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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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12-year-old Bitia is very happy and very excited to go to her specialized school, day after day. The school welcomes children with disabilities and gives them a chance in life. "I like it here. I will come here tomorrow too. I wish to stay here. Because I love my school," she says. In Iraq alone, the project helps more than 50,000 people, like Bitia, become more resilient and secure a better future. Through the QUDRA project, funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the Awat Institute and four

other specialised schools in the Duhok Governorate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have been welcoming more students with special needs, like Bita. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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This is what Ziad Al Rizz, from Tripoli, Lebanon, tries to teach his students. Ziad has been teaching IT skills to both Syrian refugees and Lebanese youth for more than a year now. Ziad is delighted to witness how, as an instructor and trainer, the seeds he sows grow into demonstrable skills, which will later serve the students he mentors into getting the jobs they are seeking. 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 Ziad's students, to become economically self-reliant. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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One of the first women's rights advocate and entrepreneur from Mafraq, Jordan, Asmaa turned her precarious economic situation into a profitable business. After her separation, Asmaa moved back to her parents' home with her sick daughter. There, she opened a clothes shop and thanks to funds provided through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, Asma received a loan that helped her expand her business. With the shop's profit, Asmaa was able to treat her sick daughter, help her parents, her neighbours and relatives. Asma is now well-known in the city for her women's rights activism. Asmaa keeps spreading the message that women shouldn't back down because of society. She likes to tell them to step up and work. She is determined that this is the only way to success and emancipation. 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 Asmaa, to become economically self-reliant. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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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. Oum Walid embarked on training workshops funded through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, where she is trained as a beautician. Oum Walid was taught to raise her head high and be proud. She's always wanted to help and contribute to the household income. Her ambition is that the women she got to know through the workshop will become customers of hers, in the future. 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

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Qusai is a young apprentice carpenter who lives in Irbid and Jordan. Thanks to his new job, he is now able to support his family and start a new life. In the future, he wants to start his own business. 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 Qusai, to become economically self-reliant. More stories: http://bit.ly/EUTF_Madad_videos [3]

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Bita Kaifullah, 12, lives in Duhok, in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

When Bita was born, doctors told her parents she was not like other newborns and was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Despite her parents' sustained efforts to get her appropriate schooling, Bita was never accepted in regular schools in her area. Teachers would argue that she was in need of specialised education and that they could not provide it to her.

Ageed Kaifullah, Bita's father, recalls: "We got in touch with the Education Department in Duhok. They gave us the address of the Awat Institute and we brought Bita..."



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Asmaa Al Khawaldi comes from Mafrq, a town located just a few kilometers away from the Syrian border. In four years, Mafrq has seen its population more than double, due to the influx of Syrian refugees.

Regarded today as the first women's rights advocate and entrepreneur, Asmaa once struggled as a single parent who could hardly make ends meet.

"It was very tough at first, because I did not have enough capital. So, my shop had very few items for sale," she explains.

Through EU funds, Asmaa received a loan and managed to expand her business. Her hard work paid off...

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