The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has long provided a safe haven to refugees from neighbouring countries. As a result of prolonged conflict in the Middle East, Jordan has hosted several waves of refugees and displaced people (Palestine, Iraq and Syria). This has had a significant impact on the population growth rate, leading to pressure on natural resources, growing income disparities and an increase in poverty. In 2016, Jordan’s population was projected to be 9.4 million, including 2,175,491 Palestinian refugees, 668,123 registered Syrian refugees (29 July 2018), 66,873 registered Iraqi refugees (15 June 2018) more than 700,000 Syrians who were living in Jordan before the onset of the Syrian crisis in March 2011.

Jordan Red Crescent Society (JRCS) is among the leading national voluntary organizations in Jordan, responding to the needs of the refugees as well as local communities which have hosted refugees. With the support of the RC/RC Movement Partners, JRCS has been implementing programmes related to relief, health, psychosocial support, youth and supporting cash assistance for basic needs for refugees and host populations, as well as piloting livelihoods activities in 2016.

In the last two decades, IFRC has provided technical support to JRCS for implementing each programme. IFRC is a key and valued partner of the organizational development to the National Society. IFRC Jordan Country Office aims to increase the resilience of the Jordan Red Crescent Society in the sectors of Disaster Risk Reduction, Livelihoods, Health and Protection and Gender, in order to strengthen its capacity to reach the most vulnerable populations in Jordan.
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Needs Assessment Headline

The occurrence and severity of climatic hazards such as drought, flash floods and cold waves is expected to augment with climate change and cause significant socio-economic and environmental losses.

A recent survey in the urban areas of Amman, Irbid and Mafrak found that 87% of Syrian refugee families were in debt, 10% removed children from school to save educational expenses, 6% put their children to work and 3% married off their daughters.

Syrian refugees in Jordan are currently also facing difficulties in accessing adequate healthcare.

STATISTICS

87% of Syrian refugees in urban areas live below the poverty line

80% of Syrian refugee families are in debt.

X3 Health costs for Syrian refugees tripled in 2018

30% of households of refugees and vulnerable Jordanians are female headed

AREA OF FOCUS

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION CHF 830,000 REQUIRED

JRCS will be supported to advocate for the creation of a Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Task Force, conduct National campaigns and develop local DM frameworks policies and early warning systems. Within the implementation of the EU MADAD Trust Fund programme, a total of 22 community projects will be established and targeting 22,000 beneficiaries

- Support to 22 communities with small scale solutions of community problems
- 4500 people reached with public awareness and education campaigns using harmonized messages to reduce, mitigate and respond to identified risks

LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC NEEDS CHF 1,080,000 REQUIRED

The IFRC is implementing the EUTF funded MADAD programme in Jordan, which is the only programme supporting the livelihoods and basic need areas. The first objective of the programme is dealing with livelihoods “to strengthen the self-reliance and resiliency of refugees and host communities”. Under the livelihoods component, vocational training and small business grants are the expected results. The key outputs are as follows:

- Provide vocational training to 175 interested individuals;
- Provision of small business grants to 150 individuals along with basic business development courses.

The targeted beneficiaries under livelihoods and basic needs component are from vulnerable Syrians (70 percent) and poor Jordanian host community members (30 percent).

HEALTH CHF 1,210,000 REQUIRED

JRCS and IFRC have been implemented the CBHFA project from 2014. The project will be continued by providing trainings to community health volunteers (CHVs) and mobilizing by trained CHVs within the community. Through the home visit, group discussion, campaign and school activity conducted by CHVs, way for healthy life style and disease prevention will be addressed. This will contribute to enhance the community resilience as well.

- Train 176 community health volunteers CHVs
- 8 governorates will be covered by the project

PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION CHF 20,000 REQUIRED

The IFRC will support JRCS to raise awareness on violence. A community-based approach will be adopted to strengthen communities, focusing on underage marriage as well as social cohesion of people with disabilities among both communities (Syrian Refugees and vulnerable Jordanian). Therefore, gender balance will be taken into consideration while selecting volunteers. volunteers will be training on Gender topics especially Gender Based Violence. The expected results, activities planned on the different needs of the target group: women, men, boys and girls.

- 20 volunteers trained on SGBV

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES CHF 730,000 REQUIRED

IFRC will continue to support JRCS plans for National Society Development to develop CD initiatives. National Society will be also supported to update key policies and procedures related to finance, HR and youth and Volunteers management work and Communication.

INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS

While strengthening existing partnerships, IFRC will support regional and in-country partnership engagement, and explore new funding opportunities with the aim to diversify IFRC partnership base as well as to expand JRCS programme coverage.

ENSURE A STRONG IFRC CHF 250,000 REQUIRED

IFRC will ensure accountability to beneficiaries and its donors through improved planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects. It will work to enhance its operational effectiveness through strengthened internal communication and coordination, improved operational and financial management systems, and zero-tolerance policy for confirmed incidents of fraud.

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