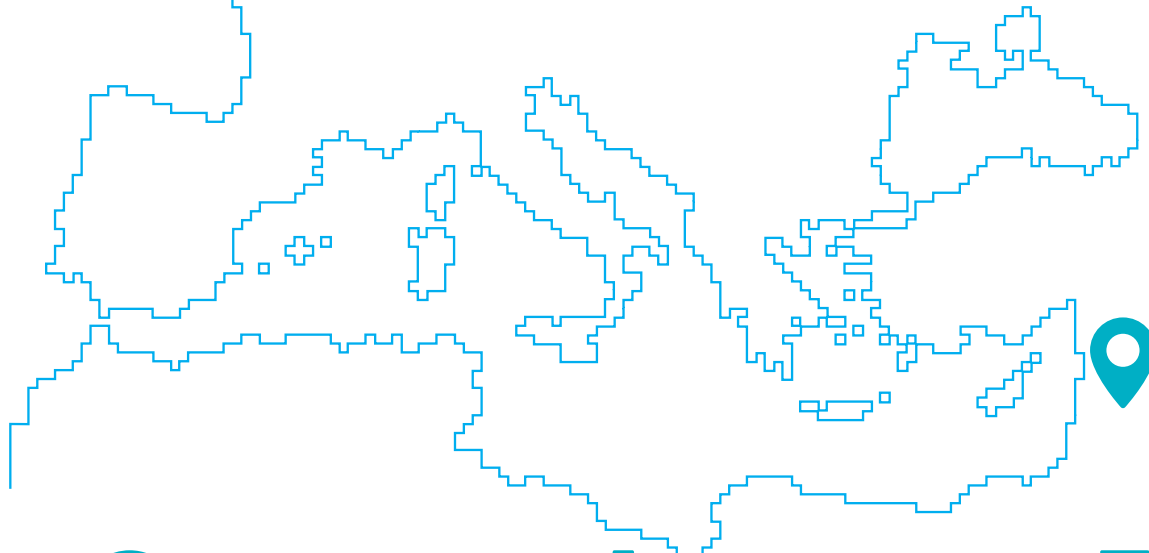


TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

Zarqa

Enhancing Social Cohesion in Zarqa Through Public Spaces



OBJECTIVE

The objective of the action is to improve safe and inclusive access to public space in Zarqa, pave the way for cultural exchange, tolerance and willingness to sustain dialogue and help reduce social tension between Syrian refugees and local community, through the creation of a public space in Al Majd Residential City.



ACTIVITIES

- Conduct capacity building activity for the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) staff and stakeholders on using public spaces for integration;
- Conduct a regional workshop on public space toolkit;
- Conduct a 'Block by Block' workshop to engage community members in planning public space;
- Conduct a painting activity for the local community;
- Contract youth/women in the construction process;
- Produce an awareness-raising video, sharing the whole experience of the project;
- Develop operation and maintenance plans with the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) and AL-Majd City community groups;
- Establish a local committee to guarantee maintenance of the public space and build community ownership;



OUTCOMES

- Strengthened understanding of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) staff, key stakeholders and wider communities on the transformative power of public spaces for increased social cohesion and Local Economic Development;
- Enhanced safety, social cohesion and inclusiveness in Al-Majd Residential City in Zarqa through the provision of safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces, targeting men, women, children, youth and people with disabilities;
- Improved attitudes and behaviours related to refugees, women's and girls' rights to enjoy public spaces, through social interaction between local community and Syrian refugees;

MC2CM POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSED

Provision of welcome instruments
Access to social and political participation
Urban planning and access to adequate housing

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
10.2 Promote social, economic, and political inclusion of all

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
10.7 Facilitate migration of persons

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
11.7 Provide access to inclusive public spaces

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
16.7 Ensure inclusive decision-making at all levels

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
17.9 Promote international support for targeted capacity-building

