A SAFE HARBOUR Illustrations

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INTRODUCTION

This project shows a set of illustrations for "A Safe Harbour," a timeless book crafted for Generations for Peace organization, in Jordan, in collaboration with Studio Be. The book narrates personal stories and testimonials from resilient Syrian youth who have triumphed over challenges, weaving captivating tales from the aftermath of war. The illustrations must embody hope, harmonizing seamlessly with the narratives, and forging a stronger connection with the reader. Their purpose is to not only complement the stories but also leave an indelible mark, creating enduring memories tethered to each narrative.



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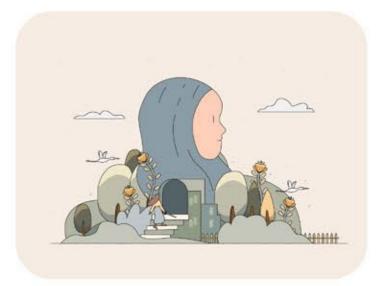


COLOR THEME



ILLUSTRATION DIRECTION













A WOMAN TO THE RESCUE

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STORY

"In the face of adversity, Mokhlisa, a resilient 44-year-old Syrian refugee, transformed despair into empowerment. Fleeing her home a decade ago, her journey to Jordan was filled with terror. Settling in Al-Ramtha city, she navigated her husband's health issues and financial woes. Undeterred, Mokhlisa turned her culinary skills into a thriving business, selling homemade pickled goods, becoming the sole provider for her extended family.

Joining the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices (IPSP)" program by Generations For Peace became her turning point, offering more than just business skills—it provided a space for self-discovery. Mokhlisa's success resonated beyond, reaching Amman and Al-Aqaba, creating jobs for her Jordanian neighbors. Through resilience, she not only revived her life but became a beacon of hope, proving that even in tough circumstances, one woman can be a force for positive change."



