



# Still Here

Remembering the  
Syrian Refugee Crisis



**11 years. 82,000 people. 19,500 families.**

This is how long the Za'atari refugee camp in southern Jordan has been responding to the Syrian refugee crisis. This is how many people, after all this time, still call it their home.

All We Can is still committed to helping refugees in camps like these fulfil their potential, even when their situation is largely forgotten. Refugee Week is a perfect time to remind ourselves of these long-term crises.

One common issue in refugee camps is the lack of childcare, which often prevents women from pursuing income-generating activities.

Hayfa, Rowayda, and Hoda are three women who have benefitted from the "Smurf Centre" which All We Can established with their local partner. The Smurf Centre is the only day-care centre in a huge area of the camp, providing fun physical and learning activities for hundreds of children every month. The centre is a lifeline for the children, but also for their caregivers:

*'Even if it was for one hour, I will leave everything in the house and come here because this hour is for me'*

Howa

While children are at the Smurf Centre, these women can access caregiver and conflict resolution training, exercise classes, and pursue income-generating activities like sewing which are also run by All We Can's local partner.

*'When we started attending those activities, it became a time of relaxation for us. You see new people and learn new things, and you feel a little bit more relaxed.'*

Rowayda

All this seeks to improve the wellbeing of those fleeing traumatic circumstances, by listening to their needs and expertise.

## Questions for Discussion

- Why do you think this crisis has dropped out of news headlines?
- What challenges do female refugees face in particular?
- Why might long-running refugee crises be harder for charities like All We Can to fundraise for?

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