



SUPPORT TO UNHCR'S CASH FOR HEALTH PROGRAMME ADDRESSING THE HEALTH SECTOR IN JORDAN

AICS Amman works jointly
with Jordanian Institutions on:



HEALTH

- Provision of medical equipment and supplies
- Capacity development on MHPSS
- Establishment of new health facilities
- Provision of services for people with disabilities
- Mental health

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

As the conflict prolongs and Syrian refugees in Jordan continue to take difficult measures for survival, the decision by the Jordanian government announced in November 2014 that medical care is no longer free-of-charge for the over 650,000 Syrians in Jordan brought a huge negative impact to the lives of the refugees, especially for the vulnerable families living with no or limited means of income besides humanitarian assistance.

In the health referrals mechanism to governmental health facilities the institutions charge services at a much higher rate than the subsidized rate set to refugees who pay for services themselves. Therefore, the *Cash for Health* action facilitated access to qualified medical care for refugees through the cash assistance system that allowed them to

access public hospitals and get promptly reimbursed for necessary health care treatments. During the first half of 2016, over 1,000 cases were referred using the *Cash for Health* mechanism.

According to this mechanism, entitled families receive a debit card on which the agencies entrusted to the various types of assistance can accredit the amount related

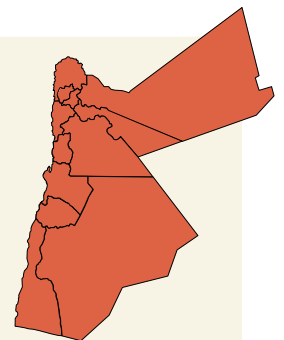


SECTOR | HEALTH
STATUS | COMPLETED

FUNDED IN | 2016
BUDGET | €1,000,000.00

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS | UNHCR

BENEFICIARIES | 2,700 SYRIAN REFUGEES




to health care. Thus, beneficiaries can independently benefit from the health facilities at minimum cost, and subsequently receive a reimbursement.

The provision of cash for health targeted nearly 2,700 refugees in need of antenatal and postnatal care, delivery services, and urgent medical cases. Nearly half of the referrals were related to caesarean section followed by other emergency referrals, neonatal care, normal vaginal delivery, high-risk pregnancy, and antenatal care.

Each case in average costs around USD 358, and compared to the rate applied to referrals through an NGO, there has been nearly 73% savings.

INTERVENTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

 cash for health



6,16%



AICS Amman's investment in **Health** expressed as a percentage of the total budget 2016-2019



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