

Evonik supporting Syrian refugee children in Jordan

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- Renewed collaboration with children's rights organization Save the Children

Evonik Industries is donating €35,000 for Syrian refugee children. Save the Children, a children's rights organization, is the recipient of the donation. It has earmarked the funds toward a new preschool at the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan. According to Executive Board Member Dr. Thomas Haeberle, who is responsible for the Resource Efficiency Segment and the Middle East, "The aim of our donation is to help provide a completely normal daily routine for the children in Zaatari."

Save the Children maintains two preschools at Zaatari, where the organization provides child care for children under five years of age. A third facility will now be added. "For children who have experienced so much distress it is essential that they have a place to stay where they can play and learn undisturbed. Preschools are ideal for this purpose, restoring a margin of security for the girls and boys," says Kathrin Wieland, managing director of Save the Children in Germany. In addition to child care, Save the Children also provides support for mothers in Zaatari. Some 320 children and 200 parents will benefit directly from the three preschools at the camp.

As one of the world's leading producers of specialty chemicals, Evonik also has operations in the Middle East. The company has worked with Save the Children on multiple occasions, such as the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami disaster in Japan in the spring of 2011.

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Picture: Refugee children in a preschool in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan.

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