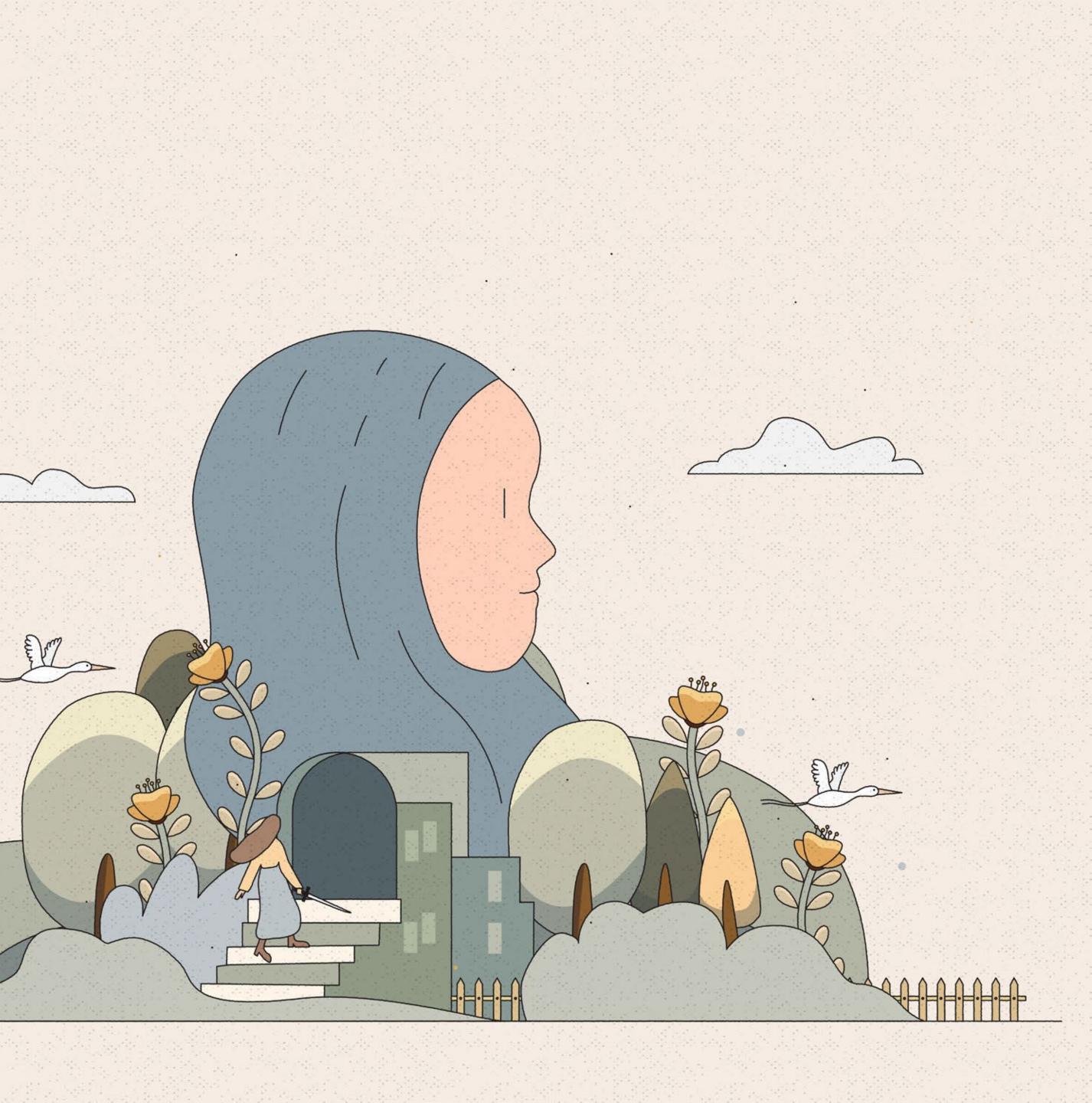


A BATTLE FROM WITHIN

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Zahra, a 30-year-old survivor of the Syrian war, thought that escaping alone with her infant daughter would be her most horrifying experience. Little did she know, the battle extended to her home, where her husband turned aggressive. Enduring violence, she found the strength to report her case, marking it as stage four.

Through therapy and volunteering, Zahra emerged as a beacon of resilience. Joining the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program, she became a volunteer trainer, breaking barriers and empowering others. Today, Zahra is a confident mother, wife, and trainer, turning her painful past into a source of strength and advocacy against domestic violence.



