



ICDP at Jusoor, Lebanon

The Jusoor organization, based in Beirut, has been sponsoring the implementation of the ICDP programme with parents living in refugee camps for several years now. Michelle MacDonald has been working as a counsellor for their 3 schools and in addition, she has been giving ICDP training to teachers and parents, as well as Syrian refugee parents.

In 2020, she tried to continue with the training of Syrian parents in refugee camps through online video calls. However, this was abandoned after several attempts, proving to be too difficult. This is because the parents had poor connectivity or no connectivity at all and in addition their health conditions deteriorated due to COVID-19 which became their priority.

After a positive evaluation of the impact of ICDP on teachers and parents, the leadership of Jusoor made the decision to have the ICDP as a permanent programme within their organization.

The aim is for teachers not only to apply ICDP in the classroom in relation to their pupils, but to also give courses to pupil's parents. Their vision is to establish a team of teachers who can run ICDP courses for parents. In order to achieve this, a new agreement was made between Michelle MacDonald and Jusoor, according to which Michelle is to train 7 teachers from schools supported by Jusoor, so that they can become ICDP facilitators. She will start this training in April 2021 and it will be conducted via Zoom meetings.