The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has 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. As of 30th November 2019, Jordan hosts over 744,000 refugees, including 654,192 registered Syrian refugees, 67,221 registered Iraqi refugees and 14,770 registered Yemen refugees.

Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) is among the leading national voluntary organizations in Jordan, responding to the needs of refugees as well as local communities which have hosted refugees. With the support of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Partners, JNRCS has been implementing programmes related to Relief, Health, Psychosocial Support, Livelihoods and Community Project for basic needs for refugees and host populations.

In the last two decades, IFRC has provided technical support to JNRCS for implementing programmes. IFRC has gained the respect and trust of JNRCS, making it a key and valued partner for the organizational development of the National Society. IFRC Jordan Country Office aims to increase the resilience of the Jordan National 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.
Areas of Focus

Disaster Risk Reduction

CHF 600,000 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 11 communities with small scale solutions of community problems
- 12,500 people reached by climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability awareness
- 4 communities supported to update community contingency plans based on a simulation exercise

Livelihoods and Basic Needs

CHF 830,000 REQUIRED

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

- Provide vocational training to 300 interested individuals;
- Provide start-up kits to 300 individuals.

Health

CHF 870,000 REQUIRED

JNRCS and IFRC have been implementing the CBHFA project since 2014. The project is providing trainings related to various health topics to Community health volunteers (CHVs) and CHVs are conducting health awareness sessions in their communities. Through the home visit, group awareness session, health 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.

- 520 people will be reached with key messages to promote improved treatment and reuse of water and to promote personal and community hygiene.
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Protection, Gender and Inclusion

CHF 900,000 REQUIRED

JNRCS with the support of IFRC will establish a Multi-Service Centre (MSC) to serve refugees and conflict-affected communities in Amman. The centre will provide a range of health promotion and education (including NCDs, FA, maternal and child health, etc.) mental health and psychosocial services to target beneficiaries over the funding period, building social cohesion, promoting health-seeking behaviours and encouraging positive coping strategies at the household and community level.

- 4620 people reached with services to receive psychosocial support
- 224 volunteers are trained on SGBV

Strategies for Implementation

Strengthen National Society Capacities

CHF 620,000 REQUIRED

In 2019, IFRC will continue to support JRCs plans for National Society Development to develop organizational development initiatives. The National Society will be supported in developing its finance capacity and to have financial system and annual external audit. The National Society will be also supported to finalize 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 100 communities with a contingency plan

Ensure a Strong IFRC

CHF 320,000 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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Statistics

- 87% of Syrian refugees in urban areas live below the poverty line
- 80% of Syrian refugee families are in debt
- X3 Health costs of Syrian refugees tripled in 2018
- 30% of households of refugees and vulnerable Jordanians are female headed

Needs Assessment

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

A recent survey in the urban areas of Amman, Irbid and Mafraq 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.