12 international experts in couples relationship education discussed existing research and its implications for policy and practice. In addition, more than 50 scholars, practitioners, policymakers, NGO members, and prominent political figures attended the event. Papers presented at the conference were collated and published in the book What Works in Relationship Education.

THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR)

BRATISLAVA, 24-25 OCTOBER 2008

This conference, organized in cooperation with Sephoris Institute, aimed to reaffirm all of the UDHR articles related to the family, including parents, children, and the

rights of children. It also highlighted the importance and relevance of the UDHR in an ever-changing world threatened by injustice, discrimination, and religious divides.

THE COPING AND RESILIENCE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, DUBROVNIK, 3-6 OCTOBER 2009

This conference, sponsored by the institute, included the participation of two international leading experts in the field of coping and resiliency. It was organized by the Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice. The Director of the Implementation and Outreach Division chaired a plenary session and represented the institute at the conference.

THE SHAPING OF HEALTHY MARRIAGES: RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS CONFERENCE

MALTA, 6-7 OCTOBER 2009

This conference was organized in collaboration with the Cana Movement and the Institute of Family Studies (University of Malta) and attended by Malta's President, Prime Minister's wife, and members of parliament. More than 60 scholars and policymakers participated in the conference and the proceedings were formally recognized by the government of Malta and integrated into the Maltese family development plan. Papers presented at the conference were collated in the book Contemporary Issues in Family Studies: Global Perspectives on Partnership, Parenting and Support in a Changing World, published by Wiley-Blackwell in 2014.

JURISPRUDENCE OF THE FAMILY: FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES COLLOQUIUM

BRATISLAVA, 28-30 MAY 2010

This meeting was organized in partnership with the International Academy for the Study of Jurisprudence of the Family and the Bratislava School

of Law and gathered 20 family law experts to discuss the continuously debated topic of marriage and marriage laws. The attendees represented varying views and were from different countries, including Japan, Britain, the USA, Slovakia, and Austria. Dr Marya Reed prepared and presented the paper, The Doha Declaration and the Jurisprudence of the Family at the meeting.

FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY ON FAMILY RELATIONS (ESFR) MILAN, 29 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER 2010

This event, organized by the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart and co-sponsored by the institute, was attended by more than 200 scholars. The congress examined transitions that the family faces during its lifecycle, including the processes, resources, and risks associated with them.

LAUNCH OF 'THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORAL COMPASS'

LONDON, 9 MAY 2011

This event launched the results of a study funded by the institute and conducted by the Youth Research Forum (UK) of 750 children aged 7 to 16 years old. It provided insight into the age that young people are aware of right and wrong and have developed an understanding of the social, and potentially criminal, implications of their actions. A live broadcast seminar was organized to help policymakers gain a deeper understanding of the key factors that drive children's moral development. A summary of the study and the presentations made during the launch, including presentations made by DIFI's former Executive Director, are available for academics, policymakers, and those in criminal justice through the website: <http://www.policyreview.tv/conference/588.html>

**THE FAMILY IN SCANDINAVIA –
INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY 2011,
STOCKHOLM, 18 MAY 2011**

This event was organized by the Clapham Institute at the Swedish Parliament Building to help improve policy responses of Scandinavian legislators on family issues. The presentations made by the panel of experts, including family doctors, psychologists and a family scholar, and the subsequent discussions enlightened 35 Swedish parliamentarians and members of civil society regarding current challenges facing Scandinavian families. It also advanced their understanding of issues such as family and marital counseling, as well as supporting families of children with special needs.



**THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY-
FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING IN EUROPE
BRUSSELS, 29 JUNE 2011**

The institute co-sponsored this event, organized by the Sephoris Institute. The event focused on the theme of social integration and intergenerational solidarity within families and their communities. About 70 representatives of civil society, the European Parliament, and the European Union (EU) attended the event. The Directors of the Family Policy and Social Outreach Divisions represented the institute at the event. The discussions and recommendations from this event fed into future policy debates as part of

the EU's celebration of the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity.

**THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE JURISPRUDENCE
OF PARENTING AND THE INFLUENCES OF
CULTURE
VALETTA, 15-16 JULY 2011**

The institute co-organized this event with the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family and the Marriage and Family Law Research Project and was hosted by the University of Malta. The meeting explored in a comparative way the jurisprudential principles that underlie parenting, parent-child relations, and the legal recognition and regulation of those relationships.

**SCANDINAVIAN PARLIAMENT SEMINAR
ON 'HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSCIENCE
RIGHTS' IN SWEDEN AND NORWAY
STOCKHOLM, 18 OCTOBER 2011;
OSLO, 19 OCTOBER 2011**

The institute organized the seminars in collaboration with the program committee of the Forum for the Family and Human Rights in the Swedish Parliament. Members of the Sweden and Norway's parliaments, members of other Scandinavian parliaments, NGO leaders, and scholars in relevant fields attended the seminars.

**LAUNCH OF THE REPORT COMPLETING THE
REVOLUTION: TRANSFORMING MENTAL
HEALTH AND TACKLING POVERTY
LONDON, 31 OCTOBER 2011**

This event launched the results of the Centre for Social Justice Mental Health Report, a study funded by the institute.



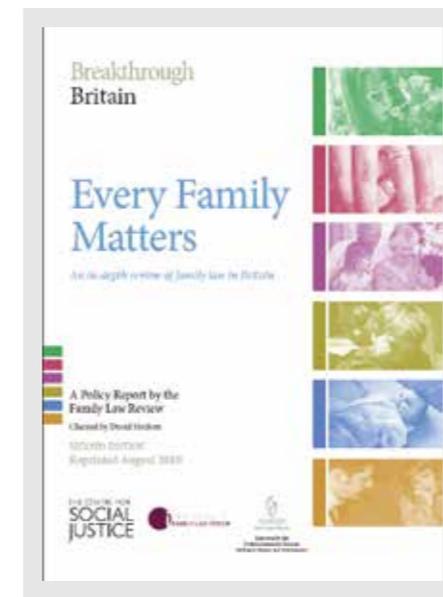
The report concluded that the poorest of society are those most likely to suffer from mental ill-health and they were failed by the community. The report focused on the role of the family in helping people to recover from mental illness and noted that support from family members is often the route to recovery. The report also backed a public health approach to mental illness in which the prevention of family breakdown should receive higher priority.



**RAISING AWARENESS DAY (5 JUNE
2012) AND EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON
CONFRONTING FAMILY POVERTY AND
SOCIAL EXCLUSION:
ENSURING WORK-FAMILY BALANCE,
ADVANCING SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND
INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN
EUROPE, BRUSSELS, 6-8 JUNE 2012**

These events were organized in collaboration with the International Federation for Family and Development (IFFD), the UN Programme on the Family, and the EU Committee of Regions as part of the preparations for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

SPONSORED RESEARCH



**THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
UNITED KINGDOM**

The Centre for Social Justice is an independent think tank established in 2004 to seek effective solutions to the poverty that blights parts of Britain.

- **EVERY FAMILY MATTERS (2009)**
A comprehensive analysis of the impact of English family law on family life. The review provides recommendations to help ensure that the law does not contribute to family breakdown but, rather, supports stable and healthy families.
- **COMPLETING THE REVOLUTION:
TRANSFORMING MENTAL HEALTH AND
TACKLING POVERTY (2011)**
The report focuses on the role of the family in helping to recover from mental illness; that support from family members is often the route to recovery.

The report also backs a public health approach to mental illness in which the prevention of family breakdown should receive higher priority.

- **IT HAPPENS HERE: EQUIPPING THE
UNITED KINGDOM TO FIGHT MODERN
SLAVERY (2013)**
The report shows how modern slavery – including those in domestic servitude, forced labor and sexual slavery – targets the most vulnerable people and disadvantaged communities across the world, and that the UK is neither impervious nor unscathed by it.

It explains that the little-known issue of human trafficking, both globally and within the UK, is a growing problem which shows signs of increase every year.

The impact of this report has been felt globally. Britain's Home Secretary has asked the Centre for Social Justice to host national and international hearings in partnership with Labour MP Frank Field, who will lead the evidence process. Information from the hearings will provide information for a modern slavery bill.

