WOMEN'S

STORIES OF CHANGE

Adolescent girls with disabilities: Irbid, Jordan



Hanan (16 years old), Marwa (15 years old) and Hiba (17 years) are Deaf and use sign language to communicate.

"The most important thing is providing activities which the girls can benefit from. Their favorite activity is the beauty activities, especially for Hanan and Marwa who like to do hairdressing. The training is practical and the trainer and participants are nice. It gives them the chance to meet with other girls who are not disabled. as well as those who have similar disabilities as them. They feel that they are like other nondisabled girls, they can go out of their homes, learn new things and find a job in any salon. They feel like they are like their non-Deaf siblings when they can go out of the home and engage in activities. They wish that the center would provide more activities for Deaf girls, like photography, drawing and computer courses. Additionally, they wish the center would provide them with the tools that help them to continue practicing these activities, such as cameras, painting paper and colored pens. They have become happier because they feel like they are like other non-disabled persons and that they are valuable."

