



LEADERS (ACTED, CARE, DRC,
Oxfam, Save the Children,
Makhzoumi Foundation)
Jordan and Lebanon



AIM:

'The leaders consortium will contribute to the economic self reliance, resilience and social stability of displacement affected populations in Jordan and Lebanon by encouraging local actors and institutions to develop durable and inclusive livelihood solutions and by advocating for an enabling socio-economic environment'



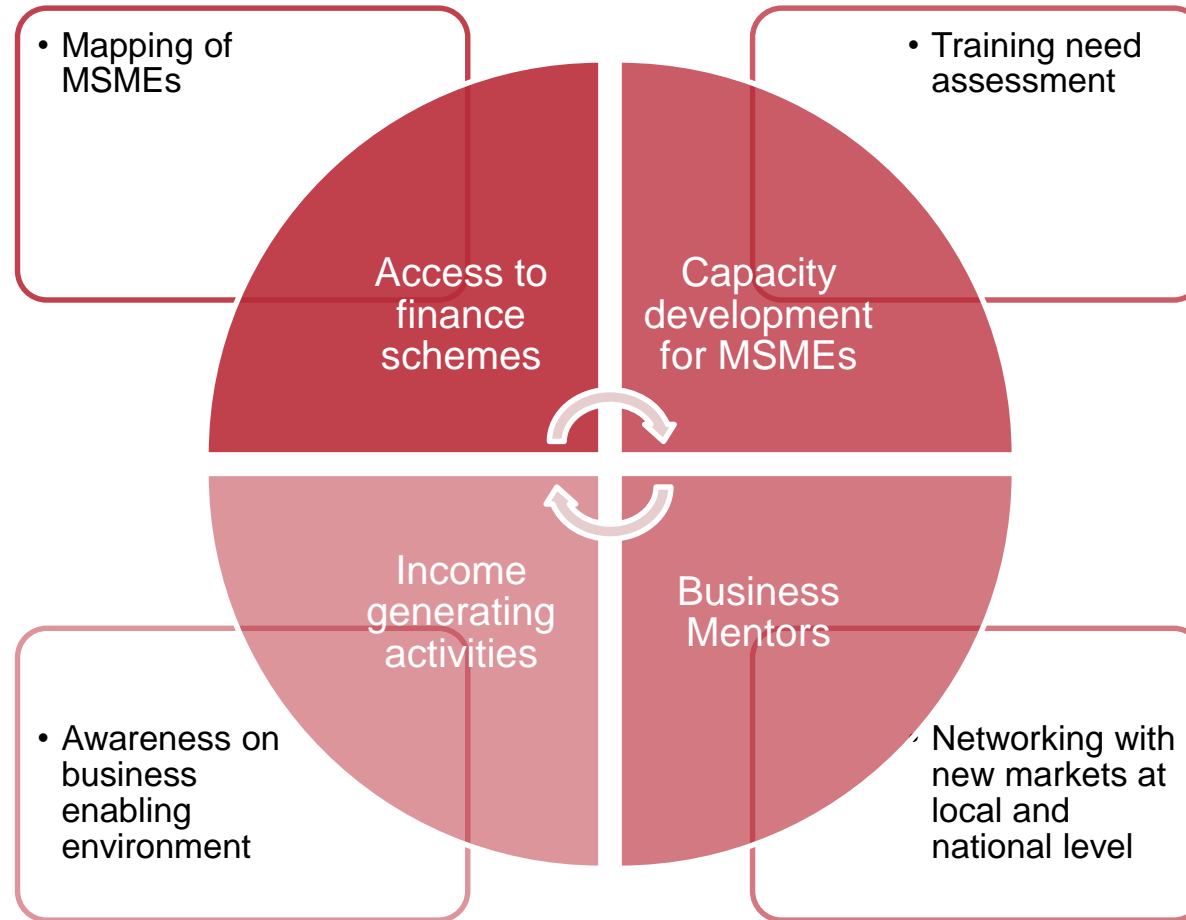
Barriers to participation in the labor force amongst male and female youth:

- Men: expectations do not match qualifications; role of wasta; results in discouragement to the extent that there is 1% year-on-year decrease in economically active male youth
- Women: 3rd lowest rates of labor force participation in MENA; primarily cultural reasons but due to economy more women entering the labor force becoming more acceptable
- Women and youth do not have the necessary skill sets to enable them to enter the labor force
- Business owners do not fully apply labor laws and regulations

How will we respond:

- Engage community leaders on women's participation in the labor force
- Personal development training for male and female youth
- Job matching for VT graduates and unemployed men and women – in line with experience and managing expectations
- Ethics training for business owners

Services to be provided and methodology



Local Economic Development

- > Inclusive participation of communities in municipal decision-making is a key driver for establishing the conditions for durable LED solutions.
 - > Create collaborative platforms involving **multiple stakeholders** that produce a tangible understanding of opportunities and challenges facing their local economies;
 - > These will **build on** participatory planning cycles and **established community groups**.
 - > Improve practices, strategies, and stakeholders' relationships to accommodate **collective problem solving**.
 - > Provide the tangible opportunity to **create consensus and ownership** over a priority investment project.

Focus- Dialogue Tables

- > Platform for community collaboration and engagement.
 - > Serve as a fora to tackle barriers faced by the private sector
 - > Validate research findings including market analysis and skills mapping
 - > Identify small-scale infrastructure and public service needs that will support increased economic activity and quality service delivery.
- > Dialogue tables will be complemented by working groups organized on an 'as needed' basis
 - > Separate working groups for women, refugees, and youth.

Project Activity

Activity description

Direct investments to tackle service delivery and infrastructure gaps prioritised with the private sector and communities

Purpose

- Provide income-generating opportunities for MSMEs
- Create temporary employment opportunities for job seekers
- Improve the economic enabling environment through increased access to services and markets
- Address key constraints in individuals (particularly youth, women and marginalised individuals) access to employment opportunities
 - Provision of childcare arrangements
 - Upgrading of work environments to enable female participation



Research, Advocacy and Institutional Development

- Market Research: To inform project implementation
- Policy Research: To inform Advocacy efforts and local level
- Local Advocacy: Supporting local institutions advocate for greater policies and practices that contribute to LED
- National Advocacy: For more flexible legal frameworks and best practices to increase refugees' access to livelihoods
- Training of national business support providers and Institutional capacity building workshops: Equip self-selecting participants from national development institutions to learn effective frameworks, tools and approaches to sustainable local economic development
- Bespoke specialized workshops on sustainable development frameworks, tools and approaches:

