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Kingdom of the Netherlands

► Partnership for improving prospects for forcibly displaced persons and host communities (PROSPECTS)

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The Partnership for improving prospects for forcibly displaced persons and host communities (PROSPECTS) is a flagship initiative launched in 2018 and currently in its second phase through 2027. Spearheaded by the Government of the Netherlands, the Partnership brings together the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the World Bank.

PROSPECTS supports a shift from short-term humanitarian assistance to longer-term, development-centred solutions. By strengthening national systems and institutions, the Partnership addresses the shared and evolving needs of refugees and host communities, helping to build more inclusive societies.

► Role of the ILO

Within the PROSPECTS Partnership, the ILO works with governments, employers' and workers' organizations to advance decent work and promote the inclusion of forcibly displaced persons and host communities in national labour markets.

Grounded in the international labour standards, the ILO's contributions focus on strengthening systems for inclusion—improving employability through skills development, promoting access to social protection, supporting local economic development and expanding access to enterprise opportunities.

► Highlights

365,000 

individuals supported

47%

of those are women



53%

of those reached are forcibly displaced persons



35+

Policies, legislative and regulatory frameworks were strengthened to promote inclusion



PROSPECTS intervention countries

- **Timeframe: 2018–2027**
- **Donor: Government of the Netherlands**
- **ILO's Budget: US \$317 million**

*This map does not reflect a position of the ILO on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers.

Kenya

Supported the operationalization of Recognition of Prior Learning as a nationally owned, refugee-inclusive system. Skills of over **55,000** candidates have been assessed, creating a scalable pathway to formal certification and employment.

Jordan

Partnered with the Social Security Corporation, government partners and UNHCR to extend national social security to workers in the informal economy, including refugees. Nearly **50,000** workers have become active members, shifting from humanitarian assistance to a rights-based approach.

Egypt

Supported the Universal Health Insurance Authority to lay the groundwork for refugee inclusion in national health coverage through a feasibility study and costing exercise. This evidence informed a pilot developed with UNICEF and UNHCR to test the inclusion mechanism in Alexandria and Damietta governorates.

Iraq

Supported the Ministry of Youth and Sports to scale the Job Search Club approach, following a successful ILO pilot that helped over 30% of participating youth find employment. In partnership with UNICEF, the approach is now being integrated into national planning and delivery systems, creating a scalable pathway from job search support to employment.

► Key pillars and results 2019–2026

PROSPECTS combines direct support to refugees and host communities with efforts to strengthen the institutions, services and systems that enable their inclusion in labour markets. The results below capture both individual-level opportunities and progress towards stronger, more inclusive systems.

40,000

individuals supported to develop skills for employment

Refugee and host community members accessed skills training, apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities leading to skills recognition and certification.

200

education and training institutions strengthened

National training systems reinforced to deliver inclusive skills development at scale.

80,000

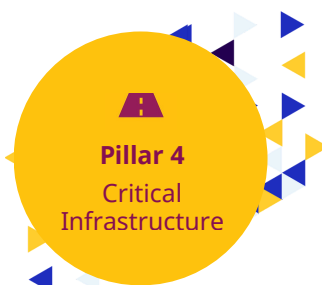
individuals accessed national social protection systems

Refugee and host community members gained access to national contributory and non-contributory social protection schemes, including social health protection.

21,000

benefited from improved infrastructure and services

Refugee and host community members participated in EIIP work, helping them build skills and employment experience.



85,000

employment and self-employment opportunities facilitated

Refugee and host community members accessed opportunities across multiple sectors, including agriculture and construction, generating higher incomes and improved working conditions.

70,000

reached through employment services

Refugee and host community members benefited from career counselling and job matching services.

350,000

workdays created

Refugee and host community members employed in Employment-Intensive Investment Programmes (EIIP), contributing to local economic development.

625

labour market actors and institutions strengthened

Public and private sector actors expanded services and opportunities to promote rights at work and strengthen engagement on these rights.

60,000

entrepreneurs supported

Refugee and host community members accessed business development services, financial services and support through cooperatives.

► ILO PROSPECTS Learning Portal

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