

# Success Story

## Building a Future through Beekeeping: Rahaf's Journey of Resilience and Hope

Rahaf, a Syrian refugee and mother of three, has been living with her husband and children in the Dibbeen area of Jerash, far from the life she once knew. Since fleeing Syria, Rahaf has faced numerous hardships, and the financial pressure of raising her children in a foreign land weighed heavily on her. Desperate to support her family, she sought out opportunities to improve their situation.

That's when she discovered a Cash for Work project implemented by GIZ and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), offering her the chance to participate in a beekeeping project.

Excited and hopeful, Rahaf joined the program, which became more than just a financial lifeline. Working alongside Jordanian and Syrian women, she found not only a source of income but also a sense of community and companionship that she had been missing. "Before this, I felt so alone here. But through the program, I've made friends, and it's made all the difference," she shared, reflecting on the bonds she formed with her peers who shared her struggles and dreams. As part of the program, Rahaf received specialized training in beekeeping, where she learned how to care for bees, recognize and treat illnesses, and the entire process of honey production. With patience and attention to detail, she mastered the skills needed to manage her own beehive, from maintaining the hive's health to safely harvesting honey. The Cash for Work program provided her with the knowledge and tools to become self-sufficient in this new venture. After completing the training, Rahaf was given her own beehive, which she carefully took home and nurtured. The first harvest of honey, though small, was a moment of triumph for her. Rather than selling it, she decided to keep it for her family. "Seeing my children taste honey from our own hive was a moment I'll never forget. It felt like a step toward a better future for all of us," she said with pride.

Now, Rahaf eagerly awaits the next honey production and is ready to start selling it to support her family. Her goal is to save enough money to buy another beehive, expand her small business, and secure a more stable financial future for her children. Beekeeping has given her more than just a way to earn a living—it has brought her empowerment, purpose, and hope. Rahaf's story is one of resilience, perseverance, and growth. Through the Cash-for-Work program, she has gained valuable skills, built strong relationships, and laid the foundation for a brighter future for herself and her family in Jordan.



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