SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR REFUGEE INCLUSION SEMINAR
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SAHAB CITY

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Introduction
Sahab – location
Existing Urban Structure, Sahab District
Sahab – overview

- The oldest and largest commercial center located in east Amman area 16km from Amman center
- Gained its status as separate municipality from Amman in 1962
- Serves as a market place for several villages in east Amman area
Sahab – economic significance

- Core industrial area of greater Amman, housing two major industrial estates and numerous private industrial and commercial establishments
- Major supporting urban center in close proximity to existing and proposed Customs Clearance Centers
- Key location on the main transport routes to Iraq and Saudi Arabia
Sahab, Social and Everyday Life.
Sahab – population

- Population 140,000 (Department of Statistics 2016):
  - 76,000 Jordanians
  - 40,000 Syrians
  - 10,000 labor migrants from South-East Asia
  - 15,000 expatriat workers from Egypt

- Population increase:
  - In 1994: 20,000
  - In 2004: 43,909
  - In 2016: 140,000
Sahab – population growth

- Sahab 1978
- Sahab 2004
Sahab – specific challenges

- Lack of urban environment fabric and infrastructure management, including roads, sidewalks, walkways, water supply, and sanitation
  - Crowded streets and insufficient public transportation system
  - Poor pedestrian connections to new bus station and station itself lacks shelter from rain and sun
  - No recreational areas, playgrounds, parks or open public spaces except the bus station
  - Pedestrian sidewalks vary in condition or do not exist
Sahab – specific challenges

- Poor social and cultural image due to absence of social facilities, services and open space
- Environmental degradation and heavy pollution due to industrial activities
- Traffic congestion that slows down business development
- Challenges to social cohesion due to fast population growth, high crime rates and drug use
Service-provision in Sahab
Refugee influx challenges to services

- Refugee influx pressure on already struggling infrastructure and service-provision, including in educational, health and environmental sectors
- In Sahab refugees don’t reside in camps but inside the community alongside Jordanian residents
- Most Sahab refugees lack official papers and work permits, but found employment due to Sahab’s high economic activity and need for labor force in industrial city -> i.e. Sahab Municipality has silently supported their economic activity
## Health, Education and refugees

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**BEFORE**
- Schools was not directly responsible from Sahab Municipality

**AFTER**
- Now Schools are currently operating by Sahab Municipality after the signature with the ministry of education last month.
Integration activities in Sahab
For CHILDREN-(Refugees and local)
Eid Festival 2015
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Students and talents support
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Municipal Library Activities
Integration
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إعلان
مكتبة سحاب

تعلن مكتبة سحاب عن إقامة ورشة للأطفال من سن 8-15 سنة
لتعليمهم صناعة دمى وألعاب من القماش وذلك يوم السبت بتاريخ ٢٤/١٠/٢٠١٥ من الساعة ٠٠:٠٠ وحتى الساعة ١٢.

أمينة المكتبة
أروى الزيود
Support Children with special needs
Integration
Educational sessions
Educational sessions

- health of the physical and psychological by Grandma Rihanna character.
Municipal Service for Children
Eid Festival 2016
Eid Festival 2016
COMMUNITY SERVICE TO INHANCE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT
Integration
Integration
Protecting Human Rights of Migrant Workers

To improve and strengthen the protection system of domestic migrant workers and victims of human trafficking:

For promoting and protecting their rights
Focusing especially on the most vulnerable groups
Consequently improving their overall living conditions
Protecting Human Rights of Migrant Workers

Future Pioneers for Empowering Communities’ Members (FPEC)

In partnership with

Sahab Municipality,
The Jordanian Parliament's Research Centre, and Jordanian Combating Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking (JCMST).

November, 2015
Overall objective:

- To improve and strengthen the protection system of domestic migrant workers and victims of human trafficking:
  - For promoting and protecting their rights
  - Focusing especially on the most vulnerable groups
  - Consequently improving their overall living conditions
**General Information:**

- **Total Value:** 229,486 CHF  
  *Funded by the Donor = 206,000 CHF*  
  *Contribution by FPEC and partners = 23,486 CHF*

- **Duration:** 18 months

- **Target groups:**
  1. **Migrant workers** in Sahab Industrial City in particular and in Jordan in general
  2. **Domestic Workers** in East Amman in particular and in Jordan in general

- **Location:** Sahab City including its industrial cities and East Amman
Development Unit
According to the Jordan Municipal Law, the role of the municipality is to provide only a limited number of services and not promote social development.

Sahab Municipality has created a Development Unit to respond to the social needs in the community.

Funding for the unit’s activities comes from NGOs or international donors, not from the government.
Development Unit

- It operates in direct communion with the local population
- It has implemented nearly (250) social initiatives in the past (9) months
- Subsequently Sahab Municipality was awarded “Honor Shield for Social Responsibility” by the Arab Organization for Social Responsibility
- The Unit follows-up the ongoing development projects and liaises with donors providing them data and reports
OUR CHILDREN NEEDs

- Parks
- Open spaces
- Playground area
- Educational trainings
PROPOSED Initiatives & Ideas

- **Friday market where Syrians can sell some products**
- **Waste management**: using the opportunities where sahab includes the biggest industrial city (king Abdullah and QIZ industrial city) where there is a company buy the sort waste such like paper, plastic and cans; the integration could be by distribute the sort garbage to the main governmental, schools and municipality building in sahab then work with the Syrian to collect it and buy it to the industrial company.
Waste management and refugees

**BEFORE**
- Car: 8 tons * 3
- 4 tons * 4
- 1 tons * 2 tons
- Wheel Loader *2
- Tipper 8 tons *1

**AFTER**
- 3 waste collection shifts per day:
  - shift A: 6:00-14:30
  - shift B: 14:30-22:30
  - shift C: 22:30-6:00
- Staff = 105
- 100 tons per day waste
- 30 bags per day medical waste
- Nearest Garbage dump: Alshaa’er 17 KM and Alghabawi 55 KM
Also opportunity of having the biggest 2 industrial city in Sahab, open the work for Syrian of **Sewing**, **weaving** and sell it to the QIZ.
Project Name **Serve Time** ..

- goal of the project: -integrate refugees in society by providing them with employment opportunities in a service sector in general ..

- System of the project: -the project works to train refugees in any profession is required (Home Services, metalworks, carpenters, etc.) and then integrating them into the labor market and the service is provided through the application available through mobile phone to reduce direct contact between the client and the worker .

- The project needs: capital to provide the basics of the project need (the beginning of the project in the domestic services sector)
PROPOSED Initiatives & Ideas

Civic Plaza Mosque complex (mixed used project where syrian can sell there handicraft products)
2(c). The Civic Plaza/Mosque Complex

Central Mosque Civic Plaza Site Plan

Central Mosque Civic Plaza Ground Floor Plan

Central Mosque Civic Plaza Longitudinal Section

Central Mosque Civic Plaza Typical Basement Plan
Citizen participation and social accountability

- Sahab Municipality communicates directly with local population through:
  - Sahab Municipality Facebook account: بلدية سحاب https://www.facebook.com/BaladiatSahab/?fref=ts
  - Sahab Municipality website: www.sahapjo.com
  - Monthly meetings with women’s sector and with youth sector approximately once a week
  - Quarterly citizen meetings at the Sahab hall accommodating around 250 people to discuss challenges and ongoing municipal projects and find out the community priorities
THANK YOU!