



PRESS RELEASE

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EU delegation visit at training facility in Zarqa

Assisting displaced Syrian project / Orientation presentation

Location: Zarqa – Latin School

Date: Tuesday 17th of March 2015

Visitors: EU delegation

Number of beneficiaries: 150

Amman – On Tuesday, 17th of March 2015, a EU mission composed of the External Action Service (EEAS), Neighborhood (NEAR) Directorates and representative of the EU Delegation in Amman visited Caritas Jordan social center in Zarqa to attend the orientation meeting for the second stage of the project' activities.

After a tour around the Caritas Zarqa centre premises, the delegation visited the orientation meeting where the beneficiaries just completed a 19 days basic life skills training that would lead for the 21 days of occupational training.

The exchange between the EU mission and the beneficiaries was very rich and gave the chance to highlight the high motivation of the trainees for the second phase as well as their daily struggles. Indeed the beneficiaries explained how the skills gained improved their ability and reinforced the social cohesion within the community.

The EU praised CARITAS work and the vital role that it plays on the ground in Jordan.



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by the Contractors:

Caritas Jordan
Caritas Czech Republic
Caritas Switzerland

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The European Commission is the EU's executive body.

“The European Union is made up of 28 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders”.

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The most common comments of the refugees were the following:

The refugees are grateful to the EU and Caritas for their support and assistance and the improvement of their life skills gained through this project and the different activities of the project. The beneficiaries asked the EU-delegation to try to do everything that Caritas could offer more training for them.

At the end the beneficiaries expressed their happiness about the visit and the trainings they had the chance to take part in.

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About EU

The EU (the European Commission and EU Member States) has contributed over € 2.8 billion to the region since the start of the crisis, making the EU the largest donor. Of this amount over € 1.5 billion has come from EU Member States – mainly in the form of humanitarian aid – and € 1.3 billion from the European Commission, of which € 615 million has been humanitarian aid and € 670 million for development, stabilization, and macro-finance assistance. There is consensus that this multi-dimensional and protracted crisis requires a simultaneous humanitarian aid and development/resilience-based response, and that over time the development/resilience-based response is likely to become increasingly important. The support has focused mainly on education, health and livelihood sectors.

About Caritas Czech Republic

Caritas Czech Republic is a respected member of the Caritas Internationalis network, and enjoys a strong relationship with global Caritas partners. In line with the vision of Caritas Europa, Caritas Czech Republic works in the Czech Republic and abroad to realize a vision of a civilization of love and justice where every human person can flourish and live in peace and dignity as part of one human family. Caritas Czech Republic has been working in Jordan since 2011 in response to the Syria crisis working mainly in livelihoods and psychosocial sectors.

www.caritasczech.org

About Caritas Jordan

Caritas Jordan was established in 1967 to respond to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Six Days War. Since the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948, Jordan has been considered the safest (and closest) shelter for the Palestinian refugees coming from the West Bank. Hundreds of thousands have crossed Jordanian borders, with the inevitable effect of destabilizing Jordan, both on the social and political levels.

Since the early years, Caritas Jordan has evolved into a broader organization that makes its contribution to the fighting of poverty to the social development of the Jordanian society in different domains. In fact, Caritas has to face many challenges. The political stability of Jordan encouraged a massive influx of immigrants and refugees.

www.caritasjordan.org.jo

About Caritas Switzerland

Caritas Switzerland is an association, which operates as an independent, multi-functional relief agency with its head office in Lucerne. The aid agency is a member of the international Caritas network and active in more than 40 countries mainly focusing on emergency relief and reconstruction as well as development cooperation in areas such as food security, water, the environment, human rights and education for children and adults. In Switzerland, Caritas Switzerland works closely with the Regional Caritas Organisations.

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