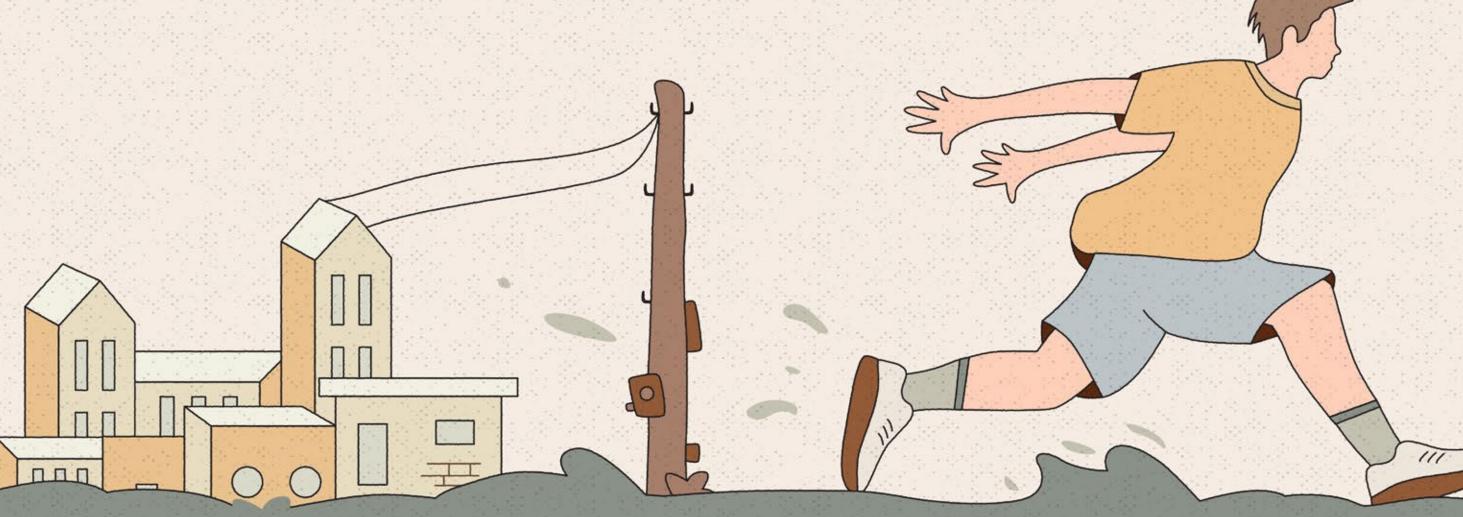


A RURAL TREASURE

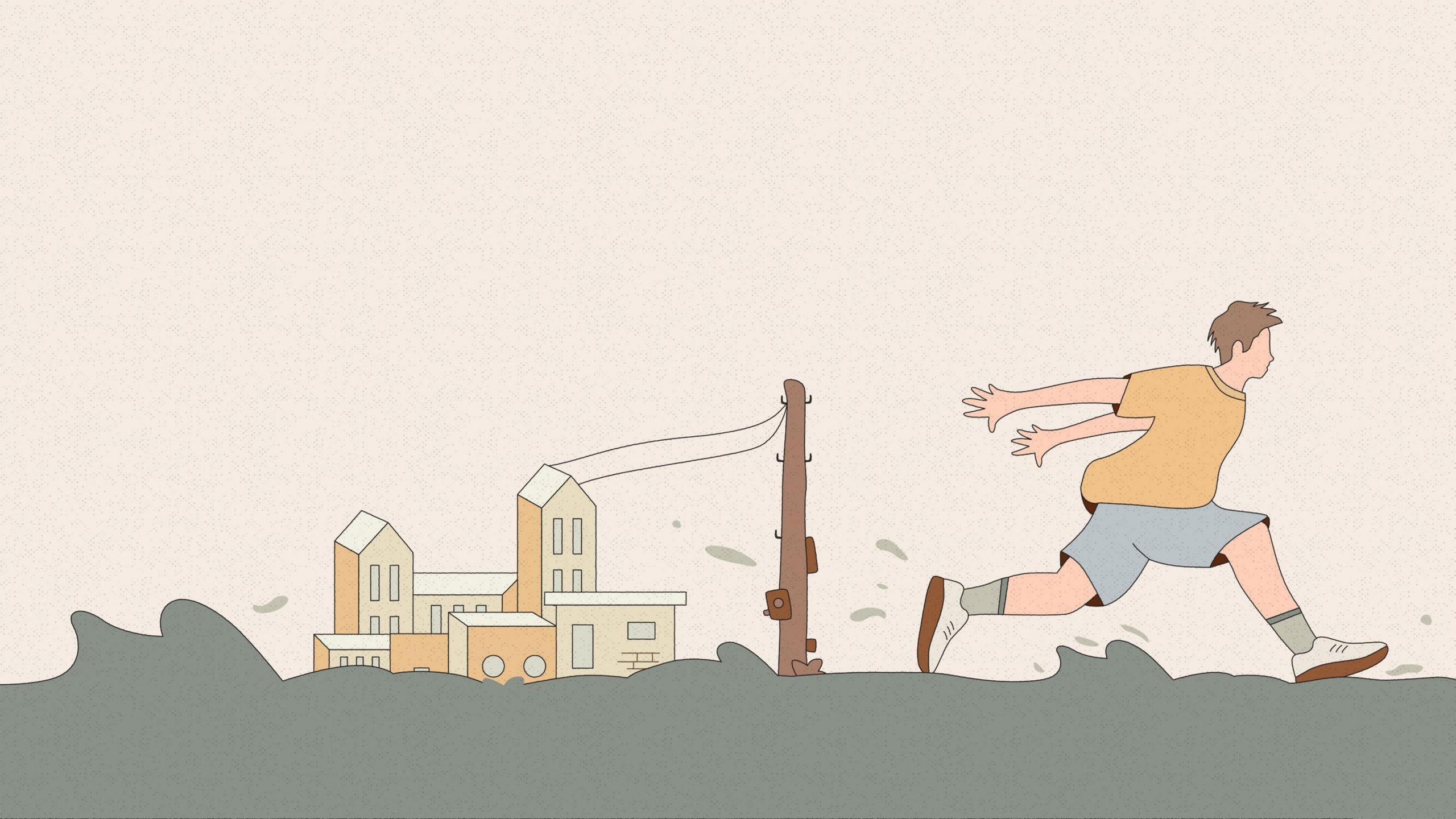
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Mohammad, a 24-year-old resident of Sama Al-Sarhan village, faced frustration and isolation due to stereotypes about rural communities. Determined to break these stereotypes, he engaged in community service, becoming a fitness trainer for youth with disabilities. However, he struggled with the defeatist mindset of his own community. Joining the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program by Generations For Peace, Mohammad found a supportive community that transformed his perspective.

