

EID BI EID

Hand in Hand



**A program to improve the resilience and empowerment of
Syrian refugee and vulnerable Jordanian women**

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Jordan is the country that continues to demonstrate humanitarian leadership in the Syrian refugee crisis. In 2012, UN Women opened its first Oasis – a centre for refugee women and girls to access emergency aid and specialized gender-based violence services at Za’atari refugee camp in northern Jordan. Over time, the scope and impact of the Oasis model has expanded to encompass multi-sectoral services that build women’s resilience and empowerment. Currently, UN Women operates four Oasis centres in two Jordanian camps: Za’atari and Azraq.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOfcA7SQYHI>



Hand in Hand: Empowerment of Women in Humanitarian Settings

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Zonta Talk

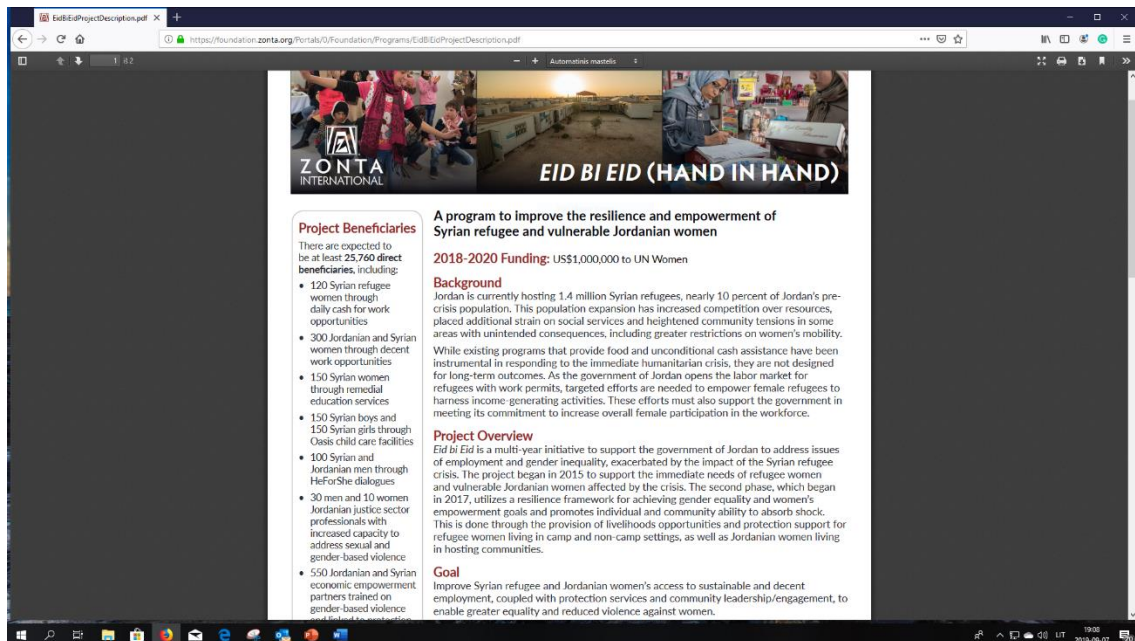
Hand in Hand: Empowering Women in a Humanitarian Setting



How Zonta helps

Zonta International has committed US\$1,000,000 to UN Women to improve Syrian refugee and Jordanian women's access to sustainable and decent employment, coupled with protection services and community leadership/engagement, to enable greater equality and reduced violence against women.

