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USAID/Syria Syria Livelihoods Program

USAID's Syria Livelihoods Program partners with local businesses to create meaningful employment opportunities in key sectors such as construction, telecommunications, skilled trades, and professional services. The Syria Livelihoods Program's focus is on workforce development, vocational training, internships, and business coaching for vulnerable populations, such as women, internally displaced persons, and persons with disabilities.

Expanding Employment Opportunities for Syrians

The Syria Livelihoods Program builds skills of job-seekers and entrepreneurs through work-readiness and small business training, partnering with local authorities to support women, youth, and persons with disabilities. This includes support to establish and train economic units within Women's Councils to provide livelihood services — including job readiness, career guidance, and business management — to returnees from the Al-hol displaced persons camp and in communities of return. The Syria Livelihoods Program also promotes business growth by funding micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises to start-up and expand and by increasing employment availability through job matching, job creation, internships, and on-site job training.



Strengthen Local Governance for Economic Growth

The Syria Livelihoods Program works with local authorities to ensure that economic development reaches the most vulnerable and addresses community priorities. Alongside local authorities, the Syria Livelihoods Program facilitates the creation of economic development plans, prioritizing community initiatives for public funding. Further, the program strengthens local authorities' ability to serve vulnerable populations through capacity building and technical and financial assistance, enabling them to deliver improved services to more clients and to better advocate for the inclusion of marginalized groups in public service provision.



Supported the Women's Committees in Raqqa, Tabqa, and Deir ez-Zor to **establish women's centers for economic empowerment.**

Placing **600 women returnees** from Al-Hol and other communities of return in internships



Training **450 women entrepreneurs**

Supporting **198 women-owned small businesses**



Worked with local authorities to **leverage over \$3 million** to fund public initiatives in Raqqa, Hasakah, Tabqa, and Deir ez-Zor

Supported **inclusive local development plans** with public, private, and civil society groups



Trained more than **400 entrepreneurs with disabilities** in business planning, start up, and management.

Launched a case referral system for Syrian job seekers with disabilities that **provided career guidance** to 4300 people and placed 500 people with disabilities in paid internships



Increased production by **10 to 25 percent** in 85 concrete block workshops across north-east Syria

Financially supported over **800 small businesses**

Matched more than **900 Syrians** with new or better employers.