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Project Factsheet

Improved access to water, water distribution performance and related sewerage disposal in Irbid Governorate for host communities and Syrian refugees

OBJECTIVE

- Develop infrastructure and capacities in Irbid and Ramtha, in northern Jordan, where both Syrian refugees and local communities are experiencing deteriorating water and sanitation services.

BUDGET

EUR 21.5 million

START DATE

23/12/2016

DURATION

47 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Create jobs during and following construction phase.
- Provide strengthened and restructured water supply.
- Extend water supply to 10,000 households, 70% of which host refugees.
- Reduce water bills for newly connected households.
- Provide better wastewater services and improved conditions for households connected to water supply, in order to maintain health and prevent the spread of diseases.

BENEFICIARIES

1,018,200

Jordanians
and Syrians

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATION



JORDAN

Irbid

IMPACT



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Basem from Deraa, Syria, fled the war in 2012 and now lives in Jordan.

Thanks to a water and sanitation project, supported by the EU trust fund for Syria, Basem now enjoys new water installations in his flat.

“The water pressure was bad before and the water had sand in it. It wasn’t healthy. Now it’s different,” says Basem. *“We had one water tank and it would last for 2 or 3 days. Now we have a second tank and we fill it once a week.”*

These improvements are making life for Basem much easier. He is now able to save on water bills and all the leakage issues are now fixed.

Abu Ihab, who is also Syrian, currently lives in Jordan.

He, like many others, benefitted from the project and his life has improved a lot since.

“The installations are excellent. I didn’t have a water tank. I used to bathe using a bucket. We also heated water on the stove. We had to pay for gas and for water. I only had two cubic meters of water and they weren’t enough. But when the installation work was completed, I felt it was a good job done,” he explains.

Even though Abu Ihab has more water than before, he still uses it with caution. *“We try to avoid high water bills, as much as possible. That way, we can ensure we have enough money for the rent,”* he added.



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