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Three Decades of Empowering Generations

Chaired by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, the Jordan River Foundation (JRF) was established in 1995 as a non-profit, non-governmental organization. Over the past 30 years, JRF has been instrumental in helping Jordan's local communities realize their potential, contribute to their social and economic prosperity, and improve their families' standard of living.

JRF has been a leading advocate of social justice and poverty alleviation, promoting the economic independence of Jordanians and refugees alike through a series of award-winning community empowerment and child safety programs.

JRF believes in prioritizing the well-being of children and supporting solutions designed to engage local communities and help them address economic challenges.



Governance & Leadership

As Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Her Majesty provides visionary leadership, ensuring that JRF's programs remain impactful, sustainable, and aligned with national priorities.

Board of Trustees

JRF's board consists of distinguished leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors. The board works collectively to oversee the strategic direction of the Foundation, ensure the implementation of impact-driven programs, and maintain the full transparency of financial and administrative operations. The board also implements programs and reviews legal responsibilities and plans. By adhering to the highest standards of fiscal and ethical management, JRF continues to reinforce its credibility as a leading development institution in Jordan.

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A Message From the Director General

Communities First and Foremost

After three decades of empowerment, JRF still stands as a testament to the enduring potential of community-led development. Under the visionary leadership and guidance of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, our mission to empower communities, alleviate poverty, and safeguard children continues to evolve and expand with each passing year.

This year has been one of both reflection and renewal, reaffirming our commitment to solutions that address economic vulnerability, social protection, and climate resilience.

Our work across Jordan's governorates demonstrates that sustainable change is possible when communities are equipped with the tools and opportunities needed to shape their own futures.

From green entrepreneurs transforming environmental challenges into economic opportunities to female artisans preserving our heritage while building financial independence, every story celebrates the triumph of the human spirit. Of course none of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our partners, donors, and the communities themselves. Together, we are building pathways to prosperity and hope.

As we embark on our next chapter, we remain guided by the same purpose: to inspire and create lasting change that strengthens Jordan's resilience and future.

Enaam Barrishi
Director General





Vision, Mission, Values

Vision

A Jordan where solutions are homegrown, where the opportunity to prosper is for all, and where the well-being of our children shapes our future.

Mission

To engage Jordanians to realize their full economic potential and overcome social challenges, especially child abuse.

Values

Social Justice

Advocating equal opportunities for all members of society.

Participation

Empowering communities to take ownership of their development and future.

Responsibility

Fostering accountability at every level to drive meaningful change.

Sustainability

Implementing solutions that ensure long-term social, economic, and environmental resilience.

2025 in Numbers

75,664

Total Unique Beneficiaries

111,014

Total Services Provided

67%

Female

33%

Male

76%

Jordanian

21%

Syrian

3%

Other Nationalities

Jordan River Community Empowerment Program

15,823

Unique Beneficiaries

30,873

Total Services

Key Activities

7,500

Information Provision
Sessions

775

Business Enabling
Interventions

627

Workforce Development
Beneficiaries

8,930

Capacity Building
Trainings

3,570

Mentorship
Participants

14,410

Mentorship
Visits

1,091

Savings and Credit
Group Members

120

Community-Based
Organizations Supported

Outcomes

Employment

- 81% of beneficiaries referred to employers, retained their jobs for at least 3 months.
- 53% reported improved household finances.
- 53% reported positive changes in coping mechanisms.

Micro-Business

- 98% of established businesses were operational for at least 3 months.
- 81% reported improved household finances.
- 80% reported positive changes in coping mechanisms.

Jordan River Child Safety Program

59,711

Unique Beneficiaries

75,105

Total Services

Key Activities

15,636

110 Helpline Calls

1,512

Case Management Cases

171

Psychosocial Support Services

10,699

Participants in Women
Empowerment Activities

23,220

Participants in Children
Empowerment Activities

8,814

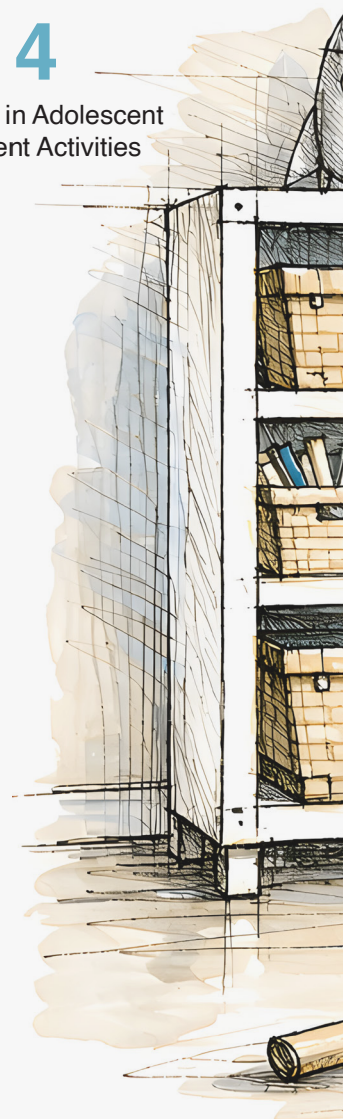
Participants in Adolescent
Empowerment Activities

335

Men Engaged in
Prevention Activities

Outcomes

- 100% of parents reported improved parental care, with 94% observing positive behavioral changes in their children.
- 90% of children were empowered to protect themselves from abuse.
- 93% of case management beneficiaries reported that JRF's services helped address their needs.
- 100% of psychosocial support beneficiaries reported that JRF's services helped address their needs.



