TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

Amman

Safe, Inclusive and Accessible Public Space for Social Cohesion in Amman

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the action is to improve safe and inclusive access to public space in Amman, 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 rehabilitation of Fatima AL-Zahra’s Community Garden.

ACTIVITIES

- Conduct capacity building for Greater Amman Municipality officials and key stakeholders;
- Conduct a regional workshop on public space toolkit;
- Conduct interactive workshops for the local community to foster creative thinking;
- Contract youth/women in the construction process;
- Deliver an advocacy campaign for the opening day of the garden;
- Produce an awareness-raising video, sharing the whole experience of the project;
- Develop operation and maintenance plans with Greater Amman Municipality and Marka community groups;
- Establish a local committee to ensure maintenance sustainability of the public space and build community ownership;

OUTCOMES

- Enhanced public awareness on the right to the city among refugees and host community;
- Enhanced safety, social cohesion and inclusiveness in Marka neighbourhood in Amman; 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

- 10.2 Promote social, economic, and political inclusion of all
- 10.7 Facilitate migration of persons
- 16.7 Ensure inclusive decision-making at all levels
- 17.9 Promote international support for targeted capacity-building
- 11.7 Provide access to inclusive public spaces