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# RESPONDING TO THE SYRIAN CRISIS EU SUPPORT TO RESILIENCE IN JORDAN



The EU recognises the importance of and strongly supports the efforts of Jordan in responding to the Syrian crisis, in particular the hosting of more than 650,000 Syrian refugees.

To date, the European Commission has allocated **€1.84 billion in assistance** to Jordan since 2011, both for bilateral assistance (€664 million) and in response to the Syrian crisis (€1.173 billion). The €664 million of bilateral assistance to the country has been allocated under the European Neighbourhood Policy focusing on:

- Regional stability, security and counter-terrorism,
- Promoting economic stability, growth, quality education and job creation
- Strengthening democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights

These action points reflect the priorities for cooperation agreed jointly by Jordan and the European Union notably through the EU/Jordan Partnership Priorities agreed in December 2016. In parallel, the EU and Jordan also adopted a Compact with mutual commitments to address the needs of host communities and refugees.

In addition to bilateral assistance, in Jordan, the European Union has allocated **€ 1.173 billion** to support the country in its efforts to host refugees since 2011. This assistance is helping Jordanian institutions, host communities and refugees from Syria by:



**PROTECTING** the most vulnerable, meeting their most pressing humanitarian needs such as health, food, shelter, water and sanitation,

**ASSISTING REFUGEES** who fled Syria, **ensuring decent living conditions** and **access to basic services** (education, etc), including also through advocacy on their legal registration in the country,

Promoting **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION** for both Jordanians and Syrian refugees, notably through facilitating access to basic, vocational and higher education, supporting private sector development, and facilitating trade with the EU. The aim is to foster socio-economic inclusion of refugees and increase their contribution to Jordan's economic development,

**REINFORCING THE CAPACITIES** of those Jordanian institutions responsible for responding to the crisis, at national and local levels, including by investing in the upgrading of infrastructure to cope with the additional pressure resulting from the refugee presence,

Supporting the country's **MACRO-ECONOMIC STABILITY**, through the provision of direct budget support and Macro-Financial assistance to the Government.

## PREVENTING A LOST GENERATION

The European Union has dedicated substantial resources to addressing the education needs of children affected by the crisis. This includes support for basic education, youth programmes and vocational and higher education in Jordan. Since 2011 the EU has provided basic education support exceeding €160 million that includes budget support to the Jordanian Ministry of Education worth €138 million, with an additional €22 million devoted to higher education and scholarships for Syrians and Jordanians in need.

Thanks to EU funding:



**6 new schools** have been built and operationalised, for Jordanian and Syrian children, and the building of 10 new schools has been decided, which will overall benefit around **15,000 students**



**Over 130.000** Syrian children have been enrolled in public schools during the 2017/2018 school year



**1,700** disadvantaged Jordanian and Syrian students have benefitted from bachelor and master degree education in regular and distance learning courses during the 2017/2018 scholastic year



## EMPOWERING PEOPLE, BOOSTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The European Union is fully committed to assisting the economic and social development of Jordan as a strategic partner of long-standing in the region. This is why it launched the External Investment Plan, which is a new scheme to support investments in the EU's partner countries such as Jordan to respond to the demands of citizens for economic growth and jobs.

EU support in response to the Syrian crisis is benefiting host communities in Jordan by boosting economic development: thanks to EU support, some 130.000 Jordanians and Syrians will have improved their skills, found a job or run more profitable and efficient businesses by the end of 2018.

