DEVELOPING SHARED GROWTH IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE REFUGEE CRISIS: FROM NATIONAL TO LOCAL ACTIONS

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1. Supporting evidence-based policy development to ensure an employment-rich national response, embedded in the principles of decent work;

2. Contributing to building the resilience of host communities by enhancing access to employment opportunities and livelihoods;

3. Strengthening institutional capacities and coordination to combat unacceptable forms of work, with a focus on child labour.
The Project framework has four pillars – equality and inclusion, resilience, labour standards and rights, and social dialogue and protection.

The project used the following tools:

(a) Policy advocacy
(b) LED approach
(c) Employment services
(d) Participatory value chain
(e) EIIP (immediate job creation while providing productive assets for economic growth and livelihoods);
(f) community self-empowerment through cooperatives
• Policy dialogue and advocacy on access to work for refugees and child labour
• Leading engagement in inter-agency work on livelihoods, jobs & economic opportunities, access to work
• Creating an evidence base through research on labour market impact, employment profile of refugees, child labour, labour force surveys, quantitative & regulatory frameworks for access to work etc.
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS A KEY

• Value chain development in olive sector in Irbid and Tomato sector in Mafraq and promoting livelihoods initiatives between Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities (VDA, support to market access, cooperative support etc)

• Supporting business start-up and expansion targeting women

• Local Economic Development Strategies for Mafraq and Irbid (3-year plans)

• Employment Intensive Investment Programme demonstration project.

• Community self-empowerment by Promoting livelihoods initiatives between Syrian refugees through cooperatives:
EMPLOYMENT INTENSIVE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Jordan ILO activities in Employment Intensive Investment Programmes (EIIP)

Green
ILO projects currently being implemented.

Blue
Intended future ILO project areas.

Great Irbid: Randha, Salhd Houran, Aleyamous, Kfarat, Alkaro, Alalba, Shoula, Bani Kinana

Great Mafraq, Mansheeh, Rhab, Hoshba, Alsarhan, Sahba, Alasafal
LESSONS LEARNED

Policy advocacy:

Intervention: Right to work for Syrian refugees in Jordan, work permits procedures,

Lessons learned: keep attentive ear to the ground to feed the policy makers with evidences to support the policy change.

LED approach:

Intervention: LED committees, LED strategies

Lessons learned: The absolute need of working with and through local stakeholders to empower them to be better equipped and resilient, should the crisis protract for longer time.

Employment services:

Intervention: Livelihoods center for Refugees and Jordanians

Lessons learned: Draw on successful experience on the ground
LESSONS LEARNED

Participatory value chain

Intervention: value chain assessments in olive and tomato sector

Lessons learned: Make it as participatory as possible but relay on key stakeholders.

EIIP (immediate job creation while providing productive assets for economic growth and livelihoods)

Intervention: Rehabilitating agricultural feeder roads

Lesson learned: need for efficient monitoring system,

Community self-empowerment through cooperatives:

Intervention: Greenhouses initiative and training through cooperatives

Lessons learned: It is fundamental to providing quick dividends, actions, concrete results in terms of jobs and training for the crisis-affected communities to have a real impact and gain credibility.
Thank you