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## HOW CAN MUNICIPALITIES TAKE PART?

Participating municipalities are expected to show initiative and commitment, and to use their own staff for municipal partnership work.

The establishment of functioning municipal administrations will play an important role in rebuilding Syria. German municipalities can also provide support at an early stage here by offering refugees a qualification in municipal administration.

All municipalities can obtain advice regarding the terms of the programme. The online portal [www.initiative-middle-east.com](http://www.initiative-middle-east.com) can be used by interested parties to quickly and easily indicate the areas in which they require or can offer assistance. We have identified an overview of needs based on their projects and partners.

Municipal know-how  
for host communities  
in the Middle East  
PROGRAMME

# SHARING experiences and working together with German municipalities!

## WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Since the start of the Syrian civil war in 2011, millions of Syrians have fled the country. The most important first host countries are the neighbouring states of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. A large proportion of the refugees live in towns and communities, 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 German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung – BMZ) has launched a programme to this effect that promotes cooperative partnerships between the host communities in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey on the one hand and German municipalities on the other.

The 'Municipal Know-how for Host Communities in the Middle East' programme is being implemented by Engagement Global's Service Agency Communities in One World.

## WHAT ARE THE AIMS?

The host communities in the region can be strengthened through exchanging municipal expertise with the German partners. The focus is on professional dialogue and constructive cooperation between the partner municipalities for the joint development of local solutions.

Through our 'Municipal Know-how for the Middle East' programme we facilitate cooperation between municipalities in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, and German municipalities. German municipalities also benefit from exchanging experiences. They strengthen their international profile, promote awareness amongst local people about global links and support successful integration.

## WHAT OFFERS AND INSTRUMENTS EXIST?

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

- Advice and support for initiating, establishing and further developing municipal project partnerships. This includes e.g. individual advisory services, identification of partner municipalities, fact-finding trips and expert missions.
- Financial support for bilateral project partnerships, e.g. project planning workshops, professional dialogue, shadowing, and joint implementation of small-scale projects to strengthen delivery of basic local services.



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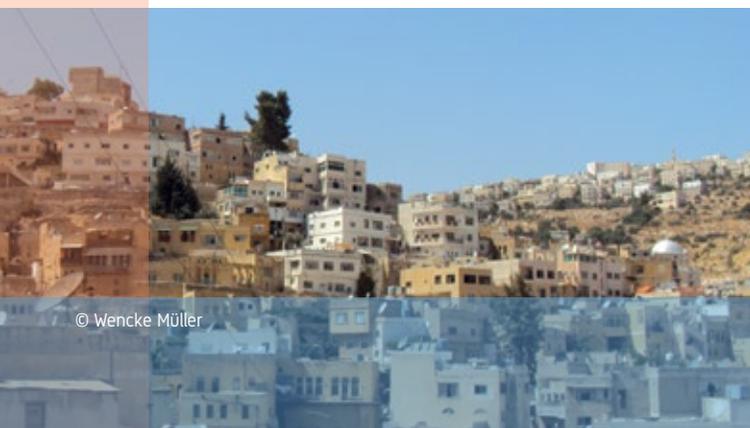
- Training and networking, e.g. country-specific intercultural training courses and courses relevant to project proposals, as well as network meetings.

In the partnerships, the two sides jointly develop ideas for projects on key local issues and sustainable development.

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

## WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The opportunities are aimed at German municipalities with their municipal companies and other local actors, as well as their municipal partners in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.



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