Dutch students raise 10,000 euros to support Syrian refugee youth in Zaatari camp

AMMAN - The Norwegian Refugee Council in Jordan on Wednesday received a 10,000 euros cheque from students of the Sorghvliet School in The Hague, Netherlands handed over in a ceremony at the Dutch Embassy in Amman.

Around 500 Dutch students aged between 12 and 17 years from the Christelijk Gymnasium Sorghvliet School organised a bicycle ride of between 20 to 100 kilometres and asked their family and friends to sponsor them so they could donate this money to support Syrian refugee youth in Jordan.

“This event highlights the cooperation between youth from different backgrounds and across continents,” NRC Jordan’s Youth Project Manager Emma Bonar said.

“These young people went out of their way to help support their fellow Syrian refugee youth in Jordan because they wanted to help their counterparts develop, prosper and learn”.

The Netherlands Ambassador to Jordan, HE Paul van den IJssel said: “We are pleased that we could facilitate this initiative whereby young citizens have themselves taken the initiative to help people who are three thousand km away, without any government incentive.”

The funds will support the NRC’s Youth Centre in the Zaatari Refugee Camp in providing classes in tailoring, male hairdressing, beautician arts, electrical wiring, welding, office management and ICT courses. Additionally, all youth also take comprehensive courses in Arabic, Mathematics, Lifeskills and English language, and engage in a range of sports activities including some with UEFA trainers.

The NRC Youth Centre in Zaatari is supported by the European Union and UNICEF.

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Established in 1946, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is an independent, humanitarian, non-profit, non-governmental organisation which provides assistance, protection and durable solutions to refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide. NRC is currently supporting over 700,000 people in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Syria. NRC is working to repair and maintain schools, houses, water and sanitation facilities, distributes basic relief items (such as blankets, school books and hygiene kits), provide education and skills learning for children and youth in Syria and in neighbouring countries.

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