Syria – Italy gives UNHCR two million euros to assist refugees in Lebanon and Jordan

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Italy has allocated a voluntary emergency contribution of 2 million euros to UNHCR to support the carrying out of sanitation and health interventions in Lebanon and Jordan.

Italy will fund two 1-million euro interventions in Lebanon and Jordan, respectively. More specifically, Italy's financing will help improve sanitation services in Lebanon. Thanks to the contribution, approximately 25,000 Syrian refugees currently staying in informal settlements will be able to enjoy better solid waste management (SWM) and wastewater treatment and recycling systems.

As to Jordan, Italy's contribution will go towards the health sector, supporting the interventions planned in the UNHCR "Cash for Health" programme. Italy's financing will make it possible to reimburse hospital costs incurred by Syrian refugees when accessing secondary and tertiary health care, including mother and child care that is usually prohibitive in terms of costs and ease of access. The Italian intervention also entails the so-called "cash for protection" action to cover the costs Syrian households are afforded in order to be given, among other things, proof of civil status or birth notifications.

This contribution is part of a humanitarian aid package for Syria totalling 25 million euros, which Italy announced on the occasion of the conference held in London on 4 February last.

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