



HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION IN HITTEEN PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP

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- Support to local municipalities on service delivery
- Support to social cohesion

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Hitteen camp, also known as Marka camp, dates back to 1968, when it was established on an area of 0.92 square kilometres, 10km northeast of Amman in Marka district. The camp hosts around 53,000 Palestinian residents coming from the Gaza Strip, in 2,824 housing units that previously consisted of tents. These units are now mostly made out of bricks, and their area ranges from 60 to 100 square meters.

According to a recent study conducted by FAFO Foundation in collaboration with the Jordanian Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA) and the Department of Statistics (DoS), about 300 houses in the camp require restructuring, so to ensure increased safety and adequate living conditions to residents.

Through the “Housing reconstruction” project, around 500 targeted refugees selected by the DPA can benefit from the improved housing settings, rehabilitated in compliance with structural and sanitary standards.



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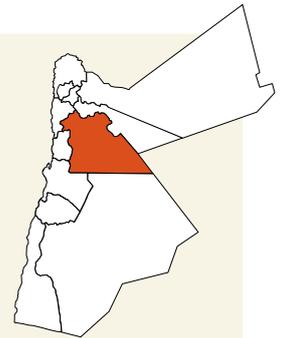
STATUS | ONGOING

FUNDED IN | 2018

BUDGET | € 1,800,000.00

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER | UNOPS,
DEPARTMENT OF PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS (DPA)

BENEFICIARIES | 500 PALESTINIAN REFUGEES
LIVING IN HITTEEN CAMP



The renovation of the housing units is implemented by UNOPS in collaboration with the DPA. The project takes a gender responsive approach, by first identifying and acknowledging the gender specific needs and articulating the design and construction accordingly.

The number of houses covered by the intervention will be around 90. Since it has been identified that around 250 homes need rehabilitation, through this project 40% of houses in need for renovation will be upgraded to better housing standards. Rehabilitation also guarantees an improvement in sanitary conditions and public health.

Furthermore, the initiative intends to partially contribute to the creation of job opportunities and income generation in the Hitteen camp. It is expected that some refugees from will be employed by the contractor(s), in the construction works. Based on previous similar experiences, it can be estimated that about 50% of skilled and unskilled workers will be made up of refugees. Gazan refugees in Jordan have indeed a different status from

1 INTERVENTION

-  needs assessment
-  housing rehabilitation

1 MUNICIPALITY



2,64%



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the majority of other Palestinian refugees. Holding a temporary passport, they have no right to acquire the Jordanian citizenship or to obtain the “national number” necessary for access to many jobs and professions. Access to school and public health for refugees in Gaza is also more complex and expensive.

This initiative, in addition to contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of Palestinian refugees residing within the Hitteen camp, aims to strengthen the coordination and collaboration mechanisms with the Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA).

Between 2009 and 2014, the Italian Cooperation implemented three emergency initiatives in support of Palestinian refugees in Jordan (IEPPG). These programmes, aimed at assisting the population of the Palestinian refugee camps in Talbieh, Sukhneh and Jerash, consisted of the rehabilitation of housing units, as well as vocational training and social assistance interventions, namely: i) vocational training in diverse sectors addressing for young residents of the camps; ii) creation of social aggregation spaces to serve the community; iii) distribution of food and non-food items to the neediest families living in the camps.

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