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Livelihood Assistance



IOM facilitates the construction of shops for the creation of a marketplace in Basirma Camp

IOM, with funding provided by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration and the Government of the Czech Republic, continues to promote sustainable livelihoods for Syrian refugees living in Basirma Camp and Darashakran Camp.

IOM facilitated the construction of 110 shops in Darashakran Camp and 18 shops in Basirma Camp, which create a marketplace for Syrian refugees in the camps to house their businesses. Each shop houses a joint-venture business, with materials and tools needed to start the business also provided by IOM. Business partners received Business Development Services along with the In-Kind Grants (IKGs). IOM utilized the skills present among the refugee community in the camps in the building and design of the shops, and the shops were opened in the last two weeks of April.

The marketplace area is organized into sections, with groceries, restaurants, barbers and salons, and photography shops. IOM hopes that the shops will contribute to the overall economy and available services for Syrians living in these camps, as well as to provide sustainable income for those who have received business items from IOM.

Overall, 320 Syrian refugees living in the camps received 160 In-Kind Grants to start businesses. However, as some businesses do not require shop space, 128 shops were constructed and distributed to those businesses most in need of such a marketplace location.

[Click here for more interviews, information, and photos on the event and the shops that were opened.](#)



Opening of the shops in Basirma Camp

OVERVIEW IN NUMBERS

Overview of the assistance provided to Syrian refugee and Iraqi returnee beneficiaries in Iraq since April 2012.

LIVELIHOOD

1,498 beneficiaries

2,393 services

NFI

101,884 beneficiaries

594,082 items

TRANSPORT

59,411 beneficiaries

5,869 buses

SHELTER

3,585 beneficiaries

750 tents

IOM PARTNERS AND DONORS

