

More than 8,000 people trained or provided with marketable skills and services

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey, over 2,300 Syrian refugees and Turkish beneficiaries received livelihoods training this month. Vocational trainings organized and conducted by various 3RP partners during April included basic life skills, computer training classes, accounting management, human resource development, nutrition, handicrafts and embroidery. Turkish language classes also continue to be organized for Syrian refugees.

In April, over 3,100 individuals were supported through activities of an ongoing project on work permits covering various cities in Turkey. A total of nine training sessions were organized for Syrian refugees on the work permit application process in April. In addition, 79 awareness-raising and 34 legal counselling sessions were organized.

In Lebanon, given the high interest of partners in developing value chain upgrading programmes, the Livelihoods sector consolidated lessons learned from the existing value chains interventions. The sector target is to initiate upgrading work in 21 value chains this year. The main progress in April in that area was related to valorising the traditional Syrian embroidery value chains and partners worked with Artisan du Liban to provide technical and business management trainings for 50 Syrian refugees and host community.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Expanding access to livelihoods is central to resilience-building. In 2016, the livelihood and social cohesion sector will target around 770,100 refugees and vulnerable host community members with a range of interventions to expand opportunities to cope with, recover from and transform in response to crisis, as well as improve access to and quality of service delivery. Assessed in financial terms, this sector makes up 10 per cent, or USD 477 million of the resources required to implement the 3RP in 2016.

3RP partners will work together with the private sector and national Governments to determine how best to create livelihood opportunities for women and men that fill gaps within labour markets and contribute to the establishment of new enterprises, rather than fostering competition for jobs and driving down wages.

Overall objectives for the livelihoods and social cohesion/stabilization sector in the five 3RP countries include creating the necessary conditions and environment for job creation while enhancing existing systems and promoting social cohesion and community integration initiatives at the community and municipal levels. With expanded livelihood opportunities, affected households will be better able to contribute to local economies and move towards self-sufficiency.



Nadia Sarhan.

NADIA: FROM HOUSEHOLDER TO BUSINESS OWNER

Nadia's store is located in "Al Hoshah" municipality in Mafraq Governorates. Through the folds of the narrow road, a visitor notices the store as a room adjacent to the nearby house. Both (the house and the store) stand as a witness to the story of enabling a woman to develop her own business and support her family financially and morally as well. The visitor can recognize in her face, Nadia's pride with her success, while she continues to organize the goods and chat with her customers.

Celebrating the opening of her store, Nadia says: "Some people may think this room is a simple place compared to other stores, to me, it is a dream comes true. One day it was an idea, and today it has matured to become an integrated project. I still remember the telephone call in which I was informed that my application was accepted to participate in "Emergency Employment project - a UNDP initiative".

Before joining the Emergency Employment, Nadia's - the mother of three who got married 10 years ago, life revolved solely around the house chores, during those years she isolated herself and never tended to create any friendships with her neighbors, not even meet them. Nadia says: "I suffered intolerable loneliness, my world was bounded by the house walls as well as my ambition. My days were similar, I can summarize all the years will two words: "house chores", soon I lost interest in almost everything around me, even stopped taking care of myself. I dwelled into my financial limitations, wasn't able to realize that there is a prospect for a better future. Even on the family level, I did not feel I am a partner in decision-making whether regarding family or children matters. "

Nadia is of the 100 volunteers who have benefited from the "Emergency Employment project (3X6 approach)". In its first phase, the project aims at providing community voluntary work. Through the phase, participants are engaged with voluntary community service projects, and undergo a special set of trainings, crafted to provide them with life skills, self-development skills, financial management skills, and strategic thinking, empowering the participants with necessary skills to manage their own future businesses.

Sector Response Summary:



770,100 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
11,140 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,807,600 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 997 million received in 2016



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - APRIL 2016 *

	Progress	Planned Response, by end-2016
2,943 individuals accessing wage employment opportunities	1%	282,414
77 community support projects implemented	1%	5,178
8,198 people trained and/or provided with marketable skills and services	5%	153,106

These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 30 April 2016.

* Progress data not yet received for Iraq in April 2016.