THE EU-JORDAN COMPACT AS A GLOBAL PARADIGM

Development, Mobility, and Protection in the Syrian Refugee Response

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Global Displacement Trends

- Durable solutions replaced by ad-hoc/temp responses
- 15.9 million refugees in protracted displacement (UNHCR 2019a)
- Avg. time as refugee/IDP almost 20 years (ibid)
- Focus on “humanitarian-development nexus” and “migration-development nexus”: WHS 2016, NY Declaration 2016, GCR and GCM 2018
Syrian Refugee Crisis

Source: STATISTA 2018
EU Migrant Crisis 2015-2016

- 1.2 million first time asylum seekers in 2015 (Eurostat 2016)
- Development as containment strategy
  - February 2016: The EU-Jordan Compact
  - March 2016: The EU-Turkey Deal
  - November 2016: The EU-Lebanon Contract
The EU-Jordan Compact

- Launched on February 7, 2016
- Burden-sharing agreement
  - $1.7 billion in grants and concessional financing (GoJ 2016b)
  - 40% of all international aid ($3,201,328,798) as direct budget support (GoJ 2016a)
  - aid to be used for “resilience building” (GoJ 2016b)
  - “targeting host communities” instead of Syrian refugees (ibid)
The EU-Jordan Compact

- Development framework
  - “Turning the refugee crisis into a development opportunity” (GoJ 2016b)
  - increased investment, exports, and job creation
  - Increased access to education and employment
## Benefits 2016-2018

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<td>✓ Containment of refugees/“migrants”</td>
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(Source: AGHULAS 2019)
Benefits 2016-2018

Syrians

✓ 85% below the poverty threshold ($96) (UNHCR 2018)
✓ No positive changes in the past three years
✓ Decreased household income (Tiltnes et al. 2018, 48)
✓ Severe food insecurity (ibid, 48)
✓ Precarious economic, political and legal status
✓ No durable solution
Number of Syrians resettled from Jordan 2016-2019.

Figures for 2019 represent the period January to May. Source: UNHCR 2019b.
EU-Jordan Compact as a Global Paradigm?
UNHCR Refugee Compact (2018)

❖ “ease the pressures on host countries”
❖ “enhance refugee self-reliance”
❖ “expand access to third-country solutions”
❖ Development (73), protection (44) and humanitarian/ism (32)
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