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## THE 'MUNICIPAL KNOW-HOW FOR HOST COMMUNITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST' PROGRAMME



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## What is the programme about?

The civil war that has been raging in Syria since 2011 has forced millions of Syrians to flee their homes. The neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey are the main initial host countries. Here, a large proportion of the refugees live in cities, towns and municipalities, as opposed to refugee camps.

In view of the rapid growth in the population, host communities are facing massive challenges, for example, in the areas of waste management, water and energy supply and municipal administration. Exchange between experts at municipal level can play a major role in overcoming challenges.

The 'Municipal Know-how for Host Communities in the Middle East' Programme leverages this expertise and promotes cooperation between German municipalities and municipalities that host refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. The focus is on professional exchanges between equals.

## What services do we offer?

The following services are available to support cooperation between German municipalities and municipalities in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey:

- Advice and support for developing existing municipal partnerships and designing and initiating new ones, including assistance with the submission of proposals for funding
- Training and networking services, such as country-specific intercultural training, training courses related to proposals and network meetings
- Support for professional exchanges within the project partnerships, including for example the funding of project planning workshops, job shadowing and expert missions

In the partnerships, the two sides work together to put project ideas on key local issues and sustainable development into practice.

## What are the objectives?

The partner municipalities jointly develop constructive solutions to local challenges intensified by the rapid influx of refugees. Together, the partners can address the need to improve public service delivery and the integration of the various population groups in the municipalities. The German municipalities also benefit from taking part. They enhance their international profile, raise public awareness of global interdependencies and support successful integration.

## Who can take part?

The programme is designed for German municipalities as well as their municipal partners in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

German municipalities that develop project ideas with their partners are eligible to apply for financial assistance.

The participating municipalities are expected to show initiative and commitment to development and to assign their own staff to municipal partnership tasks.