

LEADERS

For Sustainable Livelihoods

Supporting local solutions for the challenges facing refugees and host communities in Jordan and Lebanon.

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COUNTRIES

Jordan & Lebanon

BENEFICIARIES

49,262 Direct
276,140 Indirect

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

- Economically vulnerable individuals and households, particularly women and youth
- Existing and scalable private sector enterprises (MSMEs), private sector associations
- Municipalities impacted by displaced refugees

BUDGET

7 million Euros

DURATION

18 months
until November 2017

The situation in Jordan and Lebanon

The six year civil war in Syria has produced countless tragic human stories. More than a quarter of a million people have lost their lives and 13.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes. There are now over five million Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries.

Out of 660,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan (according to UN figures), 80% of Syrian refugees in Jordan live outside refugee camps, with 90% of them falling below the Jordanian poverty line. In Lebanon, more than one million Syrian refugees who are registered with UNCHR live in non-camp settings.

Host communities are increasingly in competition for jobs, wages and affordable housing. Overall perceptions of the crisis are having a negative impact on social cohesion, particularly in areas with a high concentration of refugees.

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Syrian refugees are registered with UNHCR in Lebanon

LEADERS: An EC-funded response

LEADERS support the creation of job opportunities and local economic development initiatives in Jordan and Lebanon.

The LEADERS Consortium brings together the technical expertise and capacity of partners, and works with stakeholders at all levels to increase local investment and provide stimulus for local business growth.

The LEADERS consortium believes that inclusive dialogue and participation will support locally-led solutions and investment in local economies. In turn, this will mean increased job opportunities for all.

LEADERS Consortium works with Syrian refugees (30%) and their Jordanian and Lebanese hosting populations (70%).

What does LEADERS do?

Address policy barriers to Syrians' participation in the labour market

LEADERS conducts in-depth research to identify practical barriers to job opportunities for vulnerable populations. This includes market mapping to understand the disconnect between supply and demand for labour in Jordan and Lebanon.

LEADERS is able to apply this learning to design and deliver targeted skills training to jobseekers that matches with employer needs. The programme links job seekers

with job opportunities through traineeships, internships and job placements.

Ensure that established MSME and emerging businesses are viable, sustainable and sensitive to employees' basic rights

LEADERS provides MSME's with the information they need to create economically viable businesses that respect their employees basic rights. Through mentorship and counselling sessions with existing business owners, LEADERS promotes expansion into

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I am the oldest of four brothers, so I have a responsibility to support my family. I've now been trained and certified in industrial electricity. This will definitely help me to find a job as an electrician.

Munther, 18 years old, Jordanian first time job seeker



Photo by: Aisha Shtawi / Oxfam



I am trying to learn as much as possible as to have the chance of being a full time employee.

Lina, 28 years old, Lebanese job seeker



Lina is training to become a lab technician in Zahle, Lebanon. Photo by: Mais Salman

sectors with real potential for growth. It is anticipated that as MSMEs grow, this will spur job opportunities for both host and refugee communities alike.

LEADERS advocates for decent working conditions and a greater sense of social responsibility within the private sector, to alleviate the existing tensions around access to jobs.

Improve local economic development and service delivery in communities hosting refugees

LEADERS engages with local, national and regional stakeholders directly and through

awareness campaigns to address barriers that restrict business potential and access to work opportunities for the poor.

LEADERS convenes dialogue tables with local authorities, civil society, private sector as well as representatives of Syrian refugees, chambers of industry and commerce to encourage conversation on how best to support investment in local economies. Through this process, LEADERS seeks to learn from the communities we serve and inform our future work, promoting community participation and action towards commonly agreed upon objectives.