The program provided him with valuable skills and a network of like-minded peers. Mohammad's initiative, using sports to address mental health issues, gained recognition and funding. Now, he is committed to making sports a tool for inclusion and peace in his village, inspired by the positive impact of the program on his mission.







LIKE A PHONIX

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STORY

Amnah's journey, akin to a phoenix rising from the ashes, reflects her resilience and determination in the face of war's devastation. Forced to flee Syria, she embraced her new reality as a refugee in Jordan. Despite the challenges, Amnah excelled academically, earning a scholarship for Languages and Translation at Al-Zarqa University. The emotional scars of losing her father in the war weighed heavily on her, affecting her ability to adapt. Joining the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program by Generations For Peace became a turning point for Amnah. Through advocacy sessions, she rediscovered her voice, regained self-esteem, and found a sense of belonging. Now, on the brink of graduation, Amnah is fluent in English, resilient, and ready to face the future with confidence. Like a phoenix, she is prepared to soar and spread her wings once again.





KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

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Arwa, at 28, embraced the opportunity to challenge herself by becoming a core team member in the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program. Initially unaware of the urgency of protection issues, the intensive training enlightened her on child protection and gender-based violence. Arwa, determined to share her newfound knowledge, faced resistance from colleagues at the Ministry of Youth during the eight-day training.

Overcoming skepticism, she inspired participants to understand and report child abuse cases. The positive impact led the Ministry of Youth to develop a child protection program for nationwide implementation. Personally, Arwa gained expertise, elevated her training skills, and is now actively raising awareness about child protection in Al-Mafraq. She believes in the ripple effect of knowledge, envisioning a society intolerant of abuse and violence.





THE ROSE OF THE DESERT

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Aws, the Head of Al-Petra Youth Center and a core team member in the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program, reflects on the professional training he received on handling domestic violence and gender-based violence cases. As a passionate advocate for youth empowerment, Aws found the training invaluable for his role. Confident in his newfound skills and knowledge, he went on to train twenty-five colleagues from the Ministry of Youth.

Despite the challenges posed by the virtual format due to the pandemic, Aws engaged participants in interactive activities, fostering discussions on helping mechanisms for victims. Aware of the sensitivity of the topics, especially in conservative societies, Aws approached the training with caution, aiming to raise awareness and break the stigma. He is now integrating protection topics into the Al-Petra Youth Center's yearly plan, emphasizing the importance of monthly awareness sessions on child protection and related issues.





