

CCCPS.JO

5 Years & Counting



#### **Association Of European Coeliac Societies**



#### To whom it may concern

This is to confirm that the below mentioned Coeliac society

Is a current affiliate member of the Association of European Coeliac Societies (AOECS)

Celiac and non-Celiac care Provider

Amman - Salt Highway street

Al. Saro - Tiebah Neighborhood

Jordan

**Funde Kolta** 

Chair of the board to AOECS

#### **Board Members:**

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Katre Trofimov (Estonia)

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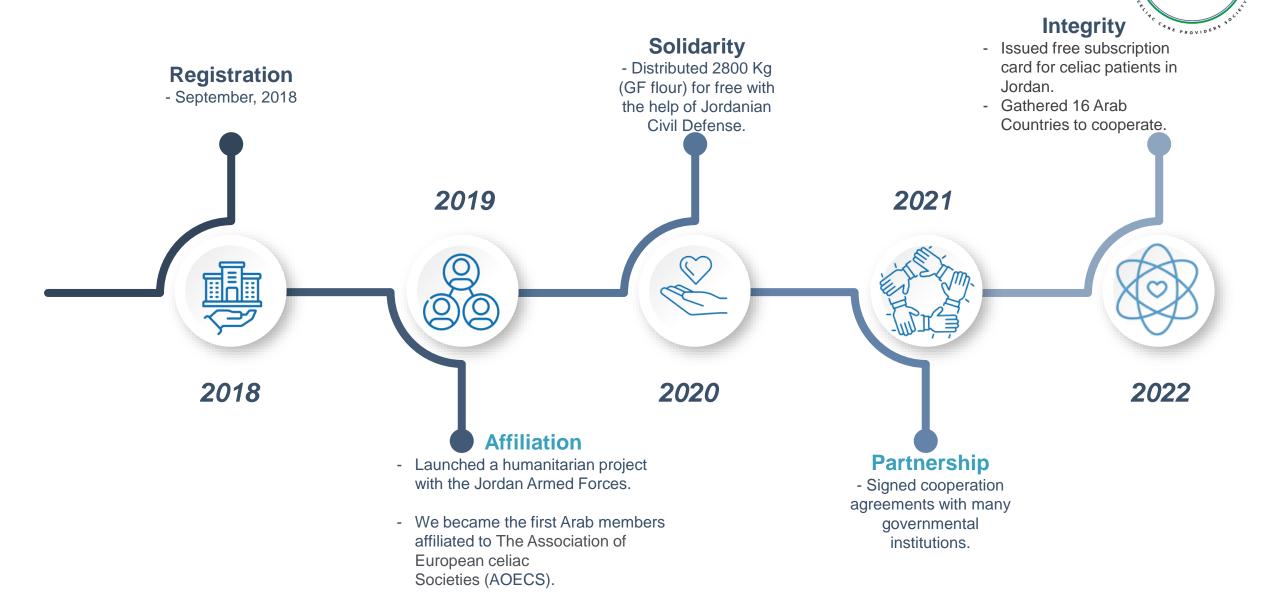
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## Who We Are?

- The Celiac Care Providers Society CCCPS is a young society it was established in September 2018.
- Our administrative board consists of 9
   elected members all of whom are either
   celiac themselves or have a direct family
   member with celiac.
- Our administrative board include pharmacists, a certified allergy coach, and nutritionists.
- Became an affiliated member of the AOECS in 2019

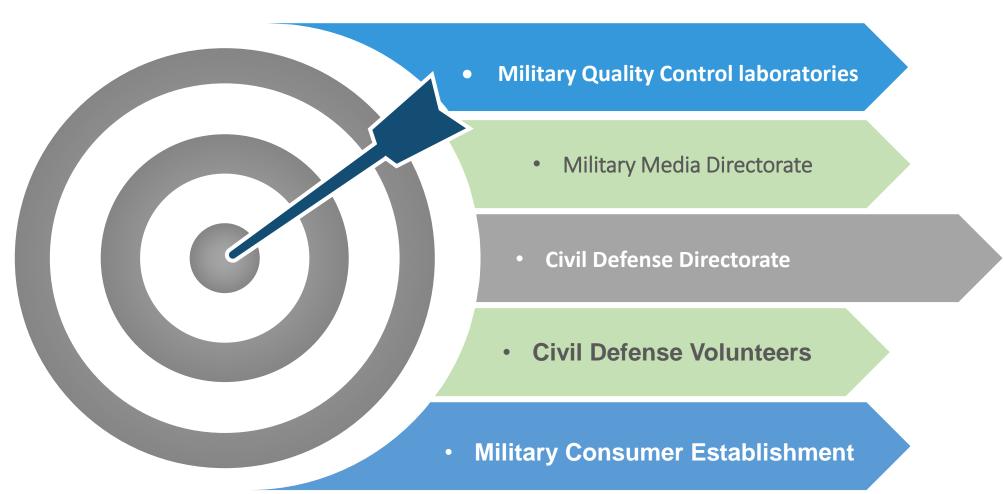
#### CCCPS.JO Timeline – 5 Years





Our achievements include but are not limited to the following:

Our partnership with the Military Armed Forced





### Raising Awareness



We make regular visits to rural areas where we meet with newly diagnosed patients and their families. We hold awareness workshops and cooking classes to teach them how to bake bread and some traditional sweets.

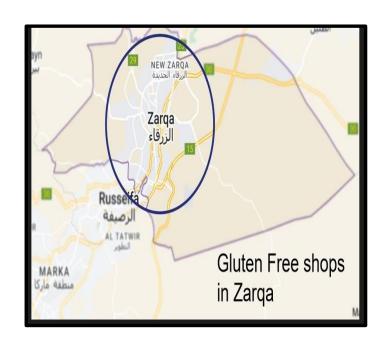


We hold different fun activities for kids and their families. For example: A movie with gluten free buffet, we hold cooking activities where the kids help in preparing a very famous middle eastern sweet (Kunafah).



 The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts hosted our chef to give gluten free baking courses.

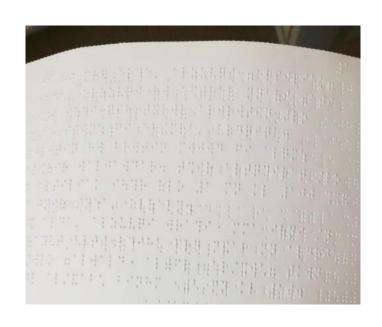




We recently appointed a representative in some cities around Jordan to facilitate our work such as contacting patients, working with shops in that city to provide gluten free items.



 We hold workshops about celiac disease in universities, hospitals, pharmaceutical factories and schools.



We hold an awareness campaign for people with disabilities in collaboration with the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We produced a video flyer in sign language and translated our leaflet about celiac disease to Braille.

## Raising Awareness



 We issued a digital subscription card with a QR code that it sent by SMS.
 The holder benefits from discounts in labs, hospitals, shops, GF bakeries and restaurants.



 We have created different cartoon characters to use them in our awareness campaigns with kids.

### Raising Awareness





■ This is "GLUTINO" our gluten character.

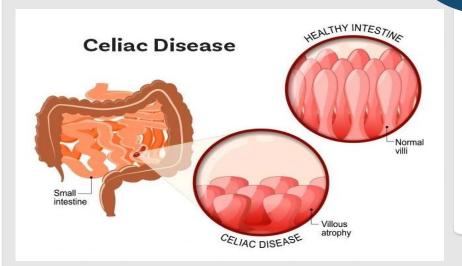
#### Celiac Disease



# Wheat Allergy

Sometimes called celiac sprue or gluten-sensitive enteropathy, is a serious autoimmune disease that occurs in genetically predisposed people where the ingestion of gluten protein found in wheat, barley and rye.

If you have celiac disease, eating gluten triggers an immune response in your small intestine. Over time, this reaction damages your small intestine's lining and prevents it from absorbing some nutrients (malabsorption).