**THE RELATIONSHIPS FOUNDATION,
UNITED KINGDOM**

The Relationships Foundation is the think tank for a better connected society that studies the effect that culture, business and government have on relationships.

- **CONNECTION BETWEEN PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS AND PUBLIC BENEFITS:
THE POLICY RESPONSE (2011)**
The research project analyzed the concerns surrounding impaired maturation and the implications of this for the prospects of achieving a range

of social policy objectives. The study identified a number of misconceptions about maturation, particularly the danger that the over-emphasis on early childhood development leads to underestimation of the significance of adolescent development.

The report also highlighted the importance of the relationship environment within which maturation takes place and explained why family relationships are significant for the achievement of many social policy goals.

**THE YOUTH RESEARCH FORUM
UNITED KINGDOM**

The Youth Research Forum is a consortium of leading players in the public, private and voluntary sectors concerned about issues affecting youth.

- **MORAL COMPASS STUDY (2011)**
This study of 750 children in the UK (7-16 years old) provides insight into the age that young people are aware of right and wrong and have developed an understanding of the social, and potentially criminal, implications of their actions.



THE AMERICAS

EVENTS

THE MIGRANT'S FAMILY: THE TWO FACES ON MIGRATION BY 2020 COLLOQUIUM MEXICO CITY, 22-23 OCTOBER 2009

The institute, in cooperation with Familias y Sociedad, A.C., held an international colloquium on 'The Migrant's Family' during National Migration Week. The opening speech was given by Margarita Zavala Gomez del Campo, First Lady of Mexico, and guests included ministers of foreign relations, consuls, high-ranking federal and state officials, and representatives of human rights organizations. The event focused on identifying the positive and negative effects that immigration has on family structure in order to promote public policies and laws that protect and strengthen migrant families. Lecture topics included Migrant Children and Adolescents: Their Human Rights, Contribution of Migrants to the Economic Development of their Countries of Origin and Destination and Administration of Intelligent Families. The institute presented a paper, Transnational Families in Asia With a Focus on the Philippines: A Literature Review, and sponsored a paper presented by Andrew Gardner, Family and Migration to the GCC Status: An Ethnographically-informed Overview.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE JURISPRUDENCE OF PARENTING AND THE INFLUENCES OF CULTURE BUENOS AIRES, 12-13 MAY 2011

The institute co-organized this event with the International Academy for the

Study of Jurisprudence of the Family and the Pontifical University of Buenos Aires. The meeting, attended by an Argentine Senator, politicians, scholars, professionals, and students, explored in a comparative way the jurisprudential principles that underlie parenting, parent-child relations, and the legal recognition and regulation of those relationships.



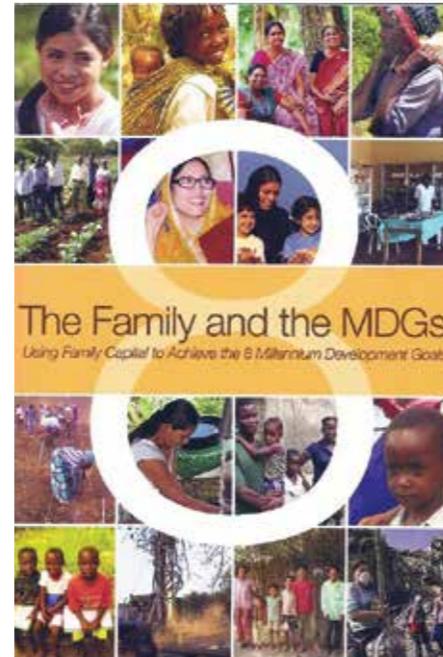
RESEARCH GRANTS

PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) serves as a leading interdisciplinary government and social policy research organization.

- **Project CHILD (2010).** The institute funded 'Project CHILD' (Children and the International Landscape of Disabilities), a study on the status and needs of children with disabilities around the world. The final report presented a comprehensive international analysis of cultural and national responses to children with disabilities, including their identification, treatment, education, preparation for adult life, and impact on the family. Introduced by Sheikha Hissa bint Khalifa Al Thani, former UN Special Rapporteur on Disability,

Project CHILD integrates findings from 57 countries, drawn from more than 100 interviews conducted with experts whose collective experience captures the realities confronting 71 percent of the world's population. The report documented trends in 11 thematic areas and concluded with specific recommendations for parents, policymakers, and practitioners. It also facilitates efforts to improve the lives of children with disabilities, strengthen the families in which they live, and encourage vigorous and sustainable social development.