Social Enterprises

809

Female Artisans

154

Food & Beverage Producers
(Al Karma Kitchen)

375

Jordan River Designs Artisans

280

JRF/IKEA Collection Artisans





Our Programs

For three decades, JRF has fulfilled its mission through programs that foster economic empowerment, social protection, child welfare, and community arts. By adopting international best practices in assessment, implementation, and quality assurance, JRF has established itself as a regional model for sustainable development and child protection.

Approach

JRF employs a people-centered model that empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and safeguards children's rights. This approach ensures:

- Economic independence for individuals and families.
- Community engagement and enabling members to actively participate in addressing their challenges.
- Child protection and family support.

Impact Through Inclusion

JRF's commitment to empowering vulnerable groups extends across urban and rural communities, reaching refugees and marginalized populations. Our beneficiaries remain the greatest testament to our success, demonstrating tangible improvements in:

- Economic self-sufficiency through vocational training, entrepreneurship support, job placement, and social enterprises.
- Child safety and family well-being through intervention and prevention programs, parental education, and psycho-social support services.
- Community-led solutions, ensuring sustainability and long-lasting change.

Jordan River Community Empowerment Program

The Jordan River Community Empowerment Program (JRCEP) has worked diligently for three decades to offer economic opportunities to local community members, helping them improve their livelihoods and those of their families. By developing and implementing projects that enable communities to articulate their needs and contribute to their own economic and social well-being, JRCEP has benefited hundreds of thousands of individuals and families across Jordan.

The program helps members of vulnerable communities increase household income through micro and small enterprises and job placement.

Areas of Focus

Sustainable Self-Reliance: Refugees & Host Communities

JRF continues to strengthen the social and economic fabric of Syrian refugees and host communities through interventions designed to enhance self-reliance and resilience. **The Sustainable Self-Reliance for Vulnerable Syrian Refugees and Jordanian Host Communities Across Jordan Project**, funded by the Regional Development and Protection Program (RDPP), works across Amman, Irbid, Mafraq, and Aqaba to improve capacities and increase access to sustainable livelihoods. The project promotes policies for developing sustainable livelihood and protection solutions, while building the capacities of institutions responding to socio-economic community needs. Implementation occurs in collaboration with the Ministries of Labor, Youth, Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, and Industry and Trade, as well as the Vocational Training Corporation, the Technical and Vocational Skills Development Commission, the International Labor Organization (ILO), and private sector entities.

Enhancing Refugee Self-Reliance through Livelihood Access

The Refugee Capacity for Self-Reliance Strengthened via Access to Livelihoods & Financial Inclusion Opportunities Project, funded by UNHCR, is designed to leverage livelihood capacities of urban refugees and vulnerable Jordanians across Irbid, Mafraq, and Ma'an. The project addresses skill shortages, promotes employment and self-employment, and provides grants to micro-entrepreneurs. Beneficiaries receive specialized training and mentorship in employability skills and micro-business development in addition to access to livelihood opportunities in technology and green businesses.



Green Growth: Fostering Socio-Economic Development

20 Dunums for Change (20D4C), funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), offers vulnerable agriculture workers and farmers access to safe, sustainable, and resilient livelihoods. Partnering with community-based organizations, JRF helps these workers identify high-value entrepreneurial and employment opportunities in Irbid and Mafrq.

Savings and loan groups develop and sustain micro-agricultural projects, connecting established businesses with cooperatives and agri-business incubators. Small farmers and vulnerable workers access micro-business seed grants, comprehensive trainings, and market linkages through local bazaars. The project is implemented through a consortium led by HELVETAS, Save the Children Jordan, and the Norwegian Refugee Council.

The Green Business Incubator Program, financed by KOICA and co-financed by GGGI, addresses economic and environmental challenges by fostering green entrepreneurship, job creation, and social inclusion. Supporting 150 green startups in Amman, Irbid, Mafrq, and Zarqa, the program provides capacity building, mentorship, and access to funding opportunities. With a gender-balanced and inclusive approach, the program develops employability skills and climate change awareness, particularly among women and youth, creating a supportive environment for green jobs and contributing to Jordan's environmental sustainability and economic growth.

The Small-Ruminants Investment and Graduating Households in Transition (SIGHT) project, funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), empowers Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian host communities receiving assistance from the National Aid Fund. Implemented in Mafrq, Irbid, Jerash, Ajloun, Madaba, and Amman, the project provides livelihood support, vocational skills training, and job placement.

