

Jordan
Improvement Plan

Thematic window: Environment and Climate Change

**Programme Title: Adaptation to Climate Change to Sustain
Jordan's MDG Achievements**

Jordan JP Improvement Plan In response to the Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) Recommendations

Evaluation Recommendation No. 1 JP implementation team requests a second transfer as soon as possible to avoid a slowdown of the current implementation pace; following the MDG-F procedures.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The JP team will be sending the fund transfer request together with the AWP to the MDG F secretariat before the DEC. 10 th deadline.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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1.1 Fund transfer request (FTR) form is ready	Dec. 1st	JPC, CTAs,		Done	Comments	Status
1.2 FTR approved by the NSC and sent to MDGF secretariat	Dec. 7th	JPC, NSC, and RC		Done		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 2 Monitor closely the implementation of all activities under outputs 1.1, 1.2 and 2.3 that are implemented by WHO over the next 6 to 9 months and address any slippage immediately.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management WHO is in advanced negotiation with MOH an improved implementation strategy that demonstrates the sequence of achieving WHO outputs within the time frame remaining of the JP. The new implementation strategy includes a self-monitoring mechanism to ensure achievement of outputs over the remaining time period of the program. The implementation strategy and plan will be overseen by a Steering Committee formed by the Minister of Health. to ensure internalization of JP outputs within the concerned Ministries (MOH, MOWI) work programs, Leadership, Sustainability and Expedition of the implementation process.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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2.1 WHO is currently negotiating the revised implementation strategy with MOH that includes a self monitoring mechanism.	December 2010 and January 2011	JP, WHO Team		Done	Comments	Status
Evaluation Recommendation No. 3						

Develop with relevant stakeholders a “roadmap” for implementing WSPs throughout Jordan. This roadmap should include an implementation strategy and its implication in term of legislation, policy and institutional needs.						
<p>Response from the Joint Programme Management</p> <p>Further to the communication with the Mid-Term Evaluator during his mission and to revive awareness to the road map document, The following need to be emphasized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road map/roads to vision has been existing since 2005. • It has been jointly developed by the Ministry of Health (MOH), The Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI), and the water companies over 3-day period consultations in WHO CEHA offices. WHO CEHA role was a facilitator to the roadmap development process. • The roadmap has also been communicated on an inter-ministerial level between MOH and MWI (attached) in preparation for the first demonstration Water Safety Plan (WSP) in Wadi Assir. • The Joint Programme (JP) was designed based up on the roadmap. Therefore, the JP, particularly output 1.1, was designed to meet each of the items mentioned in the roadmap and each item/ phase in the roads to vision document correspond to an activity in the aforementioned output of the JP as demonstrated in the attached document of Roads to Vision. • Thus, the JP closely contributes to the achievement of the national vision and paves the way for scaling-up of the WSPs in Jordan as demonstrated in the attached Roads to Vision document. • Finally, WHO is prepared to hold a session to explain, in detail, the process of developing the roadmap by the MOH, MWI and water companies, if further clarification is needed. <p>However, it is beyond the scope of the JP to implement or replicate WSPs throughout Jordan.</p>						
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3.1 Revive awareness of concerned stakeholders to the approved “roads to vision” document	December 2010 and Q1/2011 Q3, 2011	WHO JP Team		Done		
<p>Evaluation Recommendation No. 4</p> <p>Plan a time extension to complete the JP and ensure that achievements are sustainable and replicated. It is too early in the implementation to assess how much</p>						

