MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS ON JORDANIAN VULNERABLE HOST COMMUNITIES
The refugee crisis exasperated existing vulnerabilities and compounded old challenges exposing the tragic state of affairs

- Limited national resources, public indebtedness, budget deficit, etc...
- Limited response capacity… weak local governance structures with bankrupt, heavily indebted, bloated and dysfunctional municipalities
- Inadequate access to basic social services, especially SWM, W&S, education, health, etc.
- Increasing marginalization, poverty, unemployment
- Jeopardizing the stability and security of its Northern flank, and local tensions with state institutions and between host communities and refugees.
1. **Creation of Short-term employment opportunities to improve livelihoods and basic social services delivery**
   - 3,000 rapid employment opportunities created
   - 200 on-the-job training opportunities provided
   - 2,000 youth with saving schemes
   - partnerships on enterprise development in SWM
   - alternative livelihoods projects supported
   - 30 community-based projects implemented

2. **Enhanced local economic development through skills-matching, MSMEs growth and capacity development**
   - 300 men and women in targeted vocational training
   - 100 SMEs established and developed
   - 100 groups/individuals provided with start-up grants
   - Mentoring services for sustainability
   - Awareness and advocacy
   - 100 business ideas and projects supported for skilled Jordanians

- Local labor market surveys
- Private sector demand driven vocational training for placement and retention
- MSMEs through venture capital investment with the private sector
3. Improved delivery of municipal services

- Rehabilitation of basic socio-economic infrastructure, focusing on SWM
- Provision of SW equipment and machinery
- Municipal capacity development for service delivery
- Develop state-society trust and social cohesion

4. Host Community Coordination and Planning

- Host Community Platform Secretariat
- Local coordination committees established in Irbid and Mafaq
- National Resilience Plan

- Municipal assessments
- SWM
- Municipal initiatives
- Training and capacity development
- Community outreach
Target Areas:
2 governorates, 36 municipalities, 1,437,400 Jordanian citizens, housing 380,000 Refugees
Implementing the Resilience-based Approach

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Partners

**Government**
- Ministries: Planning and International Cooperation, Interior, Municipal Affairs, Labor
- Governorates of Mafraq and Irbid
- Municipalities

**Academia:** University of Jordan, Yarmouk University

**Development Partners**
- Japan
- Swiss Development Agency
- USA
- Canada
- DFID
- World Bank

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**Private Sector Organizations**
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