The Specialized Agricultural Training Program funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) empowers women in Jerash, Ajloun, and Balqa through specialized trainings in honey production, carob processing, sumac harvesting, and micro-business skills.

Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Economic Development and Employment in Jordan, funded by GIZ, supports green entrepreneurship, digital businesses, and women-led enterprises in Mafrq and Jerash. Key activities include an acceleration program for startups, capacity-building workshops, mentorships, and job creation events, with a strong emphasis on supporting women, refugees, and green and social enterprises.

Funded by the World Food Programme (WFP), **the Credit and Loans Initiative for Agricultural Technology Enhancement (CLIMATE) project** is a 23-month initiative implemented by JRF in partnership with the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), selected community-based organizations, and other public and private sector actors. Building on the achievements and lessons of its first phase, the project operates in the governorates of Jerash, Mafrq, and Balqa, targeting Jordanian and non-Jordanian smallholder farmers, with a strong emphasis on women, youth, and refugees. The CLIMATE project seeks to strengthen farmers' resilience to climate change by expanding access to inclusive, climate-smart financial services, enhancing institutional lending capacities, and promoting the adoption of climate-resilient agricultural technologies and practices. Employing an integrated approach that combines climate-adaptive financing, capacity building, Market Systems Development (MSD), and Farmer Field Schools (FFS), the project supports farmers with everything from financial readiness to sustainable market engagement. In parallel, the initiative advances socially responsible agri-food small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as catalysts for inclusive, climate-resilient local economies. By pairing concessional finance with tailored technical assistance, institutional strengthening, and market linkages, the CLIMATE Project aims to promote sustainable livelihoods, improve agricultural productivity, and foster long-term resilience within Jordan's agri-food systems.

Youth, Women & the Promise of Technology

Funded by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and supervised by the Ministry of Labor (MoL) and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship (MODEE), the **"Digitalize your Business" project** aims to support women entrepreneurs in scaling up their businesses through digital tools and e-commerce platforms. It seeks to empower women-led businesses across the governorates of Amman, Irbid, Mafraq, Madaba, Zarqa, Ajloun, Karak, and Tafileh by offering access to relevant digital technologies and e-marketing.

The Digital Literacy Project, funded by Ayla Oasis Development Company, enhances digital competencies of youth between the ages of 22 to 31 in Aqaba through training aligned with International Computer Driving License (ICDL) standards. The project also targets mothers 18 years of age and above, offering training in basic computer skills and the use of smart devices.

Funded by the European Union, **Erasmus** aims to improve entrepreneurial competences, ensuring youth have the skills to actively participate in society and connect to the labor market, mainly in Karak and Balqa. The project will leverage the capacity of two youth organizations (one in Jordan and one in Palestine). JRF will be supporting the youth organization in Jordan. During the project 8 youth workers are selected as master trainers and trained to empower 32 youth workers and 80 youth throughout Palestine and Jordan under the Arab EntreComp.



Community Safety, Inclusion & Social Cohesion

Funded by UNDP, the **Safe Communities - Empowering Local Communities for Safer and More Inclusive Societies program** empowers local civil society organizations, youth, and women in Aqaba to design and implement creative, community-driven initiatives that promote positive behavior, reduce violence, and strengthen social cohesion. Using arts, culture, dialogue, and technology as transformative tools, the project provides safe spaces for expression while offering constructive alternatives to negative coping mechanisms.

Sustainable Paths to Vocational & Agricultural Development

The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) project funded by the ILO in collaboration with the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission, acknowledges knowledge, skills, and experience gained outside formal education. The project enhances RPL systems in Jordan's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector, diversifying skills recognition across various industries and aligning with the nationally endorsed RPL framework.

The Employment Intensive Investment Program (EIIP), funded by the ILO, targets 180 graduates in Mafrq and Irbid with emphasis on diversity and inclusion, including, Jordanians, Syrian refugees, women, and individuals with disabilities. The project bridges the gap between short-term employment experiences and sustainable job opportunities by providing tailored interventions that improve employability and job retention through workplace-based training.

The Najahuna Project, funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation in partnership with Plan International, empowers Syrian refugees and host communities mainly youth in Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, and Mafrq by enhancing financial resilience, entrepreneurial capacities, and practical skills aligned with market demands. Through savings and loan groups, comprehensive training, mentorships, and grants, the project improves access to capital, bridges skill gaps, and creates pathways to wage employment.

The Rural Economic Growth and Employment Project (REGEP-IP1), funded by IFAD and the Government of the Netherlands, reduces poverty and inequality in rural areas by offering productive employment and income-generating opportunities for vulnerable populations, with a focus on youth and women. Through savings and credit groups, business mentoring, marketing support, and specialized trainings, the project is implemented across Ajloun, Jerash, Mafrq, Balqa, Madaba, Irbid, Zarqa, Karak, Tafleeh, and Ma'an.

