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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN JORDAN

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UNDP In Jordan...
To SUSTAIN development gains
To PROMOTE equality and human rights

Established in 1976; the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is one of the United Nations Agencies working in Jordan and the main convener of sustainable development.

As part of the global development system; UNDP Jordan upholds a vision focusing on the achievements of Sustainable Human Development in Jordan, ending poverty and reducing inequalities. UNDP is at the heart of the UN's work on sustainable development and a leader for the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals.

UNDP Jordan partners with government and people at all levels focusing on three main areas which are:

- Sustainable Development Pathways
- Inclusive and Effective Democratic Governance
- Resilience-building



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Area of Work 1 Sustainable Development Pathways

500 

emergency jobs created

128 

micro-businesses financed

In this Area, UNDP focuses on improving the resource endowments of the poor and boost their prospects for employment and livelihoods. Two projects in specific “Mitigating the impact of the Syrian refugee main crisis on Jordanian vulnerable host communities” and the “Youth Employment Generation Programme in Arab Transition Countries– Jordan Component Phase II”. Both projects contribute to job creation, building youth capacities through vocational training programmes, and building entrepreneurship skills while encouraging and supporting the establishment of microbusinesses.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Through "Mitigating the Impact of the Syrian Refugees on Jordanian vulnerable host communities" project, UNDP is supporting to provide adequate services through both technical & financial assistance.

In their words:

"The Training of Trainers (TOT) provided by UNDP builds capacities and strengthen our communication skills to deal with different target groups. These skills allow municipalities to communicate smoothly with donors and international organizations. As a result, the municipality becomes self-reliant and doesn't fully depend on the ministry.

Eng. Areej Zureikat
Development & Planning Unit
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

To effectively manage environmental challenges; UNDP extends support to the government of Jordan by providing innovative policy advice and sharing best practices. UNDP remains focused on the following environmental issues: Energy Efficiency, Biodiversity Conservation in tourism sector, Marine Coastal Biodiversity Conservation, Electronic E-waste Management, Migratory Soaring Birds and Climate Change.

30% 

female participation in vocational training programmes

7,000 

coral reef colonies were conserved through translocation into protected areas.



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100 

recommendations were proposed by the IEC to the Government of Jordan for future elections

1st elections conducted by an independent body were the Lower House elections in 2013.

Area of Work 2 Inclusive and Effective Democratic Governance

ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE IN JORDAN:

UNDP has been leading efforts to strengthen national capacities especially in issues related to good governance. UNDP technical and advisory assistance to the Independent Election Commission (IEC) helped in the restructuring of the commission with regards to the functions, internal communication systems, and recruitment processes.

MANAGEMENT AND PREPAREDNESS FOR POTENTIAL NATURAL DISASTERS:

Natural hazard risk is a priority for UNDP work in Jordan. Through the "Enhancing Institutional Capacities to Reduce Disaster Risk and to Integrate Climate Change (DRR)" project, UNDP strengthens the institutional and organizational capacity of the Petra Development Tourism Region Authority (PDTRA), the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), and the Jordanian Civil Defense (JCD). This support enables these entities to deal with different types of disaster risk reduction and climatic hazards as well as to set up Early Warning Systems in high risk areas.

In their words:

"The Early Warning System is essential to contain floods. The need for such mechanism became needed after extensive studies which resulted in a comprehensive map showing potential risks of floods, earthquakes and landslides that might threaten the region. This system protects lives, properties as well as the archaeology of Petra,"

Dr. Imad Hijazeen
Deputy Chief Commissioner at PDTRA



Area of Work 3 Resilience-Building

6.6 

million total Jordanian population

1.4 

million is the total Syrian population in Jordan of whom

630,000

are Syrian refugees

107,100

total number of Syrian refugees in camps

More than **83%**
refugees live in host communities

The Jordan Response Plan (JRP) (2016-2018), which is already integrated through the national development plan, adopted by UNDP offers response and mitigation of the effects of the Syria crisis on Jordanian host communities. The Plan consolidates all major national and international efforts to respond to the Syria crisis through a unified comprehensive coordination mechanism.

UNDP WITHIN THE UN TEAM IN JORDAN

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Jordan, in which the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is a part of, consists of 17 agencies, funds and programmes.

The UNCT, comprising all heads of agencies comes together at regular intervals under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator (RC) on issues ranging from development and humanitarian assistance within Jordan to issues pertaining to common or shared facilities and services. The UNCT ensures interagency coordination and decision making at the country level. The main purpose of the Country Team is for individual agencies to plan and work together, as part of the RC System, to ensure the delivery of tangible results in support of the national development and humanitarian agenda.

The guiding framework under which the UNCT operates in Jordan is the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDA F). In this context the UNCT meets to ensure that implementation of the UNDA F is in line with the workplan, that it remains relevant, and that it is responsive to national priorities and targets.

UNDP, as an active member of the UNCT, has led on and participated in different activities and initiatives. UNDP is currently leading the Systemic Reform working group.

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