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# Empowering Growth

National Models Driving the Non-Profit Sector's Impact

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## Executive Summary

This month's newsletter spotlights key initiatives advancing Saudi Arabia's non-profit sector and its expanding developmental impact. The National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) features Kafo Charity as a standout success story—empowering beneficiaries for the job market through targeted training programs and strategic partnerships that strengthen sustainability and amplify social good.

The newsletter also spotlights the NCNP's work to strengthen compliance and governance across the sector, including workshops on combating money laundering and terror financing. The sessions drew strong participation from organizational leaders and operational teams, focusing on regulatory requirements, preventive measures, transparency, and reporting practices that enhance credibility and support long-term sector stability.

It recaps major developments tied to Saudi Vision 2030, noting steady growth in the number and diversity of registered non-profit organizations. This upward trajectory reflects a maturing regulatory environment and underscores the sector's expanding role as a strategic development partner.

The newsletter highlights the Abdul Latif Jameel Community Services Foundation as a national model for community empowerment, with programs spanning employment, entrepreneurship, women's advancement, and sustainability initiatives in the environment, water, and food security. It also features the Nafisa Shams initiative, which equips Saudi women with marketable skills through comprehensive training and an end-to-end production ecosystem that boosts economic participation and drives lasting social impact.



The logo for Kafo, featuring the Arabic word 'كفو' (Kafo) in a stylized white font with three horizontal lines above it, and the letters 'K A F O' in a smaller, spaced-out font below it.

جمعية كفو للتوظيف والتأهيل  
Kafo Charity for employing and training

## A Model for Workforce Empowerment in Saudi Arabia's Non-Profit Sector

The National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) is spotlighting standout success stories across Saudi Arabia's non-profit landscape, with Kafo Charity emerging as a leading example. Kafo demonstrates strong institutional practices that prepare beneficiaries for professional life, ensuring they are equipped to enter the workforce and meet evolving labor market expectations.

Through targeted training programs, the organization provides individuals with essential skills and professional competencies directly aligned with market needs, while cultivating robust cross-sector partnerships that expand its reach, strengthen developmental impact, and advance long-term sustainability.

This feature reinforces the NCNP's commitment to elevating high-quality experiences and encouraging other non-profits to adopt innovative, evidence-based approaches. By sharing these models, the sector can further empower individuals and enhance social and economic outcomes across the Kingdom.





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## Building Trust in the Sector: NCNP Leads Workshops on Fighting Money Laundering and Terror Financing

The National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) has taken proactive steps to strengthen trust and transparency across Saudi Arabia's non-profit community by organizing two virtual workshops focused on key compliance and governance priorities. The sessions addressed critical topics including anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing, targeted financial sanctions, and ultimate beneficial ownership areas central to safeguarding the integrity of the sector.

Held in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Combating Terrorism and Its Financing, the workshops drew participation from more than 1,200 leaders and team members representing a wide cross-section of non-profit organizations. Their strong commitment reflects the sector's growing commitment to adopting best practices and meeting regulatory expectations.

Participants received an in-depth overview of the conceptual and regulatory frameworks designed to prevent financial crime and reinforce organizational accountability. The discussions covered preventive measures, the importance of disclosing true ownership, and practical approaches to implementing targeted sanctions. These insights were intended to equip organizations with the knowledge required to comply with national regulations and protect their operations from illicit activities.

These initiatives form part of the NCNP's broader strategy to promote compliance, awareness, and sector-wide capacity building. By offering both in-person and virtual training opportunities, the NCNP aims to embed robust governance and transparency practices, safeguard the financial health of non-profit organizations, and reinforce their credibility and long-term developmental impact.



# March 2026 Updates



70

Registered associations



27

Registered family funds



12

Registered foundations



7,608

Total nonprofits registered across Saudi Arabia



Jameel Community, Saudi Arabia

## A National Model for Real Impact and Community Empowerment



Launched in 2003, the Abdul Latif Jameel Community Services Foundation continues a legacy of more than 75 years of social work to drive sustainable, positive change. The foundation operates leading programs focused on job creation, women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, youth training, education, and health, aiming to foster economic and social progress across Saudi Arabia.

Through strategic partnerships with government and private sector organizations, and in alignment with Vision 2030 objectives, the foundation has reached over 854,000 beneficiaries in Saudi Arabia. These collaborations amplify the foundation's ability to address community needs and support national development goals.

## Water and Food Security Initiatives

To address climate change challenges, the Jameel family established the Abdul Latif Jameel Water and Food Systems Lab (J-WAFS) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). J-WAFS leads the development of innovative solutions for sustainable water and food resources, promoting environmental protection and resource efficiency that are in harmony with the aims of Saudi Vision 2030.





نفيصة شمس  
NAFISA SHAMS

## Nafisa Shams Initiative

Nafisa Shams strengthens the role of Saudi women in the workforce by providing practical training, entrepreneurial opportunities, and access to a fully equipped artisanal workspace designed to maximize productivity. The initiative enables women to develop their skills and launch startups, empowering them to advance professionally and contribute actively to society.

The program has established an integrated production system, equipping workshops with modern tools to enhance the work environment and the quality of craftswomen's output. It also facilitates home-based work by supplying materials and offering expert guidance, allowing women to refine their skills, play a vital role in their communities, and pursue both career and social aspirations.

## Nafisa Shams Arts and Crafts Academy Achievements (Since 2006)

**17.1K+**

Women served through programs

**960**

Women in home-based work

**12.1K+**

Handmade products created

**54**

Skill-building training programs

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Entrepreneurs need the perfect space to launch and grow. Nafisa Shams delivered, with excellent offices, facilities, and a stellar team that made our success possible. Thank you for hosting us

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**Tamadhur  
Al-Ruhaili**

Entrepreneur & Founder, Casting Secret



# 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 Program, 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 Saudi Arabia's growing role in advancing sustainable non-profit development.

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