The Adaptation to Climate-Aggravated Water Scarcity Project (REGEP-IP2), funded by IFAD and the Government of the Netherlands through Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO), helps smallholder farmers and pastoralist households in chronically dry areas build resilience to climate change. Implemented across ten governorates, Ajloun, Jerash, Mafrq, Balqa, Madaba, Irbid, Zarqa, Karak, Tafleeh, and Ma'an, the project provides grants for water-efficient technologies and climate-smart agricultural practices.



The Economically Empowering Women in Aqaba (MAKANATI) project funded by USAID in partnership with EnCompass, supports women as drivers of economic growth through apprenticeships, gender-based violence awareness sessions, and trainings in workplace safety. The project aims to foster women-friendly workplaces in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor, private sector partners, and the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA).

The Jordan Technical Assistance Program (JTAP), funded by USAID through Creative Associates International, has built the capacities of over 600 Ministry of Youth staff at youth centers across Jordan through comprehensive training programs on mentoring and coaching. The project develops Continuing Professional Development packages and implements a knowledge management plan to enhance youth services within the Ministry.

The Business Fundamentals Capacity Building (BFCB) program funded by the U.S. Department of State through Mercy Corps under the Informal Livelihoods Advancement Activity (Iqlaa), supports home-based businesses and SMEs across all governorates. The program provides tailored training in beginner and intermediate levels, complemented by mentorship, business linkages, and graduation pathways toward formalization and sustainable growth.

The Building and Developing Women's Financial Capabilities to Enhance Community Financial Literacy in Jordan Project, funded by the Central Bank of Jordan in partnership with the Association of Banks in Jordan, empowers women including entrepreneurs, with essential financial knowledge and skills. The project enhances women's abilities to make informed financial decisions, manage budgets, reduce fraud vulnerability, and engage in entrepreneurial activities.

The Capacity Building for Artisans Project funded by Alwaleed Philanthropies and implemented by JRF in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, empowers artisans across several regions to build capacities in handicrafts, enhance their livelihoods, and develop and preserve traditional crafts for local and international markets.



Jordan River Child Safety Program

Launched in 1997, the Jordan River Child Safety Program (JRCSP) stems from Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah's relentless efforts to place child welfare at the forefront of national policy agendas. The program promotes child protection and safety, while enhancing positive child-rearing practices by addressing the entire family unit.

110 Family & Child Helpline

Launched in 2007, JRF's 110 Helpline is a free-of-charge service available throughout Jordan. The helpline offers psychological support, consultations, and referrals to alleviate risks affecting children in vulnerable families, including those facing challenges that impair parenting and those with abuse cases. This confidential service primarily focuses on women, adolescents, and children, providing callers with resources and guidance.

Community Centers

Activities and interventions provided by JRF's community hubs focus on two pillars: family and child safety, and socio-economic empowerment. JRF operates two flagship centers in Jordan: the Queen Rania Family and Child Center (QRFCC) in Amman and the Queen Rania Al Abdullah Community Empowerment Center (QRCCE) in Aqaba. Both work in partnership with local communities and institutions, engaging public and private organizations in development projects aimed at empowering individuals, families, and communities.

Both centers offer child-focused activities including Beit Sgheir (My Little Home) a socio-spatial program that increases knowledge and awareness of key concepts pertaining to protection from child abuse. Beit Sgheir consists of a small house where children are introduced to protection concepts in a safe, engaging environment, encouraging them to discuss sensitive issues related to abuse. Other initiatives include art therapy, sports, agriculture, edutainment (Salhouf's Puppet Show), and social innovation and technology activities.





Areas of Focus

Protection & Well-Being: Holistic Paths

Makani is a socio-economic empowerment model that aims to improve the well-being of children, adolescents, youth, and families through activities implemented at centers across Madaba, Aqaba, Mafrq, Irbid, Zarqa, and Balqa. The project focuses on early childhood development, social innovation, sound parenting, skill-building, child protection support, and learning support services through an all-encompassing community-based approach to self-development and resilience. Makani centers serve the most vulnerable, including out-of-school children, refugees, child laborers, adolescents (especially females), persons with disabilities, National Aid Fund beneficiaries, those affected by armed conflicts, and survivors of gender-based violence. The project is funded by UNICEF in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and community-based organizations across Jordan.

The Child Protection Services for Jordan's Most Vulnerable Project, implemented in Amman, Aqaba, Mafrq, and Irbid with UNICEF funding, provides specialized prevention and intervention services. Intervention services include case management and psychosocial support, while prevention activities include Beit Sgheir, Salhouf's interactive puppet show, safe surroundings, adolescent clubs, expressive arts, self-empowerment trainings, and awareness sessions addressing online sexual exploitation.

The Youth Program & CP Prevention Activities Project funded by UNHCR, reaches under-served communities in Irbid, and Mafrq by offering preventative child protection services. Activities include, training camps for youth and adolescents, life skills development, resilience building, and technology and social innovation sessions using virtual reality, hologram fans, and interactive floors.

