



COMMON RESPONSIBILITY, INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS

SECTOR

Inclusion of migrants

COUNTRY

Finland

DURATION

2015-2017

FUNDING

Total budget: €458,188

EU: 75%

National/regional: 25%

PARTNERS

Finnish Somali League, Finnish Kurdish League, Monika-Naiset Association, African Care, Association of Iraqi Women, Monik ry, Kalliola Settlement Association, Family Federation of Finland, Refugee Council of Finland

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SUMMARY

Stay-at-home migrant parents with limited foreign language skills can face particular challenges when it comes to integrating into society and accessing the labour market. Naturally, this can have consequences on the development of their children.

In order to improve well-being, foster active citizenship and develop skills and societal knowledge, the Common Responsibility, Individual Solutions project offers stay-at-home migrant parents in Helsinki language courses, adult vocational training and peer-support while providing the possibility of free childcare. The aim is to motivate migrant parents to enter the labour market or continue education. To do so, they are also provided with individual career counselling and information about public

services in their own mother tongue.

The project has proven to be a great success: about 170 stay-at-home migrant mothers and ten stay-at-home migrant fathers have participated in the project so far, demand for Finnish language courses has tripled, and a year after the course around 40% of the participants were either at work or studying for a degree.

“I’ve learned a lot from this course. I encourage each Kurdish woman to attend, even those who have been here for a long time. It gives you very good tools for life.”

- Project participant