

In 2017, Livelihoods partners assisted over 30,000 refugees and host community members with short-term and/or long-term employment opportunities and over 110,000 youth and adults in increasing their employability through job training, internships, job placement and language courses. Highlights across the region in December include:

**In Jordan**, cabinet approved a 6th extension of the grace period for Syrian refugees' work permits, until 30 June 2018. Some 4,459 Syrian men and women have been engaged in applied skills and technical training, while over 2000 have benefited from applied skills and technical trainings in 2017. **In Iraq**, the economic situation for Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region, where the vast majority of refugees are hosted, continues to be a challenge. While some Syrian refugees are able to earn income participating in cash for work (CfW) activities inside camps, camp residents, who account for 38 per cent of the Syrian refugee population, are severely challenged to find private sector work outside of the camps due to geographical isolation from companies or factories. **In Turkey**, during 2017, 46,655 Syrian refugees and host community members completed technical and vocational trainings and participated in skills training. **In Egypt** almost 1,500 people have been provided by training for livelihood purposes while around 1,000 have been assisted with access to self-employment. In **Lebanon**, 35,859 individuals were trained and/or provided with marketable skills and services in 2017. Livelihoods and income generation activities are particularly important given the finding of the [Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon](#) that 36 per cent of Syrian refugee households have no working member.

