



# A cross-sectorial platform for education, social protection & youth empowerment

On the basis of the successful pilot project conducted with Care in Azraq camp, Libraries Without Borders is looking for implementing partners to jointly deploy the Ideas Box at large scale in Jordan. This note underlines the added value of Ideas Box projects in your Education and Protection programs.

## The Ideas Box in a nutshell

Libraries Without Borders (LWB) has developed the Ideas Box, a portable media-center that can be transported on two standard shipping palets. In 20 minutes, the Ideas Box unfolds on 100 m2 and can accommodate up to one hundred people. Ideas Box comes fully-furnished and equipped with Internet access, electrical generator, wi-fi environment, tablets, computers, home cinema, and with an extensive selection of contents systematically adapted to the context of implementation (books, e-books, videos, applications, board games, educational and recreational material).

## Partnership framework

Because LWB believes in supporting local operational expertise, Ideas Box is implemented on a partnership project model where partner organizations and agencies operate the box within the framework of their own programs. The projects are co-constructed and LWB offers a set of ready-to-use activities (like coding and programming lessons, Khan Academy tutoring, etc.) LWB **builds and ships the box**, **trains** partners' staff, **curates contents** and selects equipment, **monitors and evaluates** the programs and activities conducted in the Ideas Box.

Where possible, LWB works on a **co-funding** model and foster **collaborative project design and fundraising processes** with its national and international partners, bringing in part of the funding from external donors.

## Multiplying your impact with the Ideas Box

In a refugee camp, a community center, or any other structure devoted to education, psychosocial support, protection, or local empowerment, Ideas Box brings:

- A **major qualitative improvement** on the ongoing activities;
- An extension of the **range of activities** that can be conducted in the project;
- An improvement in the **outreach** and **coverage** of the programs as it acts as an important pulling factor for the beneficiaries.

## Building a project on accordance with the Jordan Response Plan

Standardized, fully-equipped, autonomous, durable, transportable Ideas Box unfolds in 30 minutes and allows for **swift implementation and operationalization**, and **quick impact**. Moreover, Ideas Box is designed for **beneficiary ownership** through the fostering of *user-curated* and *user-created* content.

# IDEASBOX for Education

PRE-PRIMARY | REMEDIAL CLASSES | NON-CERTIFIED EDUCATION | ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION | ...

**An effective and efficient tool for sustaining access to education, Ideas Box is a high quality, fully equipped learning environment packed with educative contents carefully selected for each context of implementation. LWB has developed an expertise on the evaluation of educative projects, and specifically on the impacts of blended learning on the academic performance of students in vulnerable situations. Ideas Box is also an attractive and functional safe space where out-of-school students can easily reconnect and reengage in structured activities.**

According to the Jordan Response Plan, Quality education protects against exploitation and ensures that an individuals' future potential is not denied due to uncontrollable circumstances. The focus on quality also recognizes the burden placed on the children and youth that share their communities and classrooms and protects the education reform efforts underway in Jordan to secure their future through the cultivation of a knowledge economy.

The Ideas Box is particularly interesting in this context as it acts as a **learning lab for children and adults**, including furniture,

equipment and curated resources that can be enriched with programs from partner organizations. Tutoring programs, skill development activities, remedial classes and life-long trainings can be organized and boosted thanks to the resources and the tools offered by the box.

**In this Ideas Box can be implemented in a variety of projects, including (*Jordanian Response Plan 2015*) early childhood development, alternative certified education pathway project, equal access to education opportunities, and access to education.**

## What the Ideas Box can bring to an educational program:

- ✓ A **new learning experience**, with blended learning (digital and physical) particularly attractive for out-of-school and vulnerable children;
- ✓ Contents and equipment for conducting **pre-primary, non-certified alternative education** and **psychosocial support** activities;
- ✓ **Child and youth empowerment and life-skills** development activities;
- ✓ **Safe space** for hosting classes and tutoring activities;
- ✓ **Resource center for teachers** (who can bring their classes to the Ideas Box)
- ✓ Better access to **higher education** through online training, and online scholarship applications.
- ✓ **Specific training from LWB** teams for facilitation and user-centered activities;
- ✓ **Accompaniment by LWB** teams for **contents update, specific resources, and curriculum adaptation**
- ✓ **Bridge activities between host communities and refugees in and out of schools.**
- ✓ ...

## SECTOR OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To ensure sustained quality educational services for all, particularly the most vulnerable.