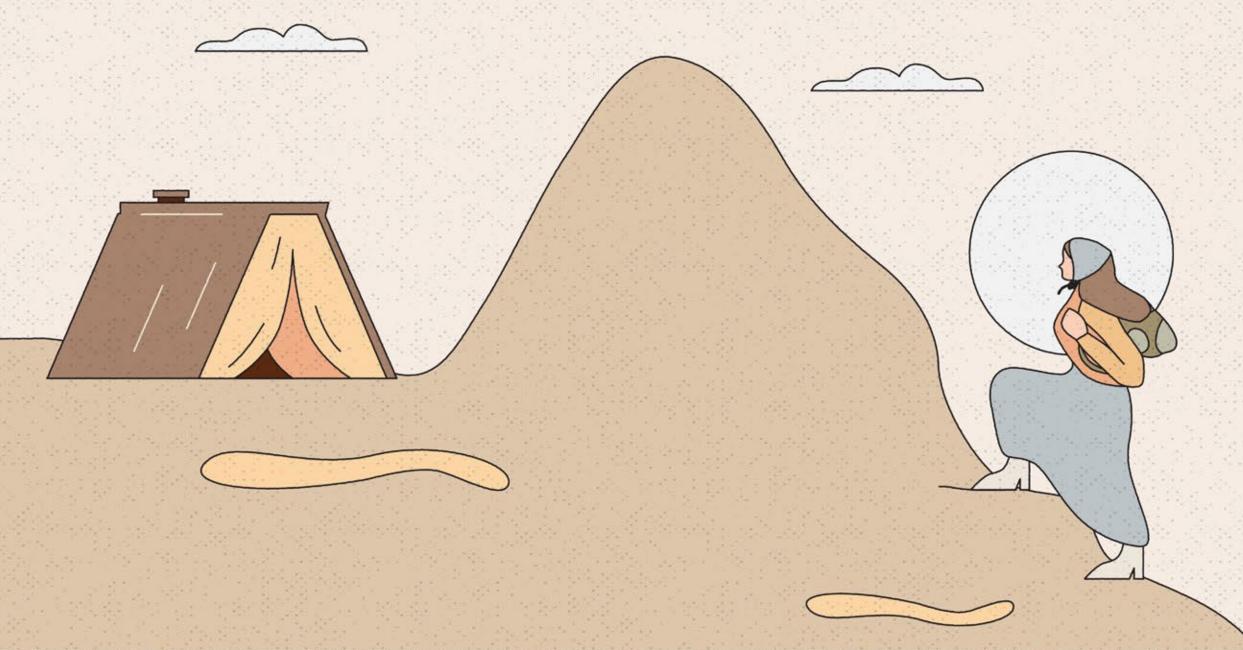
A MERMAID REBORN

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Houriyeh's journey, from a young Syrian refugee struggling with PTSD and alienation in Jordan, took a transformative turn with the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program by Generations For Peace. Faced with rejection and bullying, Houriyeh persisted, attending training opportunities despite feeling stigmatized. The program became a beacon of hope, offering a diverse and respectful environment that reignited her sense of acceptance and purpose.



With newfound confidence, Houriyeh not only embraced her true self but also engaged with Jordanian peers. The program became a catalyst for her rebirth, pulling her soul from the rubbles of her past. Now, she provides tutoring classes, volunteers with UNICEF, and is determined to pursue her dream of a bachelor's degree in information technology. Houriyeh's story is a testament to resilience, self-discovery, and the power of inclusive programs in rebuilding shattered lives.





FROM ENGINEERING TO CHILD PROTECTION

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STORY

Wisam's journey from engineering student to child protection advocate is a testament to resilience and adaptabllity. Fleeing Syria at twenty-two, he faced the harsh realities of displacement and worked tirelessly to fund his education in Jordan. Despite dreams of practicing engineering, he found his calling in volunteering, particularly in child protection. Joining Generations For Peace's "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices" program, Wisam immersed himself in learning about protection issues and gender-based violence. Motivated to empower others, he became a trainer, breaking barriers between Syrian and Jordanian youth in his community. The program not only transformed his perspective but also enhanced his personal and professional skills, leading to employment with an international NGO. Wisam's story reflects the power of learning, adaptation, and the profound impact of community-focused programs in reshaping lives.





