



LIVELIHOODS SECTOR

Quarterly Report (October 2017 – December 2017)



Inter-Sector
Working Group
Jordan

This report is produced by the Livelihoods Sector Working Group in Jordan in response to the Syria crisis. It shows progresses in project implementation and funding status during the reporting period. It summarizes achievement and challenges and highlights foreseen needs for the next quarter. For the monthly update, please see the Monthly Sector Dashboard at this [link](#).

Reporting and Monitoring Phase

Implementation of Inter-Agency Appeal in Support of Jordan Response Plan

Partners by Component (Total 22, Population 14,953)

REFUGEE: 21 Partners, 10 Governorates

Locations: Ajlun, Amman, Madaba, Irbid, Jerash, Al-Balqa, Mafraq, Karak, Maan and Zarqa Governorates

RESILIENCE: 10 Partners, 7 Governorates

Locations: Ajlun, Amman, Irbid, Mafraq, Karak, Maan and Zarqa Governorates

Funding Status (Refugee component)

Requested: **\$22,002,707**

Received: **\$18,079,435**

Gap: **\$3,403,272**

Source : [Financial Tracking System](#)

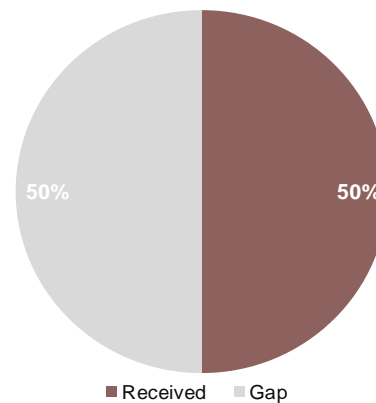
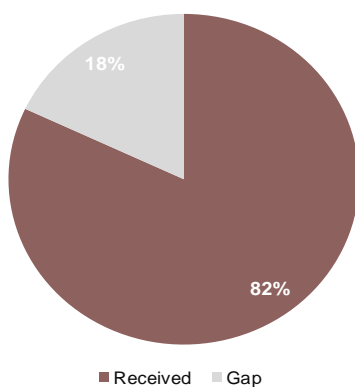
Funding Status (Resilience component)

Requested: **\$84,143,927**

Received: **\$42,425,184**

Gap: **\$41,718,743**

Source : [Financial Tracking System](#)



Progress against Targets: Sector Priority Indicators

2,127 of beneficiaries in multi-sectoral graduation programme	82%	2,605
46,717 of work permits issued and renewed by MoL for POC's in 2017 (World Bank "P4R" Programme for Results target)	85%	55,000
9,149 of Syrian men and women engaged in applied skills and technical trainings;	76%	11,989
1,308 of individuals participating in employment readiness and employability courses		16,476
927 of entrepreneurs accessing startup and acceleration loans	39%	2,400



Key achievements

- Cabinet approval of the 6th extension of the grace period for Syrian refugees' work permits until June 30th 2018. A circular has been made by the Ministry of Labour regarding this approval.
- UNHCR, ILO and World Bank have conducted the "Periodic analysis of Syrian workers in Jordan" survey, by interviewing 600 Syrians with and without work permits; highlighting that increased awareness of employer sponsorship is key to the formalization of Syrian workers in Jordan.
- Following a presentation by/about the Cash unit at the Livelihoods Working Group, four NGOs have requested lists of refugees rotating off cash to link them with livelihoods projects. Requests are ongoing.
- Two thematic sub-groups have been active; Cash for Work in which GIZ/ILO lead and the ILO led Employment group.
- The USAID LENS supported a legal mechanism for home-based businesses that was launched by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Greater Amman Municipality and other government entities. The legal mechanism will help businesses become part of the formal economy and legal framework.
- An increase in the beneficiaries for the multi-sectoral graduation program as opposed to the previous quarters is due to that Livelihoods requires time for implementation.
- A decrease in the financial gap during this reporting quarter, as both Refugee and Resilience components have received more funds.
- Work permits:
 - ⇒ A total of 46,717 (issued and renewed) during the period of January 1, 2017-Dec 31, 2017. This number is probably due to MoL announcing more flexible rules about work permits: Refugees can now replace their current work permit with another in other sectors if the current permit in the agricultural, supporting services or bakeries sectors is expired; Clearance from the previous employer is no longer needed.

Challenges faced during the reporting period

- Work permit issuance by gender Jan 1 2017-Dec 31 2017: 95% male and 5% female. Female participation remains low, as main reasons are child care provision.
- HBB's for Syrians and other foreigners is still difficult.
- There have been mixed messages on support to the Syrian Home Based Businesses' intervention in the JRP. LWG has sought clarifications from MOPIC and MoL. The JRP/3RP draft has 4.8 million dedicated to this area of intervention, however, approval of NGO projects supporting HBB were put on hold.

