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European Union to Finalize Phase II of Reinforced Life Skills Project

Irbid, Mafrag – With a grant of JOD1.2 million, The European Union is supporting Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians who suffer from the impact of the current crisis in the region. A total of 1,200 people are trained in life skills and practical, professional and technical skills in six different training locations of Caritas all over Jordan.

The Project “Assisting Displaced Syrian and Vulnerable Jordanians”, implemented by Caritas Jordan in partnership with Caritas Czech and Caritas Switzerland, finalized its second phase with a graduation ceremony of 66 Syrian refugees and Jordanians who received life skills training courses.

This phase included four training courses implemented at Irbid area (Al-Kura): “Soap and Wax Production”, “Recycling, Packaging and labeling” and “Food Processing”, in addition to one training course at Mafrag on construction and post war reconstruction. Specialized trainers in cooperation with a service provider “Parallel Perspective Management Consulting” conducted these trainings.

The trainings were organized in cooperation with the Municipality of Kura and the parish in Mafrag, which has provided the facilities for the trainings.



This project is implemented 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”.

The participants expressed their appreciation towards the EU and Caritas that allowed them to be part of this project which helped them learn new skills, and at the same time, may enable them to find a new job or to create their own business and most important to have a vision for a better future in peace.



(This picture shows the participants in Irbid/Kura with some of the products, furniture produced from reused waste materials)

“I was so happy to be part of this project! It was a new experience for me to know about packaging and labeling... it was really interesting. I hope that we will have more training and not to stop here. Our special thanks go to the EU and Caritas for their support”, says Azzah Al-Badri, a beneficiary and participant in “Packaging and Labelling Training Course”.

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About EU

The European Union is a leading donor in the response to the Syria crisis with around €3.6 billion of total budget mobilised by the Commission and Member States collectively in humanitarian, development, economic and stabilisation assistance. The European Commission is supporting partners to reach vulnerable people in need, providing amongst others: vital emergency food assistance, safe water, emergency medical supplies, shelter needs, protection, and cash and rent assistance.

In 2015, the Commission has increased its humanitarian assistance to the Syria crisis by €136 million, half of which will go to needs inside Syria accessing people both cross-line from Damascus and cross-border from neighbouring countries, and the other half to Syrian refugees and host communities in neighbouring Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq.

About Caritas Jordan, Caritas Czech Republic and Caritas Switzerland

All three partner organisations are respected members of the Caritas Internationalis network with the mission *“to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world.”* Caritas Jordan was established in 1967 to respond to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Six Days War. 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. Caritas Czech Republic is active in around 20 countries worldwide and its long-term priorities are Education, improvement of livelihood and improving the knowledge and skills. Caritas Switzerland is 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.

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