

Electrification Factsheet Zaatari Camp - Jordan August 2018

UNHCR, in partnership with the Government of Jordan, funded by KfW Development Bank have established the largest solar power plant in a refugee camp covering the electricity needs of refugees in Zaatari Camp. This renewable energy connects 100% of shelters in the camp via the newly renovated medium and low voltage power network support by the Government of Czech Republic. JICA trained refugees who now have been internationally accredited as electricians and who have been involved not only in the construction of this solar plant and network, but also in the ongoing maintenance of the whole electrical system.

Electricity Access



100% of shelters connected to the grid



Average of 78 kWh per month per household or 2.6 kWh per day

hours of electricity provided daily to shelters



organizations and operational facilities have access to electricity through the national grid

Environmental Impact



23,000 MWh's of clean energy produced every year



15,600 tons per year reduction of CO2



equivalent to around 30,000 barrels of oil

Cost Savings



80%

annual reduction in electricity bills



anticipated energy savings of \$5 million in 2018



Constructed at approximately \$1.16/W

Anticipated return on investment within 3 years

Improved Lighting



2,100

street lights installed across the camp (approximately)



LED street lights installed around the camp



27,000

Energy Efficient
Lightbulbs (LED) distributed
distributed to households

Livelihood Opportunities



of labour provided by refugees in the solar plant construction



trained refugees connected the network to the shelters



internationally recognized trained refugees undertake maintenance on the network



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to be trained by the end of September 2018 additional refugees

Zaatari Electrical Network Physical Facts

- The Solar Plant uses 40,100 solar PV panels with a lifespan of 25 years
- Total Solar Plant area is over 20 hectares, equivalent of 33 football fields
- 14 km's of DC cable and 1.4 km's of AC cable are used across the Solar Plant