The Safe Spaces for Children and Families Program, funded by the Aqaba Development Corporation, creates safe, violence-free environments for children and adolescents in Aqaba through preventive and response-based interventions. Using innovative methodologies including puppet theater (Salhouf), Beit Sgheir, "My Little Home", safe surrounding sessions, and technology rooms with VR and robotics, the project has reached over 1,500 children, youth, and parents, improving their capacity to prevent and respond to abuse and violence.

Community-Led Empowerment

Women empowerment remains at the core of JRF's mission. **She Leads**, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented through a consortium with Plan International DCI Netherlands, the Jordan Women's Union, and Terre des Hommes, targets communities across Jordan in partnership with Humanity and Inclusion (HI), and several Community-Based Organizations. The project relies on community influencers and youth including, female religious leaders and university students, to promote gender equality, raise awareness on gender-based violence prevention, and advocate for women's rights.

Protected Today & Tomorrow: Responding to Immediate Concerns & Preventing Future Protection Threats for Refugees and Host Communities funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office through the Danish Refugee Council, implements a comprehensive model addressing protection issues for refugees and vulnerable Jordanians in Amman, Aqaba, Mafraq, Irbid, and Ma'an. The project offers intervention services including, case management, psychosocial counseling, helpline support, and activities in expressive arts, sound parenting, and awareness-building.



The Building Resilient Futures Project funded by the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs through War Child, improves child safety and protection services accessed by local communities specifically among women and children through evidence-based practices. The project strengthens JRF's technical and institutional capacity to integrate War Child's methodologies into child safety programs while transferring protection know-how and practices to community members.



Jordan River Social Enterprises

JRF strives to create sustainable economic opportunities for women of the local community and female refugees by capitalizing on their potential as independent breadwinners within their families. Women have shown immense interest in participating in JRF's social and economic empowerment programs, particularly in entrepreneurship, culinary arts, and handicrafts. These programs are specifically designed to leverage employability, social skills, and business acumen.



Jordan River Designs

Jordan River Designs employs over 800 female artisans specializing in handcrafting exceptional selections of traditional and contemporary items, which are sold at the Jordan River Designs Showroom.

Al Karma Embroidery Center

Established in 1996 in Jabal Al Natheef, Al Karmah Embroidery Center employs local female artisans who craft traditional and contemporary handmade embroidery products including, home furnishings, gift items, and fashion accessories. The project supports women while maintaining and promoting Jordan's handicraft traditions.

Bani Hamida Weaving Project

Launched by Save the Children in 1985 and integrated into JRF in 1998, the Bani Hamida Weaving Project revived the long-celebrated tradition of Bedouin weaving in the Makawir area. Today, women from 13 villages help sustain the art and culture of Bedouin rug-making while contributing to their families' social and economic well-being. The project has employed over 1500 women working under the supervision of the Foundation. Wool rugs renowned internationally for their ingenuity and craftsmanship.

Wadi Al Rayan Project

Established in 1997, the Wadi Al Rayan Project revolutionized the use of cattail reeds and banana leaves as raw manufacturing materials. Today, these natural materials are transformed into handwoven, environmentally friendly products including, baskets, coasters, mats, and unique home and office accessories.

IKEA & JRF

JRF continues its partnership with IKEA to support women in refugee and host communities through exquisite handicraft collections capturing Jordan's tradition and heritage. The initiative supports social and economic stability across host communities, offering local women and refugees the opportunity to produce handmade carpets and embroidery items sold exclusively by IKEA stores around the world.

Al Karma Kitchen

Al Karma Kitchen is a treasure trove of Middle Eastern delights offering home-made produce intricately crafted as a testament to the rich culinary heritage of Jordan. Al Karma Kitchen's commitment to its community extends beyond its unique menu. Al Karma Kitchen stands as a beacon of empowerment for the most vulnerable of women. In line with the mission of JRF to offer employment opportunities for local community women striving to make a living out of home cooking, enabling them to not only showcase their culinary talents but also to create sustainable livelihoods for their families. The Kitchen has expanded its operations and market reach through a new state-of-the-art vicinity. This expansion is designed to accommodate increasing demand for its handcrafted produce, enabling regional and global exports. JRF also aims to acquire the ISO 9001 certification for the Kitchen.

Daimeh

Daimeh offers an authentic Jordanian and Mediterranean culinary experience featuring fresh, locally sourced produce that celebrates timeless food traditions. This social dining experience supports the women of Al Karma Kitchen, empowering female chefs who rely on home cooking for their livelihoods.



Studies and Research Insights

JRF's commitment to evidence-based programs is reflected in a growing body of research that informs its interventions, strengthens its advocacy, and deepens its understanding of the communities it serves. In 2025, JRF produced three key studies on refugee livelihoods, climate action, and household resilience.

