



Acting Assistant Administrator for the Middle East Bureau Andrew Plitt (A-AA Plitt) visited Jordan and met with government partners. In addition, he took a walking tour of historic As-Salt and visited the King Hussein Bridge, the Al Waha Water Pump Station, and Miyahuna's main Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system center. From these visits he gained a greater understanding of the importance of Jordan's tourism sector, saw opportunities to increase trade between the U.S., Jordan, and Palestine, and witnessed the significant challenges Jordan faces due to the water crisis.

## ACCELERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY



### **USAID Business Growth Activity Supports the Woman-Owned Al Bunni Coffee Company**

The USAID Business Growth Activity (BGA) improves the competitiveness of Al Bunni Coffee, a woman-owned food processing company, by strengthening its export capabilities and helping it access new markets in the

Middle East and Europe. Technical assistance will cover marketing, communication, and export development for target markets.

“Our agreement with USAID BGA will help my company to achieve another growth level in our journey. We will start hiring new staff immediately as part of our plan to expand our operations in the national and international markets” said Ms. Shireen Muhaisen, owner of Al Bunni Coffee during the ceremony. As a result of USAID BGA support, Al Bunni Coffee is expected to increase overall sales by 50 percent and increase exports by 100 percent. Up to four new employees are expected to be hired to manage the growth in sales and internal management.

### **General Budget Enhancements Prepared with Support from the USAID Public Financial Management Activity**

Government press release, “On June 26, 2022 the Prime Minister signed the Budget Circular that sets preliminary budget ceilings and provides instructions for the preparation of the general budget and budgets of government units. There are a number of enhancements that are included in the Budget Circular **that were prepared with significant support from the USAID Public Financial Management Activity**. The Budget Circular and the included enhancements represent a significant step forward in the development of a comprehensive, transparent, accurate and stable budget system that is in line with international standards.” Notable enhancements are illustrated in the infographic below:

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# BUDGET CIRCULAR



General Budget Preparation Instructions

General Budget enhancements prepared with significant support from the PFMA project

Set preliminary budget ceilings

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## Combining Central Government and Government Units (GU)

An integrated budget law that presents the budgets in 10 user-friendly sector volumes for a comprehensive reflection of sector activity.

**Budget Priority Areas**  
*gender, youth, people with disabilities, and climate change*

Identify priority results to be achieved by all Departments/GUs, e.g., Gender

02

## Variances between current and capital expenditures

Explanations of the reasons for the change between 2022 and 2023 in allocations required for current and capital expenditures.



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## Targets for Key Indicators

Specification that targets for key indicators reflect what is

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# STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY



## 708 Students Graduate from Usharek+ in July

On July 7, 2022, the USAID-supported Youth Political Participation Program run by the Crown Prince Foundation, a partner of the National Democratic Institute, held a graduation ceremony for 708 male and female students who participated in the Usharek+ program. Usharek+ is the the highest level of training provided by the USAID-supported Ana Usharek leadership and advocacy training program. The graduation was carried out at the Ras Al-Ain Gallery, with the participation of the program's partners from twelve Jordanian universities, and included an exhibition of 21 advocacy campaigns led by the students of the program. Youth in Jordan face disproportionately high unemployment, at 47.7 percent in the first quarter of 2022 according to the Department of Statistics, and limited opportunities for political engagement.

# IMPROVING WATER SECURITY



## Updated Non-Revenue Water Strategy Roll-Out

On June 2, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) launched the updated National NRW Strategy with the support of USAID WGA in a workshop attended by the Minister of Water and Irrigation Eng. Mohammad Al Najjar and USAID

Mission Director Sherry F. Carlin. The workshop presented the purpose, objectives, and technical approach of the National NRW Strategy to guide sector development and prioritize sector needs.

Non-Revenue Water (NRW) is one of the most pressing issues in Jordan's water sector. It is defined as water lost before it reaches the customer. Losses are physical losses (for example through leaky pipes or theft) or administrative losses (for example through metering inaccuracies). Non-revenue water causes major financial strain to the water sector amounting to at least US\$ 300 million per year. As part of the National Strategy, one of the water sector's priority goals is to reduce national NRW from approximately 50% to 25% of water supplied to urban systems by 2040.

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## INVESTING IN PEOPLE

### Ministry of Youth Collaborates with Youth Leaders and Government Partners on National Youth Strategy

With USAID Technical Assistance Program's (TAP) support, the Ministry of Youth (MoY) National Youth Strategy (NYS) Executive Office held two workshops with youth leaders and government partners on the strategy's implementation plan. The participants created a comprehensive list of activities, identified responsibilities, and defined performance indicators. During the first workshop, a member of the Youth Political Leadership Institute, Rawan Almakbah, reflected on the consultation process, "We discussed the most pressing challenges facing young people and their priorities to address the most important challenges that affect societal peace, spread tolerance, and address the existence of poverty and unemployment." TAP also supported the MoY NYS Executive Office in holding a separate workshop on co-creation and development with the Crown Prince Foundation, All Jordan Youth Commission, and nine government ministries including: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Environment. Through this participatory approach, TAP strives to ensure co-creation with all stakeholders of the NYS implementation plan.

# PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT



## The Knowledge Management Portal Competition Announces 2022 Winner

The USAID Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity is pleased to announce that the Health Services Quality Accelerator Activity (HSQA) won the 2022 Knowledge Management Portal (KaMP) Competition. The competition ran from April through June 2022, and the HSQA team uploaded 112 resources which make a significant amount of health information available to the public. The USAID Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity visited the HSQA offices on July 5 to celebrate this accomplishment and provide the team with their trophy. The celebration was attended by USAID's Office of Population and Family Health, USAID's Program Office, and HSQA staff.

## Upcoming Trainings and Events

Date	Training title	Time	Registration link
August 15-17	Designing and Managing Evaluation Training for LMOs	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
August 21-23	Designing and Managing Evaluation Training for IP and Mission	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>

# Video of the Month

27-year-old Eng. Bilal Huosni Al Barmawi is dedicated to serving his community in Borma-Jerash. With USAID support, Bilal received training in outreach, engagement, and learning activities that have helped him grow as a local leader. This helped him establish a youth unit that liaises with the local government in his community to ensure their voices are heard. [#USAIDYouth](#)

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