

# ***ENHANCING SELF-RELIANCE AND INCLUSION PROSPECTS FOR DISPLACED-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES***

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**(Vulnerable Iraqi and Host Communities in Amman)**

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## *Objectives of the project*

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- **Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities – *advocacy + urban community initiatives***
- **Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors – *VT+OJT and self-employment/entrepreneurship initiatives***

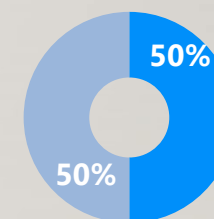
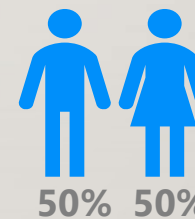
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### ■ LOCATIONS

- Al Madina District (focusing on Downtown and Al Hashimi Al Shamali areas)
- Al Yarmouk District (focusing on Asharafieh and Al Misdar areas)
- Jabal Amman and Jabal al Webdeh

### ■ BENEFICIARIES

**TOTAL**  
**497**  
Households

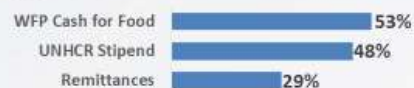


- Iraqi refugees
- Host communities

# Preliminary assessment

## Needs assessment and socio-economic situation of the Iraqis in host communities

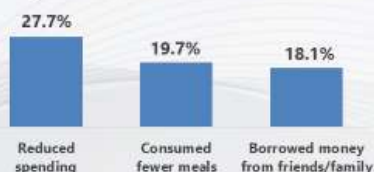
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### Employment status

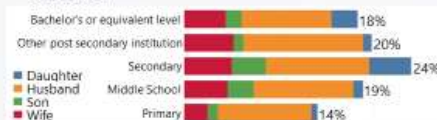


### Response to COVID-19



### Education

#### The highest level of education



In terms, women have lower levels of education than men. Only 2% of households have children who are attending university.

**77% stated**  
Registration fees are a big barrier to them

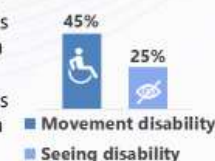
**27% consider**  
bullying a barrier to enrollment in education

**26% need**  
their children to work in to order to support their families

**67% of**  
children do not have devices to use online learning

### Living with a disability

- 27% of Iraqi households reported suffering from at least one disability
- 18% of Iraqi households reported suffering from two disabilities



### Obstacles to self-reliance



### Social cohesion

- 35% stated that they are focused on resettlement and therefore not too concerned about blending in the host community.
- More than 80% of respondents said they will miss Amman and their neighborhood if they leave.

48% visit Downtown few times a month

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## Access to social protection programs and psychosocial support

Public clinics and hospitals have recently become available for Iraqi refugees at subsidized rates, as of June 2020.

- Noor Al Hussein Foundation
  - CVT (Center for Victims of Torture)
  - IMC (International Medical Corps)
  - IRC (International Rescue Committee)
  - Jordan River Foundation
  - Government Family Protection Unit
  - National Center for Psychiatry (Part of MoH)
  - Karama Psychiatric Hospital
- The most used and known to Iraqis
- 36%** used at least one of these program services
  - 64%** never used them
  - 29%** have no knowledge of any PSS program

## Main organizations that provide Iraqis with services including NGO, CBOs, welfare societies etc.

- Top 4 organizations that serve the Iraqi community in the targeted areas
  - CRP
  - CARE
  - Ayadi alkair (Benevolent Hands Organizations)
  - The Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development (ZENID)

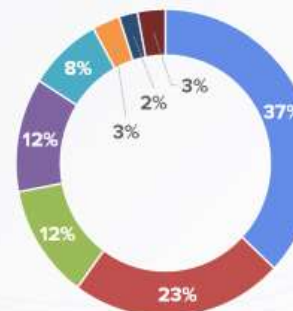
**2.7** average no. of organizations whose services they report using

**4.3%** Reported not using the services of any organizations

## Where do Iraqis turn to obtain healthcare services?



**Only 1 out of 4** respondents stated that they knew government clinics and hospitals have become available for Iraqis.



- Caritas
  - Local pharmacy
  - Private Clinic
  - Luzmila Hospital
  - Italian Hospital
  - Government Hospitals/Clinics
  - Somewhere else\*
  - Others
- UN Partners 57%**

\*Almost all of 'somewhere else' were church clinics

## 1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities

- Establishment of **3 Community Committees** in the 3 project areas – Iraqis + Jordanians
- **15 dialogues sessions** in cooperation with CRP and GAM to discuss and raise awareness on main issues affecting Iraqi refugees and vulnerable Jordanian communities
- **Topics discussed:** Affordable access to education, Access to vocational training and apprenticeships, Need to increase awareness of mental health services and the importance of approaching psychological support, Inclusion of Iraqis affordable Social Security Corporation subscription, Accessibility for people with disability, Equitable access for women to income-generating opportunities, Local economic development and unemployment
- **Advocacy paper** to be launched - Challenges in Education, General and Mental Health services, Socio-Economic Inclusion for Women and People with Disabilities – Iraqi specific challenges and recommendations

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- EXPECTED RESULTS
  - Give voice to vulnerable communities and empower them – including Iraqi refugees
  - Raise awareness on challenges of vulnerable communities and Iraqi refugees
  - Discuss with Institutions and Partners possible solutions

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- Selection of 220 volunteers – 50% Iraqis + 50% Jordanians
- **Training** on urban revitalization initiatives
- Discussion and prioritization of **urban revitalization interventions**
- **Implementation of 10 urban revitalization initiatives** in cooperation with CRP and the support of GAM



## ***1) Strengthened constructive and effective socio-economic participation of Iraqi Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the development of their local communities***

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- EXPECTED RESULTS
  - Community led initiatives
  - Opportunity for community members to approach and liaise with GAM
  - Increasing sense of belonging and social cohesion for both communities

## 2) Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors

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- Labour and self-employment market assessment:
  - Out of 348736 non-Jordanian registered workers, 625 were Iraqis (MoL, 2019)
  - Focus Group Discussions:
    - home based activities: cooking, sewing, maintenance for electronic and electrical devices, carpentry, artisanship and art crafts in downtown in particular
    - Entrepreneurship: e-marketing, graphic design, services provided online and at distance, but also home-based cooking production or sewing - building around the existing assets, skills, and professional experience to promote entrepreneurship and the creation of startup projects.
  - Desk research: mapping of organization providing services for Iraqis
  - Need to invest in digital skills and English classes

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- 200 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged for 3 months on Vocational Training + English and soft skills
- 200 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged for 3 months on On-The-Job training
- 59 Iraqis and vulnerable Jordanians engaged in self-entrepreneurial activities (micro and small business):
  - Intensive bootcamp
  - Seed grants
  - mentorship

## ***2) Increased employment and self-employment opportunities for Iraqis Refugees/Migrants and Jordanians in the promising economic sectors***

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- EXPECTED RESULTS
  - Certified training
  - On-the-job experience
  - Livelihood opportunities for Iraqis as self-entrepreneurs



Thank you!!!

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