



EUROPEAN UNION



## Project Factsheet

### Addressing Vulnerabilities of Refugees and Host Communities in Five Countries Affected by the Syria Crisis

#### OBJECTIVE

Contribute to improved wellbeing, resilience and peaceful co-existence among vulnerable refugee and host communities in countries affected by the Syria crisis, contributing to overall stability in the region

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide better job opportunities to refugees and local community members affected by the crisis.
- Support the target communities to become self-confident and act for an inclusive society.
- Improve access to quality health services.
- Promote good hygiene habits among people and raise their awareness of major public health risks.
- Promote collaboration of national branches of the Red Cross and Red Crescent with relevant authorities and communities at local, regional and national levels.

#### BUDGET

EUR 49 million

#### START DATE

15/12/2016

#### DURATION

36 months

#### BENEFICIARIES

**1,317,912**

Egyptians, Iraqis,  
Jordanians,  
Lebanese, Syrians  
and Turks

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## PROJECT LOCATIONS



## OUR IMPACT



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Mehe is a refugee from Syria. She opened a hairdressing salon in her own small home in Ankara, Turkey.

She learned the skills through one of the vocational trainings offered by the Turkish Red Crescent. First, she cut the hair and beard of her husband, then her mother and other relatives and now her business is growing fast.

She hopes to open a hairdressing salon outside of her home in a proper shop. It would provide her with more customers, she assesses, "because some might be a bit cautious to come since the salon is in our home."

The shop would also be more visible for bystanders than it is now where a banner hanging on one side of the house is the only visible sign there is a hairdressing salon inside.

Inside the salon, 26-year-old Mehe also does makeup on customers. Surrounding the chair for customers are shelves filled with shampoo, hair dye and other items.

"It feels good to succeed in something, and it provides our family with more economic freedom," Mehe says.



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She has five children to support, and since her husband Khalid has difficulties finding a job because of a back injury, the financial burden is borne by Mehe.

The family fled to Turkey from Aleppo in 2015. If one day they can return to Syria, Mehe says she wants to open a hairdressing salon there and continue her newfound business.

With the support of the Trust Fund, Turkish Red Crescent offers vocational training, Turkish classes, health promotion, psychosocial support and social cohesion activities to Syrian refugees and the host community across the country through 11 community centers.