

Jordan



Providing God's Healing Balm

Project: 79740
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710,000

registered refugees are living in Jordan

15

refugee camps in Jordan (5 for Syrians, 10 for Palestinian refugees)

81%

of refugees live within Jordanian communities

Overview

The Bible Society of Jordan is addressing the profound need for mental health support among traumatised and grieving refugees and locals. The project equips churches with essential tools and skills to assist individuals dealing with trauma from abuse, loss, and conflict, creating safe environments where emotional and spiritual well-being can flourish.

The Need

The needs of traumatised and grieving people in Jordan are significant, including both refugees and locals. Many individuals face deep emotional and spiritual distress due to experiences of conflict, displacement and loss. There is a need for the church, often serving as a central hub for these communities, to be a safe space where people can find care, support, and healing.

There is an urgent need to equip church members with the skills and tools necessary to address these traumas effectively. This includes training to listen compassionately and respond appropriately to the emotional needs of those suffering. Additionally, many refugees, particularly from Syrian backgrounds, require materials that resonate with their cultural context, enabling them to engage meaningfully with biblical teachings.

The Bible Society of Jordan has identified a need for a comprehensive trauma healing program that serves both individuals and families. A physical centre dedicated to providing ongoing support would foster community resilience as well as promote spiritual growth, allowing individuals to rebuild their lives on a solid foundation of faith.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? - Jeremiah 8:22, NIV

Goals

The goal of this project is to create a supportive and healing environment for traumatised refugees and locals in Jordan, through equipping the local church and community with essential trauma healing skills. This project aims to foster awareness of mental health, encouraging individuals to explore and heal their spiritual and emotional wounds. The project also seeks to strengthen the church as a safe space for families, helping them reconnect with their faith and the word of God.

In 2025, the Bible Society of Jordan aim to establish a community counselling school to certify new counsellors, launching seminars and workshops tailored for different age groups, and leading 15-20 healing groups throughout Jordan. Additionally, an online platform will be utilised to support those in need, and ongoing follow-up care will be provided for counselling cases.

Overall, the Bible Society of Jordan aim to promote resilience, well-being, and faith within the local community, ensuring a robust support system for those affected by trauma.

Impact

This project is having a significant impact on the Christian community in Jordan and the broader Middle East, as it enhances skills in trauma healing and emotional support. This project has already fostered healing and hope in Christ among many refugees, while enhancing the protective measures for Christian workers against the effects of trauma exposure.

Approximately 600 individuals are expected to be impacted by this project, including 250 refugees and locals engaged in over 15 healing groups. Through the training of 100 facilitators in adult equipping sessions and 15 facilitators focused on children's needs, the project will continue to strengthen local church ministries and promote integration with discipleship efforts. It is expected that 60 teachers will be equipped through a special seminar on vital trauma-informed strategies, and 25 individuals will receive referrals for professional counselling. Additionally, 150 community members will gain foundational knowledge on building healthy homes based on biblical truths. Ultimately, the project aims to build resilient communities rooted in faith and support, reinforcing the role of Bible Societies alongside local churches.

Testimony

"We arrived at a Syrian refugee camp to lead the third lesson of the Trauma Healing program. In an unusual turn, we gathered in the camp Mosque. Despite the differences between the Bible and the Quran, we shared the story of Job, and the women engaged positively. Amina shared, 'I have been practicing the things we learn here with my husband! ... I now do it every night before I sleep. It helps calm me down.'" — Staff Member, Bible Society of Jordan*

**Name changed to protect privacy.*

Prayer Points

- Please pray that the Spirit of the Lord will heal the brokenness in our church, provide deliverance for the captives, restore sight to the blind, and bring freedom to the oppressed.
- Additionally, pray that the fruits of this project will be shown in stronger families and a community that is healing, mindful, and resilient.