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"ICT Literacy for Women Empowerment"

Programme name: ICT Literacy for Women Empowerment

Implemented by: The Supreme Council for ICT in partnership with the Supreme Council for Family Affairs,

Basic facts

Country: Qatar

Starting year: 2007

Outreach: approximately 500 per year

Target Population: Unemployed women (over 18 years old)

Language of instruction: Arabic

Facilitator/Beneficiary ratio: 1:25

Main Funding: ictQATAR and private businesses

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Brief Description

ICT Literacy for Women Empowerment is a partially government-funded programme which contributes to raising awareness of the role of ICTs in the personal, social and economic development of women. It provides access to ICTs as well as training to develop skills and knowledge for lifelong learning.

Rationale

A significant number of Qatari women (especially those residing outside of Doha) are staying at home, either by choice or by lack of work opportunities. There is a need to reach out to this important section of the population in order to empower them socially (becoming resourceful and knowledgeable citizens) as well as to provide them with the means to improve their socio-economic status.

Objective

The programme aims at equipping women with essential ICT skills, knowledge and certificates. It strives to empower women in Qatar by providing them with tools for socio-economic development, while at the same time disseminating ICT literacy within the Qatari population.

Conceptual Model and Methodology

The ICT Literacy for Women Empowerment programme offers both instructional and hands-on sessions. Women receive e-Citizen training, which will allow them to access social and health consultation services, communicate with relevant communities and take part in societal development.

The curriculum is developed in partnership with the ICDL-GCC Foundation, an international certifying agency. ICDL certification is an internationally recognised standard that will increase the eligibility of the women for finding suitable jobs.

Innovative features

The programme goes beyond developing the ICT skills of the learners. It is based on a strategy aimed at developing the skills of adult women so that they may participate in a society which calls more and more on ICTs for basic social and economic services.