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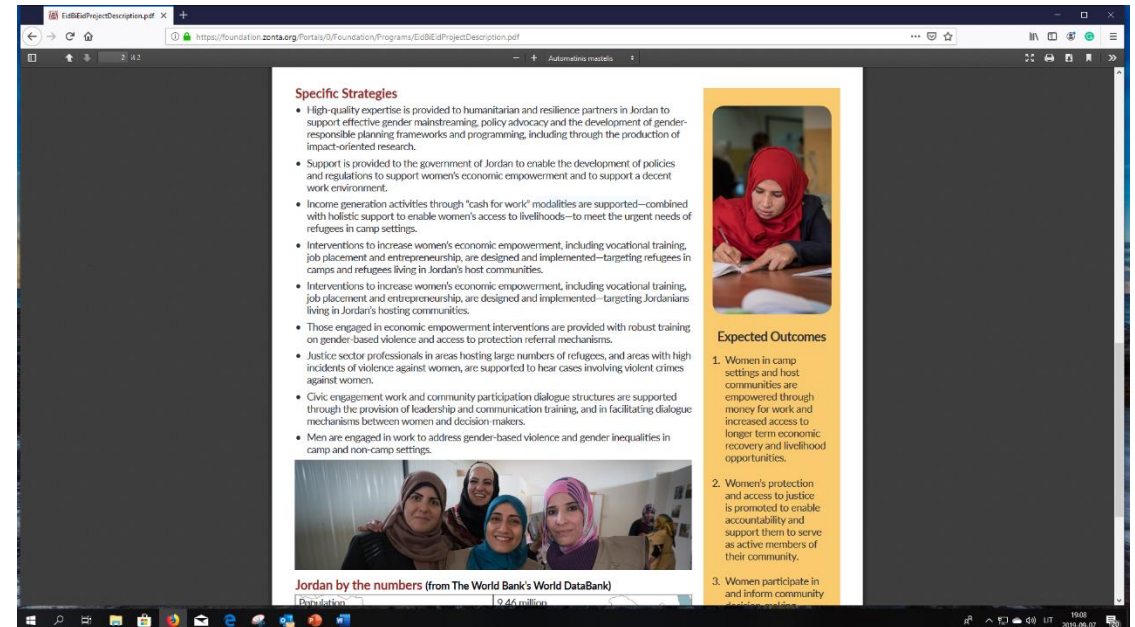
Project Beneficiaries
There are expected to be at least 25,760 direct beneficiaries, including:

- 120 Syrian refugee women through daily cash for work opportunities
- 300 Jordanian and Syrian women through decent work opportunities
- 150 Syrian women through remedial education services
- 150 Syrian boys and 150 Syrian girls through Oasis child care facilities
- 100 Syrian and Jordanian men through HeForShe dialogues
- 30 men and 10 women Jordanian justice sector professionals with increased capacity to address sexual and gender-based violence
- 550 Jordanian and Syrian economic empowerment partners trained on gender-based violence

Background
Jordan is currently hosting 1.4 million Syrian refugees, nearly 10 percent of Jordan's pre-crisis population. This population expansion has increased competition over resources, placed additional strain on social services and heightened community tensions in some areas with unintended consequences, including greater restrictions on women's mobility. While existing programs that provide food and unconditional cash assistance have been instrumental in responding to the immediate humanitarian crisis, they are not designed for long-term outcomes. As the government of Jordan opens the labor market for refugees with work permits, targeted efforts are needed to empower female refugees to harness income-generating activities. These efforts must also support the government in meeting its commitment to increase overall female participation in the workforce.

Project Overview
Eid bi Eid is a multi-year initiative to support the government of Jordan to address issues of employment and gender inequality, exacerbated by the impact of the Syrian refugee crisis. The project began in 2015 to support the immediate needs of refugee women and vulnerable Jordanian women affected by the crisis. The second phase, which began in 2017, utilizes a resilience framework for achieving gender equality and women's empowerment goals and promotes individual and community ability to absorb shock. This is done through the provision of livelihoods opportunities and protection support for refugee women living in camp and non-camp settings, as well as Jordanian women living in hosting communities.

Goal
Improve Syrian refugee and Jordanian women's access to sustainable and decent employment, coupled with protection services and community leadership/engagement, to enable greater equality and reduced violence against women.



