



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 the (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 is a multi-dimensional programme that enables women’s resilience and empowerment by 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](#).



“I’VE HEALED FROM THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND FEEL MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT MY FUTURE”

Nur Omar has worked as a hairdresser since she was 17 in Syria. She fled the war with her husband and six children to Gaziantep, Turkey. Following a hairdressing course at SADA Women Empowerment and Solidarity Centre, Nur is back in business and eagerly learning new skills to start a new life! [Read more](#).



“I COULD NOT STAY IDLE IN THE FACE OF HARDSHIP, I BECAME A PROTECTION SPECIALIST EMPOWERING OTHER SYRIAN REFUGEE WOMEN AND GIRLS”

Madina Mousa, a Syrian refugee in Iraq since 2013, started her career as a volunteer at the Women’s Empowerment Organization (WEO) to help other refugees and is now a Protection Supervisor. [Read more.](#)



“WE ARE A GROUP OF MEN WHO ARE READY TO RISE UP AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE”

Ziad El Hawaja, a Syrian refugee and advocate for the elimination of gender-based violence, is using his voice as a tool to stand up for women in the Za’atari Refugee Camp. [Read more.](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN



16 DAYS EDITORIAL PACKAGE

Read the stories of Houaida; a psychotherapist and Joud who is a Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivor from Jordan, as part of the 16 days of activism campaign. [Read More.](#)



One of the 16 photos exhibited during the 16 Days of Activism

#HEARMETOO: PHOTO EXHIBITION BY WOMEN OF THE SADA CENTRE IN GAZIANTEP - NOVEMBER 2018

The exhibition portrays the hardships faced by women in the region through 16 photographs showing women survivors of gender-based violence, both from the refugee and host communities. The photos were taken by Fatma El Zehra Muhaimid, a Syrian refugee who lives in Turkey and also works as an interpreter at SADA Centre. View the exhibition photos [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN BAGHDAD –MARCH 2019



The event was organized by UN Women in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, the Supreme Committee for the Advancement of Women and the Department of Women Empowerment. The event participants stressed on the need to continue efforts to empower women and end all forms of discrimination against them. [Read more](#).

12TH CAPPADOCIA WOMEN GATHERING IN GAZIANTEP - MARCH 2019



UN Women Turkey has organized an event together with 2,000 Turkish, Syrian, Afghani and Iraqi women from all over Turkey on the occasion of the 12th Cappadocia Women Gathering organized by SGDD-ASAM. From Gaziantep, 200 women and staff from the SADA Women Empowerment and Solidarity Center, have also attended the gathering to mark the International Women's Day. [Read More](#)



THEATRE PERFORMANCE - CULTURAL EVENT TO MARK BRUSSELS CONFERENCE III IN AMMAN - MARCH 2019

UN Women participated in the Turath 2019 cultural event in Amman organized by the European Union National Institute for Culture (EUNIC) to mark the Brussels III Conference. Nowara Al Abbad and Amal Al Zoubi, two Syrian refugees enrolled in UN Women's CFW programme, shared their testimonials and performed poetry on women's empowerment. [Read more.](#)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

IMPROVING FIRST RESPONDERS' CAPACITIES IN THE FIELD OF GENDER IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION



In December 2018, UN Women Turkey organized a training on Gender in Humanitarian Action, targeting 27 first responders from non-governmental organizations and UN agencies. The 3-day training included general gender-awareness sessions, as well as extensive sessions on the best tools and practices in integrating gender considerations into humanitarian planning and programming.



UN WOMEN TURKEY AND SADA CENTRE ORGANIZE A JAZZ CONCERT IN GAZIANTEP



To celebrate the International Jazz Day, the SADA Women Empowerment and Solidarity Center brought together Syrian and Turkish women jazz musicians to play music and dance together, emphasizing the universality and equality of jazz. [Watch the video here.](#)

GENDER EQUALITY WORKSHOP FOR GIRLS IN GAZIANTEP

UN Women Turkey organized an interactive awareness workshop for girls benefiting from EU-funded SADA services on the occasion of Youth and Sports National Day in Turkey on 19 May 2019. The workshop discussed the significant role of youth and children in social cohesion. Creative drama plays were also used to discuss gender-equality issues. [Read more.](#)

