

### **Total Wellness School**

A teacher with over 25 years of experience and a high school degree from some of the best schools in Amman, Nabil Al Far was acutely aware of the lack of high-quality educational opportunities in his hometown of Zarqa. His dream of providing Zarqa's population of 1.5 million individuals with access to quality education only grew with time, and Nabil was determined to transform this dream into reality.

For over 20 years, Nabil attempted to persuade multiple private school owners in Amman to consider his project and open branches in Zarqa to save the city's residents from having to move to the capital in search of good schooling, but to no avail. Thus, he chose to take matters into his own hands and decided in 2010 to resign, sell his house, and take a personal loan in order to secure the funding needed. With the money he collected, Nabil was able to execute the first phase of Total Wellness School, which had only six classrooms at the time.

Since its inauguration, the School experienced a significant rise in the number of interested students, which created a pressing need for expansion. In order to expand, Nabil required financial aid. Eventually, he found his way to the European Union (EU) and Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO), which had become well-known for supporting and empowering promising Jordanian start-ups.

With JEDCO and the EU's EUR 75,000 grant, Nabil built an additional floor and added classrooms that were on par with international standards, equipping them with computers, software, printers, smart tablets and directional signs. The library and laboratories were fully furnished, and two school busses were purchased. Furthermore, the grant allowed him to promote the School through printing and distributing brochures, publishing advertisements in daily newspapers, as well as creating other promotional materials. The number of students at Total Wellness School grew from 100 to more than 250. The School also has created over 28 job opportunities for the residents of Zarqa, and was awarded one of the most prominent international accreditations from the University of Cambridge in recognition of its educational excellence.

Without JEDCO and the EU's support, Nabil's dream would not have been possible, and hundreds of students in Zarqa would not have been presented with the chance to receive top-notch education. Nabil is currently working towards establishing new branches across Jordan, such as in Irbid, Salt, Madaba, Fuheis and Aqaba, as well as expanding Total Wellness School in Zarqa so as to provide premium educational opportunities to an even larger number of students.

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