



# JORDAN

## National Programme for Disaster Prevention

### Disaster Context

Jordan is a disaster-prone country that is particularly susceptible to earthquakes, droughts, and floods. Earthquakes occur in the Jordan Valley rift area, especially in the mid-section of the Dead Sea. Jordan also experiences flash flooding, forest fires and occasionally severe snowfall. The Jordan Valley is part of the great rift extending to North Africa, and it is expected that it will be more exposed to earthquakes in the coming decades. Natural disasters are a major human and developmental issue in the region. Jordan is also exposed to a wide range of transportation and industrial hazards. Given Jordan's vulnerability to both natural and human-induced disasters, UNDP and the Government of Jordan recognized the necessity of improving the country's relief, disaster mitigation and disaster management capacities.

### Project Title

Capacity-Building for Disaster Management Training Centre

### Sectors

- Training
- Information management and dissemination
- Coordination
- Disaster preparedness planning, response, and recovery management
- Capacity-building and institutional strengthening
- Public awareness

### Funding

UNDP contributed \$197,000 from TRAC 1.1.3 funds, the Government of Norway contributed \$26,349, and the Government of Jordan has made in-kind contributions.

### Partners

- Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation
- National Civil Defence, the Armed Forces, and Security Services
- Institute for Public Administration
- University of Balqa Applied Sciences

### Programme Activities

Current activities aim at enhancing and developing the Disaster Management Training Centre (DMTC) to build national capacity in the field of disaster management in Jordan, as well as at the regional level. By the end of the project's implementation, it is expected that Jordan will have gained the necessary capacity and know-how to enable it to mitigate, manage, and respond to disaster situations.

The objectives of the project include:

- Upgrade the institutional capacity of the DMTC in the areas of disaster preparedness, response, mitigation, and training
- Build and improve the existing capacity of Jordanian relief staff through proper training activities conducted by the DMTC
- Prepare models and plans for disaster mitigation, prevention, preparedness, and response procedures
- Disseminate information regarding disasters that might occur in Jordan and similar countries, and prepare a national programme to raise awareness among government officials and the public
- Enhance early warning and mitigation systems