THE FAMILY FIRST FOUNDATION, UTAH.

The Family First Foundation is committed to protecting the family as society's first and foremost institution.

- **The Family and the MDGs: Using Family Capital to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals (2011).** The institute provided funding for Family First Foundation to write and publish

Family and the MDGs: Using Family Capital to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The book was introduced by Her Highness and included a foreword by the institute's former executive director, Dr Wilkins. The book presented information and practical examples that promote the use of family capital to alleviate poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases, increase environmental sustainability, and promote global

partnerships. The institute also funded the production of a booklet, summarizing the findings of the book, prepared and printed in the six UN languages.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON DC

- **Family Structure and the Process of Economic Growth in Muslim Countries (2012).** This study contributed to the understanding of the relevance of population and family to the economic growth process in Muslim countries, analyzing the determinants of

economic growth and studying how population and the family fit in this process. The study identified whether the neoclassical growth model fits the reality, highlights key factors that help to explain the relationship between growth and population, and how the family fits in this process and facilitates and strengthens the present and future design and implementation of family policies in Muslim countries.

FELLOWSHIPS: INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR THE STUDY OF JURISPRUDENCE OF THE FAMILY

Fellowships provided to Professors Lynn Wardle and Scott FitzGibbon allowed them to establish the International Academy for the Study of Jurisprudence of the Family, an independent academic organization, and the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family (IJJF), an academic journal established to foster the publication of scholarly works relating to the foundations of family life.

The Journal aims to contribute to an understanding and appreciation of the contributions made by families to the flourishing of individuals and of societies.
<http://www.iasjf.org/journal/>

The first three issues published papers from colloquia co-sponsored by the institute: Jurisprudence of the Family: Foundations and Principles Colloquium, Bratislava, May 2010; Symposium on the Jurisprudence of Parenting and the Influences of Culture, Buenos Aires, May 2011 and Valetta, July 2011; Jurisprudence of Extended Families, Extending Families and Intergenerational Solidarity Symposium, Doha, May 2012.

Professor Wardle, the Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, is an expert in family law. He served as President of the International Society for Family Law (ISFL) from 2000-2002, currently

serves on the ISFL Executive Council, and is a member of the American Law Institute.

Professor FitzGibbon, a graduate of the Harvard Law School and Oxford University where he studied legal philosophy, is a professor at Boston College Law School. He is the Editor in Chief of the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family and Senior Vice President of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family.

AFRICA

EVENTS

THE NETWORK FOR AFRICAN FAMILY SCHOLARS (NAFS) – 3RD ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM, NAIROBI, 26-28 NOVEMBER 2009

The theme of this colloquium, organized in collaboration with Strathmore Business School, was Family Resiliency. The colloquium presented scholarly research from African scholars and gave scholars from different regions and countries in Africa the opportunity to study a topic that, previously, had not been widely studied in their countries. The colloquium also helped scholars identify areas of potential future research and contributed to the development of fruitful partnerships between the corporate and academic sectors.

THE NETWORK FOR AFRICAN FAMILY SCHOLARS (NAFS) – 4TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM NAIROBI, 28-30 APRIL 2011

The theme of this colloquium, organized in partnership with the Centre for Research on Organizations, Work and Family (CROWF) at Strathmore Business School, was Family-Work Conflict. More than 20 scholars presented papers and about 80 students, professionals, and scholars attended the event. This three-day event included a CEO-HR Forum, a Scholars' Conference, and a Family Forum. The CEO-HR Forum targeted HR professionals and was used as an opportunity to award the most family friendly African company of the year. The Scholars' Conference targeted scholars from around Africa who had prepared papers related to work-family conflict in

the African context. Finally, the Family Forum brought together scholars and practitioners in different fields of work, such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, and managers, to explore the work-family conflict issue from a wider perspective.

