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Malak Al Akiely

Business, Economic and/or Entrepreneurial Accomplishments

Malak Al Akiely experienced hardship at a very young age due family difficulties. While her brother lives with visual impairment, her mother suffered from severe multiple sclerosis causing her to be paralyzed, eventually leading to her death. As children, her mother taught Al Akiely and her siblings to better understand how people with different abilities felt and developed their empathy by imagining themselves in other people's shoes.

Her unusual upbringing taught her to embrace humanitarian values and become an entrepreneur for change, ultimately earning her MBA Management from German-Jordanian University. She founded Golden Wheat for Grain Trading—a company that establishes food security by trading oil and grains, ensuring no one goes to bed hungry. Based out of Jordan, the company works to meet regional demand to grain-scarce countries in Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and Saudi Arabia. Her company makes an effort to build a team of people who have ethical and moral values, establishing a tolerance between cultures. While Golden Wheat was established for trading strategic commodities, she is also a partner and co-founder for Golden Kayan that works in marketing and consulting for oil and energy companies, including work as a consultant to two of the biggest oil trading companies. As one of the only female business owners in her region and sector, she began the Women BeeBuzzers project which aims to introduce beekeeping as a primary or secondary source of income to empower women in rural areas. In addition to her enterprises, Dr. Al Akiely is a humanitarian and environmental activist who explored the Arctic with other brilliant people engaging in the most important discussions of our time, making her the first Jordanian to cross 80° at the North Pole.

Believing we must teach our children how to provide for our communities, Al Akiely has developed projects to protect humanity. She has successfully built a company despite working in an intensely competitive male-dominated sector. Al Akiely is not only a female businesswoman trading oil and grains, but also an activist working on unconventional solutions for building a sustainable future.