ENHANCING SELF-RELIANCE AND INCLUSION PROSPECTS FOR DISPLACED-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

(Vulnerable Iraqi and Host Communities in Amman)

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Objectives of the project

• Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities – advocacy + urban community initiatives

• Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors – VT+OJT and self-employment/entrepreneurship initiatives
Objectives of the project

**LOCATIONS**

- Al Madina District (focusing on Downtown and Al Hashimi Al Shamali areas)
- Al Yarmouk District (focusing on Asharafieh and Al Misdar areas)
- Jabal Amman and Jabal al Webdeh

**BENEFICIARIES**

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<th>TOTAL</th>
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<td>497 Households</td>
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50% Iraqi refugees
50% Host communities
**Needs assessment and socio-economic situation of the Iraqis in host communities**

**Type of income**
- WFP Cash for Food: 53%
- UNHCR Stipend: 148%
- Remittances: 29%

**Employment status**
- Looking for work: 33%
- Not looking for work: 26%
- 19%: 19%
- 18%: 18%

**Response to COVID-19**
- Reduced spending: 27.7%
- Conserved future needs: 19.7%
- Borrowed money from friends/family: 18.1%

**Education**
- The highest level of education:
  - Bachelor or equivalent: 19%
  - Secondary: 26%
  - Primary: 14%
  - Training: 14%
  - Other post-secondary institution: 18%

In terms, women have lower levels of education than men. Only 2% of households have children who are attending university.

**Living with a disability**
- 77% stated registration fees are a big barrier to them.
- 26% need their children to work in order to support their families.
- 67% of children do not have devices to use online learning.

- 45% reported suffering from at least one disability.
- 18% of Iraqi households reported suffering from two disabilities.

**Obstacles to self-reliance**
- Not being able to work legally: 92%
- The instability caused by COVID-19: 97%

**Social cohesion**
- 35% stated that they are focused on resettlement and therefore not too concerned about blending in the host community.
- More than 60% of respondents said they will miss Amman and their neighborhood if they leave.

- 48% visit downtown few times a month.
Iraqi Refugees – Labour and Self-employment Market Assessment

Access to social protection programs and psychosocial support
Public clinics and hospitals have recently become available for Iraqi refugees at subsidized rates, as of June 2020.

- Noor Al Hussein Foundation
- CVT (Center for Victims of Torture)
- HIJ (International Medical Corps)
- IRC (International Rescue Committee)
- Jordan River Foundation
- Government Family Protection Unit
- National Center for Psychiatry (Part of MoI)
- Karakina Psychiatric Hospital

The most used and known to Iraqis

36% used at least one of these program services
64% never used them
29% have no knowledge of any PSS program

Main organizations that provide Iraqis with services including NGO, CBOs, welfare societies etc.

- Top 4 organizations that serve the Iraqi community in the targeted areas
  - CRP
  - CARE
  - Ayadi alkair (Benevolent Hands Organizations)
  - The Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development (ZENID)

2.7 average no. of organizations whose services they report using
4.3% reported not using the services of any organizations

Where do Iraqis turn to obtain healthcare services?

Only 1 out of 4 respondents stated that they knew government clinics and hospitals have become available for Iraqis.

UN Partners
57%

Caritas
Local pharmacy
Private Clinic
Luzmila Hospital
Italian Hospital
Government Hospitals/Clinics
Somewhere else
Others

*Almost all of ‘somewhere else’ were church clinics
1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities

- Establishment of 3 Community Committees in the 3 project areas – Iraqis + Jordanians
- 15 dialogues sessions in cooperation with CRP and GAM to discuss and raise awareness on main issues affecting Iraqi refugees and vulnerable Jordanian communities
- Topics discussed: Affordable access to education, Access to vocational training and apprenticeships, Need to increase awareness of mental health services and the importance of approaching psychological support, Inclusion of Iraqis affordable Social Security Corporation subscription, Accessibility for people with disability, Equitable access for women to income-generating opportunities, Local economic development and unemployment
- Advocacy paper to be launched - Challenges in Education, General and Mental Health services, Socio-Economic Inclusion for Women and People with Disabilities – Iraqi specific challenges and recommendations
1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities

- EXPECTED RESULTS
  - Give voice to vulnerable communities and empower them – including Iraqi refugees
  - Raise awareness on challenges of vulnerable communities and Iraqi refugees
  - Discuss with Institutions and Partners possible solutions
1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities

• Selection of 220 volunteers – 50% Iraqis + 50% Jordanians

• Training on urban revitalization initiatives

• Discussion and prioritization of urban revitalization interventions

• Implementation of 10 urban revitalization initiatives in cooperation with CRP and the support of GAM
1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities

- EXPECTED RESULTS
  - Community led initiatives
  - Opportunity for community members to approach and liaise with GAM
  - Increasing sense of belonging and social cohesion for both communities
2) Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors

- Labour and self-employment market assessment:
  - Out of 348736 non-Jordanian registered workers, 625 were Iraqis (MoL, 2019)
- Focus Group Discussions:
  - home based activities: cooking, sewing, maintenance for electronic and electrical devices, carpentry, artisanship and art crafts in downtown in particular
  - Entrepreneurship: e-marketing, graphic design, services provided online and at distance, but also home-based cooking production or sewing - building around the existing assets, skills, and professional experience to promote entrepreneurship and the creation of startup projects.
- Desk research: mapping of organization providing services for Iraqis
- Need to invest in digital skills and English classes
2) **Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors**

- 200 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged for 3 months on Vocational Training + English and soft skills
- 200 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged for 3 months on On-The-Job training
- 59 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged in self-entrepreneurial activities (micro and small business):
  - Intensive bootcamp
  - Seed grants
  - Mentorship
2) **Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors**

- **EXPECTED RESULTS**
  - Certified training
  - On-the-job experience
  - Livelihood opportunities for Iraqis as self-entrepreneurs
Thank you!!!
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