ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE SYRIA REFUGEE CRISIS
THE SYRIA CRISIS IS THE
“BIGGEST HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY OF OUR ERA”
- UNITED NATIONS
> 470,000
> DEATHS FROM THE CONFLICT

> 5 MILLION
> SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

> 6.3 MILLION
> INTERNALLY DISPLACED (IDPS) WITHIN SYRIA

More than 1.3 million refugees have transited to Europe.
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS: ON THE FRONTLINES

**SYRIA**
- Health Consultations: 447,722
- Mental Health Consultations: 62,612
- Staff Trained: 3,740

**LEBANON**
- Health Consultations: 516,612
- Mental Health Consultations: 132,296
- Staff Trained: 2,316

**TURKEY**
- Health Consultations: 19,364
- Mental Health Consultations: 2,719
- Staff Trained: 52

**LEBANON**
- Health Consultations: 516,612
- Mental Health Consultations: 132,296
- Staff Trained: 2,316

**JORDAN**
- Health Consultations: 18,000
- Mental Health Consultations: 3,700
- Staff Trained: 1,358

**IRAQ**
- Health Consultations: 110,111
- Mental Health Consultations: 945
- Staff Trained: 64

**GREECE & SERBIA**
- Health Consultations: 13,973
- Mental Health Consultations: 4,561
- Staff Trained: 52
Turkey

Long-term challenges:

- Integrating a large population that does not speak Turkish
- Absorbing the high costs of supporting those with little hope for returning to their home country

Home to more refugees than any other country in the world:

2.7 million Syrian refugees
International Medical Corps became one of the first international humanitarian organizations to successfully register with the Government of Turkey in 2012.

Currently running 4 one-stop-shop Multi-Service Centers in Turkey where refugees can access:

- Direct primary healthcare services
- Learn about their rights in Turkey and humanitarian assistance
- Find out about Turkish laws and any entitlements

IN THE PAST YEAR

400,000 CONSULTATIONS
MAHARAT LIVELIHOODS CENTER

LAUNCHED
MAY 2016

TARGET DEMOGRAPHIC
YOUTH, AGE 18-25

REACH
800 REFUGEES TO DATE
MAHARAT LIVELIHOODS CENTER

1. **Incubation Center**
   Co-working space for teams working on selected projects with office furniture, research and prototyping facilities

2. **Computer Lab**
   Space for computer skills development and related activities with 20 PCs

3. **Vocational Training Room**
   Training room for skills and profession development

4. **Program Office**
   Office space for program management and MHPSS

5. **Meeting Room**
   Attic space for program management team meetings with tele-conferencing equipment

6. **Reception**
   Registration and security at main entrance
Level 1 will contain an incubation center, encouraging entrepreneurship, shared work environment, and collaboration among refugees.

Computer Lab with classroom seating and dedicated desktop all-in-one PC (alt. Micro form factor PC), wired and wireless connectivity.
HP is partnering with us to provide business skills training through their HP Life Program, technology equipment for the center, and freelance work opportunities for refugees.
Maharat Livelihoods Center

Training and Program Design

Blended Model in classroom and e-learning

New delivery to refugees

Training of trainers for staff instructors
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Maharat Center Courses
Follow the link to apply for the September 2016 courses taking place in Maharat Center
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PROGRESS TO DATE

SINCE OCTOBER 2016: 363 USERS

COURSES TAKEN IN: ARABIC & ENGLISH

COMPLETION RATE 55%

WEBINARS ATTENDED
Design Thinking
Crowdfunding
Grow and Scale Your Business

COURSES INCLUDE
Digital Tools and Social Media Training
Effective Use of Social Media Training
Social Media Marketing
Selling Online
Design Thinking Webinar
Finding Funding
Fatima loves children and hopes to one day become a teacher.

During the war, taught kids who were displaced in and around Aleppo -- but it became too dangerous for her to stay. Her parents moved to Europe, but she was not able to go with them because she was over 18. Her younger siblings went ahead. She paid for smugglers to get out of Syria, a journey that was so dangerous that she cannot speak about it without crying.

She made it to Istanbul, where she now lives with her aunt and cousin. She found the Maharat Center and comes to learn new skills that she hopes will help her find a job. She also spoke about how the Maharat Center is helping her make up for lost time, as she missed out on university in Syria and other learning opportunities because of the war. “HP Life is full of information,” she said. “I learned lots of new things.”
Nizar arrived in Turkey in late 2016 from Aleppo.

“It is better here than the war in Syria,” he said. “At least it is safe.”

He is a trained electrical engineer, but is struggling to find work in Turkey to support his wife and two daughters, ages eight and two. He found the Maharat Center in an ad in Istanbul and decided to visit. “It is very good, very useful for Syrians,” he said. “They are trying to help people start here, how to make a plan, how to find a job.” He has taken a number of classes, including HP Life. “[With HP Life], you learn a lot of new things and new ideas,” he said.

He wants to volunteer at the Maharat Center to help other Syrians. “Looking at how the center is helping Syrians, to be a part of it is a very special feeling,” he said.
MAHARAT LIVELIHOODS CENTER

Partner with us

- Donating cash or in kind equipment such as computers, laptops, tablets
- Providing skills-based training in IT software, app development, and other relevant areas
- Volunteer technology expertise to our team, or provide employment opportunities