Project Factsheet

Strengthening the Resilience of Syrian Women and Girls and Local Communities in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey

OBJECTIVE

• Strengthen the resilience and empowerment of Syrian women and girls, as well as local communication, by giving them the tools to become productive members in their societies.

EXPECTED RESULTS

• Provide women with productive and financial assets and skills, driving them from short-term interventions into longer-term employment opportunities – with a focus on entrepreneurship and job placement.

• Increase women’s access to comprehensive essential services, particularly in women-only centres.

• Support governments in holding perpetrators accountable for violence against women, by providing support to 90 justice professionals in the national justice chains.

• Promote stability and peaceful co-existence in local communities by supporting women organisations.

BUDGET

EUR 12.5 million

START DATE

19/12/2017

DURATION

24 months

BENEFICIARIES

60,912

Iraqis, Jordanians, Syrians and Turks

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

UN Women
Menal Suleyman is a mother of three, a widow, and a refugee from Syria. Fleeing the violence in her country, Suleyman has found a new life and hope in Turkey, assisted by the “SADA Women-only Centre” launched by UN Women and supported by the EU Trust Fund in Gaziantep.

The centre offers vocational training, various skills training, Turkish language courses and supportive counselling to help refugee women apply for decent work and establish small businesses.

“I have made a new start thanks to the SADA Women-only Centre,” says Suleyman, about her new life in Turkey. “The centre is like my second home. I feel totally safe; the people here are like my family. In Syria, I would not have been able to study and get a certificate. My children are proud of me.”

Since it opened its doors in September 2017, close to 1,800 women and 800 girls, mostly Syrian refugees, have registered with the Centre. At least 767 women have completed certificate courses in hairdressing, skin care, computer, packaging and marketing.