WORKSHOPS ON RAISING AWARENESS ON THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE AND UNWANTED PREGNANCIES, KAWEMPE DIVISION KAMPALA, NOVEMBER 2011

Two workshops, held in cooperation with the Alliance for Sustainable Development, were attended by about 300 parents. Policymakers and other opinion leaders from Kawempe Division also participated.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ON WORKING CHILDREN (IREWOC)

The Amsterdam-based foundation was established in 1992 to generate more research on child labor, looking at the issue of child labor from the perspective of child rights and with a focus on the socio-cultural and economic environment.

Vulnerable Children in Kenya: Protection and Redress (2011). The institute funded this research as part of the International Research on the Exploitation of Working Children. The aim of the research is to provide relevant ethnographic data on the open and hidden lives of children so as to get a better understanding of the parameters of childhood in the selected area and to study the specific incidence of violence in the various domains and to subsequently study what recourse children have when they experience violence: whom can they turn to for help?

FELLOWSHIPS

STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL, NAIROBI, FAMILY FRIENDLY COMPANY SURVEY (2011)

Dr Irene Kinuthia was awarded a fellowship grant to lead the design, implementation, and analysis of a 'Family Friendly Company Survey'.

The results of the employer survey were presented at the CEO/HR Forum as part of the NAFS Fourth Annual Colloquium on Family-Work Conflict, Nairobi, 28-30 April 2011.

ASIA

RESEARCH GRANTS

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, USA AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE FOR CAMBODIA THROUGH THEIR ANALYZING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES PROJECT, PHNOM PENH

The Impact of Migration on the Family and Intergenerational Solidarity in Rural Cambodia, Part I (2010). This project examined how internal and cross-border migration of grown children of older people living in rural areas of Cambodia impact their family members, including their ageing parents who remain behind, and its consequences for intergenerational solidarity.

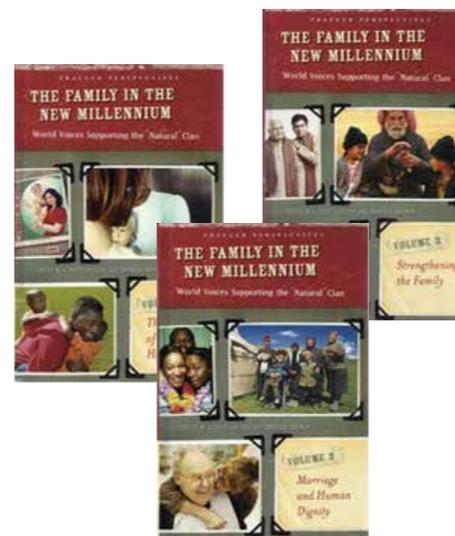
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, USA AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE FOR CAMBODIA, PHNOM PENH

•The Impact of Migration on the Family and Intergenerational Solidarity in Rural

Cambodia, Part 2 (2012). This research project provided systematic empirical evidence aiming to expose some of the effects of migration for the older generation in Cambodia. It concluded that intergenerational solidarity remains in place in rural Cambodia. The study also recommended the design of special poverty reduction targeted programs to support landless and poor families, as in many of these households all children see the need to migrate in order to increase the family.

PUBLICATIONS

THE FAMILY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM (Praeger Publishers, January 2007). The Institute completed the editing process and finalized publication of three volumes of scholarship from the 2004 Doha International Conference for the Family. These three volumes are a groundbreaking publication, the most comprehensive collection of international scholarship on the family published.



EVENT PROCEEDINGS

IMPACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON THE FAMILY, November 2008

FAMILY POLICY IN A CHANGING WORLD: PROMOTING SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY, April 2009

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORKS AND POPULATION AGEING, June 2009

EMPOWERMENT OF THE FAMILY IN THE MODERN WORLD: 'CHALLENGES AND PROMISES AHEAD', January 2010

PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN ARAB COUNTRIES, October 2010

'DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ACROSS GENERATIONS', March 2011

'DECENT WORK & POVERTY REDUCTION', October 2011

QATAR'S NGOS DIRECTORY: 2010-2011

THE FAMILY & THE MDGS: USING FAMILY CAPITAL TO ACHIEVE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, 2012

FAMILY MIGRATION & DIGNITY SPECIAL ISSUE, 2013, published at <http://www.qscience.com/toc/qproc/2013/1>





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