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#### **Project Factsheet**

# QUDRA II

Resilience for refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees and host communities in response to the protracted Syrian and Iraqi crises

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Improve education, engagement and protection opportunities for children, youth and other marginalised groups.
- Enhance employment outcomes and income, in particular for youth and women.
- Improve local governmental institutions' and civil society organisations' capacities to deliver transparent and inclusive basic services.
- Strengthen community cohesion of the target groups.

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Improved facility management of educational institutions.
- Strong learning and local and national protection systems for children and vulnerable adults.
- Better job opportunities and skill development for vulnerable categories.
- Local governmental institutions and civil society organisations are better equipped to offer basic services.
- Improved social cohesion by fostering dialogue and innovation.

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS









BUDGET EUR 55.5 million (EU) EUR 9 million (BMZ) EUR 1 million (AECID)

**START DATE** 01/09/2019

DURATION 36 months

#### BENEFICIARIES 1,421,900

Syrian refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq

#### **PROJECT LOCATIONS**



### **OUR IMPACT**

**Narmine** is a 30-year-old Lebanese woman. She is single and lives with her mom and brother in a remote village in Central Bekaa. She takes care of her sick mom and doing daily work.

Narmine was suffering from social isolation. Her family restricted her from leaving the home. She had no friends and no interaction with anyone.

Qudra's partner ABAAD Lebanon – Resource Centre for Gender Equality organizes regular home visits to the villagers. They explain about their activities and invite them to participate. This is how Narmine learned about the training course provided for women at the Social Development Centers (SDC).

Through her participation in a course, she learned about presenting trays and making chocolate arrangements for events.

**Fatima Mari** arrived in Jordan after fleeing the war that took her husband and ravaged Homs, her hometown in Syria. Mari is now a single mother raising a seven-yearold daughter. Finding a source of income is a challenge for her.

Through neighbours, she heard of training courses in plumbing. She participated in the course for two months. At the end of the training, she gained her certificate and



applied for a work permit in Jordan. She gained enough skills and confidence to start working as a plumber. She goes from home to home with her toolbox, fixing leaks.

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**Araz** is one of the 450 beneficiaries who managed to establish or expand their own businesses with the support of the Qudra Programme in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

Araz had a small shop to tailor "swing," the traditional Kurdish and Arabic clothes for more than 20 years, but he had limited resources which prevented him from meeting all the customers demands.

"I wanted to close my shop, but then my son told me that an NGO is supporting small business. So,

we applied: and it was so easy, they brought us three beautiful, modern silent sewing machines."

With the support of the EU Trust Fund and the German Government, Araz, his wife, his two sons and his daughter-in-law are now all working in his small shop.