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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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Former Peshmerga Mamand was injured while fighting ISIS in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Overcoming his disability, Mamand today runs a grocery shop, thanks to the support of the QUDRA project. He is now able to provide for his family again. In Iraq alone, the project helps 50,000 people, like Mamand, become more resilient and secure a better future. This initiative is part of the QUDRA project. Funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund, it helps some 600,000 Syrian and local communities in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey

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Watch the story of 34 year-old Sahar Al Salman, who set up a cooperative society in Al Ramtha district, in northern Jordan, to empower both Syrian and local women. Thanks to Sahar's efforts, the cooperative has grown from 13 to 33 members and is now providing many uneducated women with much-needed job opportunities. This initiative is one of many similar projects, implemented through the EU Regional Trust Fund funded LEADERS project. This project is helping some 250,000 Syrian and local community members, like Sahar, to become economically self-reliant. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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42 year-old Jordanian Khaldoun successfully turned his handicraft skills into a profitable business venture, where he primarily seeks to employ youth with special needs from his community. Thanks to the LEADERS project, funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund, Khaldoun now owns an established art shop in Zarqa, Jordan. This initiative is one of many similar projects, implemented through the EU Regional Trust Fund funded LEADERS project. This project is helping some 250,000 Syrian and local community members, like Khaldoun, to become economically self-reliant. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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Over the summer, 11-year-old Syrian schoolgirl Esraa - decorated the school walls with beautiful murals together with her Syrian and Jordanian classmates. The 'Happy Walls' project showcases stories of resilience and successful integration between Syrian refugees and local community children. This initiative is one of many other QUDRA project initiatives. Funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund, it helps some 600,000 Syrian and local communities in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey become more resilient and secure a better future. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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Nasreen and Rayna are both from Akkar, in Lebanon. The two young women share a common drive to foster solidarity between refugees and local communities. Through the FURSA project, funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, they both undertook trainings on social leadership.

Just like many other involved in this beautiful project, Nasreen and Rayna believe that social cohesion and dialogue are best channeled through arts and media. This is why they have heartily engaged in the organisation of creative and fun activities to strengthen the exchange between Syrian and Lebanese youth. This initiative is part of the Search For Common Ground Project, funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund. The project helps 18,500 Syrian refugees and local youth get jobs and live together in harmony in Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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Broken No More [11]

In 2015, former member of the Kurdish forces (the Peshmergas) Mamand Ahmed was injured while fighting ISIS in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. As a result, he became disabled and could not work for long periods at a time.

Mamand confesses: "Ever since, I stayed home, bored. This has caused me severe psychological problems. I was ruminating a lot. The days were endless, as I had nothing to do."

The day Mamand's life changed for the better was the day he opened a grocery shop with supplies, thanks to a grant he received from the EUTF funded QUDRA project.

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When Beauty Runs More Skin Deep [12]

Leyla Al Falaani, 31, is a young ambitious woman from Deraa in Syria. She fled the war raging in her home country in 2013, after miraculously escaping a sniper attack. She now lives in Al Ramtha, Jordan, with her family.

Leyla vividly recalls the untenable ordeal she and her family had to endure before seeking refuge in nearby Jordan: “Displacement, homelessness... it was quite horrendous. Every day, we would spend it in a different house, a different neighbourhood, a different area. We were always moving... it was unbearable.”

Her face lights up when she speaks of the beauty training workshops...



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Painting on Glass for A Better Future [13]

42 year-old and father-of-four Khaldoun comes from Russayfah in Zarqa Governorate in Jordan. Passionate about handicrafts, he is a dedicated volunteer acting for the well-being of orphans and special need youth in his area. Khaldoun struggled for many years to make ends meet.

Things changed when he got a grant from the Trust Fund supported LEADERS project to kick start his business ideas.

“In a meeting in Russayfah, I met someone from LEADERS. I was told that they were selecting organisations that stood out in the area for grants. I applied. My project was approved and I got a grant”,...



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Basic Hygiene Training [14]

Heba Ashkar, is a twenty-year old Lebanese woman who lives in Bourj el-Barajneh. She is in her second year of linguistic engineering at University. She is also a volunteer with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in her area.

“I was coming back home from my university, and I saw a group doing home visiting sessions. I asked and was told that this center was the Haifa Hospital. I think it’s very important for at least one person in the house to know some first aid, because you never know when emergencies might happen. So you’ve take charge and do...



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The Syrian refugee girl who loved to draw [15]

Eesra Fathallah is a bright 11-year old Syrian girl who fled the war and sought refuge in Jordan, together with her family. She now lives in Amman and regularly attends a school where she is well liked.

Over the summer, Eesra joined other Syrian and Jordanian classmates to decorate the walls of their schools with beautiful painted murals. This is the 'Happy Walls' initiative, part of the QUDRA project which increases social cohesion and dialogue between Syrian refugees and local community children.

Eesra explains: "What I learnt from the project is that we need to help each other out. Like...

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