



دائرة الشؤون الفلسطينية

Capacity Development for Improvement of Livelihood For Palestinian Refugees Phase 2



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By Heba Al Ma'ani : Jordan is considered one of the biggest host countries for Palestinian refugees, which has received about 1.8million Palestinian refugees as a result of 1st and 3rd Middle East war (1948 and 1967). There are 13 Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and Palestinian refugees are still living there. Living conditions in those refugee camps are very hard and many of them are facing difficulties to have steady jobs.

So far, JICA conducted two technical cooperation projects titled "Improvement of vocational training center for Palestinian refugee women (January 2006 – March 2009)" and "Capacity Development for Improvement of Livelihood for Palestinian Refugees Phase1 (June 2009 – May 2012)" in cooperation with Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA) to improve livelihood of Palestinian refugees.

At phase 1 of "Capacity Development for Improvement of Livelihood for Palestinian Refugees" project, the following three programs were implemented:

1. Self-Employment Program: Supporting Palestinian refugee women to gain income by giving them skills of making perfumes, soaps, mushrooms ...etc.
2. Wage-Employment program: Supporting Palestinian refugees who have a willingness to get a steady job by offering them jobs opportunities.
3. Social Marketing and Behavioral Change Program: Reducing Prejudices toward women work outside home.

In addition, Self-Employment Program has been continuously conducted by DPA even after the project had finished and some of women became to earn around 300JD per month while minimum wage prescribed by Jordanian government is 190 JD. Thus JICA will mainly focus on Wage-Employment Program and Social Marketing and Behavioral change program and support DPA in Self-Employment Program in Phase 2

One year and half after the end of phase 1, Ms. Maki NIIOKA JICA expert started her activities by holding the first workshop to present the achievements of DPA and JICA during phase 1 and discuss the framework of phase 2.

Presently, 4 camps which are Baqaa', Irbid , Souf and Hitteen are covered by the project phase2. Not only conducting the project in those camps but JICA is also planning to expand the target areas to give support to the larger number of Palestinian refugees.

