

## Codebook

This codebook shows the analytical audit trail for the analysis. Interviews were conducted in Arabic; all codes, notes, and quotes below are translated into English. The codebook is organized by code, descriptive notes, representative example of quotes, sub-theme, and then main theme. Each theme is placed in a separated table.

| Code                                               | Descriptive Note                                                                   | Representative Example Quote                                                                                                               | Sub-Theme                | Main Theme                |
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| Gestural Rejection (Staring/Pity)                  | Stares and looks of pity from children, youth, and older adults within the family. | "They consider them something strange and stare at them with looks." (Umm Salem)                                                           | Within the Family Circle | Forms of Social Rejection |
| Gestural Rejection (Pity from Youth)               | Youth showing pity towards the child.                                              | "From youth, I mean, there's like a kind of pity; I face looks of pity." (Umm Talin)                                                       |                          |                           |
| Gestural Rejection (Pity from Elderly)             | Older women showing pity without speaking.                                         | "I usually notice pity from older women... they just look at you like 'poor thing'." (Umm Talin)                                           |                          |                           |
| Behavioural Rejection (Refusal to Play)            | Children refusing to play or interact with the child with a disability.            | "If my daughter comes to play with them, they run away from her." (Umm Talin)                                                              |                          |                           |
| Behavioural Rejection (Physical Distancing)        | Peers physically distancing themselves from the child.                             | "They don't even want to shake hands or play with them, and they distance themselves physically." (Umm Salem)                              |                          |                           |
| Behavioural Rejection (Sibling Rejection)          | Siblings or cousins refusing to play, leading to the child isolating themselves.   | "Their rejection made him isolate himself, I mean if his brothers and my sister's children don't want him to play with them..." (Umm Asli) |                          |                           |
| Behavioural Rejection (Peer Violence)              | Child facing violence from peers when attempting to play.                          | "He was exposed to violence from children because he wants to play with them, and they reject him." (Umm Amir)                             |                          |                           |
| Maternal Behavioural Rejection (Isolation)         | Mothers isolating their children to avoid embarrassment or disturbance.            | "Truthfully, I stopped taking him to gatherings, and cafés – I don't take him at all." (Umm Salem)                                         |                          |                           |
| Maternal Behavioural Rejection (Limiting Presence) | Mothers limiting the child's presence in certain places to avoid bothering others. | "If he'll make a mess and bother people, better not... I'll take him somewhere with no people so he can enjoy alone." (Umm Asli)           |                          |                           |
| Verbal Rejection (Peer Comments)                   | Children making negative comments or refusing to play verbally.                    | "Sometimes children scream at him, 'We don't want you,' and 'Asli, no.'" (Umm Asli)                                                        |                          |                           |
| Verbal Rejection (Maternal Influence on Peers)     | Children repeating negative attitudes learned from their mothers.                  | "More than one child comes and says, 'Mama says Amir is sick,' so they started getting angry at him..." (Umm Amir)                         |                          |                           |
| Verbal Rejection (Adult Derogatory Terms)          | Adults using derogatory terms or dismissive language.                              | "They say, 'This is a disabled person'... and they don't give him anything – 'He doesn't                                                   |                          |                           |

