A SAFE EMBRACE: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF REFUGEE AND HOST COMMUNITY WOMEN VIA SUPPORT TO SADA WOMEN’S COOPERATIVE

**Project Duration:** 3 years (June 2022 – June 2025)

**Project Countries:** Iceland, Türkiye

**Project Budget:** $498,794

**Project Beneficiaries:** Women from Refugee and Host Communities in Türkiye: Partners of the SADA Women’s Cooperative

**Project Partners:**
- UN Women Iceland National Committee
- UN Women Türkiye
- Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality
- Women Entrepreneurship Center (KAGIDEM)
- SADA Women’s Cooperative and Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM)

**Implementing Parties:** UN Women Iceland, UN Women Türkiye, ASAM, 66°Norður

**Project Donor:** Government of Iceland, 66°Norður

**Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Türkiye and the United Nations 2021–2025:**
- Outcome 1.1 – Women and girls have improved and equal access to resources, opportunities, and rights, and enjoy a life without violence and discrimination
- Outcome 1.2 – By 2025, Persons under the Law on Foreigners and International Protection are supported towards self-reliance

**Contribution to UN Women Global Strategic Plan 2022–2025:**
- Impact 4 – Women and Girls contribute to, and have influence in, building sustainable peace and resilience and benefit equally from the prevention of conflicts and disasters, and from humanitarian action

**Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**
- SDG 5, SDG 16, SDG 1, SDG 4, SDG 8

The ‘A Safe Embrace: Economic Empowerment of Refugee and Host Community Women via Support to Sada Women’s Cooperative’ aims to respond to the immediate needs of refugee and host community women for livelihood support and to foster women’s economic empowerment and leadership towards longer-term transformation at individual and community level.

The project is to contribute to the social and economic stabilization of women from refugee and host communities who are official partners of the SADA Women’s Cooperative and enhance women’s leadership and self-reliance through the provision of gender-responsive livelihoods support for better recovery and resilience.

The project is to provide an opportunity to enable partners of the Cooperative to improve their vocational and soft skills through a series of training sessions provided by project’s private sector partner 66°Norður. In achieving this, experts will provide different training and coaching sessions tailored to the needs of women in a gender-responsive way. Vocational training sessions delivered by technical experts are expected to enhance women’s existing skills in textile sector. Skills development trainings will be aligned with the needs of value and procurement chains, thus the private sector partner of the project 66°Norður will use its own marketing channels to reach out to international markets.

Based on the trainings, at least 3 value-added textile products will be designed and delivered to 66°Norður. During the span of the project, at least 4,200 textile products will be produced by SADA Women’s Cooperative and sold by 66°Norður’s stores and website and UN Women Iceland National Committee’s online store.

Within the project, an awareness-raising and marketing campaign will be launched and run simultaneously to further encourage private sector partnership in development/humanitarian interventions with a specific focus on gender equality and women’s empowerment. As part of the campaigns, a documentary on SADA Women’s Cooperative will be created to highlight the importance of gender equality and women’s economic empowerment in refugee response settings. The campaign will be covered via a range of communication channels and media dissemination which will eventually support the sales of products produced by the Cooperative by reaching at least 300,000 people worldwide. Finally, the campaign will be launched at Women Political Leader’s Forum in Reykjavík, Iceland in November 2022.