time extension would be needed at the end but the minimum would be the equivalent of the 5-6 months delay that occurred at start-up						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The JP time intends to implement the activities outlined in the modified workplan by the end of the JP. However, if a time extension is to be granted towards the end of the JP period the JP team will focus on issues related to the policy integration into the implementing partners work and mandates						
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4.1 Develop workplan with detailed activities for extension	Q3, 2011	JPC, CTAs,		Ongoing	Comments	Status
4.2 Extension WP approved	Q3, 2011	JPC, PMC, and NSC.		Pending		
4.3 WP submitted to MDGF for approval	Q3, 2011	JPC		Pending		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 5 Make indicators included in the monitoring framework gender sensitive; that is to gather information about these indicators that would provide gender disaggregated information. Also to explore the possibilities to mainstream gender approaches in activities where possible.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The JP team will Include clear gender deliverables in all studies commissioned on the analysis of CC impacts and risks, Include clear gender requirements (experience and knowledge in CC and gender issues) in every ToR for consultancies, require the collection of sex and age -disaggregated data in related studies, and draft recommendations for policies and legislations contain clear gender components						
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5.1 Include clear gender requirements in every ToR for consultancies	On going	JPC, CTAs, Consultants		Done	Comments	Status
5.2 CC adaptation capacity of the different groups identified	Ongoing	JPC, CTAs, Consultants		Ongoing		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 6 Emphasize capacity development throughout the implementation of JP activities, taking a broader and holistic approach to develop the climate change adaptation capacity of key stakeholders.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management Capacity development is part of the logic of the JP; it is embedded into the strategy of the programme. Capacities of all stakeholders will developed during the implementation of the JP. The capacity development programmes will be in the Water, Health, environment, and education sectors focusing at key stakeholders including the local communities, local government, and decision makers.						
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6.1 Include different stakeholders in the management structure of the JP	On going	JPC, CTAs,		Done	Comments	Status
6.2 Create TF and Community based management structure for pilot interventions	On going	JPC, CTAs		ongoing		
6.3 Develop and implement training modules on different components of CC adaptation for different stakeholders	On going	JPC, CTAs, TF, and Consultants		ongoing		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 7 JP implementation team constantly emphasizes the involvement of key stakeholders; particularly those whom should become the logical custodians of JP achievements.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management Key stakeholders including the local communities, local government, and decision makers are already included in the management structure of the JP and will also be included in the management of the all pilot intervention						
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7.1 Include different stakeholders in the management structure of the JP	On going	JPC, CTAs,		Done	Comments	Status
7.2 Create TF and Community based management structure for pilot interventions	On going	JPC, CTAs		Ongoing		
7.3 Develop and implement training modules on different components of CC adaptation for different stakeholders	On going	JPC, CTAs, TF, and Consultants		Ongoing		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 8 Discuss the formalization of roles and responsibilities for the JP focal points with relevant ministries that nominated these focal points in order to increase the effectiveness of their intervention.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management All Task forces and committees at different ministries have clear mandate and						

responsibilities. These include the formulation and approval of all TORs and RFPs, review and evaluate proposals and deliverables, identification of experts and overseeing the implementations of the recommendations of different Studies and deliverables.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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8.1 Specialized TF and Committees are formed at different Ministries	On going	JPC, CTAs, Ministries		Done		
8.2 Roles and responsibilities for all TF and Committees in place	On going	JPC, CTAs, Ministries and TF members.		Done		
Evaluation Recommendation No.9 Develop a sustainability strategy, emphasizing institutionalization and scaling-up of results throughout the remaining implementation period.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PMC is now chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of water and irrigation replacing the RC. This has led to continuous involvement by the ministry of water and irrigation in all activities of the JP. 2. The MWI has already established a Climate Change and Environment Unit and appointed a liaison officer (LO) from that Unit who is in constant contact with the JP office at the MWI. This Unit is working in close contact with JP and will eventually carry out the functions of the JP as well the other functions outlined in its mandate. 3. The JP has already been involved in the development of an inter ministerial committee chaired by the Minister of Environment with the Secretary Generals of 9 line ministries. The JPC attended all meetings and participated in drafting the TOR, mandate and roles and responsibilities of this committee. The formation of this committee is an important step towards sustaining the outcomes of JP and other similar initiatives. 4. The JP has already sent the MWI LO to a specialized three days training on Climate Change adaptation carried out by UNDP and also to a 3 days training on Knowledge Management for the Climate change thematic windows facilitated by the MDGF secretariat 5. The JP has already formed Task forces and committees with all line ministries. These TF are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the activities, reviewing the deliverables, approving them, and following up on the implementations of the recommendations. 6. All outputs of the JP have activities specific for reviewing all policies and strategies dealing with water, environment, health, and food security. The purpose of this exercise is to suggest modifications to these policies and strategies so that to create a legal frame work for achieving the outcomes of the JP and on a sustained basis. 7. The JP activities also supports the development of the needed operational instruments necessary in the process of institutionalizing the relevant activities. 						