UN WOMEN ORGANIZES A SERIES OF TRAININGS ON GENDER-SENSITIVE REFUGEE RESPONSE PLANNING AND SERVICE PROVISION



UN Women in Turkey conducted a series of training workshops on gender-sensitive response targeting 400 participants from NGOs, municipalities, government institutions and community center workers. The training uses interactive and participatory approaches combining theoretical concepts with role plays and games for reflecting the participants' experience, feeling and ideas. [Watch the video here.](#)

ENHANCING THE JUSTICE SECTOR'S RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



In partnership with the Arab Women's Legal Network, the Judicial Council, the Family Protection Department and the Ministry of Social Development, the Madad programme is working in Jordan to develop guidelines to enhance the justice sector's response to cases of violence against women as well as access to justice mechanisms for survivors of violence. [Read more.](#)

INCREASING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION



SADAQA is working in partnership with UN Women to promote women's participation in the labour market. This includes advocacy efforts and women-led solutions to increase easy and affordable transportation and childcare services in the Southern Governorates of Jordan and in East Amman. [Read more.](#)

JORDAN EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT (JEFE) JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMME AWARD CEREMONY



UN Women, the Delegation of the EU to Jordan and JEFE organized a graduation ceremony for over 100 young unemployed Jordanian and Syrian refugee women residing in the Governorates of Amman and Zarqa. The programme aims at supporting women's economic empowerment through the provision of technical trainings and career direction services which match the labour market needs. As a result, 44 women who graduated from the programme have already accessed job opportunities in the fields of administration and service provision. [Read more.](#)



WORKSHOP ON THE DETENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISTS-LINKED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

UN Women Iraq organized an event in Baghdad in January 2019 to bring together different state actors from the justice sector, including lawyers and judges, to discuss the legal status of women and children with family ties to violent extremists and find proper solutions to the issue.

[Read more.](#)

ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS IN GENDER-EQUALITY AND GBV AWARENESS-RAISING PROGRAMS



UN Women Iraq and the Women Leadership Institute organized an awareness workshop for 22 media practitioners in Fallujah on issues related to gender equality and gender-based violence. The workshop took place on 28 April 2019 and was part of the continuous awareness-raising activities aiming to reach 100 men and boys in Anbar province.

[Read more.](#)

UN WOMEN IRAQ AND REACH ORGANIZE WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS DECENT WORK STANDARDS



UN Women Iraq and REACH conducted two sessions to discuss decent work standards and to include participants' recommendations in a final report as part of an assessment of the Employment and Working Conditions of Conflict-Affected Women in Iraq. [Read more](#)

NEWS



EU PRESS TRIP TO THE SADA CENTRE IN GAZIANTEP

To showcase the EU Trust Fund's concrete positive impact as an enabler for empowerment and self-reliance, the programme hosted an EU press trip to the SADA Centre in Gaziantep (Turkey) on 21 November 2018. [Read more.](#)



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER SENSITIVE REFUGEE RESPONSE IN ANKARA

UN Women Turkey organized an international conference on Gender-Sensitive Refugee Response in collaboration with the EU Delegation to highlight the importance of ensuring that refugee response is gender sensitive and involves refugee and host community women. [Read more](#).

HIGH-PROFILE RECEPTION DINNER TO HONOR SYRIAN WOMEN IN BRUSSELS

On 13 March, UN Women organized a high-level reception dinner co-hosted by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini and UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir O. Pedersen to honor Syrian women and call for their vital engagement in peace efforts. [Read more](#)



JOINT EU, UN WOMEN AND UNFPA PRE-BRUSSELS CONFERENCE REGIONAL EVENT

In February 2019, the European Union (EU), UN Women and UNFPA organized a joint event in Amman that brought together government officials and civil society representatives from Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq to reflect on the impact the Syria crisis has had on women and girls, and to call for stronger measures to empower refugees and host communities ahead of the Brussels III conference. [Read more](#).

WHAT IS THE EU MADAD FUND?



Four years into its creation, and with more than EUR 1.5 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 1.9 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

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