

EU response to the Syrian crisis

JORDAN



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Press and Information Officer Reem Al Jazi tel +962 (6) 4607000 ext: 108 e-mail Reem.AL-JAZI@eeas.europa.eu For over two years now, the EU has been undertaking all possible actions and reflections to support the people of Syria as well as the neighbouring hosting countries.

Over €2.8 billion have been committed by the EU and its Member States in response to the Syrian crisis, making the EU the world's largest donor to this crisis.

While the bulk of the funds is committed to humanitarian interventions inside Syria, with an estimated **9.8 million people in need of humanitarian aid** and between 6.5 - 7.6 million internally displaced, an increasing amount is being directed at alleviating pressures on neighbouring countries, in particular Jordan and Lebanon.

JORDAN SPECIFIC NUMBERS

The EU recognizes Jordan's **vital role** in providing support to the Syrian refugees who now consist of 10% of the Kingdom's population. Realizing the burden this creates on the country's resources and the resulting enormous strain the country is put under, the EU remains deeply committed to assisting the Jordanian Government in its response to the refugee crisis.

Over 593,000 **refugees** have been registered or are awaiting registration with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as of 6 May 2014, of which around 100,000 are registered in camps, and around 490,000 refugees are dispersed in host communities throughout Jordan.

So far, the **European Commission has channelled €246.4 million to Jordan** through humanitarian, crisis response and development instruments:

1. The Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department of the Commission (ECHO) has so far provided €131.9 million for the provision of services such as health, food assistance, basic household items, shelter, water and sanitation, psychosocial support and protection to refugees both in camps and living in urban settings. The provision of basic services in villages and towns across the country also includes vulnerable Jordanian families.

2. The EU has so far provided €91.6 million in development assistance to Jordan. Of which €68.2 million goes into education targeting both Syrian and Jordanian children including €30 million that is channelled through the Jordanian state budget. The first tranche of €15 million was disbursed in December 2013. EU support aims to increase access to formal education of 70.000 Syrian students and non-formal education to youth and adults from Syrian and Jordan. The EU support for education also aims to provide training for 820 school teachers in emergency settings, psychosocial support and child protection, child-to-child methodology, classroom management and inclusion. It also works on providing orientation for 400 counsellors, on psychosocial activities in schools in host communities and camps. In June 2013, the EU funded through UNICEF a school which provides space for 5,000 Syrian refugee children to attend classes and receive education.

3. The EU also supports the enhancement of economic opportunities and job creation targeting the host communities in the Northern Governorates (€5.4 million). Furthermore, the EU is providing a specific support to Jordan's host community for the expansion and the improvement of waste water services for €12 million implemented by the Jordanian Water Authority through delegated cooperation with KfW. An additional €6m has been made available to improve solid waste management in the North. In addition to development funds, a package of €22.9 million has been allocated to Jordan under the Instrument of Stability to support IOM and UNHCR activities.

ACTIVITIES IN JORDAN

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EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT (ENPI)

Emergency Education Response for Displaced Syrian Children and Host Communities in Jordan

Economic support to Jordanian host community

Waste water services

Solid waste management

Amount: €91.6 million, of which €30 million budget support to Ministry of Education

Objective:

Contribute to safe and appropriate services for vulnerable Syrians living in Jordan. Enhance economic opportunities and job creation.

Expected results:

Give vulnerable children, adolescents and youth access to formal education, alternative learning activities and psychosocial support at community level, schools and camp settings.

Improve waste water management in Governorate of Irbid, construction of waste water collection system in Bayt-Ras, extension of sewer network in Irbid Municipality.

Increase number of start-up companies in manufacturing and services sector, strengthen SMEs.

Main partner: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Water, UNICEF, UNESCO, KfW, Caritas, King Hussein Foundation.

Beneficiaries: Displaced Syrian children and education professionals in Jordan, Jordanien population, Jordanien entrepreneurs and SMEs.

INSTRUMENT FOR STABILITY

Protection needs of displaced Syrians

Amount

€22.9 million Objective

Ensure access to protection of displaced Syrians, strengthen national and local authorities, and assist host communities in meeting the needs of displaced Syrians. Improve security in the Zaatari and Zarqa Camps. Support for Jordanian border guards.

Main partner UNHCR and IOM Beneficiaries: Syrian refugees in Jordan

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION HUMANITARIAN AID & CIVIL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (ECHO)

Refugee registration, camp management and coordination, provision of hygiene and basic household items, shelter, winterisation and health services in refugee camps and across the country Amount

Humanitarian support €131.9 million Area of intervention: Countrywide Partner: UN, , INGOs, Red Cross and Red Crescent movement Beneficiaries: Syrian refugees and vulnerable host communities

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