<p>8. The piloting exercise and activities of the JP different outputs will be carried out jointly. This will be an intervention that will be felt by the local communities and can be replicated in many other locations and regions. The JP is now negotiating with different stake holders to create a management body for this piloting exercise from the local communities.</p> <p>9. A roadmap for preventative water safety management exists since 2005 to cater for the wide range of developmental steps that are needed to incrementally and sustainably introduce Water Safety Planning in the country (based on our already well-established knowledge of Jordan specificities). Output 1.1 of the JP closely contributes to the achievement of the national vision and paves the way for scaling-up of the WSPs in Jordan as demonstrated in the attached roads to vision document. However, it is beyond the scope of the JP to implement or replicate WSPs throughout Jordan.</p> <p>10. In response to the evaluation recommendations to strengthen sustainability, WHO is negotiating with the Ministry of Health a revised implementation strategy whereby the Ministry of Health will assume the full responsibility and leadership- with technical support from WHO- of the JP components with the aim of internalizing the processes, results and outputs within the existing programmes of the Ministry of Health towards developing Jordan's strategy and plan of action for protecting health from climate change fulfilling Jordan's commitment to the WHO Regional Committee resolution on health and climate change.</p>						
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9.1. Involve all line ministries in overseeing the implementation of the activities, reviewing the deliverables, approving them, and following up on the implementations of the recommendations.	On going	JPC, CTAs.		Done		
9.2 review and upgrade relevant policies and strategies dealing with water, environment, health, and food security	As outlined in updated workplan	JPC, CTAs, TFs		Ongoing		
9.3 Create the JP piloting exercise local Management	December, 010	JPC, CTAs, TFs, and PMC		Ongoing		

body.						
9.4 Upgrade the capacities of the local management body on managing and delivering awareness and training programme to local communities on applying, maintaining, and managing adaptation programmes and interventions.	Jan – Feb, 011.	JPC, CTAs, TFs,		ongoing		
9.5 Dissemination of Piloting exercise information, data, knowledge, and lessons learnt throughout the three regions of Jordan	March –Dec, 011	JPC, CTAs, TFs,		Pending		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 10 Create a UN Thematic Group on climate change and environment with the involvement of national stakeholders						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The JP has already created an Environment and CC change group that consist of the key UN agencies in the JP as well as the Focal point of the different ministries. This committee meets to discuss issues related to the JP as well as those related to Environment and cc in Jordan so that the JP outputs and outcomes are integrated into the overall efforts on Environment and CC. The JP will expand the committee to include other key stakeholders such as CBOs and NGOs. The JP has also attended all meetings of the UNCT group in environment.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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10.1 Invite CBOs and NGOs representative to the Environment and UN CC thematic group	On going	JPC, CTAs,		pending		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 11 Create a Working Group in the ZRB to oversee the implementation of activities under output 2.4. This Working Group should be inclusive of all stakeholders, including government institutions, academia, civil society/community leaders and private sector. This group should identify its TORs, meet regularly to oversee the progress made under output 2.4 and participate in the decision-making process						
Response from the Joint Programme Management 1. The Joint programme has already carried out meetings with different stakeholders in the ZRB and discussed initiatives related to the piloting						