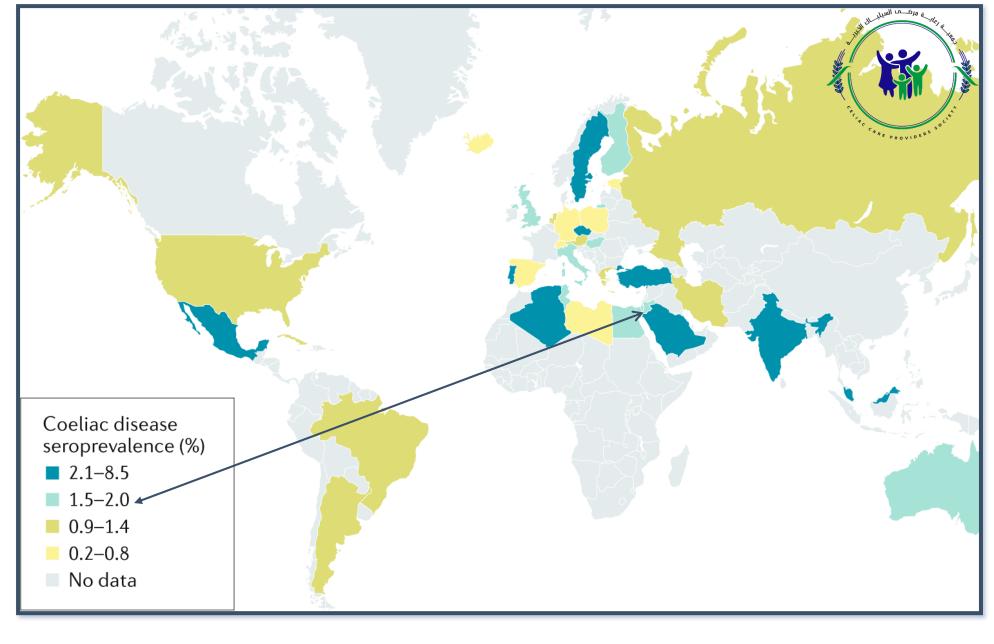
WA is an allergic reaction to foods containing wheat. Allergic reactions can be caused by eating wheat and also, in some cases, by inhaling wheat flour.

Non Celiac
Gluten
Sensitivity

NCGS is a condition characterized by intestinal and extra-intestinal symptoms related to the ingestion of gluten-containing foods in the absence of celiac disease and wheat allergy.

The population of Jordan reached 11,310,647 as of the 13th of January 2023 according to the Department of Statistics.

The Seroprevalence shows that in Jordan 1.5- 2.0% of patients have celiac disease which means we have around 226,212.94 celiac patients.



The Global Seroprevalence of Celiac Disease

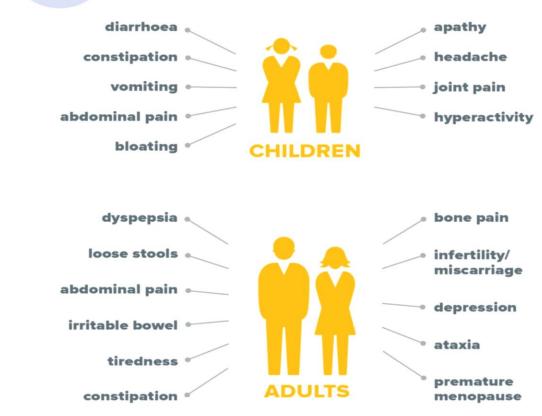
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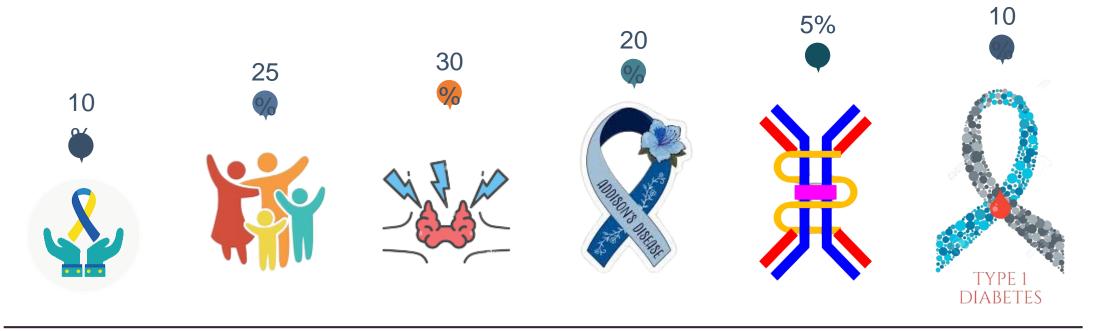




#### **Symptoms**



#### RISK FACTORS



DOWN SYNDROME
TURNER
SYNDROME
WILLIAMS
SYNDROME

FIRST-DEGREE RELATIVES OF CELIAC DISEASE PATIENTS

AUTOIMMUN E THYROIDITIS ADDISON'S DISEASE

IMMUNOGLOBU LINA DEFICIENCY

TYPE 1
DIABETES

### **Complications**



#### Cancer

People with celiac disease who don't maintain a glutenfree diet have a greater risk of developing several forms of cancer, including upper digestive tract, hepatocellular carcinoma, lymphoma.



