



Girls' Safe Spaces

CONTEXT

A rapid needs assessment conducted in April 2020 to measure the impact of COVID-19 on women and girls inside the camps and Jordan host communities revealed that women and girls agree that obtaining GBV and SRH services prior to the pandemic was less difficult than during the lockdown, also, women and girls who had taken part in virtual services generally received these well and said the service made them feel better. In another rapid assessment conducted by UN Women Jordan on the Impacts of COVID-19, women have expressed concern over control of their decisions and time use as a result of the negative impacts on their health and well-being.

PROGRAM BRIEF

The Jordan Girls' Safe Spaces is a knowledge and innovation hub that puts adolescent girls in the lead to design, implement and evaluate programs. Using human-centered design (HCD), Mercy Corps works with girls to identify service gaps and partner on solutions that build girls' agency and support gender equitable, inclusive households and communities. By sharing our learnings, we help peer agencies and stakeholders in Jordan and across the region understand and incorporate girls' insights into their work and adopt girl-led approaches.

INTERVENTIONS

JAZIRAT AI ZOHOOR

Is a story that includes accurate, adolescent-friendly information about menstruation, puberty and growing up.

GIRLS PROTECTIVE ASSET RESEARCH

is an adolescent girls' empowerment process, through which the girl-led programs guarantee providing holistic and accessible services for adolescent girls. This type of research allows the program staff to invest in the available resources of the peer educators, improve the existing skills or add new ones to the newly enrolled adolescent girls.

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Is a guided writing exercise using pictures, fictional character description, developing dialogues between characters and then inviting the girls to write a short story (one pager) to share among the group.

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79,305 Syrians reside in Za'atari refugee camp , 7.2% (5,609) of them are adolescent girls

42,681 Syrians reside in Azraq refugee camp, 7.3% (3,115) of them are adolescent girls

TARGETS

10 (**5** in each camp) Peer Educators who led the sessions delivery.

400 Adolescent girls participate in Jazirat Al Zohoor.

10 adolescent girls participate in the girls' protective asset research.

20 adolescent girls participate in descriptive writing sessions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

15 (**10** in Zaatari and 5 in Azraq camp) Peer Educators trained and led the delivery of the sessions

232 Adolescent girls participated in Jazirat Al Zohoor

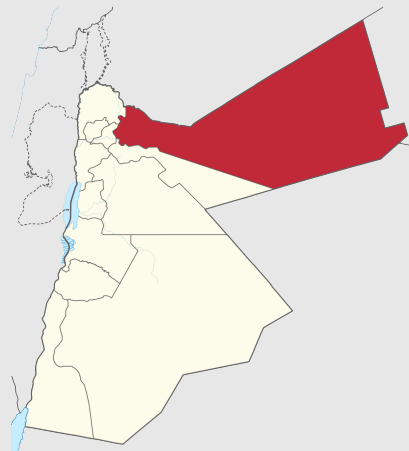
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LOCATION

**Mafrq
(Zaatari Camp)**

**Zarqa
(Azraq Camp)**



DONOR

MOFA of the Republic of China (Taiwan): budget \$\$ 295,000
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