

# HOLY LAND INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

*Salt Jordan*

*A place of hope and respect for deaf and deaf-blind children*



Founded in 1964, the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf (HLID) was the first school for deaf children in Jordan. HLID is one of the leading institutions for children with disabilities that is owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

A safe haven of peace for 150 children and young people ages four to 25, the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf offers a full range of therapeutic services for hearing-impaired, deaf, and deaf-blind students, a K-12 academic boarding program and a wide range of vocational training programs, including carpentry, weaving, sewing, auto mechanics, and mosaics.



HLID offers a community clinic to hearing-impaired and deaf local residents. The clinic offers assessment, diagnostic and counseling services. It also provides low-cost hearing aids and hearing device maintenance.

The HLID Training institute offers training of hearing, Deaf and handicapped teachers and technicians, in spoken and written Arabic and in Arabic Sign language. There is an emphasis on inclusive education of deaf and deafblind children, audiology, and the development of educational resources.

The HLID Sign language unit focuses on Sign language research and the development of educational materials in Arabic and Jordanian Sign language. Curricula and syllabi are produced for teaching Sign language, Arab deaf culture and the training of interpreters for the Deaf.



## SERVING SYRIAN REFUGEES

When 1 million Syrian refugees poured into Jordan at the onset of the civil war, HLID sent an evaluation team, audiologists, therapists and hearing aid technicians to address the needs of the displaced. HLID clinics continue to serve refugees in the Zatari and Azrak camps. In 2018, 550 children and adults received direct services and more than 3,000 parents and community members benefited from training and education opportunities.



*“You must have another language to serve the deaf.  
You must speak the language of love.”*

~ Archdeacon Luay Haddad, Director