**FGD – Women -Amman**

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What do you feel towards Syria?

Sadness and demolition and wreckage, sadness and arrest and humiliation, feeling lost and we don’t know where to go, feeling in diaspora and my children not with us, feelings are one thing but demolition and loss of property and lifes and homes and a whole infrastructure, nothing relates us to Syria currently as everyone is against the Syrian people along with the regime, we feel threatened all the time but regime and Iran and turkey, before this crises we never felt any racism or difference between Shiite / Sunni but now if we return there will be feelings of revenge among the two ..

If crises over in Syria, where would you want your children to be?

* Syria for sure to learn culture but we worry about them due to security concerns
* I wished to go home and live there in safety, but realistically for education I wish my children will go to Europe for better education, we have no hope in rebuilding Syria anymore.
* In one family there are frictions due to different political opinions, maybe we all prefer to immigrate

If crises not resolved will you stay in Jordan or move on to another European country?

* Europe for better education and better future and better opportunities
* We prefer to stay in an Arab country, we wish the situation would be better for us here in Jordan to encourage us to stay

How long will it take for Syria to get back to normal?

* It will for sure return, if not now maybe after one generation but it will return green and heaven
* Decades it will need until the revenge desire is forgotten

Stories /cases/ experiences of refugees in Jordan:

* One of my relatives went back to live in Syria but was hit by a landmine, the remains of the war
* My sister lives in an all alawite area, she left during the attacks, when she wanted to get back to her house, she could not and was threatened to be killed
* We faced many challenges in Jordan but we cannot forget that we live in safety despite low resources
* We wanted to start our own businesses but that was not allowed for us, we cannot own a car or anything else

What challenges do you expect to face when you go back to Syria?

* Misinforming media
* Obligatory conscription, my children with me today, why would I go back to hand them over to the army (even men over 45 are obligated)
* Shiites killing Sunni
* Prison, arrest and torture
* Ruling regime

What are the opportunities / resources would allow you to go back?

* Peace and safety
* Leaving of the regime
* Elected parliamentary governments
* Decrease racism and tribalism among Syrians
* Cooperation among all factions
* Disarming of all factions
* Exit of all external forces (Iran, Turkey, Russia)
* Give back the houses to the original owners

If regime is gone by the racism remains, do you go back?

* If disarming happens and everyone goes to their village / area we can live in peace
* We have clear hearts and we forgive as long as there is equality and we are capable to live in peace with one another
* We will not seek revenge and we do not want to start new wars, all we want is our homes and families, we are tired of war

What do you expect to find when you go back?

* No neighbours
* Demolished houses
* No one has freedom to speak, people talk in puzzles
* People there tell us not to return
* Regime sees us as cheaters
* Land and houses confiscated

How do you see Syria after the war?

* Demolition
* Revenge
* Gap in education for children who lost many years out of school
* Requires international support
* Agricultural lands destroyed

How do you see yourself in this future?

* At home with my children and neighbours and family
* I cannot see myself I want to immigrate and never come back
* I want to start a Koran school in Syria
* I cannot imagine a good future for Syria thus I cannot imagine myself there

What do you say to the international community?

* To stand by us hand in hand and remove the regime
* Regime executed by international court
* Remove checkpoints and disarm all factions
* Rebuild the houses
* Achieve peace in the Arab world
* Try to increase the feelings of accepting rather than revenge
* Guarantees that we go back safely
* Children have memorized the name of all weapons and tanks and planes, they need to forget
* Improve life for refugees in Jordan