A STORY OF NURTURE

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Balqis, a former teacher from Irbid, Jordan, discovered the extent of school bullying and offensive language among students through the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices (IPSP)" program by Generations For Peace. Transitioning from a classroom to home tutoring, Balqis aimed to invest more in her students' overall development. Actively participating in the GFP program, she learned valuable techniques to address violence and bullying among youth, fostering positive behavior.

Inspired by the notion that youth can drive positive change, Balqis initiated programs within her tutoring center to discourage violent language. Through an innovative incentive system, she provided used clothes to the less fortunate, promoting social cohesion and empathy. Balqis's dedication extended beyond the classroom as she shared her knowledge with parents, aiming for a positive community impact. Witnessing the transformative effect of the program, she continues to inspire youth toward a brighter future as she expands her tutoring business.





WHEN PASSION AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STORY

Ahmad's commitment to the rights and well-being of refugees and host communities shines through in his role as a core team member in the "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices (IPSP)" program. Driven by his passion for youth impact and armed with a background in Counseling and Mental Health, Ahmad embraced the opportunity to enhance his knowledge in protection issues. The program equipped him with essential skills to address child protection, gender-based violence, and child labor. Ahmad's dedication extended beyond training; he conducted a comprehensive mapping of institutions offering services for youth in Al-Balqa, creating a valuable resource for referral services. Proudly incorporating a child protection curriculum in youth centers, Ahmad aims to foster a generation that is tolerant, accepting, and informed. His commitment reflects the program's strategic and noble mission, addressing crucial social issues in Jordan, the second-largest host country for refugees per capita.

