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UN WOMEN'S PROGRAMME: ZA'ATARI REFUGEE CAMP

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A Snapshot: What we do

Economic empowerment through cash for work, paired with community engagement, life skills and protection services.

- 170 women benefiting from cash for work, reaching 969 people – targeting those vulnerable to food insecurity.
- 3 safe spaces – Oasis's for women and girls (one co-managed with the World Food Programme (WFP)) reaching 500 users per centre per month; providing life skills through literacy, Arabic classes, computer classes, and communication- tagged with day care facilities.
- Protection referral services on issues from sexual and gender based violence to legal status and disability; Awareness raising and engagement of men and boys in SGBV response and prevention.
- Emergency medical support through financial assistance to support Oasis users.
- Technical assistance on gender equality and women's empowerment to Za'atari and country-wide inter-agency humanitarian partners.

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) has been operating inside Za'atari refugee camp since its inception – late 2012 – and currently runs three 'Oasis' for women and girls (one in cooperation with WFP).

The overall aim of the UN Women Oasis' is to empower Syrian women refugees through increased access to economic opportunities and meaningful engagement in community life, to put in place the foundational cornerstones for the present and future enjoyment of their rights. Through these Oases, UN Women and its partners offer women in the camp cash for work opportunities, language classes, information awareness and protection referrals on key issues such as registration, hygiene, health, and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). A day care centre is run in each Oasis to allow those working to remain with their children, and to provide after school support to those children enrolled in education. UN Women also facilitates Za'atari's two women's camp committees, serving as a bridge between refugees and camp decision makers. Currently UN Women's cash for work programme serves as Za'atari's largest *female focused* cash for work programme.



How We Make a Difference: Step by Step

The protracted nature of the Syrian conflict, now in its fifth year, has placed severe pressures on families reflected through domestic violence, child labor, early marriage and high rates of individuals and families returning to Syria. Providing women with livelihood opportunities ensures empowerment and provides the financial resources needed to care for their families, bolstering the resilience of households and communities alike. There are high numbers of women looking for cash for work opportunities in Jordan's refugee camps, with over 1200 having sought out opportunities from UN Women since 2013. Moreover, assessments demonstrate that this is a key priority for refugees living inside and outside camps. UN Women's programme components include:

- Cash for work through a portfolio of services that include recycling (the repurposing UNHCR tents into reusable bags that are distributed free of charge to reduce plastic waste), tailoring (the production of school uniforms and comprehensive baby kits – distributed free of charge in cooperation with UNICEF to schools and hospitals within the camp), handicrafts, teachers, beauticians, security guards, centre managers, and child care professionals.
- Protection referral services addressing cases of child marriage, domestic violence and sexual violence against women and girls –these services are supported through UN Women's protection network.
- Support to, and facilitation of, two women's camp committees, which link

women's voices to camp decision making structures. Every month UN Women supports the committees to hold at least two meetings with camp decision makers. These include – the Government of Jordan, the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and WFP (e.g. on issues of food security).

- Increased awareness on women's rights and responsibilities for an inclusive, equitable and peaceful society through the enhancement of life skills. This includes life skills such as literacy, computer classes and English classes.
- Child care and day care facilities.
- A self-sustaining medical fund for those working in UN Women's centres – funded through the profits made by refugees in UN Women's centres.

UN Women's operations in Za'atari work in close collaboration with other actors on issues of women's empowerment, gender equality and humanitarian action including the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, UNHCR, and WFP. They are generously funded by the Governments of Finland, Italy and Japan.

UN WOMEN- JORDAN COUNTRY OFFICE

Established in December 2012, the UN Women Country Office for Jordan works in close collaboration with the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the UN Country Team and the Civil Society to advance the women's national agenda, promote women's empowerment and gender equality.

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