Between Host and Home: Syrian Refugees' Living Conditions in Jordan and the Uncertainty of Return

The fact sheet was developed to generate actionable evidence on the living conditions, livelihood challenges, and return intentions of Syrian refugees in Jordan to ensure that JRF's programs remain aligned with their beneficiaries' evolving realities. Using a mixed-methods approach, including a randomly sampled survey of 219 Syrian refugee beneficiaries across 12 governorates and qualitative interviews conducted through case management and psycho-social support, the fact sheet revealed the following:

- 97% of surveyed households live below the national poverty line, with 61% earning between 100–290 JOD monthly and 19% earning less than 100 JOD.
- With a 68% unemployment rate, compounded by a lack of work permits for 90% of refugees, many have been driven into informal, low-paid work.
- 89% of households are in debt and 44% have reduced food consumption as a coping strategy.
- Only 10% of respondents plan to return to Syria within the current or following year, 69% do not intend to return citing security concerns, economic instability, and disruption to their children's education.
- 21% remain undecided, pending improvements in security, services, housing, and economic opportunities.
- Among those intending to return, 86% lack a clear employment plan, while children's reintegration needs center on educational bridging support (88%) and psycho-social support (76%).

Impact of JRF on Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Measures

This evaluation report documents JRF's climate action contributions across three interconnected levels: mitigation, adaptation, and organizational practice, covering January 2024 through September 2025. Developed through an in-depth review of project data and departmental inputs, the report captures JRF's growing role as a climate-responsive institution.

At the mitigation level, expanded renewable energy measures, including solar installations and LED transitions across JRF premises, resulted in 1,666,625 kWh of clean electricity generated between 2020 and May 2024, and an estimated reduction of 819,387 kg of CO₂ emissions. Solar energy now covers 80% of the Queen Rania Family and Child Center's energy needs, with installations completed across 11 Makani centers.

At the adaptation level, JRF embedded climate awareness and resilience-building across its programs:

- 1,062 children reached through the Climate Action Club (CAC) in 2023; 853 in 2024; and 652 as of September 2025.
- 463 women and adolescents reached through climate awareness sessions.
- 449 beneficiaries trained in climate-smart and sustainable livelihood practices.
- 1,341 beneficiaries were supported to establish 787 green businesses, with 42 green jobs created and 165 beneficiaries placed in green employment.
- 63% of employment-program beneficiaries reported improved household finances, and 43% reported reduced harmful coping mechanisms. Among micro-business owners, 91% reported better household finances, and 72% reported reduced harmful coping.
- At the organizational level, JRF has made climate action a priority in its operational strategy, by strengthening green procurement and the Environmental and Social Management System.
- (ESMS) policy, and advancing climate finance readiness through the Green Climate Fund (GCF) accreditation process, with a Stage II review completed in 2025.

Investigating the Impact of Climate Change on Household Dynamics in Jordan: A Special Focus on Women, Children, and Youth

This landmark national study examines how climate change reshapes economic, social, and protection dynamics at the household level, with particular attention to vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees. Employing a rigorous mixed-methods approach, the study surveyed 1,000 households across 28 sub-districts in 10 governorates, conducted 22 interviews, convened two research reference groups for validation, and reviewed over 77 secondary resources.

Key findings underscore the urgency of climate-responsive programming:

- 90% of households have experienced heatwaves; 69% reduced rainfall; 64% prolonged droughts.
- 92% of surveyed households fell below the national poverty line.
- 89% of farming households reported reduced crop yields; 52% faced increased irrigation needs.
- 78% of households reported women taking on more physically demanding or risky work; 70% indicated women have become primary decision-makers over household resources.
- Children continue to bear a disproportionate burden, with a 12% school dropout rate, 11% of older siblings assuming care-giving roles, and 7% of children left unsupervised.
- 39% of respondents reported heightened risk of workplace exploitation; 38% reported increased domestic violence under financial strain.

The study called for coordinated, cross-sector action, integrating climate risk into social protection systems, mainstreaming environmental education, and establishing a national and social resilience coordination platform co-led by the Ministry of Social Development JRF, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Health, Civil Defense, Ministry of Labor, NCFA, Ministry of Environment, universities, and donors.

Building on these findings, JRF developed several models and tools to translate research into action, including several policy and positioning papers, as well as fact sheets, each grounded in national evidence and validated by key stakeholders.

SDG Compliance

In 2025, JRF strengthened its alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a portfolio-level approach mustering evidence across livelihoods, protection, learning, and climate resilience interventions. Implemented across Jordan to serve vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees, with a particular focus on women, children, and youth, our programs demonstrate unwavering commitment to sustainable development.

Through the Community Empowerment and Child Safety Programs as well as JRF's Social Enterprises, we pair economic inclusion pathways with prevention services, embed skills development and employability linkages, and integrate climate-responsive programming that reinforces resilience and sustainable practices.

