

INVITATION TO THE GLOBAL LAUNCH

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As the Syrian crisis enters its seventh year, Jobs Makes the Difference makes it clear that expanding access to economic opportunities for those affected by the crisis must be a priority. However, it is equally clear that the current response, despite recent successes, is unlikely to be sufficient.

The launch will include a conversation on the findings of the report and next steps, with the participation of a government in the region, and the below panelists:

- Mr. Mourad Wahba, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States.
- Dr. Elke Löbel, Commissioner for Refugee Policy and Director for Displacement and Migration, Crisis Prevention and Management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, State Secretary for Development Policy, Denmark
- Amir Mahmoud Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme
- Ruba Jaradat, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Arab States, International Labor Organization

The panel will be moderated by Mr. Amin Awad, Director, Middle East & North Africa Bureau and Regional Refugee Coordinator, UNHCR

Jobs Make the Difference

**Expanding Economic Opportunities for Syrian
Refugees and Host Communities**

Egypt - Iraq - Jordan - Lebanon - Syria - Turkey



The significance of the present assessment is that it demonstrates the way the different contexts and realities within the Syrian refugee situation interface with core humanitarian and development interventions endeavouring to tackle the world's most severe and protracted refugee crisis. This time requires resilience-building responses. It needs a concerted and sustained approach from all the partners involved, which is capable of responding to both immediate and long-term needs as they emerge.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Talal

Chairperson, Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development and Honorary Human Development Ambassador for UNDP

The assessment is a very useful contribution, as it provides a comparison between what is happening across different countries. It should be required reading for those seeking to get a sense of the facts and key issues.

Stefan Dercon

Professor of Economic Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, Oxford University, and Chief Economist, UK Department of International Development

We would like to commend UNDP, ILO and WFP for leading the analytical work on the Multi-Country Economic Opportunity Assessment, which provides an innovative approach on how countries can better respond to the Syria crisis and while at the same time meet the jobs challenge set at the London Conference. The report presents an important approach to look at economic, development and humanitarian perspectives in a challenging situation with the same lenses.

Andreas Schaal

Director of the Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

Syrian refugees account for 30 percent of Lebanon's population, the highest concentration per capita of refugees in the world. Seventy percent live below the poverty line compared to 40 percent of the Lebanese population. This assessment informs, comprehensively and innovatively, the response to the world's largest and most severe protracted crisis. It draws on lessons learned, lays bare the facts and sets out approaches to alleviate the plight of Syrian people.

Dr Tarek Mitri

Director of Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut. Former Minister in Lebanon (2005-2011) and former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Libya (2012-2014)