

**Ministry of Education and the European Union celebrate  
the success of the 'Back to The Future' project**

**Amman, Jordan**

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Representatives from the Ministry of Education and the European Union (EU) celebrated, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of June, the success of the [“Back to the Future” project](#), following 30 months of educational activities provided at two educational community centres and six public schools across Jordan, in addition to the rehabilitation of 15 Jordanian public schools. This major education initiative has received approximately three million Euros of funding in Jordan from the [EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis](#), the EU ‘Madad’ Fund. The ‘Back to the Future’ project is carried out by a consortium - AVSI, Terre des Hommes Italia, War Child Holland, and Terre des Hommes Netherlands - who joined forces to provide educational support to local Jordanian families and Syrian refugee children.

Between 2016 and 2019, the ‘Back to the Future’ educational activities - homework support and remedial classes - directly benefited over 2,700 children. Free-of-charge transportation was offered to the children, allowing a higher number of children to attend. Educational activities in the centres were delivered in partnership with local NGOs: Soldier’s Family Welfare Society for the Az-Zarqā centre, and Harmony for the Aqaba centre. This initiative addressed the needs of the many Syrian children in Jordan who require support to progress academically and remain in school.

In addition, the rehabilitation works carried out in 15 public schools included sanitation upgrades, painting, electricity, and improvement of facilities such as playgrounds, computer and science labs, as well as school libraries. Altogether, the rehabilitation works set a foundation for a much-improved learning environment for students.

Representatives from the local communities and municipalities, the EU Delegation, the Ministry of Education, school directors, and the project consortium participated in the ceremony which took place at W Amman Hotel on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

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About the EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis, the EU ‘Madad’ Fund:

Since its establishment in December 2014, a significant share of the EU’s non-humanitarian aid for Syria’s neighbouring countries is provided through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the EU ‘Madad’ Fund. The Trust Fund brings a more coherent and integrated EU aid response to the crisis and primarily addresses longer term economic, educational, protection and social needs of Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, and supports overstretched host communities and their administrations. Today, the EU Regional Trust Fund is also one of the key instruments through which the new EU partnership priorities with Jordan are implemented.

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