The Near East Council of Churches Committee for Refugees Work
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Introduction

This report highlights the major activities of DSPR Jordan during August 2015 that focused on the following:

1- Effectiveness Development Training Workshop

2- The official launching of actalliance office in Amman

3- RRF for Iraqi refugees in Amman

4- Consultation Session for the role of CBO's in serving refugees

5- Self initiatives of voluntary teams

Development Effectiveness Training Workshop

DSPR Jordan participated on the Development Effectiveness training workshop organized by actalliance at IBIS hotel in Amman as of 29/8/2015-1/9/2015 that included

1- **background on Rome, Paris, Bussan, Accra, Mexico, and Istanbul convections on Development effectiveness**
2- **Introduction to DE principles (1-7) on Gender Equality, Equity, People's Empowerment, Democratic Ownership, Solidarity, Sharing, Knowledge, and mutual Learning.**
3- **DSPR participated at the third day by presenting its experience in participation methodology and how important is the participation of refugees in all relief programs and events starting fro formulating committees, training, planning, implementing and ending with evaluation and feed back.**






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ACT Alliance secretariat opens a presence in Amman

At the launch of its secretariat presence in Amman, Jordan, on 31 August, ACT Alliance called for the protection and support of refugees in accordance with the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, Refugee Protocol, regional laws and standards, United Nations resolutions and international human rights and humanitarian law.

ACT Alliance members are working with refugees and internally displaced people on all continents.

As the Syrian conflict enters its fifth year, the Alliance said the prevailing refugee situation in the Middle East has caught many governments in the north lacking the will or the capacity to address it.

Only decisive global response will adequately address the refugee crisis, the alliance has said.

“Granting support to refugees and ensuring their dignity is primarily a responsibility of governments,” said Gunilla Hallonsten, International Director of ACT member Church of Sweden, at the event. “This crisis of global proportions will not be addressed in the Middle East alone. It requires global action and above all willingness of all to help the affected people at their country of origin, in transit and wherever they would be seeking refuge.”

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Members of the alliance highlighted that impacts of this global crisis are being felt in people`s lives and livelihoods, on local markets, in employment and social and power relations that determine people's future opportunities, adding that the realities of aid are also changing while the international system is overwhelmed and under-resourced in responding to the crisis.

"A key task for churches and relief organizations is to offer the perspective of hope to the refugees and affected populations," said Ramzi Zananiri, member of the Governing Board of ACT Alliance representing the Middle East.

In a panel discussion during the launch reception, which DSPR Jordan chairperson Dr. Farah Atallah actively has important inputs, panelists reminded the audience that the average length of stay in a refugee camp is over 17 years. ACT Alliance has been calling for a greater investment in resilience and accountability to disaster affected populations.

Speaking about the launch of the ACT secretariat presence in Amman, Gorden Simango, Regional Representative for the Middle East, said: "Together we are stronger," explaining that ACT Alliance members would be intensifying their collaboration to meet the needs.

ACT Alliance General Secretary John Nduna, moved by his visit in the Zaatari refugee camp earlier the same day, congratulated and thanked ACT Alliance partners and members for their support of the alliance's work in the Middle East.




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Promotion of Girls Education Training Workshops- Teachers

In order to start Promotion of Girls Education for teachers category, DSPR Jordan conducted (2) workshops for this program through voluntary teams of (35) trainers and educators at DSPR Vocational Training Centers in Irbid, and Amman governorates.

The workshops included two meetings to determine workshops components based on participatory approach:

1- The concept of Promotion of Girls Education from teachers perspective.
2- Role of teachers in promoting girls education.
3- Problems and challenges facing teachers in promoting girls education.
4- Teachers needs
5- Recommendations, suggestions

After the workshops, all trainers prepared the action plans for conducting all related workshops in Irbid, Amman, Jerash, Madaba. Zarqa, and Kerak to be implemented during September 2015.

Consultation Session on the Role of CBO's in Serving Refugees

Under the patronage of the General Director of Department of Services to Palestinian Refugees Engineer Mahmoud Aqrabawi, DSPR conducted the consultation session on " The Role of CBO's in Serving Refugees" in Souf Camp attended by DSPR Jordan Chairperson Dr. Farah Atallah, Camp Local Committee Chairperson Mr. Abdul Muhsen Banat.

(51) Persons participated in this session from different official and civil societies from Souf and Jerash camps including schools, ministries, security departments, vocational training centers, voluntary teams, and camps local committees.

