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## The Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Jordan Border Security Program (JBSP)

An Example of Unintended Benefits

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Since 2006, the Logistics and Readiness Center has been managing a border security system capability on Jordan's northern border with Syria through its foreign military sales program. The Jordan Border Security Program uses a "total package approach" that consists of a wide range of sensors, communications towers and command and control equipment to assist the Jordan Armed Forces in detecting and interdicting smugglers and militants. The system allows the Jordanians to monitor their border continuously in order to identify and classify threats with sufficient time to dispatch personnel to interdict those threats.

Matt Oskam, program manager in the LRC's Security Assistance Management Directorate,



said that although the equipment is still performing its original mission admirably the Jordan Border Security Program is now performing a more crucial mission; helping save Syrian refugee

lives. According to the United Nations, more than 519,000 Syrian refugees have entered Jordan and that number may reach nearly 1.2 million by the end of this year. Many of these refugees have entered Jordan where the border security system is in operation. The same system that helps prevent smugglers and militants from entering Jordan is also providing the Jordanian Armed Forces with the capability to identify and assist Syrian refugees who are fleeing the atrocities in Syria, Oskam said. He explained that by providing early identification of refugees the border security capability provided by the LRC allows Jordan to provide a humanitarian role by escorting refugees from the border into refugee camps where aid, relief and medical care are provided.

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