



Arab Vision project update July 2017

Baby on board!

Maternal mortality is still unacceptably high. About 830 women die from pregnancy- or childbirth-related complications around the world **every day**, reports the [World Health Organisation](#).



The cause is often a lack of basic health care and a very limited knowledge of topics related to sex, pregnancy and child birth. Female genital mutilation (FGM), child marriage and HIV/AIDS complicate matters even further.

In most of the Arab countries the majority of the population is under 25. The coming years there will be a new generation of young women who become pregnant. Open discussions will help them to take good care of the unborn baby and their own body.

Many women in the Arab World spend a significant amount of time on the back-seat of taxis, often together with a friend. That is where discussions on every topic take place. We would like to produce a real life TV series *Baby on board! Backseat talks with pregnant women*. Two women chatting together on the back seat of a taxi about the joy of being pregnant, but also about taking care of your body, recognising danger signs and getting medical support when needed.

The program will consist of 9 episodes of 10 minutes each. The total budget for production and follow up for 6 months is around € 15,500 Euro. [Can you help us produce this series?](#) There are no TV programs or video-clips yet on satellite TV in the Arab World about these topics.

Breaking through the taboo

Our program series [Hope for Tomorrow](#) about violence against girls and women and sexual harassment is watched by thousands of people and there is much interaction on the Facebook page. More than 37,000 people like the page and average engagement per month (likes, comments and shares) amounted to 6,336 in 2016. It opens the way to discuss issues that are usually covered up because people consider them shameful to talk about.

We have started production of a second series of *Hope for Tomorrow* focusing on different subjects, including sex & internet, child marriage, choosing a life partner, violence against children, child abuse and FGM (female genital mutilation). The director of *Hope for Tomorrow* says,



"I am happy with these subjects, because the programme will discuss issues people normally don't talk about. They are 'shame issues' in the Arab World. People will hear real stories, but because we use actors there is no need for them to openly identify themselves. In the drama we can still feel the emotions of the situation. One of the stories which will be shown in the second series is Manal's story who was abused by her family when she was a child."



You can read more about this program and other initiatives in the print version of [our June newsletter](#).

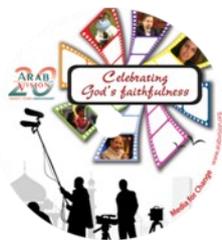
"I am calling you because I have been watching your program Hope for Tomorrow. I am from a Muslim background and I have just started to read the Bible. I am learning much through your program and my thinking has really been affected by it". (Ahmed, Egypt)

Our [annual report on 2016](#)

is ready for reading and/or downloading. We're grateful that we were able to produce programs like *Women in the Bible*, *Literacy training*, *Kingdom Person II*, *Messages of Hope in a Divided World* and so many more. Thank you for your prayers and your support. Financially we were almost \$20,000 short, but we hope and pray that we'll be able to balance that soon.



Arab Vision Jubilee DVD available



This year we are celebrating our 20th anniversary. We have produced a DVD of 30 min. with several interviews plus a selection from 20 years TV programs; a testimony to God's faithfulness in 20 years media ministry in the Arab World. The anniversary production is available on DVD or a USB drive. If you would like to receive it, please send a mail to contact@arabvision.org

Thank you for your prayers and support. May we continue to spread the news of God's love and compassion to the Arab World. It is much needed!

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