



## **Improve the quality of life of 9000 people in Jordan**

### **Project Summary**

This project aims to improve the quality of life of vulnerable and excluded people in Amman, empowering them to defend their rights and dignity. It targets over 9000 participants, mainly focusing on women, youth and refugees. Its goal is to promote the resilience of individuals affected by the protracted displacement crisis in Jordan and the current crisis in Gaza, contributing to the attainment of SDGs 1, 5, 8, and 10 GAP II Thematic Priorities 1, 2 and 3.

In 2023, we underwent strategic restructuring to enhance technical expertise, leadership, and partnership focus. We are also collaborating with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Foundation, sending medical supplies, hygiene kits and other non-food items to the people in Gaza.

To address the short- and long-term protection and socio-economic concerns of 9000 urban refugees and vulnerable host community members in Amman, Mensajeros de la Paz proposes an integrated Nexus approach that addressed the short and long-term protection needs of refugees and vulnerable host community members through capacity building, education, training, and community-based initiatives. Additionally, it raises awareness around key protection concerns, including those related to women's rights, and equal job opportunities, while providing opportunities for refugees and Jordanians to strengthen their livelihood base.

### **What is the problem?**

We aim to solve the profound socio-economic vulnerability and marginalisation experienced by vulnerable populations in Jordan, particularly exacerbated by the refugee crisis. High unemployment, gender disparities, inadequate educational opportunities, and climate change are key issues. We seek to empower communities through holistic development initiatives, aiming to foster resilience, economic independence, and sustainable livelihoods while addressing systemic barriers to growth and inclusion.

Gaza faces severe nutritional challenges due to conflict, displacement, and limited resources. Despite efforts to provide support, access constraints hinder effective service delivery. Since mid-January, 93,409 children have been screened for malnutrition, with 7,280 diagnosed with acute malnutrition. A survey highlighted worsening food insecurity, with 95% of children consuming less than two food groups daily and 85% having gone a day without eating. Efforts by the World Food Programme have reached 60,000 children and 22,820

pregnant and breastfeeding women with nutrient supplements, but access issues and limited partners, especially in Khan Younis, hamper comprehensive treatment.

Mensajeros de la Paz is aiming to save the lives of children aged 0 to 2 years in Gaza by providing milk, and to support elderly people by distributing hygiene kits.

### **How will this project solve the problem?**

We assist vulnerable communities and refugees with cash for food, rent, education, and health via secure vouchers. Our education program serves 500 Iraqi and Syrian refugee children in Al Hashmi Al Shamali and Marka, providing free education, transportation, uniforms, stationery, and books. We distribute winter aid, hygiene kits, and empower women and youth through awareness, training, entrepreneurship, and community activities for resilience.

This project aims to address gender inequalities and support the transformation of socio-cultural norms through a combined behavioural change approach to reduce vulnerabilities, address social norms that perpetuate Gender Based Violence GBV, and to improve the quality and accountability of GBV services toward ending gender-based violence and harmful practices across the humanitarian-development-peace continuum and focus gender equality and women's empowerment to reach those furthest left behind.

### **Potential long-term impact**

Aligning our work since 2020 with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN's 2030 Agenda, we prioritise five areas in our strategy: Gender Equality, Quality Education, Economic Justice, Humanitarian Assistance, and Climate Change. Our approach focuses on designing holistic programs to elevate the quality of life and empower vulnerable social groups towards self-sufficiency through comprehensive protection and education services.

The theory of change is built on the fundamental logic that IF vulnerable and marginalized populations in Jordan:

IF: Individuals/groups have choice, capability, and confidence to identify, pursue and realize one's rights and aspirations safely (Agency).

IF: Individuals/groups have equitable power in their homes, communities and places of work through collective action to influence, negotiate and make decisions (Relations).

IF: Individuals/groups work to strengthen social structures and economic systems that are just and equitable through disrupting the status quo (Structures).

THEN: Individuals/groups have more equitable access to and control over social and economic resources, opportunities, and rights necessary to be lifted out of poverty.