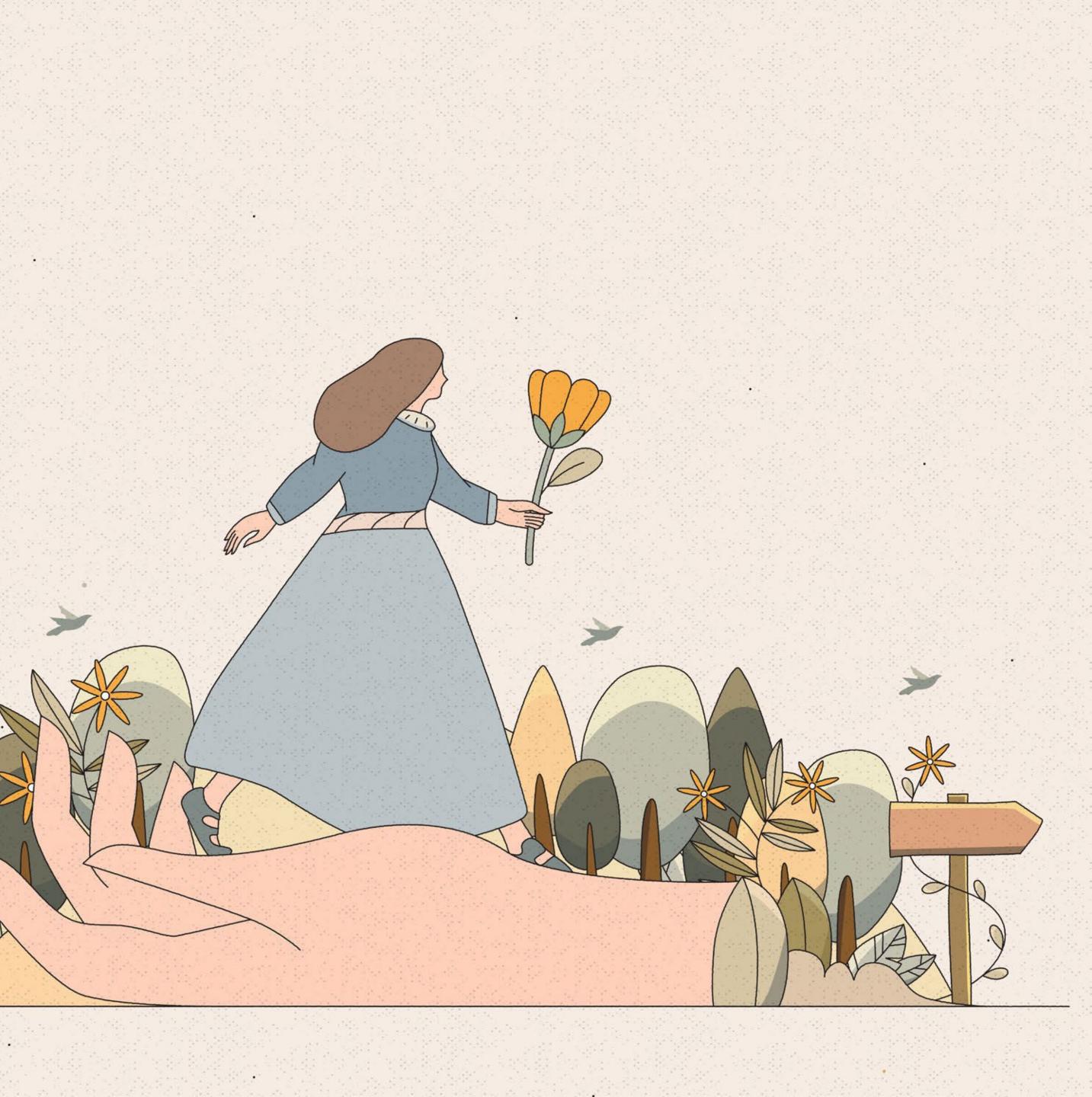


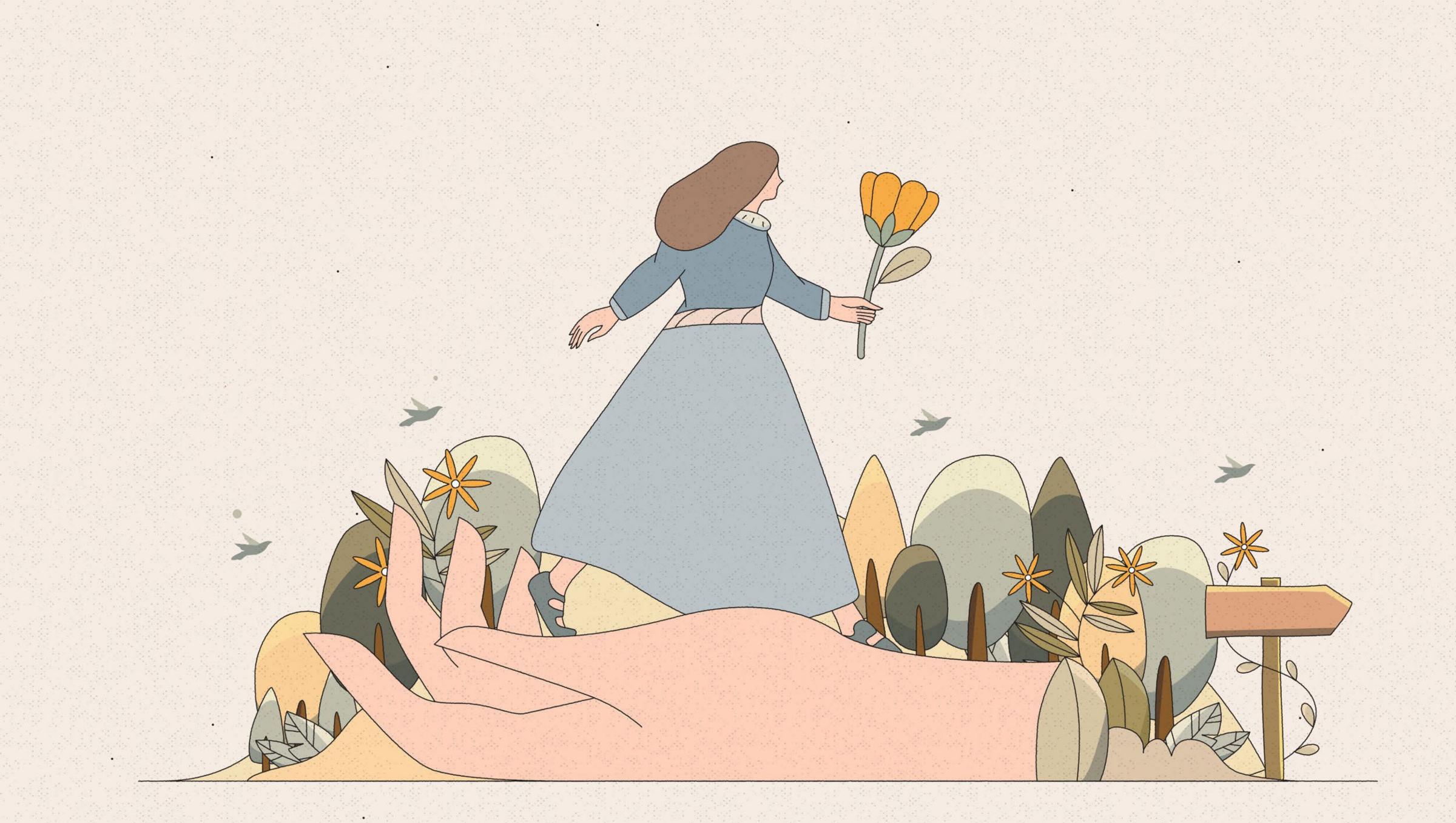


AN EXPERT TO BE

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Iman, the dedicated head of Al-Ghuweir Youth Center in Al-Karak, is a beacon of change in her community. Focused on improving the lives of women and children, she recognizes the impact of rigid tribal structures on their well-being. At 43, Iman's passion for Child Protection led her to participate in the Generations For Peace protection program, "Improving Protection Spaces and Practices (IPSP)." As a trained trainer, Iman skillfully imparts her knowledge to colleagues from the Ministry of Youth, emphasizing cultural sensitivity in addressing protection issues. Her commitment to children's rights is reflected in her teachings, promoting self-esteem and decision-making. Iman's inclusive and engaging sessions, extending beyond the schedule, inspire hope for positive change. Her powerful activities, fostering empathy and understanding, contribute to social