

Improvement of Green Infrastructure in Jordan through Labor-Intensive Measures:

Public Space Appropriation: Development of Green Infrastructure in Rural Areas and the Empowerment of Women

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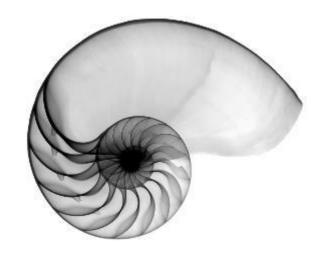
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What is energy?

a fundamental entity of nature that is transferred between parts of a system in the production of physical change within the system and usually regarded as the capacity for doing work (Marriam Webster Dictionary)





Top 5 receiving countries (absolute number)

- Turkey (3.7 million)
- Pakistan (1.4 million)
- Uganda (1.2 million)
- Sudan (1.1 million)
- Germany (1.1 million)

(UNHCR 2019)

22 Jan.2019

Number of received refugees in relation to the total population, 2018

- Lebanon (1:6)
- Jordan (1:14)
- Turkey (1:22)
- Jordan: 2nd highest share of refugees per capita (UNHCR 2019)
- → 84% living in urban areas, 16% living in camps



Public Space in the Context of Migration

Through spatial integration measures, the **social inclusion** of migrants in urban settings can be improved. Public spaces can play a key role in improving migrants' inclusion by acting as places **for intercultural dialogue and exchange**. Segregated areas can be opened up thanks to careful physical planning interventions.

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Municipal decision-makers need to look carefully at the informal economy in public places and **provide space** for entrepreneurship. (UNESCO, Inclusion through Access to Public Space)

Cash for work: Crisis response

النقد مقابل العمل: الاستجابة للأزمات

مساعدات نقدية فورية من خلال عقود عمل قصيرة المدة (عمال النقد مقابل العمل)

Immediate cash assisstant through short-term employment | Cash workers



الحاجة الملحة للتعامل مع موجات اللجوء المتزايدة لظروف الحرب في سوريا

The demanding need to deal with the massive Influx of refugees due to the war in Syria

Sustainable framework: Long term impact

إطار مستدام: تأثير طويل المدى

تحسين المنافع والفراغات العامة وشبكات البنية التحتية الخضراء في المنطقة

Improvement of the public goods, open spaces and green infrastructure networks



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زيادة منعة المجتمعات المضيفة والبيئة المبنية والمحيط الحضري والريفي

Increase the resilience of the host communities, built environment and the urban and rural surrounding

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The project provides **3000** short-term jobs: 50% Syrians and 50% Jordanians out which **20% are women**

Activities: rehabilitation and management of **public open spaces**; improvement and restauration of **ecosystems** (nature reserve development), ecofriendly **agriculture**

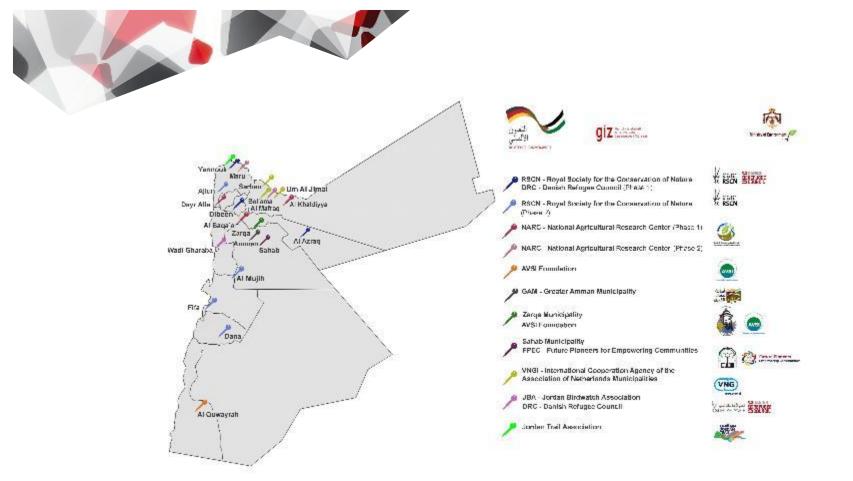
Implementation: throughout Jordan in **urban, peri-urban or rural** refugee-hosting communities.





"The overall objective is to improve the diversity and resilience of our environment, to limit the effects of climate change and to capacitate the daily living environment for its inhabitants."

(German Association of Landscape Architects on Green Infrastructure)





Project activities in rural areas

→ Ecosystem rehabilitation: activities in nature reserves and special conservation areas

7 nature reserves, 1 special conservation area























Project activities in rural areas

→ Agriculture and community

5 locations (centers of the National Agricultural Research Center) Maru, Khaldeyeh, Baqaa, Mafraq, Deir Alla













Project activities in urban areas

→ Improvement of Public space

14 locations across 4 governorates













The project in numbers (August 2019):



Planted trees:

12553

Planted shrubs/perennials:

2889

Raised seedlings:

43.958



1793 workers (1004 Jordanians, 789 Syrians, 24% women) employed

1377 workers (763 Jordanians, 614 Syrians, 28% women) finished 40 days of work

1422 workers (100%) (746 Jordanians, 676 Syrians, 27% women) trained

72 on-the-job and specialised trainings conducted

16 community events conducted



Inclusive Approaches to Green Infrastructure

Dunums of land rehabilitated/maintained: 307.8 Kms of trails created/rehabilitated/maintained: 23.5



The Case of Qwierah and Humayma







Park Rehabilitation Qweirah



Community
Participation and Skills
Assessment



Applying traditional skills with local materials



A safe space for women and children



The female maintenance committee





Park Reconstruction in Humayma





Mosaic Workshop





Wall Design

Achievements:

women participation in the project is more than 40%

the places are unique and respond to the context

the parks ARE places

women have taken a responsibility in the municipality

the parks are clean

the parks are respected as safe places by the entire community

the children have a place to go

the women have acquired new skills

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THANK YOU!



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