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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis

الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

## Project Factsheet

### LEADERS

For Sustainable Livelihoods

Promoting inclusive local economic empowerment and development to enhance resilience and social stability

#### OBJECTIVES

- Help displaced people and their local communities to become economically self-reliant and part of a cohesive society.
- Help people to support themselves and their families long term, particularly women and youth.
- Create an environment that leads to a stronger economy and better services in communities hosting refugees.

#### BUDGET

EUR 7 million

#### START DATE

01/06/2016

#### DURATION

24 months

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Development of new skills among vulnerable people – particularly women and youth – through training and job seeking.
- Increased profitability of micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses.
- Improvement of local administrations' planning and problem-solving capabilities.
- Increased efforts made to invest in social and economic development.

#### BENEFICIARIES

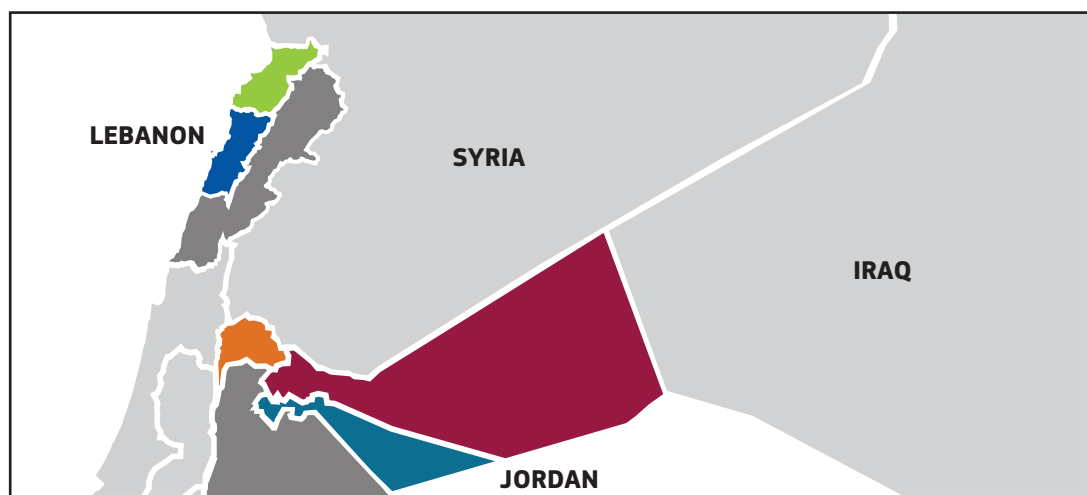
**250,000**

Jordanians,  
Lebanese and  
Syrians

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



## PROJECT LOCATIONS



### JORDAN

Irbid

Zarqa

Mafraq

### LEBANON

North Lebanon

Mount Lebanon

## IMPACT



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Khaldoun Mahmood Ali is a 43-year-old Jordanian who lives in Al Russayfah, northeast Amman, with his wife and four children. Thanks to LEADERS, a project funded by the EUTF, he recently opened his own shop and has substantially increased his income.

*"I received €1,800 of the total grant money once I completed the training, which I used to rent and refurbish a workspace. I then bought raw material with the remaining €1,200 of the grant money, and began producing products. I also started selling my pieces at the local market and I hired a young boy with special needs to help,"* Khaldoun shares.

*"I would like to see greater resolve among the local community to employ deprived members of society. Specifically, orphans and those with a disability who live in the area. My greatest ambition is to expand my business and ensure that more local orphans and youths with special needs are amongst the beneficiaries of this project."*

Ziad Al Rizz, from Tripoli, works as a trainer at the EU supported LEADERS programme in Tripoli, Lebanon.

*"Currently, within this programme, I teach the basics IT skills like Excel, Word and digital literacy, and I also teach life skills,"* Ziad says.

Ziad is part of a team who work on this first line of preparation, where Young Lebanese and Syrian people gain knowledge and expertise.

After completion of the training, Ziad's students often decide to take up internship opportunities, in order to increase their chances at securing a stable and decent job later on.

*"It's very clear that students love to learn. Really, they come here to learn. They want to improve their skills. They do this with the hope that this will help them get jobs and earn a living,"* Ziad explains.



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