

Rebuilding sustainable communities after disasters: sustainability in refugee camps

Summary

This thesis evaluates the sustainability and the performance of sustainable development goals in refugee camps to empower refugees to be self-reliant and continue their lives normally. Moreover, to support the host community and reduce the possibility of generating new disasters. Past research has shown that although refugee camps are usually planned to provide mainly shelter and other basic needs to the displaced people for a short period, in most cases, refugee camps turn into protracted settlements. Yet, with the increasing interest in both achieving SDGs and in refugees' studies and refugee camps, there is still a lack of robust research on Sustainability and achieving SDGs in the refugee camps context.

The thesis focuses on planned refugee camps and informal self-settlement camps to assess the application of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs performance in current refugee camps; highlight the best practices in refugee camps aligned with SDGs to be applied in the future; draw a better understanding of the role of the policy in the host country and exploring how different policies applied in different countries have changed synergies between goals; and develop a simple guide on SDGs, focusing on SDG 11, through the development of indicators to provide an integrated sustainable framework to be followed in the planning phase of a refugee camp that guides how humanitarian organizations can apply sustainable actions, programs, or procedures during the planning processes which in turn can help achieve better engagement between humanitarian and development to achieve the SDGs.

Keywords

Refugee camp, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), urban SDG, refugee self-reliance, disaster, shelter, middle East.



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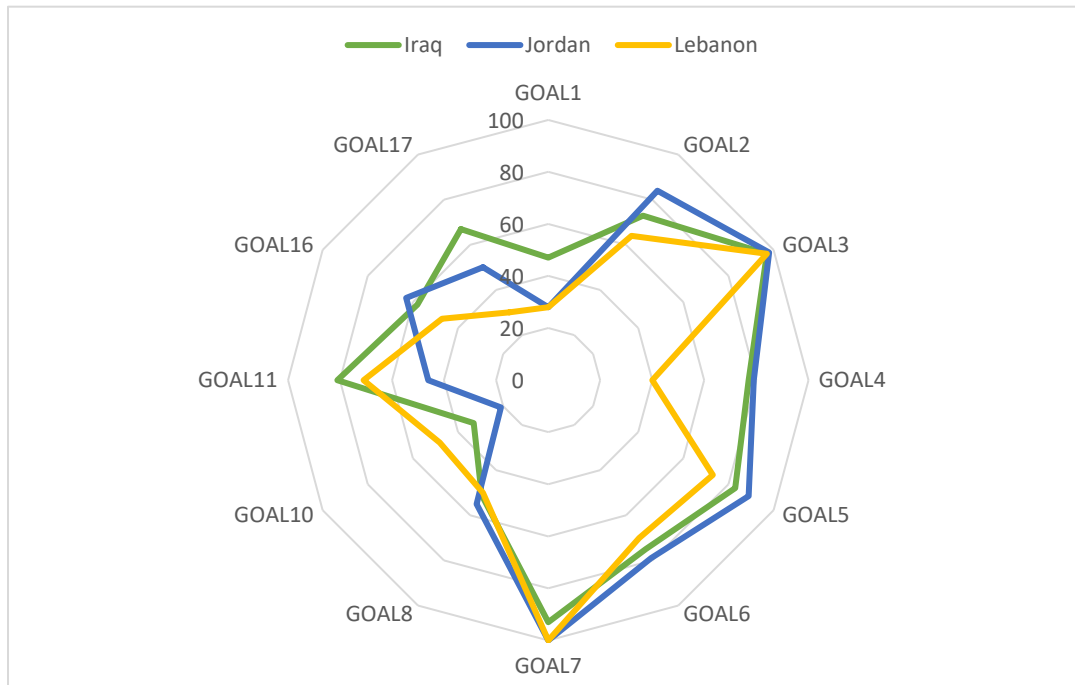
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