



# Country Report

**Emirates Down Syndrome Association**

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# Emirates Down Syndrome Association

**Non-Profit Organization provides its services**

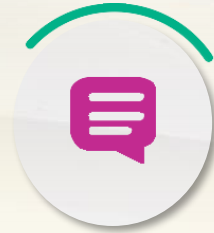
**from birth for all ages & all nationalities**





## Slogan

**Unlocking Hidden potentials**



## Mission

**Inclusion and empowerment of people with Down syndrome through achieving their full potential and maximizing their skills to participate effectively and productively in society**

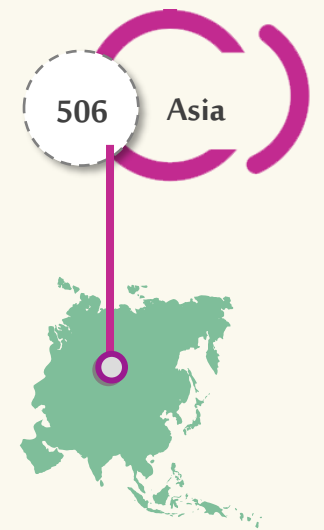
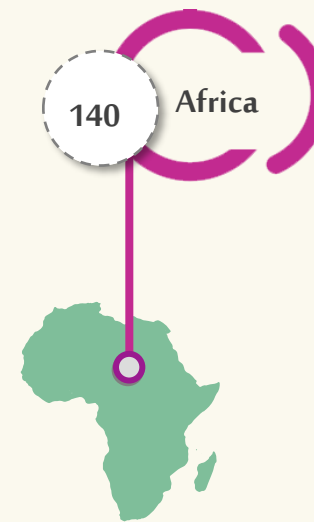
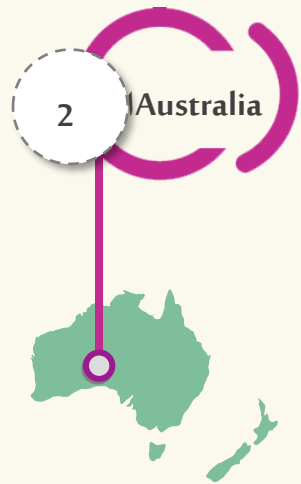


## Vision

**Improved quality of life for people with Down syndrome**



# Number of beneficiaries



**Beneficiaries**



**Countries**



**Habilitation & Inclusion**

1. Early Intervention
2. Allied Services
3. Sensory Integration Therapy
4. Hydrotherapy
5. Applied Behavior Analysis
6. Educational Habilitation Classes
7. Pre-vocational Classes
8. Vocational Habilitation
9. Emirates Down Syndrome Hospitality Academy
10. Photography Club
11. Sewing Atelier
12. Robotics Club
13. Sports
14. Artistic Activities
15. Health Club
16. Self-Advocacy
17. Quran Recitation

**Strategic Orientations**

**Sustainability of Recourses**

1. Communications with charitable associations, companies and individuals
2. Projects and Initiatives

**Family Support**

1. Training Courses
2. Regular Meetings
3. Family Counselling
4. Health Festival
5. Entertainment & Activities
6. Trips

**Development of Services**

1. Automation of our Services
2. Training Courses
3. MoU's with our Partners

**Social Awareness**

1. World Down Syndrome Day
2. October Campaign- Awareness Month
3. Expo Accessibility
4. Training for University Students
5. Participate in main occasions (National Day, Flag Day)
6. Regional and International awareness

# Early Intervention & Family Counseling



**Early Intervention**



**Family Counseling (750) Sessions**





# Association Services



Sensory Integration Therapy



Speech Therapy



Occupational Therapy



Physiotherapy



Educational Habilitation & Pre-Vocational Classes



Applied Behavior Analysis



Hydrotherapy



# Sustainable Projects

- **Creating Social Opportunities**
- **Fostering Skills and Independence**
- **Empowering people with Down syndrome**
- **Hands-on experience and confidence to gain valuable skills for employment**





