

Promoting sustainable livelihoods for Syrian refugees in host communities - Case of Iraqi Kurdistan region

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Abstract:

The question is;

"How can we make the Syrian refugees productive forces in the host communities?"

Although the safety which Syrian refugees have enjoyed in IKR , finding jobs and getting a sustainable income are a pressing issue, concern for many of the refugees , especially for those who have families to meet their needs cannot only rely on aids provided by the local governments or humanitarian organizations. Considering the worse political - economic conditions experienced by Kurdistan Making access to this is a big challenge, not for the refugees and the displaced ,but also for the local citizens .

Maybe the construction of greenhouses inside the refugee camps in Arbat & Gawilan –built by UNHCR – and many refugees work daily, will be an experience which might become a good model for other internal projects which take advantage of the skills they own to generate activities for refugees, develop their income, improve their financial independence, reduce the costs of assistance and protection, and enhance the chances of getting permanent achievement. Finally, these aspects enable individuals, households to achieve more self-sufficiency and increase their contributions in domestic economy of the host community, especially with the expectation of continuing conflicts in Syria, the financial crisis in Kurdistan region, and the decline in international humanitarian aid in the foreseeable future.