

## EXPANDING THE PROTECTION SPACE: COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE FOR DISPLACEMENT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

## FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SIREN ASSOCIATES, JORDAN AND RDPP



Duration: 2020 - 2022

Budget: 2,344,027 EUR

Geographical area: Amman, Mafraq, Irbid

RDPP thematic area: Protection

**Direct Beneficiaries**:

- 1,920 school children (30% Syrian refugees, 50% female)
- 75 community police officers
- 6 CBOs

- 24 community pioneers (50% female)
- 1,800 local community members

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

In close partnership with the Syrian Refugees Affairs Directorate (SRAD), the Public Security Directorate (PSD) and local CBOs, Siren Associates aims to expand the protection space for refugees and vulnerable groups with an approach that combines support to national actors with direct support to communities in order to increase trust and confidence in security actors, and generate a greater desire to use their services, creating a cycle of positive reinforcement.

## I. Enhanced capacity of community safety actors to engage with local community to provide greater host and refugee access to protection services

This partnership aims to increase vertical social cohesion by developing capacities of the community police and CBOs to act as effective bridges between state institutions and local communities, with the objective of increasing host and refugee communities' access to and willingness to engage with formal protection services. To increase direct, positive interactions between the PSD and target communities, Siren will provide financial and technical support to the PSD in the development and delivery of community safety campaigns in each target district. Campaigns include 'Junior Police' which provides a twoweek course for school-aged children on the role of policing and responsible citizenship through role plays, drills and interactive workshops. Additionally, the project will develop community safe spaces for the PSD, CBOs and local communities to coordinate responses around public safety challenges, as well as provide training and mentoring to community police to support them in the identification, management and resolving issues in partnership with local CBOs and community members. Siren Associates will also build the organizational and technical capacities of 6 CBOs by providing them with tailored trainings on effective engagement with the community police and the most vulnerable members of their community in order to provide effective links between them.

II. Improved social cohesion and reduced tensions in displacement affected communities.

Siren Associates will provide joint trainings to selected key community pioneers who are already involved in conflict resolution or protection activities within their communities in order to support them in identifying challenges and solutions and enable them to disseminate information back to their communities. Siren will also provide them with networking activities to enhance collaboration and information exchange opportunities, as well as financial and technical support in implementing community-based initiatives that directly address local challenges to social cohesion.



