



12,900 individuals have had access to wage employment opportunities



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TAMKEEN LIVELIHOOD CENTRE IN AZRAQ

Tamkeen, which means 'empowerment' in Arabic, is the first livelihood centre in Azraq Camp in Jordan. The centre opened in October, and will allow Syrian refugees to be able to take courses (e.g. shoe repair, gardening, painting, advanced sewing and tailoring), which will allow them to learn new skills and therefore help them creating new businesses and opportunities to generate income and at the same time also the chance to showcase their products.

3RP Partners involved in this project established their presence in Azraq camp to support vulnerable female, young and adult refugees by meeting their basic needs through temporary work employment and skill-building opportunities, which could lead to small businesses in the planned Azraq marketplace.

By the end of December, Tamkeen Livelihood Centre is expected to have its first graduates who in the near future can become part of future 3RP Partners' projects within the camp and be paid for their work.

The skills and experience gained with this approach will serve both to improve social protection and ease the poverty among refugees, while also preparing them for future productive activities.

Through future income generating jobs, the graduates will be able to better support their families, better adjust to the camp setting and increase their self-esteem.

3RP Partners also offer financial training to support them in future operations in the camp, and try to purchase all materials needed for the centre from the camp's marketplace to help development, increase cash flow and inject cash in the market.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Jordan, over the past 12 months, number of work permits issued by the Ministry of Labor (MoL) reached 32,389. However the permits issued to women remain very few, only 498, which represents 1.5 per cent of the overall figure.

According to the MoL, Syrian refugees in the camps will be able to obtain work permits to be employed outside the camp. These will be considered as leave permits for the holder only (not for the family). The discussions on establishing mechanisms for this increased mobility are taking place at the camp level.

In collaboration with MoL, UNHCR updated the FAQs on work permits reflecting the new grace period. The reprinted FAQs are being disseminated.

In Lebanon, the number of people trained and/or provided with marketable skills and services reached 19,916. 1,053 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and Cooperatives were supported, this represents 59 per cent of the target.

Based on preliminary 2016 VASYR results, 27 per cent adult Syrian refugees are working at least one day in the month preceding the visit in which they were profiled, and 90 per cent of host community members report an increase of unemployment since the beginning of the crisis.

Sector Response Summary:



770,100 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
61,660 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,740,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,780,900 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.54 billion required in 2016
USD 2.41 billion received in 2016



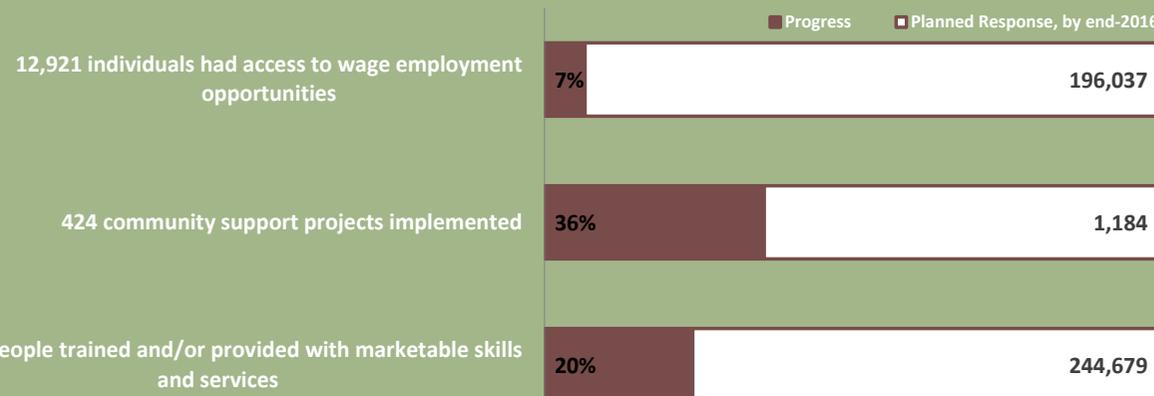
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

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.

Across countries, the large increase in population is putting public institutions under extreme pressure to deliver basic services to an increasingly high number of vulnerable people, in a context of shrinking national resources. Hosting a large, increasingly poor, refugee community has continued to test the limits of infrastructure and public services that were already fragile before the crisis.

3RP partners are working 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.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - OCTOBER 2016 *



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 October 2016.

* Progress data not yet received for Iraq and Turkey in October 2016.