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الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

Project Factsheet

Regional Development and Protection Programme in the Middle East (RDPP II)

OBJECTIVE

Refugees and host populations living in displacement affected communities access their rights, are safe, self-reliant, and refugees are able to avail themselves of a durable solutions (voluntary repatriation, resettlement to third country, and local integration in country of asylum).

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Livelihoods towards durable solutions: Improved access to safe and sustainable livelihoods opportunities for displacement-affected populations, in support of durable solutions through enhancing transferable employability skills, engaging with the private sector, and improving national partners' capacities to create jobs and mainstream decent work
- Upholding and expanding protection space: Protection space for vulnerable refugees and host communities is expanded through capacity development of national systems, authorities and civil society with a focus on vulnerable women, youth and children at risk.
- A more conducive environment for durable solutions is created. Relevant research is used by stakeholders to inform policies and programming towards durable solutions.
- Partnerships to the programme is prioritized around four engagement principles: Localisation, innovation, working in humanitarian-development nexus, and human rights based approach (HRBA).

BUDGET

EUR 54 million:

Czech Rep.: CZK 10 million

Denmark: DKK 215 million

EU: EUR 20 million

Ireland: EUR 500,000

Switzerland: CHF 5 million

START DATE

01/10/2018

DURATION

39 months

BENEFICIARIES

Syrian refugees, vulnerable host communities and internally displaced persons in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

RDPP II is a multi-donor programme supported by the Czech Republic, Denmark, the European Union, Ireland and Switzerland



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PROJECT LOCATIONS



IMPACT



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Suzanne is the only girl among twenty-two students, who enrolled in the security-guard course at Safadi Foundation's training centre 'SAVOTEC'. Being from a traditional household in Tripoli, Lebanon, Suzanne was struggling to convince her mother and four brothers of her decision to start a career in security and defence, especially as they have been very protective of her since her father passed away six years ago.

"It wasn't until after my mother visited the training centre and spoke to my trainer, social worker, and the centre's manager who all told her about my achievements and potential that she felt proud of me and gave me her blessing," Suzanne says, while highlighting the challenges of being a young woman in a patriarchal society.

Suzanne is one of the 1,500 youth – 50 percent of whom are female – developing their technical and personal skills at SAVOTEC. Safadi Foundation aims

to develop the employability of refugee and host community youth through twenty-one accelerated vocational training courses specific to main sectors of high employment demand and personal development training programmes. Vocational training courses include skills such as welding, boat maintenance, plumbing, elderly and infant care, waiting, among others. Safadi Foundation also provides external accreditations to 330 merited graduates, as well as engages the private sector to secure end-of-training internship placements for 600 project graduates, and facilitates access to employment for 600 graduates over the course of three years.

"I think my brothers eventually accepted my decision for two reasons," Suzanne explains. "First, they had to because I was very stubborn, and second because they felt at ease knowing that the training is not only about strengthening my body, it's also about installing alarm and fire systems, operating different types of metal detectors, among many other things."

Suzanne has been a happier person, since she began training in something she loves and is good at; she is also grateful that the other students in her class are very helpful and cooperative. "In the beginning, my [male] classmates were pretty careful around me, but now I think they got used to the idea and have been a major support." Since enrolling in the course, Suzanne has been encouraging other women in her community to enrol as well. Safadi Foundation's Outreach Officer, Salam, believes Suzanne broke a gender barrier: "we are currently receiving many applications from females who are interested in joining the security-guard course."