**Specific Objective 1** | Quality and protectiveness of learning environments enhanced for all vulnerable boys and girls (children, adolescents and youth)

### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

>> Boys and girls have access to preprimary education services (in host communities, double shift schools and camps).

### IDEAS BOX OUTPUT

- ✓ Thanks to Ideas Box, its contents and equipment, educational partners **are able to quickly implement pre-primary education activities.**
- ✓ **LWB provides technical evaluations** on pre-primary education in Ideas Box.
- ✓ **Quality contents for pre-primary activities are curated by LWB and provided through the Ideas Box. Contents updates and new resources are made available regularly** (through partnerships with local and global content providers).

**Specific Objective 2** | Access to education sustained for all vulnerable boys and girls (children, adolescents and youth) affected by the Syria crisis.

### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

>> Out of school boys and girls benefit from certified and non-certified alternative education services such as informal education and basic life skills

>> Boys and girls benefit from remedial courses

>> Boys and girls benefit from activities that support psychosocial development and resilience

>> Boys and girls with special needs access educational and psychosocial services.

>> Youth benefit from higher education opportunities (scholarship, short term diploma, online training)

>> Post-secondary students benefiting from preparatory courses to access higher education

### HOW IDEAS BOX IMPROVES THE OUTPUT

- ✓ Contents curated by LWB and its local experts, are **adapted to certified and non-certified alternative education.**
- ✓ **Continuous monitoring on the outreach and performance of programs** through the tools of Ideas Box server.
- ✓ **Contents and educative materials and equipment for remedial courses.**
- ✓ **Outreach of remedial courses improved through the set-up of an attractive friendly space** where in-school and out-of-school youth can socialize and engage in both structured and unstructured activities.
- ✓ **Access to Internet and technical assistance from facilitators** for online search for scholarship, administrative procedures, online courses and diploma, online training

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# IDEASBOX for Social Protection

SAFE-SPACE | INFORMATION & AWARENESS | PSYCHOSOCIAL ACTIVITIES | ...

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**The Ideas Box improves outreach, quality and range of social protection activities, through both passive (as an attractive socialization space) and active (as a fully-equipped device) dynamics. The Ideas Box raises a high standard in terms of quality safe space. Very attractive and fully equipped, the Ideas Box transforms within minutes any empty space or open place in an autonomous safe space for social protection activities.**

Creativity, learning and socialization, and community building activities help the children and adults to cope with serious vulnerabilities and trauma (isolation from the communities of origin or from the family, loneliness, trauma associated with war and violence and abuse, which are common in situations of armed conflict), therefore empowering them to take part in the reconstruction of their reality.

Transportable, autonomous and fully equipped with communication devices (home cinema, sound system, IT environment), The Ideas Box can be used to expand the outreach of social protection program, including through outdoor and ambulatory activities.

The box creates a focal point where people can meet and share information and support psychologists and community facilitators with tools and resources (as games, videos, project-based activities) in their daily work and eases the dialogue between diverse and sometimes conflicting communities.

The Ideas Box can be implemented in projects such as **information campaigns, accountability mechanisms, community participation, self-management, psychosocial support, trainings, peace-building mechanisms** and **sensitization campaigns**.

## What the Ideas Box can bring to a protection program:

- ✓ A transportable, easy-to-set-up and fully equipped **safe-space** for children and adults;
- ✓ A device for **information and awareness campaigns**;
- ✓ A **creativity platform that enables community mobilization** and stimulates the local creation of contents, resources and knowledge;
- ✓ A **media-center with direct access to curated contents and materials** for social protection activities, psychosocial support, legal assistance and health and hygiene prevention;
- ✓ A **connectivity hub** that enables vulnerable people to connect to the internet, access quality information and share knowledge and practices;
- ✓ A place for **social cohesion** and **peace-building** through debate, socialization, communication and content-sharing between host communities and refugees.
- ✓ ...

## SECTOR OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To provide vulnerable groups affected by the crisis with access to improved social protection and improved legal and operational protection frameworks and services in governorates most affected by the Syrian crisis.

**Specific Objective 1** | Families and communities are strengthened, engaged and empowered in order to contribute to their own protection solutions

### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

### IDEAS BOX OUTPUT

>> Information campaigns are conducted

>> Community members sensitized on CP issues, services available, referral pathways

- ✓ **Ideas Box improves the outreach and scope of information campaigns and sensitization activities.**
- ✓ **Ideas Box allows community participation to information campaigns** (through creation of informational contents like movies, blogs, books, etc.)
- ✓ **Ideas Box provides advanced IT monitoring tools** to measure the coverage and success of information campaigns.

