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Project Factsheet

FURSA

Supporting the livelihood and social stability of Syrian refugees and local populations

OBJECTIVES

- Provide better socio-economic prospects for youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises within refugee and local communities in Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. This includes:
 - Helping youth secure a regular source of income;
 - Developing tolerance between young people in refugee and local communities.

BUDGET

EUR 4.4 million

START DATE

03/07/2016

DURATION

24 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide more job opportunities to young people in both refugee and local communities.
- Strengthen social skills of young people in refugee and local communities and prepare them for the job market.
- Improve the well-being of young people in refugee and local communities.
- Allow young people in refugee and local communities to better understand each other and have empathy for one another.

BENEFICIARIES

18,500

Iraqis,
Lebanese and
Syrians

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



IMPACT



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The FURSA project, which is funded by the EU Trust Fund, addresses youth empowerment through different activities: participants are asked to illustrate social issues through theatre, some through drawing and others through photography.

Nisreen, Ranya and many others are steering some of the project activities, located in Akkar, Lebanon.

"I am in charge of a project called Douma Akkar (the Dolls of Akkar). We have someone in charge of a project called Khoud Wa Aty (Give and Take) and another person in charge of Hadiqat al Zouhour (the flowery garden). There's nearly a hundred children registered in our activities," explains Nisreen, *"With the Douma Akkar project, we try to get the children to have fun so they forget the problems that they are facing."*

"During the training that we took, we learnt how to distinguish between social leadership and other societal projects. We learnt how to think

strategically in order to reach the project's goals. We learnt to plan, to set up a budget, how to design a project that addresses existing needs," Ranya says.

"The project that we implemented today was called 'Give and Take'. It was about how one group from society would collect things and give them to another group. So, we collected things from individuals, bookshops, organisations that wanted to give away items and we linked them up with people who were in need of these very items," Ranya adds.

The FURSA project runs in Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The project offers activities supporting leadership, media, arts and social entrepreneurship skills, helping the young generation affected by the crisis to be better equipped for a common future.



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