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WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN

THE WORLD BANK IN JORDAN

The World Bank has been a long-standing partner of Jordan and aims to support its efforts to create more and better opportunities for all. The World Bank Program in Jordan promotes an ambitious agenda for jobs and access to basic services such as education and health while helping Jordan address the impact of the Syrian crisis.

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It provides countries with low-interest loans and grants to support a wide array of investments in various sectors. These investments are underpinned by cutting-edge analytical and advisory services, leveraging the organization's global knowledge and country-level expertise.

THE JORDAN COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

The World Bank Board of Directors approved on July 14, 2016, a new [Jordan Country Partnership Framework \(CPF\)](#) for the period 2017-2022. The CPF aims to help Jordan renew its social contract and promote economic and social inclusion. It promotes an ambitious agenda for *growth, jobs and inclusion* while helping Jordan address the impact of the Syrian crisis, including through innovative financing tools. The World Bank aims to help Jordan shape new strategies for job creation through inclusive growth and diversification, mobilization of private sector, improved education and safety nets, and creating sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable people.

Developed in close cooperation with various stakeholders, the CPF lays out the main country development goals that the World Bank Group aims to help the country achieve, and proposes a selective program of indicative interventions for this purpose. The CPF builds on the [Systematic Country Diagnostic](#) which identifies the most important challenges and opportunities Jordan faces in reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity. This diagnostic is derived from a thorough analysis, and informed by consultations with a wide range of stakeholders.

DELIVERING RESULTS

Improved Municipal Service Delivery

The [Emergency Services and Social Resilience Project](#) helped 16 municipalities respond to the increased demand for services due to the large influx of Syrian refugees. The project funded goods, works and basic services amounting to US\$40 million, reaching more than [2,000,000 Jordanians](#) and close to [250,000 Syrian refugees](#) of which at least [45% were women](#). This included solid waste collection, rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, roads network improvements, lighting in the streets, and easing rising community tensions.

Education Reform

The [Second Education Reform for Knowledge Economy project](#) contributed to the expansion of quality kindergartens and highly innovative, alternative childcare all over the country. A system was created to allow the Ministry of Education to publish monitoring and evaluation

reports online. New schools and extensions were built. [Enrollment rates in primary and secondary schooling](#) increased from 96.9 percent to [98.1 percent](#), and 60.4 percent to [76.9 percent](#), respectively.

Jobs for Women and the Youth

The [Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development for Inclusive Growth project](#) helped create over [2,000 private sector jobs](#) for the most disadvantaged. 62 percent of the project's beneficiaries came from outside Amman, where unemployment and poverty rates are high. [Women-owned enterprises](#) represented [85 percent](#) of the beneficiaries. [Youth](#), who suffer from the highest unemployment rates, represented more than [45 percent](#).

Access to Legal Advice

The [Access to Justice Project](#) provided improved legal services to vulnerable communities, including poor Jordanians, as well as Iraqi, Palestinian, and Syrian refugees. The project was implemented by the Justice Center for Legal Aid (JCLA), a Jordanian civil society organization. Consultations were provided to [4,500 beneficiaries](#) and [1,600 public awareness sessions](#) were held, reaching more than [40,000 beneficiaries](#).

Ecosystems and Income Generation

The [Badia Ecosystems and Livelihoods project](#) developed ecotourism facilities and experiences along a [250 km corridor](#) between the Al Azraq and Shaumari Nature Reserves and the Burqu' Nature Reserve. The corridor provided [income-generating opportunities](#) to Ar Ruwashed district and nearby communities in the northeastern Badia, whilst contributing positively to the conservation of the area's biodiversity.

Maintaining Population Access to Basic Services

At the outbreak of the Syrian crisis, the World Bank moved quickly to help Jordan cope with the massive influx of refugees. A US\$150 million project was launched in 2013 to maintain access to essential healthcare services and basic household needs for the most affected by the influx. The project provided [2.5 million Jordanian beneficiaries of safety net programs with bread and fuel subsidies](#).



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

The World Bank Group thrives to support Jordan implement the reforms that will catalyze economic growth to create more and better economic opportunities for all, and reduce the gap in essential services to both refugees and host communities, including those in the energy, water, labor, health and education sectors.

Recognizing the need to support countries hosting large number of refugees deal with the long-term development cost and strain on their social and economic fabric, the World Bank, together with the United Nations and the Islamic Development Bank, created the **Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCF)**: an innovative financing mechanism that bridges the humanitarian-development divide, and provides middle-income countries hosting large numbers of refugees with concessional financing usually reserved for the poorest countries.

The GCF financed several projects in different sectors:

- » **Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program for Results** (US\$300 million). In support of the Jordan Compact, the project aims to improve Jordan's investment climate, attract investors, reform the country's labor market and grant access to the Syrian labor force to contribute to Jordan's economic growth. The project will also support trade facilitation and investment promotion and foster entrepreneurship.
- » **Emergency Health Project** (US\$50 million) aims to support the Government of Jordan maintain the delivery of primary and secondary health services to poor uninsured Jordanians and Syrian refugees. The project is part of a larger US\$150 million project, financed in parallel by the Islamic Development Bank that will help extend critical health services to 3.5 million beneficiaries.
- » **Education Reform Support Program** (US\$200 million) aims to expand access to early childhood education, and to improve student assessment, teaching, and learning conditions for Jordanian children and Syrian refugee children. The project will benefit approximately 700,000 children. It will also help train more than 30,000 teachers across the Kingdom.
- » **First Equitable Growth and Job Creation Development Policy Loan** (US\$500 million) will help Jordan boost inclusive growth and create more jobs for all. The project will improve productivity by reducing business costs, improving market accessibility and enhancing access to finance for SMEs. The DPL will create more flexible and integrated labor markets to promote a higher labor participation rate among women and youth and increase their economic empowerment. It will also provide better and more efficient social assistance and help protect households against economic shocks, by expanding the National Aid Fund cash transfer program to cover an additional 85,000 households, and improving the targeting of beneficiaries.



THE WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN JORDAN

The World Bank portfolio in Jordan comprises 14 projects worth a total of \$1.3bn, of which \$1.1bn in concessional financing. In addition, the World Bank is undertaking a number of analytical and advisory studies in a multitude of sectors in close cooperation with various Jordanian organizations. These studies inform policy dialogue and help strengthen institutions, build capacity and inform development operations.

Project Name	Amount (US\$ million)
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development for Inclusive Growth	120.00
Innovative Startups Fund Project	50.00
Jordan Emergency Health Project	50.00
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program for Results	300.00
Jordan Education Reform Support Program	200.00
Jordan Ozone Depleting Substances HCFC Phase-Out Project (ODS3)	3.92
Jordan Ozone Depleting Substances HCFC Phase-Out Phase 2	2.49
National Unified Registry and Outreach Worker Program	9.50
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development	3.00
Piloting Delivery of Justice Sector Services to Poor Jordanians and Refugees in Host Communities	2.50
Jordan Integrated Social Services for Vulnerable Youth	2.80
Municipal Services and Social Resilience Project	84.63
Promoting Financial Inclusion Policies in Jordan	1.05
First Equitable Growth and Job Creation Development Policy Loan	500.00
Total	1,329.89