SDG #1: Ending Poverty

In 2025, JRF empowered 27,655 Jordanians and Syrian refugees through an integrated livelihood and protection approach combining income diversification, employability pathways, and access to productive resources. This included:

- 790 beneficiaries supported through agribusiness and green entrepreneurship.
- 474 beneficiaries linked to employment opportunities.
- 228 green startups supported.
- 109 business formalization cases completed.
- 110 feasibility studies conducted.
- 6,420 beneficiaries reached through capacity-building trainings.
- 2,467 mentorship and follow-up visits conducted.

Our social enterprises empowered 671 vulnerable households, reaching 5,036 beneficiaries through employment. In addition, 76% of Jordan River Designs and IKEA workers and 87% of Al Karma Kitchen workers have identified social enterprises as key players in helping them meet their basic financial needs..



SDG #4:

Quality Education

JRF advanced SDG 4 through 24 projects under the Community Empowerment and Child Safety Programs, reaching 101,275 beneficiaries through learning and capacity-building activities:

- 15,844 beneficiaries accessed skills development, vocational and entrepreneurship training, and on-the-job learning opportunities.
- 10,093 children and caregivers were reached through pre-primary and parenting-focused educational activities.
- 100% of trainees reported improved financial knowledge and skills.
- 93% of graduates demonstrated improved knowledge of life skills and labor rights.

SDG #5:

Gender Equality

JRF advanced gender equality through 25 projects combining prevention, safe spaces, referrals, online safety awareness, and survivor-centered services with women's economic participation pathways, empowering 34,663 beneficiaries of which 54% were female:

- 4,786 reached through training and capacity building.
- 12,632 reached through awareness, prevention, and protection activities.
- 1,734 reached through protection services (case management and referrals).

SDG #8:

Decent Work & Economic Growth

Across 18 projects, JRF advanced decent work and economic growth by:

- Offering 720 grants and financial support services.
- 610 beneficiaries were supported across job placement and micro-business interventions.
- 24% of private-sector partners reported improved working environments and 93% of graduates improved knowledge of labor rights and life skills.
- Reaching 8,593 beneficiaries through training and awareness in agribusiness, micro-enterprise development, green entrepreneurship, and digital skills.
- Creating 153 new jobs.
- Placing 345 beneficiaries in internships, apprenticeships, or direct employment.
- Reaching 1,800+ youth through employability and entrepreneurship programs.
- Establishing 75 savings and loan groups with 1,120+ members.

50% of created jobs met decent work standards

SDG #10: Reduced Inequalities

In 2025, JRF advanced SDG 10 (Targets 10.1, 10.2, and 10.4) through 22 projects addressing inequality through integrated livelihood, skills development, financial inclusion, business formalization, and protection interventions for women, youth, refugees, vulnerable workers, children, and GBV survivors. JRF created 153 jobs, provided 597 grants and business support packages, and reached 3,911 beneficiaries with financial literacy, employability, entrepreneurship, vocational, and digital skills training, complemented by 2,829 mentorship and follow-up engagements. The organization also enabled 7,051 children and adolescents to access inclusive learning and participation opportunities, supported more than 1,104 survivors and vulnerable households through protection services, formalized 167 home-based and microbusinesses, and strengthened savings and loan groups with over 1,120 members. Results included improved financial stability and self-reliance among targeted beneficiaries, enhanced knowledge and skills, better ability to meet basic needs, increased employment outcomes, and significant improvements in well-being, positive parenting, and coping capacities.

SDG #13: Climate Action

JRF advanced climate action by combining household-level resilience projects with institutional measures:

- 125 grants were provided, reaching 659 beneficiaries with climate-smart livelihood support.
- 228 green startups were supported.
- 821 beneficiaries were reached through youth and community climate platforms.
- 560 beneficiaries were reached through climate awareness lectures.
- Solar systems were installed for clean electricity, reducing CO₂ emissions and strengthening operational sustainability.
- 100% engagement was reached across targeted national institutions regarding policy-related learning and evidence-building.
- JRF produced a national research study titled “The Impact of Climate Change on Household Dynamics: A Special Focus on Women, Children, and Youth,” strengthening the evidence base on climate vulnerability, adaptation needs, and the differentiated impacts of climate change on households.

The foundation conducted a report on the Impact of JRF on Climate Change in relation to Mitigation and Adaptation Measures.

Building on the Green Climate Fund (GCF) accreditation application submitted in December 2024, JRF strengthened its organizational readiness for climate-responsive programming and future climate finance opportunities.

SDG #14:

Life Below Water

In 2026, JRF is planning to expand its SDG 14 footprint in Aqaba through two projects linking marine biodiversity protection in the Red Sea with sustainable livelihood pathways under a blue economy approach:

Advancing Blue Economy Innovation through Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurship, funded by the Embassy of the Netherlands, will reach 1,000 Jordanian beneficiaries through capacity building, community needs assessments, Hackathon innovation, incubation, and seed funding.

The EMBRACE Project will target sea users (artisanal fishers, divers, glass-bottom boat operators), community-based organizations, women entrepreneurs, and university students through integrated coastal zone management training, nature-based solutions certification, conservation internships, and reef-positive enterprise support.

