

# Empowering Volunteerism and Making an Impact:

The National Center for Non-Profit Sector's  
Achievements in Social Service





## Executive Summary

This month's newsletter spotlights the **National Center for the Non-Profit Sector's (NCNP)** efforts to empower organizations and strengthen their role in advancing social and volunteer development. **The Beyond Profit International Nonprofit Forum**, held in Riyadh in December, highlighted NCNP's initiatives to support the nonprofit sector both locally and globally, including the signing of key international partnerships to strengthen global cooperation.

The newsletter features NCNP's international achievements, from earning a **Guinness World Record** for the largest live volunteerism session at the Forum to its participation in World Arabic Language Day at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. These events demonstrate NCNP's role in supporting cultural and volunteer initiatives and fostering community dialogue.

The newsletter provides key growth indicators for the nonprofit sector under Saudi Vision 2030—showcasing the registration of more than **7,000** organizations and a rising number of licenses granted to associations and foundations. This reflects a sector that continues to expand, strengthen, and deepen its societal impact, while also spotlighting the Saudi Alzheimer's Charitable Association's vital role in supporting patients, assisting families, and promoting community awareness.







## BEYOND PROFIT

International Non-Profit Forum

### Beyond Profit International Nonprofit Forum: Inspiring Achievements and Impact by Numbers

The Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NCNP, Eng. Ahmed Al-Rajhi, inaugurated the Beyond Profit Forum in Riyadh from December 3-5, 2025. The Forum attracted thousands of participants and speakers from around the world, underscoring Saudi Arabia's growing leadership and influence in the global non-profit sector.

The forum attracted substantial engagement, including:

**3,800**

Participants

**43**

Partnerships

**30**

Panel discussions

**100**

Speakers from 20  
countries

**37**

Volunteer Work  
Award winners

**25**

Workshops

At the opening, Al-Rajhi presented the top-line indicators of nonprofit sector in Saudi Arabia, which now comprises more than **7,000** organizations as of 2025, an increase of **1,700** from 2017. He noted the sector's growing GDP contribution, which has reached approximately **1.2%**, with a target of **5%** by 2030, alongside remarkable advances in governance and organizational capacity building, and volunteer engagement that has surpassed **1.5** million volunteers.





## Saudi Arabia Achieves Global Record in Promoting a Culture of Volunteerism

The NCNP achieved a **Guinness World Record** at the **Beyond Profit Forum** in Riyadh for hosting the **largest live session on volunteerism**, with **2,135 simultaneous viewers**. The Guinness World Records certificate was presented to **Mr. Ahmed Al-Suwailem, CEO of NCNP**, highlighting NCNP's role in promoting a culture of volunteerism and empowering volunteers.

This achievement underscores NCNP's commitment to advancing the nonprofit and volunteer sector in line with **Vision 2030**, by expanding volunteer participation, diversifying volunteer opportunities, and delivering innovative educational programs that inspire meaningful community engagement and social impact.







## NCNP Signs Multiple International Partnerships at Beyond Profit Forum

Committed to strengthening international cooperation and empowering the nonprofit sector, the NCNP signed several key partnerships at the forum with global and academic institutions to develop joint initiatives and support sustainable development goals:



The two parties signed a memorandum of understanding to empower the nonprofit sector by strengthening strategic partnerships, conducting research, and enhancing the international profile of nonprofit organizations.



A cooperation agreement was signed to register academies and institutes established or operated by the partner as nonprofit organizations under the Center's supervision, helping increase the number of nonprofit entities and achieve Saudi Vision 2030 goals.



A cooperation agreement was signed to strengthen the partnership between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in developing and regulating the nonprofit sector and supporting economic and social development, subject to the regulations and laws of both countries and available resources.







## NCNP Highlights Its Role on World Arabic Language Day 2025

The NCNP participated in World Arabic Language Day 2025 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, held under the theme "Innovative Pathways for the Arabic Language: Policies and Practices for a More Inclusive Linguistic Future." NCNP's participation showcased the nonprofit sector's role in supporting community initiatives and enhancing the global standing of the Arabic language.



The NCNP in collaboration with the King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language has launched the Nonprofit Sector Terminology Dictionary.

The initiative aims to standardize terminology across the sector and enhance clarity around key concepts, supporting more effective communication and improved professional practices.

The dictionary includes over **530** terms, each presented with a clear Arabic definition and an accurate English equivalent, serving as a reliable reference aligned with the objectives of the Human Capability Development Program under Saudi Vision 2030.





## November 2025 Updates

433

Fundraising permits  
granted to nonprofits

112

Newly registered  
associations

15

Newly registered  
foundations

29

Newly registered family  
and private funds

7.119

Total nonprofits registered  
across Saudi Arabia

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Non-Profit Sector



المركز الوطني للتقنية  
القطاع غير الربحي





# Saudi Alzheimer's Disease Association



الجمعية السعودية  
الخيرية لمرض الزهايمر

The Association was born from the initiative of a group of women whose parents had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. As they searched for others who shared their concerns, 45 Saudi men and women came together to establish the Saudi Alzheimer's Disease Association, which was approved by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development.



## Key Achievements



**10.4K+**

Total beneficiaries



**9.6K+**

Beneficiaries of  
educational services



**1.2K+**

Beneficiaries of  
direct services





## The Alzheimer's Disease Association earned the Social Impact Investment Certificate for its specialized initiatives at the first Beyond Profit Forum

**300+**

Total participation opportunities

**93.6%**

Share of social and psychological support programs

**4K**

Total volunteers

**40**

Total specialized initiatives

**75K**

Total visitors

**92.9%**

Beneficiary satisfaction rate





# Who We Are?

National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) is a cornerstone of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, advancing the role of the third sector in social and economic development.

Established through the National Transformation Programme, NCNP regulates, empowers, and strategically develops non-profit organizations across the Kingdom.



## Center's Objectives

NCNP empowers non-profit organizations and enhances their effectiveness through:



Amplifying social development impact & reach



Regulating & enabling non-profit organizations



Integrating governmental licensing procedures



Strengthening financial oversight mechanisms



Facilitating collaboration amongst stakeholders



Through its initiatives, partnerships, and inspiring impact stories, NCNP continues to strengthen Saudi Arabia's non-profit sector, reinforcing its role as a global leader in sustainable development.

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