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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis supports access to peer information and outreach activities, improved infrastructure and services, workdays, employability, vocational and entrepreneurial skills training programmes, and cash assistance. Through this priority sector, the EU Regional Trust Fund targets 555,815 vulnerable refugees and local beneficiaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Iraq.



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Videos

A new beginning ^[2]

Video of A new beginning

Watch the story of Shakhwan, the 33-year-old former Peshmerga who, after an accident, lost the use of his legs and was forced to stay in bed for three long years. Shakhwan can now easily move around, thanks to a ramp that was built outside his house, and help his wife with the two cows they were given so that the family can start their own dairy production. This QUDRA project is an initiative supporting Peshmerga who were injured fighting the so-called IS and is co-financed by the EU Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian

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The youngster eventually made it to Suleymaniah, where he joined the...



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Empowering Women in Jordan [8]

Sahar Al Salmane, 34, is from Al Ramtha district in Northern Jordan. In 2012, she set up a Women Cooperative Society to provide both local and Syrian refugee women with much needed job opportunities.

“At first, we gave training workshops. Both Syrian and Jordanian women participated. Swapping experiences was very useful for us,” she describes.

Through EU funding, the cooperative expanded and now offers additional services, like a pickle factory and green houses. Many uneducated women in the area saw this as a unique opportunity to make a living and become more independent.

Sahar also helps each woman with project...



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Raising Her Head High [9]

Oum Walid, 32, is from Deraa in Syria. She had to leave her home country in 2014. She now lives in Jordan with her disabled husband and five children.

“We went through economic hardship. It was hard to adapt to the new situation. My husband can’t work

because of a disability in his foot,” she recalls.

Challenges and hardship did not deter Oum Walid from making a change. Learning that the LEADERS project was offering training sessions in her area, she seized the opportunity and trained as a beautician.

She explains why it was so important for her to take...



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Social Leadership and Integration through Media and Arts [10]

Nasreen Abu Shaqra is a shy, young woman from Akkar, in Lebanon. She is in charge of a project called Douma Akkar (the Dolls of Akkar). She works together with other young Lebanese who share a common drive to foster solidarity between refugees and local communities.

She describes the scope of the project and activities they are involved in: “There are nearly 100 children registered in our activities. We distribute gifts and play with them. With the Douma Akkar project we entertain the kids and we try to get them to have fun so they forget the problems they are facing.”

Through...



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The Love of Life... Again [11]

Mustafa Abdul-Hamid is 18. He comes from Gribasi, in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq but has been attending a special institute for the blind in Duhok for the past three years.

Before that, Mustafa lived in Mosul and struggled to get access to tailored education meeting his needs.

Mustafa describes how his life has changed ever since he was accepted at the Roohani Institute: “In Mosul, there weren’t many resources. I mean, they didn’t provide lessons properly. If it weren’t for this institute, I wouldn’t have learnt anything.”

The Awat buildings host specialised departments: the Roohani Institute for the visually-impaired like...

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