

## Strengthening resilience of Syrian women and girls and host communities in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey



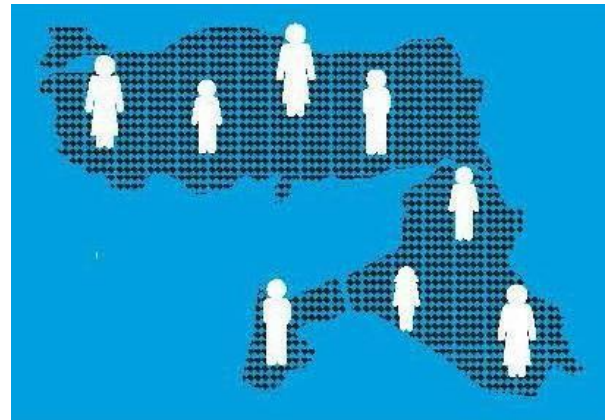
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#### OUR PROGRAMME

Funded by the European Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis (EU Madad Fund) and implemented by UN Women, the two-year programme, "Strengthening the Resilience of Syrian Women and Girls and Host Communities in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey" aims to strengthen the resilience of women affected by the Syria crisis. It works through a multi-dimensional strategy that enables women's resilience and empowerment through addressing issues of economic vulnerability and violence. This is done by increasing access to

recovery and livelihood opportunities, paired with comprehensive protection services and support to national justice structures to promote accountability for violence against women. This programme also works to engage men as partners, champions and advocates for women's increased empowerment, including their engagement in the labour market.



Our newsletter highlights stories of our beneficiaries as well as partners supporting our efforts to build resilience in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey. The newsletter also includes some of the latest updates on the implementation of the programme. Read more on our [website](#)

#### PHOTO ESSAY: ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO FIND HOPE IN TURKEY, AFTER ESCAPING SYRIA



Menal Suleyman is a mother of three, a widow, and a refugee from Syria. Fleeing the violence in her country, Suleyman has found a new life, and hope, in Turkey, assisted by the "SADA Women's Empowerment and Solidarity Center" in Gaziantep.

Since February 2018, from the beginning of the project, 2885 women and girls, mostly Syrian refugees have benefited from the Center. More than 660 women have completed certificate courses in hairdressing, skin care, computer, packaging and marketing. Read the full story and check out the photo essay [here](#)



## “WE SHOULD ALL AIM TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN IRAQ”

“We are partnering with UN Women under the MADAD programme to fill the gaps we have identified in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention,” says Ms. Kurdo Omar, head of the General Directorate of Combating Violence against Women (DCVAW) at the Ministry of the Interior in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in Iraq. Read her interview [here](#)

## “ENHANCING WOMEN’S ECONOMIC SITUATION WOULD TRIGGER A RIPPLE EFFECT”

Ghadeer Khuffash is a women’s rights activist with years of experience in education, vocational training and workforce development. She is now the CEO of Jordan Education for Employment (JEFE), a non-profit organization with a presence across the Middle East and North Africa that trains youth, places them in jobs in the private sector and provides micro-entrepreneurship training.

JEFE is currently partnering with UN Women to improve the economic welfare of at least 1,000 refugee and Jordanian women by providing them with income-generating opportunities. Read her interview [here](#)



## “I TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW PERSON”

Zuke El Hasan\* is a Syrian refugee who has been living in Gaziantep, near Turkey’s border with Syria, since 2016. She describes how the SADA Women's Empowerment and Solidarity Center, which provides Turkish language, vocational skills as well as referral and psycho-social support to women in Gaziantep, helped her build self- confidence, learn new skills, and transform herself. [Read more](#)

*\*Name changed to protect the identity of the individual.*

## NEWS: EU AND UN WOMEN PRESENT THE MADAD PROGRAMME IN JORDAN



UN Women in partnership with the European Union Delegation in Jordan organized an introductory workshop to present the scope of work and objectives of the MADAD programme in the country. The workshop included sessions on monitoring and evaluation and baseline indicators requirements while also presenting financial and communication guidelines. The event was opened by Giorgia Garofalo Cornaro, Attaché of the Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, 'Madad Fund', EU Delegation in Jordan, who provided an overview on the scope of the Trust Fund instrument and its main priorities areas of action. [Read more](#)



**“LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL. RESIST, SET A GOAL AND NEVER STOP!”**

Retibe Bilal is a Syrian refugee who fled the conflict in Syria, now lives in Gaziantep, near Turkey's border with Syria, since 2013. After her divorce, Retibe felt emotionally destroyed, weak, and lost the will to live. She received social and legal consultations, and took part in gender equality training at the SADA Women's Empowerment and Solidarity Center. She describes how SADA Center enabled her to discover her abilities, learn her place in society and about her rights. [Read more](#)



**“OUR GOAL IS FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES IN THE WORKPLACE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PUBLIC GOOD”**

Randa Naffa is a community organizer and founding member of SADAQA—an NGO dedicated to empowering Jordanian women in the workplace. SADAQA is working with UN Women to promote women's participation in the labour market through enhanced legislation and enforcement, as well as by increasing accessible transportation and childcare services in the Southern Governorates of Jordan and in East Amman. [Read more](#)



## NEWS: REGIONAL PLANNING MEETING IN CAIRO

UN Women programme staff from Iraq, Jordan and Turkey gathered in Cairo, Egypt, for the first regional planning meeting of the EUTF Madad programme. The meeting discussed the overall programme management, communication and visibility priorities, monitoring and reporting, and resource mobilization. Participants had the opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices on the implementation of the programme and directions for the preparation of the 2019 annual work plan.

## WHAT IS THE EU MADAD FUND?

Almost four years into its creation, and with more than EUR 1.4 billion of approved projects, the EU Trust Fund has amply proven its added value beyond its economy of scale and the pooling of contributions from 22 EU Member States donors, and Turkey, as well as different EU financial instruments. It also offers a reinforced approach in Europe's response to the Syrian crisis, improving coordination and coherence, and addressing longer-term needs of both refugees and local communities.



To date, the EU Trust Fund provides support to more than 2 million Syrian refugees and local communities in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, the Western Balkans, and Armenia. Providing access to education, livelihoods and socio-economic opportunities, health care, water and hygiene as well as providing more opportunities for a sustainable income generation are at the heart of the Trust Fund mandate. The EU Trust Fund has a particular focus on women and girls.

For more info on the EUTF, please visit their [website](#) and [youtube channel](#)



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