## Sustainable Projects



### Emirates Down Syndrome Hospitality Academy (Creative Kitchen)





## Sustainable Projects



### **The force of empowerment**

The first academic program in the country for people with DS

in hospitality and culinary management in

**Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management**



## Sustainable Projects

Launching of the first production line for the

Emirates Down Syndrome Hospitality Academy

in AccessAbilities Expo 2024





# Photography Club



- **Building confidence and self-expression**
- **Creating beautiful images**
- **Document events**
- **Raising social awareness**
- **Interacting with the world and environment**



## Sustainable Projects



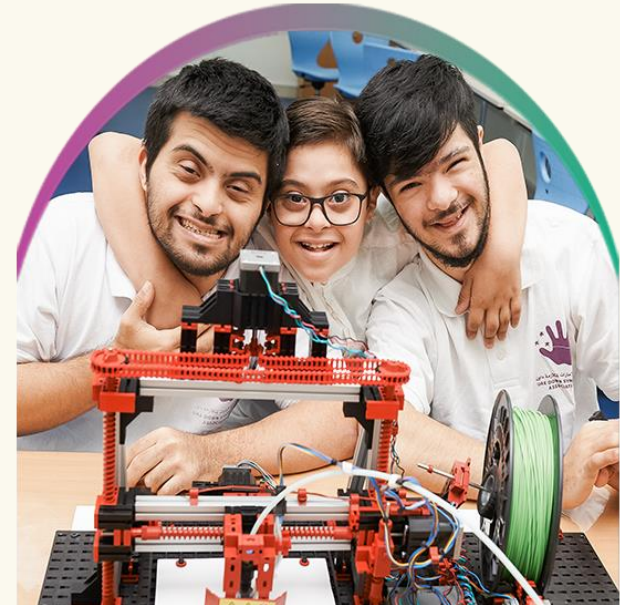
# Sewing Atelier



- Engage in creativity
- Fashion Design
- Using materials wisely
- Friendly environment Products



# Robotics & Artificial intelligence Club





# Robotics & Artificial intelligence

## EDSA organized the First Emirates Robotics Championship for People with DS





# Computer Club







# Empowerment & Inclusion – Recruitment





# Self-Advocacy



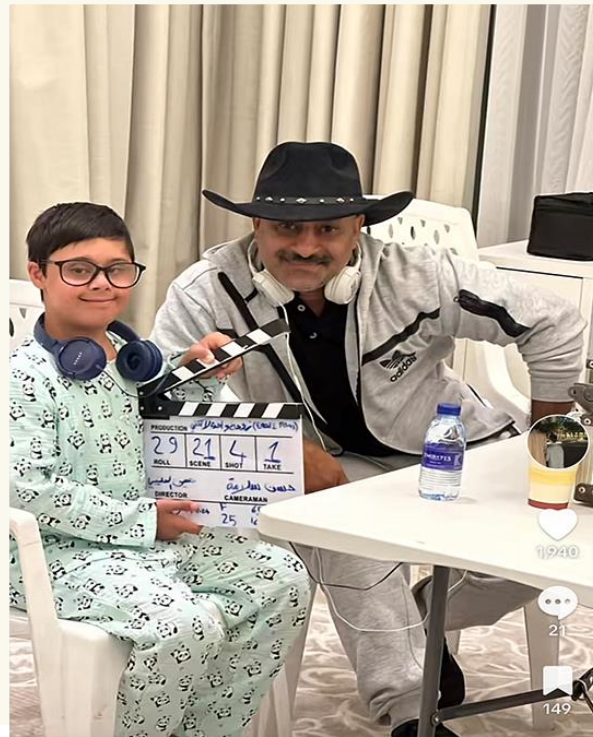
3 Gatherings



First Program in the UAE



## Young actor in a TV series



# Sport Programs



## Participation in the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023



## Regular weekly sports programs since 2007





## Initiatives



### "Health is Happiness"

**Address obesity and overweight issues  
among individuals with  
Down syndrome**



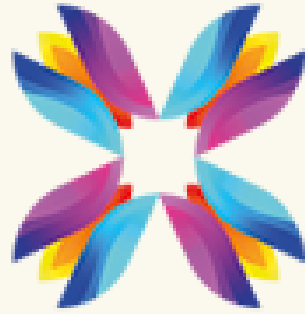


## Social Awareness



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Enarat Virtual Forum



EDSA organized 3 editions of  
“Enarat Virtual Forum “

1. **Comprehensive Forum**
2. **Sexual Education**
3. **Health & Nutrition**





# Social Awareness



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EMAAR

World Down Syndrome Day- Annual Celebrations





## The association is an active partner in making decisions and laws at the state level



- **The Comprehensive Strategy for People of Determination in Abu Dhabi**
- **Dubai Strategy for People of Determination**
- **Health Policy for People of Determination**