SDG #16:

Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

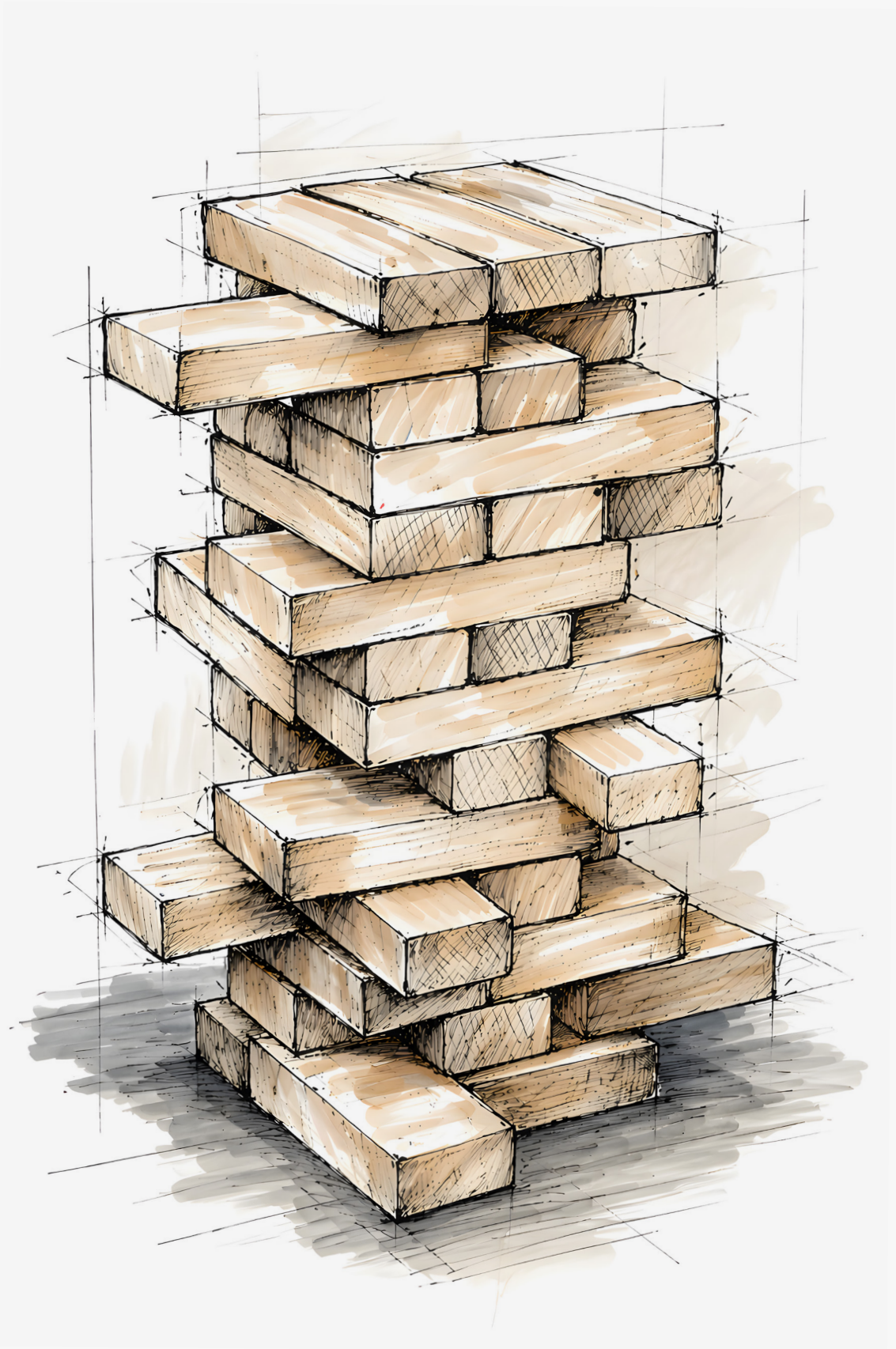
JRF expanded gender-based violence prevention and survivor intervention services including, awareness, online safety programming, helpline support, case management, and psycho-social counseling, reaching 25,619 beneficiaries to date.

JRF also strengthened child protection through structured safe spaces, age-appropriate activities, parenting programs, and referral services supporting early identification and response for children at risk.

Protection-focused projects achieved fully positive results across all key indicators including, safeguarding attitudes, psycho-social well-being, and positive parenting practices.

Partners and Donors

JRF is proud of its partnerships with local and international entities and continuously works toward cultivating these relationships while exploring new opportunities for collaboration. We continue to evolve and act proactively to cement new partnerships with organizations that share our objectives for social and economic development in Jordan.



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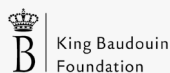
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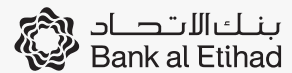
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