#### **Malnutrition**

This occurs if your small intestine can't absorb enough nutrients. Malnutrition can lead to anemia and weight loss. In children, malnutrition can cause slow growth and short stature.



#### **Nervous system problems**

Some people with celiac disease can develop problems such as seizures or a disease of the nerves to the hands and feet (peripheral neuropathy).



# Infertility and miscarriage

Malabsorption of calcium and vitamin D can contribute to reproductive issues.

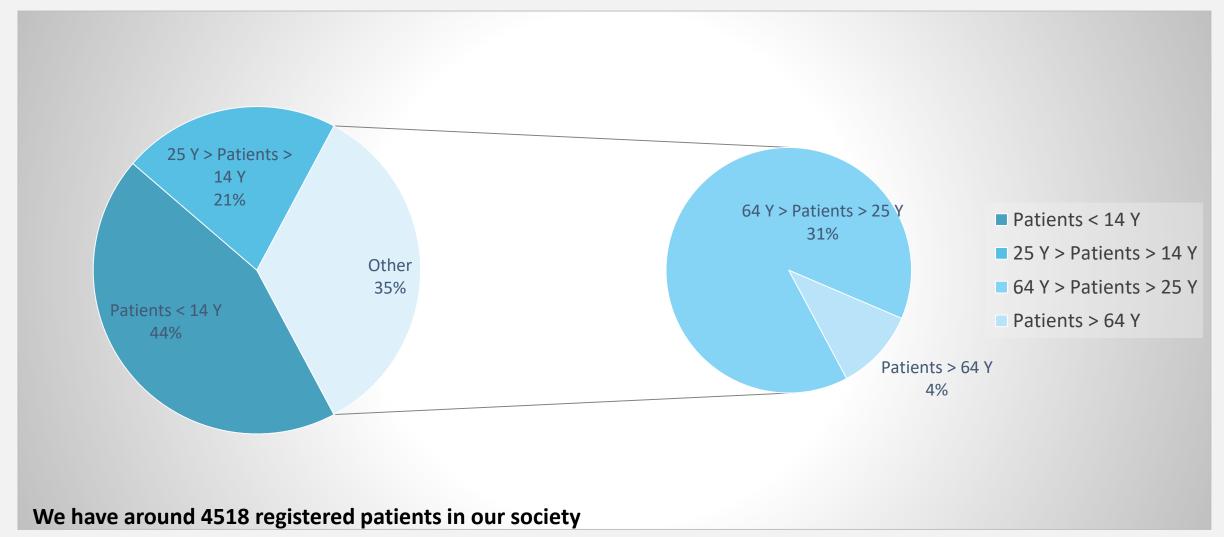


#### **Bone weakening**

Malabsorption of calcium and vitamin D can lead to a softening of the bone (Osteomalacia or rickets) in children and a loss of bone density (Osteopenia or osteoporosis) in adults.

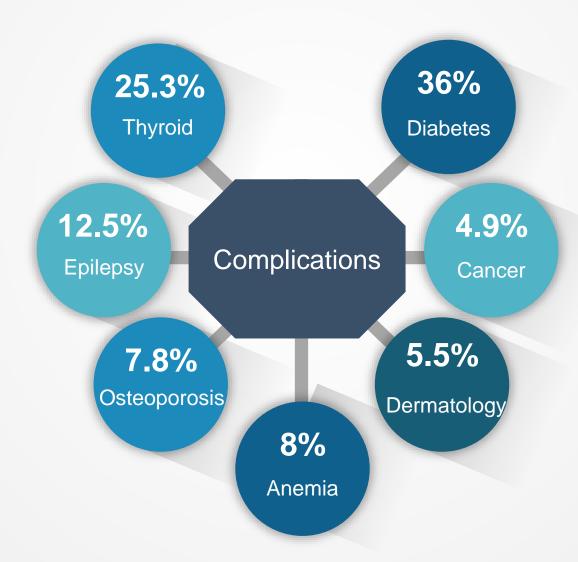
# Distribution of patients by age group







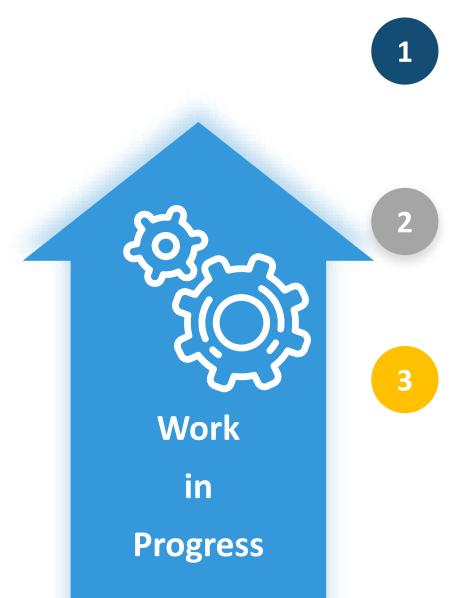
According to our data 26.4% of patients suffer from other autoimmune diseases and complications of celiac disease



# Treatment:



Less than 20 ppm is allowed for celiac patients, so any cross-contamination will trigger the antibodies.



