Social, Educational and Economic Empowerment of Refugee Women in Lebanon to Combat COVID-19

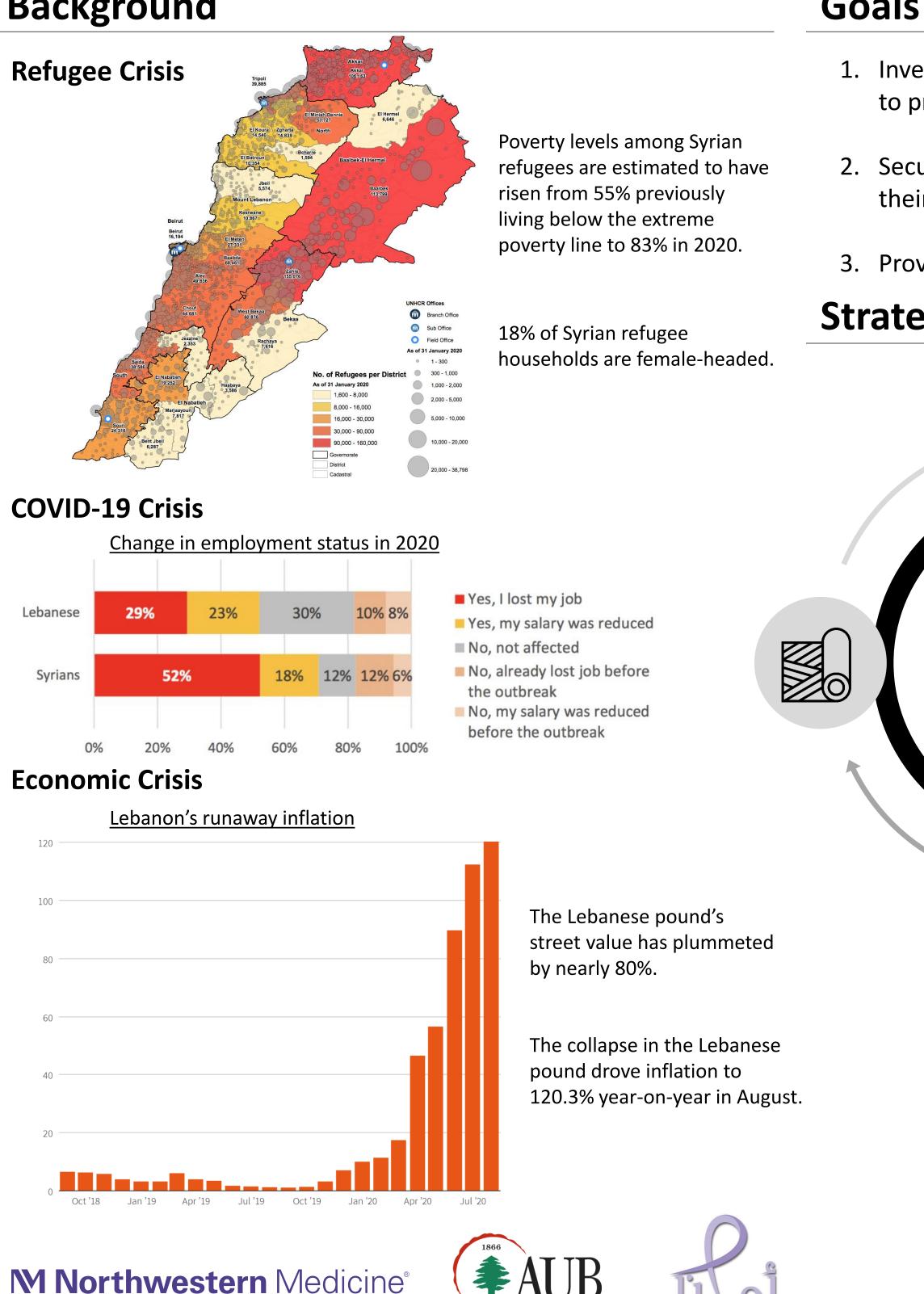
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Background

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Goals



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1. Invest in underprivileged Syrian women basic skills of sewing to produce masks.

2. Secure free of charge masks to refugee cancer patients and their families.

3. Provide health education around COVID-19 and cancer.

Strategies and Activities

Project Plan

Expand program and recruit more women depending on demand and funds.

Each woman will receive a net revenue of 600,000 LL/month.

Purchase threads and fabric for 4,000,000 LL for the following month.

Sell remaining 80% of masks on the market for 5,000 LL/mask for a total of 16,000,000 LL.

20% of masks will be donated to immunocompromised Syrian refugees and their families (800 masks/month).

Capacity Training: Sewing workshops offered to refugee women in the village along with health education

> Mask Production: 80% are sold for profit, remaining 20% will go towards refugee cancer patients

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Mask Sales: Revenue from sales is divided between income for women and purchase of new material

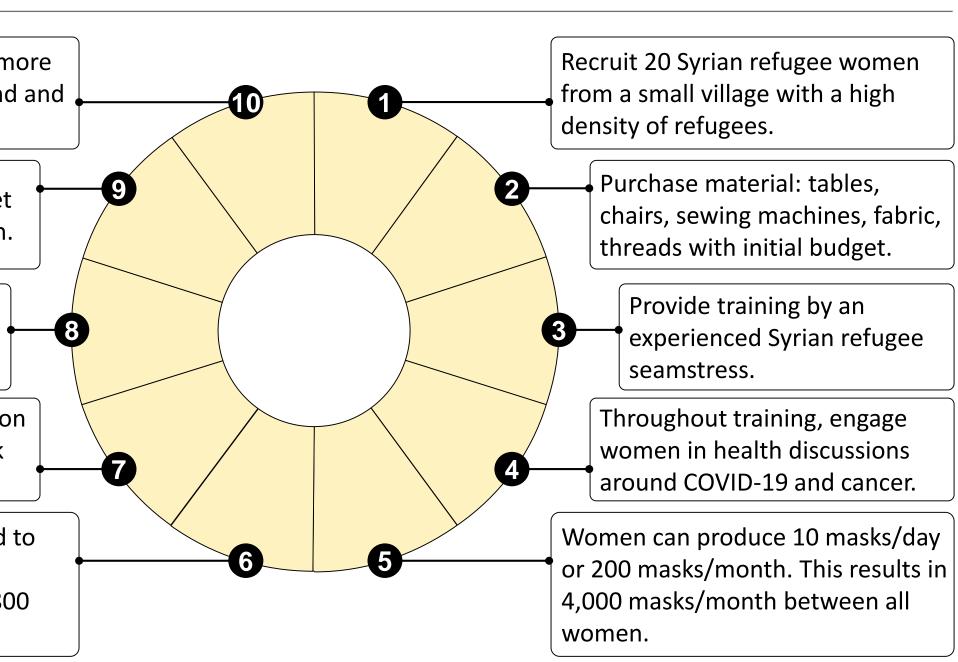
> Expand program: Reach more women, support more families, provide masks to more cancer patients





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Implication

Empowering refugee women to sustain themselves and their families will increase their financial independence and help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in a particularly vulnerable community.