

# NEWSLETTER

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## Family Foundations: Cultivating Values for Empowered Society Growth

### 1- Executive Director, Dr. Sharifa Noaman AL – Emadi's Message

Dear Readers,

The family constitutes the most intimate social environment, as it is the cradle from which children's integration into society begins and where they learn how to live and develop in the world. It is in the embrace of our families that we learn the fundamental principles that shape our character, define our moral compass, and ultimately shape the legacy we leave behind. Families, therefore, play a critical role in identifying and forming their collective values, which influence their children's understandings as well. Which is why the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) has undertaken research studies that underscore the importance of family values in the upbringing of children.

Our studies have shown how keen our children are in noticing the values that their parents inflict – for example, in our study on “Adolescents Well-Being in Qatar – Tanshi'a” 2022, 94% of adolescents noted that their mothers perform prayers and other religious rituals regularly, while 4% of the students stated that their mothers do not perform prayers. These insights should open pathways to the importance of the family in passing on values to children, through modeling behavior and spending time with children, which are critical for child wellbeing and rearing.

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## 2-International Studies

### **A Study on family values among adolescents from families with many children**

This study focuses on the development of specialized programs for the family values of adolescents from large families in Russia. It emphasizes the significance of addressing family values in these contexts, showcasing positive aspects such as fostering teamwork and preparing adolescents for independent family life. The study reveals that, despite challenges, large families provide a conducive environment for developing crucial values and interpersonal skills in adolescents.

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### **On Int'l Day of Peace, Do Parenting Styles Have An Impact on Fostering a Peaceful Society?**

The United Nations General Assembly focuses on the role of education as a powerful tool to prevent several challenges, including growing discrimination, hate speech, violence, etc. and emphasizes that learning for peace must be a transformative process based on the fact that education is key to sustainable development.

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## 3-Regional Studies

### **The role of the Kuwaiti family in instilling educational values in pre-school children: “A comparative field study”**

This research focused on the role of the Kuwaiti family in instilling educational values in preschool children, especially in light of cultural, economic, and social transformations, its importance as a basic educational unit, and how it affects the formation of their personalities, through a comparative field study conducted in 2015 on a sample representing 150 Kuwaiti families.

The results confirmed the influence of demographic factors on this process and showed children's confusion in assimilating educational values as a result of the varying sources of education and the influence of the extended family, in addition to a lack of emotional care due to the mother's entry into the labor market and her isolation from their upbringing.

The study also highlighted the balance between the culture of production and the culture of consumption and concluded by providing recommendations to effectively enhance the role of the Kuwaiti family in education, with a focus on the challenges related to the balance between traditional culture and modern transformations.

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## 4-Local News

## Family Support and Strengthening the Family: One of the Most Prominent Goals of the Third National Strategy in Qatar

Through the Third National Development Strategy, Qatar aims to enhance and strengthen the role of the family, with a focus on promoting positive marriage, parenthood, and motherhood. The state will also support the institution of marriage through programs and provide benefits that support childbearing, in addition to expanding services for the most vulnerable groups and enhancing the prevention of domestic violence. Qatar also seeks to enhance parental education and empower individuals with disabilities.

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## Specialists Discuss Future Visions for Family Preservation from Disintegration

The Department of Islamic Research and Studies at the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs in Doha, Qatar, organized a seminar entitled “The Value Building of the Family,” with the participation of a distinguished group of researchers, specialists, and those interested in family affairs. Key topics revolved around the family, the observed targeting of its components, and how to confront this targeting, recognizing that the family is the foundation of society and the ladder of cultural advancement.

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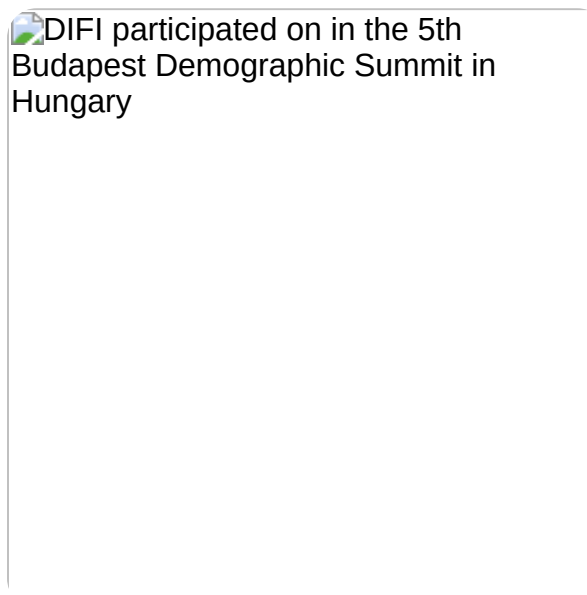
## 5- DIFI News

### The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a non-governmental organization in consultative status

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council submits a written statement on The role of policies and programs in supporting and empowering families towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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### Understanding Family Cohesion in Qatar Workshop

 DIFI participated on in the 5th Budapest Demographic Summit in Hungary

DIFI, in cooperation with the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University, organized a symposium entitled “Understanding Family Cohesion in Qatar” on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the Qatar University Research Complex. This symposium shed light on the dynamics and implications of family bonds in the Qatari context and aimed to disseminate and discuss the findings from the family cohesion project that was implemented in collaboration with the SESRI.

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### DIFI: Committed to Supporting Education for a Better Future



DIFI and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar participated in the celebration event of the International Day of Education organized by Qatar Foundation, which was held at the Ceremonial Court in Education City on January 24, 2024, under the slogan “Education is Everyone’s Responsibility.” This celebration aimed to highlight the significant role that education plays in achieving peace and development, and provide a unique opportunity to underscore organizations contributing to the enhancement of education in Qatar, whether through support or the design of distinguished programs or by enriching educational choices for various sectors.

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## 6- Video Section



The video below reflects on the ongoing painful events taking place in the Gaza Strip and the significant humanitarian tragedy. Despite the exceptional suffering faced by Palestinian families there and the scenes of pain and destruction, the manifestations of defiance and steadfastness among families do not stop—those families that embody the highest meanings of social solidarity values and family support.

## 7- Spotlight

**DIFI invites you to take part in shaping the discussion on building new frameworks for “Family and Contemporary Megatrends”, in Doha, Qatar from October 29-31st, 2024.**

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