



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Livelihoods activities for the Syrian refugees and members of host communities cover mainly three areas

- 1• Income Generation** opportunities: Increased employment opportunities through income generation/employment creation activities.
- 2• Employment:** Facilitation mechanisms for job opportunities, vocational and business trainings provided (employability trainings, skills trainings, job portals, job newsletters, databases, etc.)
160 beneficiaries have started their Vocational Training (VT) courses in mobile phone repair, plumbing, first aid, embroidery, welding and electric installations.

In Gawilan Camp 132 beneficiaries received Business Development Services (BDS) training, of which 100 completed their VT course in addition 32 are scheduled to receive IKGs packages in order to set up their joint small businesses, according to the business plans approved during the BDS course.

1,298 Syrian refugees benefited from free internet access through IOM Community Technology Access centers (CTA) in Erbil governorate camps:

Basirma: 432 beneficiaries, out of which 169 are women

Darashakran: 439 beneficiaries, out of which 252 are women

Qushtapa: 247, out of which are 83 women

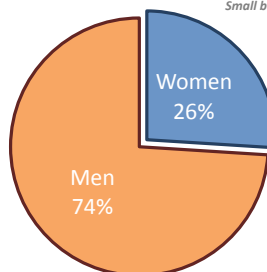
Kawergosk: 180, out of which are 59 women

Also, in **Basirma** Camp 74 beneficiaries received vocational training in (hand-craft and hairdressing) including women & girls in addition to English language course in which 24 beneficiaries had benefited disaggregated by women and girls all to make sure the cash for work project will resume back for women center inside the camp.

3• Social Cohesion: Promote inclusiveness and peaceful co-existence among refugees, host communities and other local groups through Community-based activities for social cohesion facilitated.



Small business management training, non camp refugees, Dohuk, Roshan Muhsin



Percentage of men and women benefited from livelihoods activities

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

According reports from livelihood partners, though the continued humanitarian relief is needed for the most vulnerable refugees, it needs a strongly emphasizing for enhancing beneficiaries' self-reliance, by providing them with income generation activities and training to increase their employability.

In April, Women represented about 26% of the beneficiaries reached through livelihoods programming targeting refugees. Although this represents over a third of the total beneficiaries reached in the month it also highlights a need to maintain a focus on activities which link women to income generating opportunities. Particularly in cash for work activities that traditionally focus on men who are able bodied to participate in physical labor activities.

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