<p>initiatives for adaptation to climate change.</p> <p>2. The JP is coordinating with the governnererate authorities to formulate a task force from the ZRB area to be responsible for the implementation of the piloting activities in the ZRB.</p> <p>3. The JP will carry out a major workshop on climate change issues, impacts, adaptation, etc. on the ZRB involving stakeholders to modify the interventions and workplans if needed</p> <p>4. Output 2.4 will pilot tools that will support the implementation of WSPs by WHO. No one UN agency is working in isolation of the other agencies; their activities and results complement one another</p>						
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11.1 form the ZRB task force from main stakeholders to monitor and evaluate performance in the basin.	Q4, 2010	JPC, MoEnv, Zarqa Governorate,		Done		
11.2 carry out Conduct regular coordination meetings with the TF and major stakeholders for monitoring and evaluation of the work done in the basin.	Quarterly	JP team, MoEnv, Zarqa Governerate		Done		
<p>Evaluation Recommendation No. 12 Work in close collaboration with IUCN; particularly for activities to be implemented in the ZRB. They should be included in the Working Group recommended to oversee activities in the ZRB and the JP should use IUCN expertise in the region.</p>						
<p>Response from the Joint Programme Management The JP has been working with IUCN right from the beginning since they are a partner in the Spanish governemt funded project on the Zaqra River rehabilitation at the MoEnv. Many meeting were held with them where they provided the JP with their publications on the area. The JP is now discussing with IUCN their role in the JP piloting interventions in the Zarqa river basin.</p>						
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12.1 IUCN is included in the ZRB Task force.	Q4, 2010	JPC, CTAs		Done		
12.2 Discuss with IUCN their role in the piloting programme	Q4, 2010	JPC, CTAs		Done		
12.3 Coordinate with IUCN on the awareness and capacity	Q4, 2010 and 2011	JPC, CTAs		Done		

development initiatives of the JP						
Evaluation Recommendation No. 13 Organize high-level seminar(s) targeting Minister level participants to raise awareness of climate change impacts on water resources, food productivity and health protection as well as adaptation measures to be implemented.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The JP has already instituted into its work modalities the conductance of a major stakeholders and inception workshop for each specific consultation inviting main concerned stakeholders, government TF, NGOs, Industry, and local governments and communities. The draft inception reported are usually sent to all stakeholders comments and so is the final one. 2. For each specific consultation of all outputs the JP instituted into its work modalities carrying out a national workshop for the dissemination of accumulated knowledge, procedures, and results. 3. Depending on the nature of some consultations feedback workshops with main stakeholders are held prior to the submission of the final reports. 4. The JPC and CTAs are participating in many seminars , workshops, conferences, and training programmes to present the activities of the JP and increase awareness on Climate change issues. 5. The JP is currently working on including a link in all participating government and UN agencies web sites to provide users comprehensive information on its nature, activities and reports and deliverables once approved. 						
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13.1 The JP will hold a major workshop (government sponsored) on the development of the ZRB inviting all major actors involved in the area and outlining intended outcomes of the JP.	Jan, 011	JPC, CTAs, TF of different ministries.		Ongoing And Will be held on 10 - 12 October		
13.2 Dissemination workshops and seminars on results of different consultations	As outlined on the updated work plan	JPC, CTAs, TF of different ministries.		Done and ongoing		
13.3 JP links created at	Nov, 010	JPC, CTAs, and TF		Done and ongoing		

government and UN agencies website						
13.4. Electronic Quarterly newsletters developed and disseminated.	Jan, 011	JPC, CTAs		pending		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 14 Collaborate with the team that is producing the 3 rd National Communication to the UNFCCC and as much as possible integrate current findings from the JP such as adaptation measures and several assessments of climate change impacts on food productivity and health.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The Third National Communication (TNC) to the UNFCCC will be implemented by the MoEnv of Environment in close cooperation with UNDP. The Focal point for the TNC at the MoEnv is also the focal point for the JP at the MoEnv and a member in the TF at the MoEnv. The JP will be participating and coordinating with all the special technical groups of the TNC. WHO will support the MOH in producing the health chapter in the NC report from the findings of the JP.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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14.1 JP is included in technical groups of the TNC	Q4, 2010	JPC, CTAs, UNDP, MoEnv,		Done	Comments	Status
14.2 JP is included in the Steering committee of the TNC	Q4, 2010	JPC, CTAs, UNDP, MoEnv		pending		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 15 Review the list of performance indicators to monitor the progress of the JP.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The M and E plan has been revised thoroughly.. A revision of all indicators, baselines, and targets has been carried (the suggestions of the MTE consultant were also considered). The modified M and A plan is logical and responds well to the actual facts on the ground.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
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15.1 All indicators reviewed. Adjustments will be done according to needs.	Done and Ongoing	JPC, CTAs, TF of different ministries.		Done and ongoing	Comments	Status
15.2 Targets are adjusted according to adjustments of indicators.	Done and Ongoing	JPC, CTAs, TF of different ministries.		Done and ongoing		

