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**Assessment of Girls' Summer Cultural
Centers in Achieving Their Objectives**
*A Field Study on the Girls Summer Cultural Centers
in Riyadh City*

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Thesis Abstract

The key issue of this study is delimited in the evaluation of girls' summer cultural centers, as a social pattern, in achieving their goals through the available inputs, the internal processing, and the output deliverables. An evaluation research is the process of applying the scientific research procedure for gathering valid and reliable data on the manner and extent to which some activities are exercised towards achieving specific results or effects

The main purpose of this study is to evaluate the girls' summer cultural centers in terms of these centers ability to achieve their goals for which they have been set up. Based on its objectives, the study tried to answer a series of questions determined by a main question, which is: What is the capacity of summer cultural centers in achieving the goals for which they have been set up?

The researcher would like to highlight the scope of the study, which is the human domain, that comprises the Director of the Female Students Activity Department in Riyadh, al female directors of girls cultural centers, all female supervisors of activities in cultural centers, and girls benefiting from girls' summer cultural centers at the different education stages (Intermediate, Secondary, and university). The spatial domain for applying the study consists of the girls' summer cultural centers in the city of Riyadh totaling fourteen (14) public centers affiliating to the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia. As for the temporal domain is the summer vacation for the year 1426 in the period between 13/5/1426 AH to 06/28/1426 AH.

The researcher has used the social survey method in the manner of the comprehensive enumeration of the Director of the Female Students Activity Department in Riyadh, female directors of girls cultural centers, female supervisors of activity in cultural centers, the subject of the research; and social survey by sampling for the centers and students constituting the research's community.

Data collection tools for this study consist in the questionnaire for collecting information from beneficiaries of the girls' summer cultural centers, controlled interviews and semi-controlled interviews which have been conducted with the Director of the Female Students Activity Department in Riyadh, female directors of girls cultural centers, female supervisors of activity in cultural centers; and content analysis for documentation of the summer cultural centers. the questionnaire has been verified by a number of examiners. In addition, validity coefficient has been calculated for the objectives, the difficulties, and the tool as a whole. The researcher has used the statistical program (SPSS) in analyzing the study data.

The following are the most important findings that the researcher has reached:

- 1- The girls' summer cultural centers lack the vocational disciplines that should be entrusted with the work in such centers, with such type of

beneficiaries, particularly the disciplines of social work, sociology and psychology;

- 2- The means adopted for publicity are advertisements inside the summer cultural centers;
- 3- Officials of the girls' summer cultural centers do not adopt the scientific method in planning of programs and activities within the centers.
- 4- The adequacy of financial resources is rated at an average level;
- 5- The financial resources rated at an average level;
- 6- The adequacy of human resources varies from one center to another;
- 7- The appropriateness of organizational capabilities are rated at a high level.