

GREATER AMMAN MUNICIPALITY

BADR NAZZAL DISTRICT: BRINGING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND REFUGEES TOGETHER

ABOUT AMMAN:

- 4 million people
- 30% foreign born (out of which 435,000 Syrians)
- 22 districts
- Badr Nazzal is located in the southern part of the city center

GREEN SPACES

WHY:

In a number of districts in Amman, the influx of refugees has caused increased pressure on infrastructure and public utilities, particularly regarding education, transport, the environment, waste management, and the provision of energy and water.

WHAT:

Fostering the emergence of a common district-based identity for all residents through short-term, small-scale initiatives.

WHO:

The overall program is multi-stakeholder partnership between:

- Greater Amman Municipality
- French Agency for Development (AFD)
- French Red Cross (French IFRC)
- Jordanian Red Crescent (Jordanian IFRC)

AIMS:

Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations, enhancing living conditions, improving social communication between refugees and the local community, and establishing community-based activities and opportunities for capacity building

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- International agencies and organizations, French development agency (AFD) as main donor.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Facilitation of refugees' access to:
 - work permits
 - medical care
 - housing
- Creation of spaces of encounter between Jordanian citizens and Syrian refugees

SOCIAL COHESION

IN FOCUS

Rehabilitation of Shura and Jordan park

Objectives:

- Increase visitor demand
- Improve park facilities to preserve the districts parks as spaces of encounter
- Create of opportunities for increasead and improved social cohesion between Jordanian citizens and Syrian refugees

Approach and timeline:

- Community participation
- Intensive planning phase which lasted three years
- Six month implementation phase starting in June 2016

Key elements of success:

- Active community participation
- Rehabilitation of the soft and hard landscape, greening, carpentry and the maintenance of playgrounds and playground equipment in the two parks
- Promote Syrian refugees as laborers to give access to capacity building and employment opportunities

Results:

- Community satisfaction with the renovation project
- An increase in the frequency of park visits, in turn, allowing for further social interaction between the host community and refugees
- Employment opportunities provided for Syrian refugees acted as psychosocial support to an often traumatized refugee community

SYRIAN REFUGEES