

Paving the Path for Future Collaboration in the UAE



Entrepreneurship training at the Khalifa Fund, December 2009

Heather Murphy, WIT Program Officer, traveled to the United Arab Emirates in December 2009 to meet with program stakeholders and see WIT training centers in action. The visit was a valuable opportunity for Heather to speak with local women who benefit from WIT. Heather states, “the overwhelming excitement that these women display is humbling. They truly are the backbone of this project and so eager to take advantage of additional trainings. Their thirst for knowledge is tangible and WIT goes a long way in answering their needs.”

In addition to site visits, Heather conducted a series of high level meetings with local agencies who, given the successes of WIT region-wide and its substantial impact in the UAE, are seeking to collaborate and expand their outreach to women. Among these agencies were the Khalifa Fund for Enterprise Development, which focuses on developing small enterprises, and the Family Development Foundation, a preeminent women’s organization aimed at promoting women’s empowerment. These collaborations, along with the strong current partnerships with MEPI and Microsoft will ensure the continued success of WIT in the UAE.

- [Visit the Family Development Foundation website](#)
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