The Role of Civil Society in Combating Drugs in Saudi Arabia

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Abstract:

This paper is presenting the role of civil society in combating drugs in Saudi Arabia. This subject covers the followings:

* The administration of civil society in Saudi Arabia. This is under the supervision of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development. This includes the number and specialties of such social organizations dealing with drugs in Saudi Arabia. The National committee of combating drugs is one of the organization working in drugs combating throughout Saudi Arabia.
* The different methods used in these social non-profit organizations that deals with combating drugs. This includes, awareness programs, working with drugs addicts and their families and the rehabilitation programs for cured addicts.
* How clients could benefit from such organizations and what is the statistics of beneficiaries from the organizations that deal with combating drugs. It is a free service with support from donors and the government. It takes the anonymity to provide service for clients if needed. The NPOs give training to help cured addicts to get new or to continue their old jobs or another business.
* The inter-cooperation of public agencies and the NPOs. NPOs and the government agencies usually are working together to achieve the goals of combating drugs in the societies. These agencies include; Alamal hospital in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Qasseem. This also includes, police force, courts, Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice and the other civil societies organizations.