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Image: A young Syrian girl enjoys a painting activity at children's centre run by All We Can's partner, LWF

Za'atari refugee camp

SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS, JORDAN

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Person's
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Fulfilled*

Since the beginning of the Syrian Refugee Crisis, which began more than a decade ago, 13 million Syrians have been forced to leave their homes either as refugees or displaced within Syria. Where once, stories of the war in Syria and the challenges facing Syrian refugees filled our TV screens and newsfeeds – now, it is something of a forgotten crisis. As international support for Syrian refugees has slowly decreased over the years, the number of people impacted by this crisis has not. All We Can traces its roots back to the 1930s, when Methodist minister Henry Carter felt the church had a responsibility to respond to the refugee crisis in Europe. Since then, All We Can has remained firm in its commitment to support refugee communities.

Samia* arrived in Za'atari refugee camp with just the clothes she was wearing in February 2013. Before fleeing Syria, she worked as a seamstress for 45 years. Life in a refugee camp can be difficult – work opportunities can be few and far between, and Jordan's strict response to the pandemic meant that recent years have seen even more restrictions placed on refugee's daily lives. All We Can's partner, Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has been working to turn this around.



Image: Patterns are cut in the sewing workshop

LWF started running sewing workshops in the camp and Samia, along with the 6 other seamstresses, have made 1000 facemasks and 75 baby kits with plans to make 150 school uniforms for the children in the camp.

'I am very happy here' explains Samia, 'and I am comfortable. I live with my family here in the camp... so I am working here so I can support them financially.'

The project not only helps produce vital resources for families living in the camp, but also helps provide an essential source of income for refugees like Samia, and skills that will be vital for future job opportunities.

'I thank God for everything he gave us. I only wish to stay safe. And that I have good health so I can stay working and participate in this project and support my family.'

Thanks to your support, All We Can's humanitarian aid partners, like LWF, have been able to respond quickly to the critical need of those affected by emergencies, such as the Syrian refugee crisis.



Image: Samia* sews facemasks in Za'atari refugee camp

Alongside the sewing project, All We Can has also supported a children's centre in Za'atari for several years, affectionally known as the 'Smurf Centre' due to the brightly coloured murals of the children's character which adorn the outside of the building. This centre provides a vital space for 214 children to spend time playing and relaxing. With children safely enjoying themselves in the Smurf Centre, caregivers can also spend time working or attending to other important duties – which in turn can help improve household living conditions. Additionally, the Smurf Centre provides informal education for young children, as well as critical psychosocial support to help children develop social and interpersonal skills, and cope with the difficult living conditions within the camp.

Image: The children's activity centre - known as the 'Smurf Centre' - run by All We Can's partner, LWF



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