How to Engage for better LED in Hosting Contexts: The SADA Center in Gaziantep

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The three Pillars of the PoS

• Increase the availability of a skilled, competent and productive labour supply to facilitate access to decent work for refugees and Turkish host communities.

• Support local economic development in specific sectors and geographic locations to stimulate job creation and entrepreneurship opportunities for refugees and Turkish host communities.

• Provide support to strengthen labour market governance institutions and mechanisms to assist Turkey in implementing inclusive development strategies.
“Strengthening the Resilience of Syrian Women and Girls and Host Communities in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey”

SADA Women’s Development and Solidarity Center:
The overall goal is to support the social and economic stabilization of refugee women and to contribute to their self-reliance and ability by establishing a women-only center provides Syrian and host community women with:

- a protected social space with childcare, referral services and language/vocational/empowerment skills development;

- a platform for dialogue, co-existence and the development of joint empowerment activities.
Partners in Implementation

- Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality
- UN Women
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Association for Solidarity with Migrants and Asylum Seekers (ASAM)
Main Activities at SADA Center

- Identification of women’s needs and providing protection services
- Providing basic life skills, vocational training and entrepreneurship courses.
- Awareness raising seminars on work life
- Support income generation through workshops with the aim of establishing women cooperative.
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SADA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND SOLIDARITY CENTER

- Meeting Room, Coordinator and Assistant Rooms
- Computer, Packaging and 2 Turkish Classes
- Hair-Dressing and Skin-Care Classes
- Child-Friendly Space, ILO Representative, Education Supervisor Room
- Two Social Counseling, 1 Protection, 1 Psycho-Social Support Room
- Reception Waiting Floor
- Kitchen Workshop
- Textile Workshop
Activities at SADA Center

Providing basic life and market skills training programmes

➢ In the line with UN Women research; Turkish A1-A2-B1 Module trainings;
➢ In the line with ILO’s value chain analysis on the Gaziantep Shoe Sector and the Gaziantep and Kilis Olive and Olive Oil Sectors, shoe making, textile, and traditional food production kitchen workshops; computer operating, patient administration, basic make-up (skin care), hairdressing, packaging trainings.
Activities at SADA Center

Providing market oriented vocational and technical training courses

➢ Since the beginning of 2018, 1200 women graduated from VETS and Turkish courses.
➢ 148 women currently participating in shoe-making, traditional food production, and textile workshops. (from October 2018 to present)
Activities at SADA Center

- ILO Office for Turkey also provides child care services for the children of trainees: Through these services women are able to leave their children to the child care room and participate in the trainings.
Activities at SADA Center

Providing legal advice on work life in Turkey.
Establishing a mentoring /role model system for empowerment of women

750 women participated in seminars on 6 different subjects: Occupational Safety and Health, Gender Equality in Work Life, Work Permits, Social Security Rights, İŞKUR Active Labour Market Programmes and Role Model Seminars.
Activities at SADA Center

Providing entrepreneurship courses for Syrian women who are willing to start up their own business models.

Providing support to establish women cooperative.
Activities at SADA Center

Providing opportunities and resources for small scale income generation activities & supporting women’s initiatives

Women’s organizations are supported to promote, stability and peaceful co-existence in their communities: Committee of Women of Tomorrow as a solidarity group example, supported by the SADA Center.

- 30 women are members of the committee and meeting regular, weekly meetings since February 2018 hosted by SADA Center.
Committee of Women of Tomorrow

Journal: «Being Refugee Women»
Highlights

• Use local and international expertise and experience by bringing together the Municipality, UN Women, ASAM, and ILO

• Programming based on labour market needs: ILO’s local labour market analyses have helped to identify potentials for economic growth and business creation.

• Long-term objective is supporting the creation of enterprises and cooperatives.

• Support to women with other projects of ILO as well as relevant implementations carried out by civil society organizations in Gaziantep.
Thank you...

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