List of outcomes were produced as an outcomes from this session that will support DSPR action plans for the next stage:

CBO's Needs as an out come of the consultation session

No.	Needs
1	Writing Proposals Training Workshops
2	Training facilitation Skills
3	Focus Groups Management
4	Refugee Psychology
5	Groups Counseling Training
6	Case Study Technique
7	Communication Skills
8	Data Collection Technique
9	Relief Events Management
10	Organizing Refugees Principles

Refugees Psychosocial Needs as an out come of the consultation session from CBO's Perspective

No.	Needs
1	Problem Solving
2	Stress Management
3	Building Self Esteem
4	Crisis Management
5	Social Adaptation
6	Psychosocial Sessions
7	Students Reinforcement educational lessons
8	Health Awareness
9	Conflict Resolution
10	Violence Management
11	Communication
12	Depression and Isolation
13	Dialogue
14	Shocks Management
15	Psychological Treatment


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Rapid Response Fund for Iraqi Refugees

An RRF for Rapid relief to Iraqi refugees in Jordan was submitted to ACT Secretariat and issued on August 18th. This is a forum response by ACT JSL Jordan members. The overall goal of the response is to contribute to assisting the newly arrivals of Iraqi refugees in Jordan through lifesaving interventions which include access to medical care and medication for around 1200 individuals needing urgent medical care, 150 medical referrals for 150 needy special cases of Iraqi refugees and also food, sanitation and hygiene vouchers distribution for 220 families.
ACT JSL national member DSPR Jordan is the Requesting member for the RRF on behalf of ACT JSL forum Jordan members where a special bank account is opened to receive ($ 60,000) for this purpose. This project was an outcome of the following needs assessment:

Field visits to the overpopulated host communities with Iraqi refugees within Amman Governorate
Rapid Needs Assessment was conducted by the Forum targeting the neediest and underserved 220 families which run for one week starting 5th of August in Amman governorate.

The Assessment was carried-out by 20 outreach Iraqi volunteers, and has indicated that following findings:
85% of the identified families live in bad housing conditions, including humid and mouldy apartments infested with rats, cockroaches and other insects.
60 % of family members live with more than one person per room, while 30% of family members have more than two persons per room, and the remaining 10% have two families in the same house.
100% of families have access to electricity, but only 83% of them have sufficient access to water in their residences.
Based on the volunteers carried out field visits, it was decided that 80% of these families do not have sufficient access to piped water due to limited capacity of water tanks.
Around 20% of the interviewed families have no water tanks, or the pipes are leaking, or even there are too many family members using the water sources.

11% of families do not have enough mattresses for all family members.
12% of households also do not have enough blankets for all family members, with the majority needing two to four blankets more.
6% of families need a stove and 29% a heater.
32% of the families do not have carpets.

The majority of families (99%) reported as their main problems are lack of income, with (3%) who face serious need for medical assistance.
As per food assistance, there are 98% who reflected their need to food assistance, where those who are in need for clothes are (41%). Finally, 17% face lack of jobs. Of the persons requiring medical assistance, the majority requested medical check-ups and medication for chronic diseases.
The Assessment also resulted in 18% of respondents have one or more disabled family member, of whom 45% need non-food items to cope with their disability; where 61% need psychological counselling, mainly for depression to cope with the uncertainty of being displaced and due to violent events experienced in Iraq.

Around 21% of respondents do not send their school aged children to schools given the reasons below:
Jordanian public schools have limited capacity to absorb additional thousands of refugee children,
Lack of funds for stationary, uniforms and transportation,
Fear to leave their houses,
Families lack knowledge of registration procedure to enrol their children in schools,
The nearest public schools are full with Syrian refugee children.
The Forum members had long experience in assisting both Iraqi and Syrian refugees, in addition to Palestinian refugees and the vulnerable local population. Nevertheless, the JSL forum members have contributed to assisting Iraqi refugees through distribution of Hygiene parcels, food assistance, cash assistance, kitchen parcels, medication, winterization, gift in kind, and cash for rent from the beginning of 2015, taking into consideration gender factor, applying the UN standard. The refugees ration is 49% are females, and 51% are males. Of the total number of these refugees, 20% are below18 years old.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OVERALL GOAL:

Contribute to assist the newly arrival Iraqi refugees in Jordan through emergency lifesaving response.

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

Responding to ACT RRF emergency response through:
Provide Food, Sanitation and Hygiene vouchers to 220 vulnerable Iraqi refugee families (1670 individuals).
Conduct three free medical days for approximately 400 individuals per day.
Follow-up on 150 medical referrals throughout the project period.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:

Food, Sanitation and Hygiene vouchers distribution for 220 families. The targeting is strictly for those at crisis levels.
Access to medical care and medication (Free Medical Days, and medical referrals) for around 1200 individuals needing urgent medical care. (Around 400 individuals each day during the three free medical days will benefit from the treatment)
150 medical referrals for 150 needy Iraqi refugees provided.

Outputs and Indicators:

220 food vouchers were distributed to 220 vulnerable Iraqi refugee families (M-F 50%) in Amman Governorate.
220 sanitation & hygiene vouchers were distributed to 220 vulnerable Iraqi refugees (M-F 50%) in Amman Governorate.
Three free medical days for 1670 individual Iraqi refugees (Males and Females) were conducted
150 medical referral cases of needy Iraqi refugees were delivered.

Activities of Voluntary Joint Committees (Syrian & Jordanians)

During the reporting period, the voluntary teams were active in Irbid, Jerash, Amman, and Madaba in conducting the following activities:

1- Conduct several meeting to plan for next programs and activities.

2- Preparing list of candidates to participate in the next T.O.T workshops.

3- Receiving guests. Talbiah centre received a delegation of (14) students from George Mason University in Canada where they were involved with (40) women in SGBV workshop and food production unit.

4- Conducting self initiatives such as field environmental campaigns, and consultation sessions with children, youth, and women sector


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