**Watani Al Emirates Award for  
Humanitarian Work  
“Creative fingerprint”  
2022**

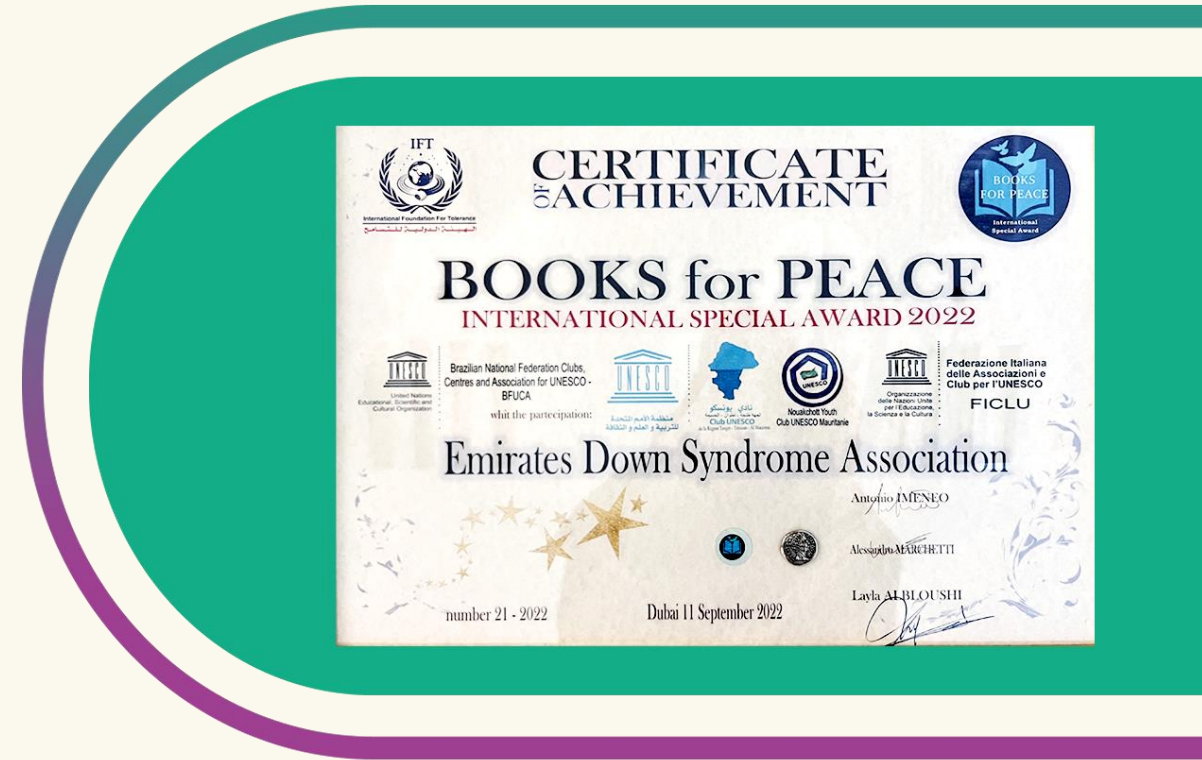




# Awards

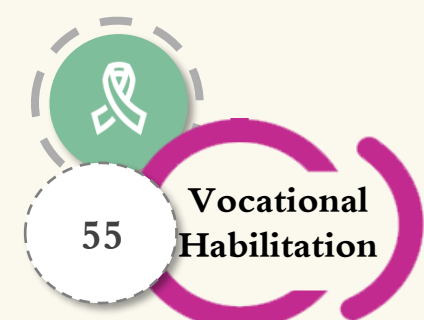
## The sixth edition of BOOKS for PEACE International Special Award Solidarity and Social Activities to Promote Peace and Culture

2022





# Achievements





**We are Role Models for  
creativity & inspiration**



**We Have positive impact on the community**

**We are promoting sustainable practices**



# Thank You



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