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|                                                             |                                                                       | know; he doesn't feel good.”<br>(Umm Abdullah)                                                                                            |                                        |  |
| Verbal Rejection<br>(Adult Dismissal)                       | Adults questioning the mother's decision to bring the child.          | “They say, 'What do you want with him?' And at occasions, they say, 'Why are you carrying him?... Leave him at home.’” (Umm Majid)        |                                        |  |
| Neighbourhood Gestural Rejection<br>(Fear/Annoyance)        | Neighbours showing fear or annoyance at the child's presence.         | “My son goes out to them sometimes... and they're bothered by him, and it seems the father is not accepting, and he's afraid.” (Umm Asli) | From Neighbours                        |  |
| Neighbourhood Verbal Rejection<br>(Explicit Complaints)     | Neighbours explicitly complaining about the child's behaviour.        | “They said, 'Tell them to control the boy or send him to the hospital for treatment!’” (Umm Asli)                                         |                                        |  |
| Institutional Gestural Rejection (Stares)                   | Students or staff staring at the child in educational settings.       | "In schools, there are looks from students, and they stare at her." (Umm Talin)                                                           | Within Facilities and Institutions     |  |
| Institutional Behavioural Rejection<br>(Avoidance)          | Other mothers or staff avoiding interaction in centres.               | “At the centre, some mothers don't want their children near mine; they pull them away.” (Umm Salem)                                       |                                        |  |
| Public Gestural Rejection (Pitying Looks)                   | Strangers in public places looking at the child with pity.            | “In public places, they look at her with merciful eyes.” (Umm Maryam) / “Looks of pity exist everywhere we go.” (Umm Saad)                | In Public Places                       |  |
| Public Behavioural Rejection (Physical Avoidance)           | Strangers physically moving away from the family in public spaces.    | “In cafés, people move away from us; they don't want to sit near us.” (Umm Asli).                                                         |                                        |  |
| Public Verbal Rejection<br>(Questioning Condition)          | Strangers asking intrusive or negative questions about the child.     | “In public places, people say, 'What's wrong with him?' and 'Why is he like this?’” (Umm Majid)                                           |                                        |  |
| Public Verbal Rejection (Explicit Exclusion)                | Being asked to leave a public place due to the child's behaviour.     | “Once in a restaurant, they asked us to leave because my son was making noise.” (Umm Abdullah)                                            |                                        |  |
| Gathering Gestural Rejection<br>(Uncomfortable Stares)      | Extended family members staring uncomfortably at gatherings.          | Uncomfortable stares and pitying looks from extended family members.                                                                      | During Family Gatherings and Occasions |  |
| Gathering Behavioural Rejection (Exclusion from Activities) | Child being excluded from activities with other children at events.   | “At weddings, they don't want him to participate in activities with other children.” (Umm Asli)                                           |                                        |  |
| Gathering Verbal Rejection<br>(Discouraging Attendance)     | Relatives explicitly discouraging the mother from bringing the child. | “Sometimes my sisters tell me, 'Look, take your son somewhere because you won't enjoy... the place isn't suitable for him.’” (Umm Saud)   |                                        |  |

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| Avoidance<br>(Locking Child at Home)   | Mothers locking the child at home to prevent neighbourhood interactions. | “I lock the house so he won't go to them; I must hold him as much as I can and lock the door on him.” (Umm Asli)                                    | Avoidance and Withdrawal   | Confronting Social Rejection |
| Avoidance<br>(Preventing Outings)      | Mothers completely preventing the child from going out.                  | “We lock with a key; she might go out, and we wouldn't know. It's impossible for me to let her go out.” (Umm Maryam)                                |                            |                              |
| Ignoring<br>(Disregarding Comments)    | Mothers choosing to ignore negative comments from others.                | “I don't pay attention to what people say; I ignore them.” (Umm Saad)                                                                               | Ignoring and Acceptance    |                              |
| Acceptance<br>(Normalising Pity)       | Mothers accepting looks of pity as a normal societal reaction.           | “These looks of pity exist; people must have mercy on them. It's normal. I don't see anything wrong with it.” (Umm Maryam)                          |                            |                              |
| Acceptance<br>(Resignation)            | Mothers getting used to rejection and no longer caring.                  | “I got used to it; I don't care anymore about what people say or do.” (Umm Amir)                                                                    |                            |                              |
| Confrontation<br>(Rejecting Rejection) | Mothers rejecting and challenging negative behaviours and words          | “Rejection is wrong, frankly, and I don't accept it. I reject such rejection behaviours and words, whether intentional or unintentional.” Umm Salem | Confrontation and Advocacy |                              |

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| Protective Parenting<br>(Limiting Exposure) | Mothers limiting social exposure to protect the child from anticipated rejection. | “I don't take him to places where I know people won't accept him or where he might face rejection.” (Umm Asli) | Protective Isolation | Parenting Approaches to Address Social Rejection |
| Resilience Building<br>(Preparation)        | Mothers preparing the child for situations where they might not be understood.    | “I try to prepare her for situations where people might not understand her condition.” (Umm Talin)             | Building Resilience  |                                                  |
| Resilience Building<br>(Teaching to Ignore) | Mothers teaching the child to ignore negative comments and focus on happiness.    | “I teach him to ignore what people say and focus on his own happiness.” (Umm Amir)                             |                      |                                                  |