We are currently a member in the Codex technical committee in Jordan working on "Standard for Gluten Free Foods."

 The JFDA approached us to provide them with scientific material for a comprehensive booklet about Celiac disease.

 We are pushing to make Celiac screening tests mandatory and free for children between ages 2-11. We have an agreement with the AIC (Italy) to translate the Italian Celiac Project for schools and incorporate it in our local schools to raise awareness between students and teachers.

• We are working on our website.

Collaboration with the society in Aqaba

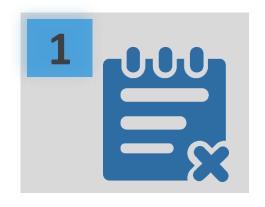


 We are currently meeting with governmental and private entities to come up with a guideline for the gluten free certification for restaurants and products.



السيلياك في الوطن العربي

## **Challenges:**



 No official records and statistics regarding celiac disease.



 Very high taxes on gluten free items as they are considered food supplements.



 No financial aid from the government to the society or to the patients.



- Lack of awareness about celiac disease in the medical field.
- Not differentiating between Celiac Disease and Wheat Allergy.

### **Challenges:**



Misuse of the GF logo







 The presence of laboratories without accreditation for testing GF products.



Lack of commitment by some companies to glutenfree product standards:



0%

irans Fat / الدهون المتحولة / lesterol / كوليسترول omg

tal Carbohydrate / الكربوميدرات الكلية 85 g

0.5 g السكر المضاف / Added Sugars

\* تدل على نسبة الإحتياج اليومي للمغذيات في الحصة الواحدة مبنية على نظام غذائي محتوي على 2000 سعرة حرارية

ium / الصوديوم 52 mg

المذكوره اعلاه تعاني من مرض حساسيه القمح ( celiac disease ) وهي بحاجة الى المتابعة والعلاج في عيادة الجهاز إلهضمي وتحتاج الى حميه خاصة خالية من الجلوتين

يعاني المريض المذكور اعلاه من حساسيه القمح وسوء الامتصاص الناتج عنها وهشاشه العظام

Ingredients: gluten free wheat starch, com starch, com flour, glucose, thickeners: guar gum, E 464; potato fibre, acidity regulator: E 575; raising agent: sodium carbonate.

Suitable for people intolerant to gluten.

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- Enhance Awareness and Education:
- Conduct extensive awareness campaigns
- Target specific groups
- Develop educational materials



- Improve Accessibility to Gluten-Free Products:
- Encourage the establishment of specialized gluten-free stores
- Support local producers
- Collaborate with supermarkets and grocery stores

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- Strengthen Regulations and Enforcement:
- Advocate for stricter regulations
- Establish a robust certification system Enhance enforcement mechanisms



- . Promote Research and Capacity Building:
- Support research initiatives
- Organize workshops and training programs
- Encourage collaboration



- Advocate for Policy Changes and Support:
- We urge Jordan to integrate celiac disease into national healthcare, guaranteeing diagnosis, treatment, and care.
- Advocate for financial support
- Seek partnerships



- Empower Celiac Patient Organizations:
- Provide ongoing support
- Encourage collaboration
- Facilitate networking opportunities



Proposed

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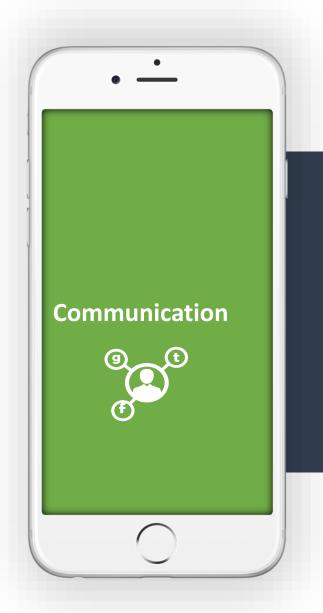
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