cohesion and protection for Syrian refugees in the host community. Grateful for the program, Iman envisions becoming a certified child protection expert, driven by faith and hope for a brighter, more protective society.





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THE WIND OF CHANGE

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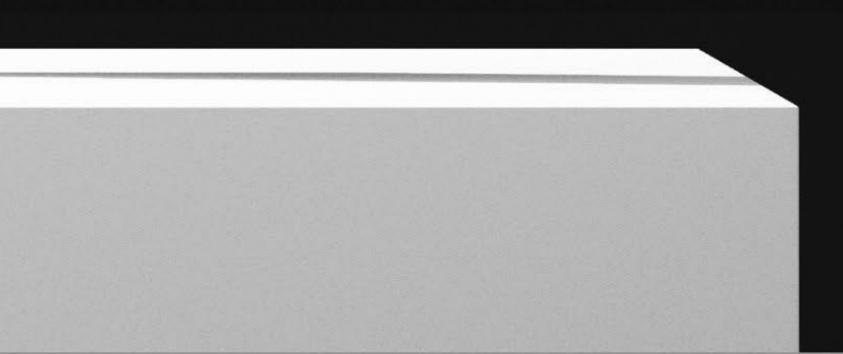
"The Wind of Change" follows Ola's journey from Syria to Jordan, portraying her struggles with bullying, academic challenges, and the fear of change. Despite facing adversity, Ola's determination led to high school graduation with a scholarship to Zarqa University. Joining Generations For Peace's protection program became a turning point, offering Ola insights on acceptance and adaptability. The program empowered her to embrace change, overcome public speaking fears, and view new experiences as opportunities. Ola's story is a testament to resilience and transformation.

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