**FGD – Youth – Amman**

**Wednesday 27 February 2019**

Feelings towards the Syria:

Mixed feelings sad mainly, constant fear, memories of being scared, wanting to commit suicide at points, death and blood, can’t forget these images, planes striking and bombs, bombs hit our neighbors house and we all carried wounded to hospitals, even in my sleep I see my hands filled with blood, I am scared of planes and sound of planes even here, army coming into houses not forgotten and killing people right in front of our eyes, tanks in the streets following people and we running away from one Street to another, i saw first martyr in Homs running away but the army shot him down.

**Preference to go back:**

Some prefer to go back to work in trade but majority does not want to return

**Will Syria return to old Syria .,.where do you see your self ..**

* Most say it will get back to what it was if the conscription is cancelled and the regime leaves and the people cooperate
* No, it will not get back to what it was before, as it deviated from religion

What keeps you from going back?

* Conscription, this army killed my father
* All men talked about compulsory conscription
* No houses to return to
* Lack of social cohesion, neighbors and communities are no longer tight like before
* Shiites and Allawites
* My father is requested for interrogation

**What is needed to ensure security and peace**

* Education and opportunities for youth
* Safety and security
* Cancel compulsory conscription
* Skills for youth mainly vocational skills
* Law enforcement
* Civil society
* Freedom of speech
* Raise awareness against extremism
* Awareness about religion and development
* Stop early marriage
* Free cities controlled by Hizbullah like Qussair

The allawites also were affected by the war yet they had good positions, we want them to go back to their villages and give us our homes back

Crises cannot be solved among Syrians themselves as Asad went himself to Iran for weapons. We as Syrians can work it out and forgive and agree but we do not want any external interference.

* **If crisis not resolved you stay in Jordan or leave to third place?**
* Majority would prefer to move on for better opportunities in education and jobs and Europe respects the human rights and freedom of speech and opinion

**What do you say to the world / international community**

* Attention to refugees
* Take away weapons
* Open door for migration
* World peace
* Reconstruction of the infrastructure in Jordan
* Human sympathy
* Thank you to all those who helped us