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Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans recently held a two-day workshop targeting orphaned and abandoned youth who are beneficiaries of the Fund, in collaboration with the British Council in Jordan.

AMMAN, JORDAN, October 15, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- With objectives to empower these beneficiaries, the workshop tackled two distinct areas of development: workplace skills and English language skills.

This event was held in Amman at the British Council, and was attended by young women and men from Amman, Madaba, Zarqa, and the Baqa'a Valley, together forming a registered attendance of around 80 students.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide Al-Aman Fund beneficiaries with the skills needed to lead successful independent lives and to have prosperous future careers. By organizing such events, the Fund is fulfilling its mission of providing a brighter future for Jordan's orphaned and abandoned youth, a mission set by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah when she founded the Fund in 2006, as an independent non-governmental organization that targets orphaned and abandoned youth leaving their care centers after they reach the age of 18.

This is not the first collaboration of its kind forged between Al-Aman Fund and the British Council. The two collaborated last June to hold a workshop entitled "Reading Challenge", targeting orphans aged between 13 and 17 years, as part of the Fund's "Early Intervention Program" that targets young orphans still residing at care centers. The Fund has plans to continue its long-term cooperation with the British Council, through which both entities will work together to organize workshops to educate and empower this disadvantaged group of young men and women.

Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans has held over 20 training sessions for its beneficiaries, as well as for administrative staff at care centers, in different locations in Amman over the past few months. Topics covered in these workshops were Keys to Success, Self Awareness, Stress Management, Skills of Psychosocial Assessment and the Art of Leading Life. The Fund plans to hold these same workshops for its beneficiaries in Irbid, as well as other workshops to target its youth in the northern areas of the Kingdom: Ma'an, Karak, and Tafilah.

Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans equips orphaned youth over the age of 18 with the education and necessary skills to become successful, self-reliant, productive members of society. With such undertakings, the organization is offering an important and valuable contribution to the community. Its competitive advantage over other donation-seeking NGO's is that it offers long-term solutions to an important problem by giving these orphaned youth the tools they need to succeed, in addition to offering immediate help through providing them with living expenses, counseling services, and medical insurance during their period of enrollment with the Fund. This makes Al-Aman Fund an important social development partner and an ideal recipient of donations from philanthropists.

Those who wish to make a contribution to Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans can do so by calling the Donations Hotline at 533 0500, making donation deposits in the Fund's bank accounts, placing standing orders at their banks to transfer periodic donations to Al-Aman Fund, placing donations in Al-Aman Fund donation boxes, or logging onto www.alamanfund.jo.

The British Council is the United Kingdom's principal agency for cultural relations with other countries. It works with ordinary people as well as with governments and decision-makers in 110 countries aiming to build relationships and create opportunities. The British Council in Jordan was established in 1948, and over the past 60 years has worked closely with

Jordanians on their development programmes. Today, it also works in the fields of education and personal development for young Jordanians, teaching English language, providing exams services and access to learning and knowledge resources, strengthening relationships with public institutions, and the development of strong civil society and community.