>> Safe spaces are established and maintained

- ✓ **Ideas Box allows to quickly level-up the quality of any safe space**

>> UAC, SC, and children at risk are provided with multi-sectorial services

- ✓ **Ideas Box is a catalyst for multi-sectorial activities**, inter-NGO and agencies cooperation and CBOs support.

**Specific Objective 2** | National and Sub-national protection systems strengthened and expanded to meet the needs of vulnerable groups.

### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

### HOW IDEAS BOX IMPROVE THE OUTPUT

>> Community support project implemented

>> Improve the quality of services in child care institutions

>> Regional and local social development centers offer comprehensive protection and social protection services to vulnerable families.

>> Youth centers are improved

- ✓ **Implemented in social or community centers, the Ideas Box improves:**
  - **On-going activities** by providing updated and quality resources, equipment and contents;
  - **Management capacities:** LWB provides not only the equipment but also contextualized trainings for all local partners.
  - **Global impact by attracting more beneficiaries** and easing their enrollment in psychosocial and protection activities.

# IDEASBOX for Youth Empowerment

INTEGRATED MULTISECTORIAL RESPONSE | YOUTH PROTECTION | EDUCATION | PSYCHOSOCIAL | TRAININGS...

**Ideas Box is a platform designed to improve the outreach, quality and range of an integrated multi sectorial response on the issues face by vulnerable youth. Ideas Box is a highly efficient, functional and autonomous safe space, attractive and well equipped, and its implementation raises the standards of protection activities, while it simultaneously serves as an innovative learning space and a center for sharing and accessing resources, bringing blended learning, informal education, and opportunities for studies and work to its users.**

The specific vulnerabilities of displaced and refugees youth in a context of protracted crisis calls for a multi-sectorial response addressing challenges in **education, psychosocial support, social cohesion**, and individual and community **empowerment**.

Ideas Box is designed as a multi-sectorial platform for a cost-effective raise in the quality, outreach and range of the activities conducted in these sectors.

Creativity, learning and socialization, and conducting structured and non-structured activities help the children and adults to cope with serious vulnerabilities and trauma, therefore empowering them to take part in the reconstruction of their reality.

Transportable, autonomous and fully equipped with communication devices (home cinema, sound system, IT environment), The Ideas Box can be used to expand the outreach of both educative and social protection program,

including through outdoor and ambulatory activities.

The Ideas Box acts as a **learning lab for children and adults**, including furniture, equipment and curated resources that can be enriched with programs from partner organizations. Tutoring programs, skill development activities, remedial classes and life-long trainings can be organized and boosted thanks to the resources and the tools offered by the box, while users can be coached do directly access online opportunities for **formal trainings, scholarship, or jobs**.

Ideas Box comes with the content expertise of Libraries without Borders, a leading organization in the area of curation and creation of innovative educative content. LWB conducts blended learning programs, ICT trainings and extensive coding workshop programs for vulnerable populations.

## What the Ideas Box can bring to a multi-sectorial youth response

- ✓ A transportable, easy-to-set-up and fully equipped **safe-space** for children and adults;
- ✓ A **creativity platform that enables community mobilization** and stimulates the local creation of contents, resources and knowledge;
- ✓ A **media-center with direct access to curated contents and materials** for social protection activities, psychosocial support, legal assistance and health and hygiene prevention;
- ✓ A direct access to **online opportunities** for scholarships, jobs or trainings
- ✓ A place for **social cohesion** and **peace-building** through debate, socialization, communication and content-sharing between **communities and groups**

## Integrated Multi-sectorial Response

to address the specific needs of vulnerable youth  
(education, protection, psychosocial support, empowerment)

### Education | Ensure sustained quality educational services for vulnerable youth

#### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

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- ✓ **Access to Internet and technical assistance from facilitators** for online search for scholarship, administrative procedures, online courses and diploma, online training

### Social Protection & Empowerment | Empowering the youth to contribute to the communities protection programs

#### EXAMPLE PROJECT OUTPUT

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# Cross-cutting issues

- ✓ Ideas Box is a catalyst for **capacity development**, **community resilience** and **social cohesion**. A very attractive socialization space, Ideas Box comes with locally adapted training and contents that help the strengthening of local-level capacities.
- ✓ LWB and its partners directly foster beneficiary **ownership** and **participative management** of the Ideas Box spaces, mainly through the set-up of *free use* session where users create content, share it to the world. Ideas Box is a place for participative debate, and for the bottom-up design of innovative solutions.