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“The future of the Arab nation lies in its success in developing Arab children soundly, since nations' prosperity and progress are measured by the extent of their interest in and care for their children; the more expanded the space allocated for children on a society's intellectual horizon, the more it reflects that this society focuses on the future, to which communities cross through investment in human development”.

Talal Bin Abdul Aziz

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Under the patronage of HRH Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz, ACCD President and upon its march and achievements with the developmental support of AGFUND, ACCD has developed a vision based on its accumulated experience over more than thirty years and in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) issued in 1989 as well as seeking to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. ACCD's vision has emerged in logical and integrated contexts to formulate a comprehensive vision in developing Arab children and providing a new intellectual model for Arab child upbringing.

This book reviews ACCD’s efforts and achievements to develop the model of "Education for Hope" that seeks intellectually to achieve the integration of three main circles that have been accumulated by ACCD through its experience and achievements while implementing the previous strategic plans. These circles are: 1) the rights-based approach, 2) the approach of developing capacity that is essential in enabling children of enforcing their rights to education, health and protection, 3) the approach of self-awakening, education for hope and liberating children from cultural and social backwardness. The integration of these circles according to this trilogy (rights, capacity and self-awakening) ensures developing hope for children

who enjoy dignity, honor and the ability to participate in building their society on the basics of knowledge and social justice.

Moreover, this book tackles the new upbringing model and its objectives, foundations and basic characteristics, as well as the principles of education and learning according to the model of “Education for Hope”. It also explains the epistemological foundations of critical pedagogy in the new model, the targeted skills to be acquired by children according to the new model and its implementation strategies.

This book highlights ACCD’s implementation of the new model in the following practical fields:

- 1- The rehabilitation and inclusion of children in street situation.
- 2- Developing and innovating kindergartens in a number of Arab countries.
- 3- Media observatory for Arab child rights "child friendly media", and providing professional guidelines for media institutions, as well as building the capacity of Arab media professionals according to the principles of child protection and development.
- 4- The rehabilitation and inclusion of Arab children with disability in education and society, in addition to utilizing assistive technology and providing a safe humanitarian environment that meets the needs of those children.

The upbringing model that ACCD is practically implementing in all its areas of work and activities is a comprehensive model that aims at developing children's awareness and awakening their creative self, in addition to unleashing their creative human energies and building their abilities, in order to help them live a decent life, achieve positive citizenship and enable them to help their Arab countries towards establishing knowledge society.