Gaps and key priorities foreseen in the 4th quarter (October-December)

◇ Gaps:

- Comprehensive mapping has remained difficult throughout the year, which makes it difficult to understand refugee services and projects.
- The target reached for the beneficiaries of individuals participating in employment readiness and employability courses is 1,308 of the 16,476 target. A reason can be that the planned targets for the year has been overly ambitious.

◇ Key Priorities:

- Continue to advocate for more flexibility in occupations open to refugees.
- Address challenges and barriers that promote the work of women.
- Clarify issue related to licensing and registration of HBB as they apply to Syrians.



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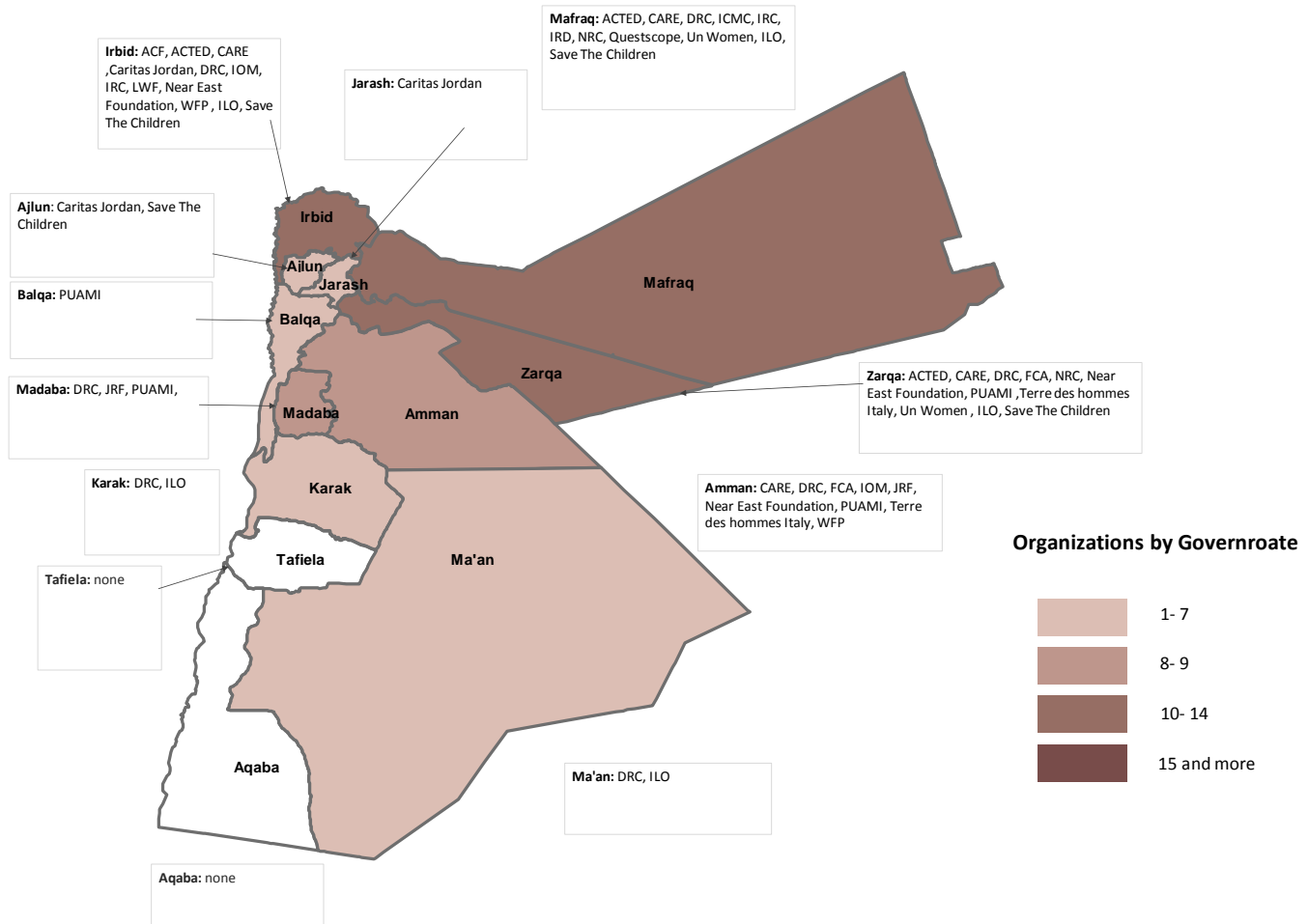
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Organizations and coverage

The achievements described in this report are based on the inputs provided by the following organizations through the ActivityInfo database.



For more detailed information on the services provided by sector partners, please refer to the Services Advisor:

<http://jordan.servicesadvisor.org/>

For more information on the Livelihood sector please look at:

http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/working_group.php?Page=Country&LocationId=107&Id=73

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