

Draft Agenda
**PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING
FORCED MIGRATION:
THE ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS PHILANTHROPY**



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**FUNDER LEARNING VISIT TO
AMMAN, JORDAN
18-20 OCTOBER 2016**

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DESCRIPTION

IHRFG-Ariadne funder learning visits aim to help members improve their understanding of and response to timely and relevant international human rights issues, while providing opportunities to meet peer grantmakers and human rights leaders from around the globe and promote local human rights philanthropy.

We are currently witnessing the highest levels of global displacement on record:

- 65.3 million forcibly displaced people
- Including 21.3 million refugees
- More than half are under the age of 18
- 10 million *more* people are stateless

Persecution. Discrimination. Armed conflict. Natural disaster. Poverty. These are just a few of the causes forcing people to flee their homes. What more can human rights funders do to address the root causes of forced migration? Simultaneously, what are effective strategies for ensuring the rights of refugees and internally displaced people are respected? Amidst the current global migration crisis in Europe and the Middle East, how have funders and practitioners responded so far, and how can efforts be bolstered?

This learning visit to Amman involves three days of critical exchanges with local and international activists and experts, networking with peers, and visits with local social justice organizations to explore these and other key questions.

OBJECTIVES

- Learn from and exchange with peers, experts, and activists from around the world to expand understanding of the causes and effects of forced migration, looking through the lens of Jordan as a case example.
- Study international, regional and national responses to, and explore funder strategies to address, migration situations around the world (with particular attention to the current global migration crisis originating from the Middle East, North Africa, and East Africa).
- Provide hands-on experiences that connect participants physically, emotionally, and intellectually to people and their realities; that dispel myths, misperceptions, and preconceptions; and that help inform strategic and practical responses.
- Maintain a gender lens throughout our studies and give specific attention to the situation of unaccompanied minors.
- Identify collaborative opportunities with peer grantmakers from around the world.
- Engage with local grantmakers and practitioners to build bridges and promote local philanthropy for human rights.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can rights-based approaches effectively address the root causes of forced migration?
- What are the rights-based approaches to addressing the humanitarian needs of refugees and internally displaced people?
- How can human rights funders ensure that they “do no harm” in their responses to the ramifications of mass forced migration?
- How can human rights funders be effective and strategic with their partners in the face of formidable obstacles, such as terrorism and armed conflict, closing civil society space, rising xenophobia and nationalism, and religious extremism?

AGENDA

Events will be held in English, with translation from Arabic when needed.

MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER

6:30 pm	Informal get-to-know-you dinner with Learning Visit participants <i>(Optional, at participants' expense)</i>
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TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER

Until 8:45 am	Breakfast at Century Park Hotel, conference venue for October 18-19 <i>(complimentary for hotel guests)</i>
9:00-9:30 am	<p>Welcome · Introductions & Expectations · Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Broome, Executive Director, Ariadne • Mona Chun, Executive Director, IHRFG
9:30-10:30 am	<p>Welcome to Jordan! & Forced Migration Primer</p> <p>To kick off our visit, participants will discuss the phenomenon of forced migration within the Jordanian context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Brief history of Jordan – Jordan's economic and political situation, and place and position regionally and internationally – Jordan's priority human rights issues – The local philanthropic and human rights "culture"/landscape – Causes of forced migration, including poverty/lack of opportunity – Stats, facts, and figures: who is fleeing/has fled, to where (IDP camps, second/third countries); categories of migrants – The impact of forced migration within Jordan's borders (case-study) <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Hibbard, Associate Professor of Political Science, DePaul University • Local Civil Society Representative • Speaker from International NGO
10:30-10:45 am	Briefing: Visit to Migration Sites (Refugee camps and informal resettlement communities)
11:00 am-6:00 pm	<p>Travel to, visit with, return from refugee camps and informal settlement</p> <p>Possibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azraq Refugee Camp • Zaatari Refugee Camp • Informal urban refugee communities in Amman
Evening	Dinner <i>(optional, at participants' expense)</i>

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER

Until 8:45 am	Breakfast at Century Park Hotel <i>(complimentary for hotel guests)</i>
10:00-10:30 am	Debriefing: Review and reflection on the day before
10:30-11:45 pm	<p>Flight to Rights: The Impact of and Responses to Forced Migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scan of (positive and negative) ramifications of mass migration, on countries of origin and receiving countries/cities (e.g. on economies, social fabric, politics, demographics, etc.) – Responses/Solutions/Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ generally (repatriation, local integration, resettlement) and specifically to current migration waves (closing borders in Europe) ○ locally, regionally, internationally ○ legally, politically, economically, etc. ○ by funders, advocates, practitioners ○ European Union responses to the refugee crisis: points of influence for funders – Impact on women and children <p><u>Speaker profiles:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hady Matar, Jordan Program Manager, International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) • Linda Al-Kalash, General Manager, Tamkeen Fields for Aid • Ibrahim Laafia, First Counsellor—Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
11:45-12:00 pm	Identifying and polling for in-focus and strategy-storming discussions, to be led by participants and intellectual resources
12:00-1:45 pm	Lunch
2:00-5:00 pm	<p>Travel to and visits with local and regional human rights groups</p> <p>Participants will have their choice to visit one of several organizations. These organizations focus on promoting human rights domestically, regionally, or globally.</p> <p><u>Organizations include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SheFighter: self-defense for refugee girls – International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP): comprehensive legal representation for refugees throughout the resettlement process – UN Women: works with refugee women in a variety of areas, including livelihoods; women, peace, and security; and accountability mechanisms. – ARDD-Legal Aid: aims to help communities and individuals access justice and enable them to use the law as a mechanism of empowerment, by raising legal awareness among vulnerable communities in Jordan. – EU-focused site visit: either to the EU Mission in Amman, SIDA, or the Swedish Embassy (stay tuned for more details!)
6:30-8:30 pm <i>At hotel</i>	<p>Networking Reception</p> <p>With participants, guest speakers, and local civil society representatives</p>

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER

Until 8:45 am	Breakfast at hotel (<i>complimentary for hotel guests</i>)
9:00 am	Assemble in hotel lobby and travel to Columbia University Global Center, the day's venue.
10:00-10:30 am	Debriefing: Review and reflection of the day before
10:30 am-12:00 pm	In Focus Discussion Circles / Working Sessions I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Refugee Crisis in Europe: Funder Coordination and Response • Children and Youth, including Unaccompanied Minors • Local Responses to the Refugee Crisis
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30-3:00 pm	In Focus Discussion Circles / Working Sessions II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and Human Rights/Supply Chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion Leaders: Laura Schrier, Regional Program Coordinator, Talent Beyond Boundaries; Mary Louise Cohen, Partner, Phillips and Cohen LLP • Women and the Refugee Crisis • Statelessness (Replace with Climate Change?)
3:00-3:30 pm	Debriefing and Reflection, Evaluation, Conclusion
Evening	Dinner on own or depart

Friday, 21 October: Optional excursion (Petra, Wadi Rum)