



Across the region livelihood programs continue to benefiting host communities and refugees alike

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

In Lebanon, the 2016 livelihood activities will aim to increase engagement with the Ministry of Labour and the Lebanese social protection system to support the increase of decent work opportunities. An OXFAM and AUB study released this month on poverty, inequality and social protection in Lebanon confirms the particularly high vulnerability of refugee and women-headed households when it comes to poverty, and points out the concentration of poor households in the informal sector where they are even more vulnerable to external shocks.

In Turkey, ILO is working in cooperation with Harran Governorate to implement vocational and technical trainings and basic skills-development trainings both within container city and in out-of-camp settings. A field visit was undertaken to Harran to meet with local authorities, identify vocational training and visit training venues available. A questionnaire developed with Harran Governorate will help assess Syrian refugees and host community members who will benefit from training activities based on their backgrounds, skills and motivation.

This month, Turkish language courses were launched in Gaziantep Municipal Arts and Crafts Centre with five classes training 100 Syrians. A glass bead artisan Atelier workshop was successfully established providing vocational training to 20 trainees. The first intake has 5 Syrian and 12 Turkish trainees reflecting the twin approach of assisting both Syrian refugees and impacted Turkish host community beneficiaries.



UNHCR Egypt

Sector Response Summary:



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



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,567,100 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 93 million received in 2016



ILO'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FIRST VISIT TO JORDAN WITH A COMMITMENT TO HELP REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITY ACCESS TO DECENT JOBS

On 28 January, the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Director General Guy Ryder visited Jordan for the first time, to examine first-hand the effects of the Syria refugee crisis on Jordan's labour market. Hosting this large number of refugees has strained Jordan's infrastructure, services and job market. The discussions during the Directors' visit focused on the employment options for refugees and host communities.

During his visit to the Kingdom, the Director General met with senior government officials and discussed developments affecting labour issues in Jordan, with a focus on the global response to the Syria refugee crisis. He also conducted field visits to Syrian refugee camps and local communities hosting refugees. Ryder's visit to Jordan takes on added significance ahead of the Syria Donors Conference, that took place in London on 4 February. The objective of the London conference is not only to raise funding for humanitarian efforts in Syria, but also to provide increased support for Syria's neighbouring countries with a focus on job opportunities and education for refugees and the local hosting populations, the statement added.

ILO said its future initiatives in Jordan will focus on a range of activities which will include advocating for the integration of Syrian refugees into the labour market, employment of Syrians in selected industries in qualifying industrial zones to provide the labour supply needed to support sectors that contribute to Jordan's economic growth, establishing joint business ventures between host community members and Syrian refugees and working on initiatives to help the most vulnerable in Jordanian society gain access to employment and income.

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.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2016 *

	Progress	Planned Response, by end-2016
195 individuals accessing wage employment opportunities	0.07%	282,414
16 community support projects implemented	0.3%	5,178
507 people trained and/or provided with marketable skills and services	0.3%	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 31 January 2016.

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