



# INVESTING IN PEOPLE

## JORDAN

Jordan's people are the country's greatest asset and maximizing their potential to contribute to Jordan's economic growth and stability is a key priority for the Government of Jordan.

A growing population, the influx of refugees from regional crises, and, more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic have strained Jordan's health and education systems, undermining Jordan's ability to provide the quality learning opportunities and healthcare required to support a healthy and productive population. In addition, vulnerable populations, such as persons with disabilities, have difficulty accessing essential services, hindering their ability to create a safe and secure future for themselves and their families.

USAID partners with the Government of Jordan to construct and rehabilitate hospitals and schools, train teachers and healthcare workers, expand social services for vulnerable populations, and address education and healthcare priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic so that the people of Jordan have the support they need to build resilience, economic stability, and security for themselves and their country.

### AREAS OF FOCUS

#### **SUPPORT A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE POPULATION**

Improving the quality of healthcare available throughout the Kingdom is essential for families and communities to be productive and thrive. USAID works with the Ministry of Health to replace and rehabilitate outdated and overwhelmed health facilities, encourage healthy behaviors, train healthcare workers, and implement reforms that advance the sector's self-sufficiency and financial sustainability.

#### **STRENGTHEN LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Less than 60 percent of teenagers in Jordan can demonstrate minimum reading proficiency. Public schools are overcrowded and in varying states of disrepair, and most teachers do not receive the training they need to deliver quality education. USAID partners with the Ministry of Education to build, expand, and rehabilitate schools, strengthen professional development for teachers, and improve school management to ensure the next generation have the skills they need to drive Jordan's economy.

## KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Education

Ministry of Higher Education  
and Scientific Research

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Public Works and  
Housing

Healthcare Accreditation  
Council

Royal Medical Services

Private Hospital Association

FHI360

Abt Associates Inc.

Management Sciences for Health

Tufts University

United Kingdom Foreign,  
Commonwealth &  
Development Office

Queen Rania Teacher Academy

UNOPS

UNICEF

Trigon

Bitar Consultants

Engicon

RTI International

Questscope

The Kaizen Company

IREX

## LOCATIONS

All twelve governorates

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## BUILD RESILIENCE IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

USAID is helping the Government of Jordan expand support and social services for vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities and low-income households, and ensure marginalized groups, including refugees, have access to quality healthcare and education.

## NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

- USAID constructed a new emergency department at Al Bashir Hospitals, Jordan's largest public hospital system, to provide life-saving services for 50,000 patients a month. The facility is ten times larger than the building it replaced and is outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment.
- Over 130 school renovations completed across Jordan over the last five years with USAID support provide high quality learning environments for 40,000 students per year, including students with disabilities.
- USAID led joint donor efforts to help defray the cost of providing healthcare for refugees and increase donor investments in Jordan's health system through a USD 85 million joint financing arrangement. These funds were also used as emergency resources for Jordan's National COVID-19 response, making USD 20 million available to quickly procure lifesaving medical resources.
- USAID's 43 non-formal education centers give a second chance to children who have never attended or dropped out of school. Since 2015, nearly 700 youth have graduated from the centers, enabling them to re-enroll in the formal education system to continue their secondary education, open a business, or pursue employment.
- USAID spearheaded a multi-donor fund and committed an initial \$20 million in funding to expand support for the most vulnerable in society, particularly those hardest hit by the economic impacts of COVID-19.
- To ensure patients receive quality care, USAID has trained more than 9,000 healthcare providers throughout the country on how to screen, triage, and treat COVID-19 cases.
- To support the delivery of online education during the COVID-19 pandemic, USAID helped the Ministry of Education broadcast lessons on national television and online platforms, distribute early grade reading and math workbooks to 150,000 students, and hold workshops for 12,000 early grade teachers across the country to strengthen their ability to deliver distance learning to their students.