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Specific Strategies

- High-quality expertise is provided to humanitarian and resilience partners in Jordan to support effective gender mainstreaming, policy advocacy and the development of gender-responsible planning frameworks and programming, including through the production of impact-oriented research.
- Support is provided to the government of Jordan to enable the development of policies and regulations to support women's economic empowerment and to support a decent work environment.
- Income generation activities through "cash for work" modalities are supported—combined with holistic support to enable women's access to livelihoods—to meet the urgent needs of refugees in camp settings.
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- Those engaged in economic empowerment interventions are provided with robust training on gender-based violence and access to protection referral mechanisms.
- Justice sector professionals in areas hosting large numbers of refugees, and areas with high incidents of violence against women, are supported to hear cases involving violent crimes against women.
- Civic engagement work and community participation dialogue structures are supported through the provision of leadership and communication training, and in facilitating dialogue mechanisms between women and decision makers.
- Men are engaged in work to address gender-based violence and gender inequalities in camp and non-camp settings.

Expected Outcomes

- Women in camp settings and host communities are empowered through money for work and increased access to longer term economic recovery and livelihood opportunities.
- Women's protection and access to justice is promoted to enable accountability and support them to serve as active members of their community.
- Women participate in and inform community decision-making.

Jordan by the numbers (from The World Bank's World DataBank)

Population: 9.45 million

From 28–31 July 2019, President Susanne von Bassewitz and three Zontians visited the UN Women Eid bi Eid project in Jordan. President Susanne was joined by Christine Gerberding, Zonta International Public Relations & Communications Committee chairman; Joy Orlich, Zonta International Foundation Development Committee chairman; and Chavali Osathanugrah, Zonta International United Nations Committee member, ESCAP.





- It is not only about learning to tailor to make a living. That is our take away from Day One of the field visit to our project with UN Women in Jordan. The Jordanian and Syrian women we met at the community center in Muwaggar near Amman empower themselves by supporting each other: They share their dreams and experience camaraderie. They created a WhatsApp to be even better connected.
- Each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., they receive training to tailor school uniforms. After three months, some will have the opportunity to work in a factory. Others are making plans to set up their own business. This is only one example on how the work Zonta supports builds capacities and confidence.

- When she turned to an Islamic center for help, Fatimah, a Syrian refugee woman, was asked to wear a long coat. She suddenly realized that, after being on her own in the Jordanian host community, she wanted to manage her life independently.
- She found encouragement on her way at the center the Jordanian Women's Union operates in Zarqa near Amman. The organization is one of the most prominent advocates for women's rights in the Arab world. The center offers basic medical services, legal advice, education on topics the women choose themselves and psycho-social care for women and children. Initially the center's kitchen served Fatimah, a single mother, as her kitchen, since she could not afford her own stove to prepare food for her four children.
- Today, she sees the center as her home and comes in every day as a volunteer to help other women, who are often victims of violence.
- "Nobody must interfere with my life anymore," she proudly stated as she openly shared her story with us.





- We all lived a very emotional moment today: a victim of domestic violence broke down in tears as she shared her experience with us. Almost everyone else cried with her. Today, she receives training and money at the Taibeh Community Center and finds consolation in the collaboration and interaction with her Jordanian and Syrian co-students. Along with her, a group of 31 women of the rural area of Karak take classes in maintenance and tailoring. Acquiring these skills in a supportive environment will strengthen their resilience and open their minds to new options they can take in their lives. The project that Zonta is funding will ultimately contribute to build an active civil society.



- Nabeela is respected by the women at the Oasis 3 center and can teach many others how to weave. At home, in Syria, she hardly left the house and was completely dependent on her husband. It was in Za'atari, a camp that hosts 80,000 refugees, that she learned how to weave. What is even more remarkable, she has become the one who, today, actually takes the lead in her family.
- Through her work, she found a community of women who help each other in multiple ways. The Oasis centers, run by the dedicated and enthusiastic team of UN Women, are the only places to talk, to share fears and experiences, celebrate successes and exchange ideas. Time enjoyed there is an escape from the so called caravans, each the size of 5 x 3 meters, where the families find shelter and even water and electricity, but have no room to socialize with others. I was happy to see how Zonta's financial support empowers the refugee women.

<https://jordan.unwomen.org/en>

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