**FGD – Men- Amman**

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What do you feel towards Syria?

Sadness, it is our country and we grew up there and cannot return but we have the hope of return, death still lingers, my house demolished, no job, my nephew killed, asad destroyed us and people will not go back. Each person on a checkpoint is a ruler of his own, kills, imprisons, rapes, we feel fear and pain and sadness

If crises end, where would you want your children to be?

* Europe better education and work opportunities
* Jordan, as close to probability of going home when security and peace prevail and obligatory conscription cancelled

If crises not resolved would you stay in Jordan or prefer to move on to Europe?

* We the elders will remain in Jordan, but our children we want them to migrate to seek better education
* We do not prefer to stay in Jordan as we have no rights as refugees and our labour rights have been abused by those who have the capital
* Prefer Jordan, Muslim country and close to our traditions
* I want to immigrate to Europe to see my daughters there
* The only option is that there is no return to Syria

How long will it take for Syria to return to normal?

* One year
* Many years through cooperation with peace keeping forces

Stories / cases / experiences of refugees:

* Mercenaries came to Syria promised money and girls, we no longer feel safe in Syria, many were kidnapped for ransom, we feel safe in Jordan
* I am called for conscription, I cannot go to Syria as I will be taken to army
* Allawites and Shiites arrest people based on name (sunni names: moawiah, abu Baker, Omar)
* When we see a check point we are afraid as we will be abused, daughters raped, I prefer to die before I see that in my life
* One of the participants did not talk at all as he feared for his family in side Syria
* I think of committing suicide due to the bad state we are living in

What challenges do you expect if you go back?

Murder, arrest, civil war, poverty and low economic life

What opportunities / resources that are required for Syrians to encourage them to go back to Syria?

Leaving of the regime - Peace keeping forces - Militias leaving and external factions – Help for the refugees – disarming the factions – Improve education – job opportunities – reconstruction

How do you envision Syria after the war?

It will be Syria again if the regime leaves, remove of the unfairness and prosecution, it could be rebuilt in one year as the Syrians are skilled and I f they cooperate hand by hand, anyone to rule Syria but not the regime, cooperation between the international community and peace keeping forces to rebuild and keep the peace, employment opportunities.

Where do you see yourself in that future?

* We do not see ourselves inside Syria, our children are refugees all over the world
* I am optimistic about the removal of the regime but our children are in many countries and I see myself in one of those countries

What would you say to the international community?

* Open door for the refugees and asylum
* Provide for the young generation and help refugees across the world
* Improve the situation of refugees in the Arab world