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FACT SHEET

MCC and Jordan

The Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC's) Board of Directors approved a five-year, \$275.1 million compact with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to reduce poverty through economic growth. The compact will increase the supply of water available to households and businesses and help improve the efficiency of water delivery, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment in Zarqa Governorate.

MCC

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. Government agency designed to work with developing countries, is based on the principle that aid is most effective when it reinforces sound political, economic, and social policies that promote poverty reduction through economic growth. For more information, please visit www.mcc.gov.

MCA-JORDAN

The Millennium Challenge Account – Jordan (MCA-Jordan) is a limited liability company owned by the Government of Jordan. MCA-Jordan has been established in June 2010 to manage and implement the program funded by MCC in accordance with the Compact Agreement and international best practices. The program consists of several water and wastewater projects, which will be implemented in Zarqa Governorate over 5 years of the compact (2011-2015). For more information, please visit www.mca-jordan.gov.jo.

How did Jordan become eligible for MCC funding ?

For a country to be selected as eligible for an MCC compact funding, it must demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, investments in its people, and economic freedom. Jordan became eligible for MCC compact funding in 2006. In identifying challenges to long-term, sustainable economic growth in the country, the Government of Jordan completed a constraints analysis and sector analysis study that identified the availability of water as a constraint to economic growth.

Why was Zarqa Governorate chosen?

The Government of Jordan conducted a broad, participatory consultative process that included town hall meetings in each of the country's twelve governorates, which led to choosing Zarqa Governorate, one of the poorest and most urbanized areas of the country. A history of neglect coupled with rapid population growth has strained critical water and wastewater infrastructure throughout the Governorate. Residents continuously complain of sewer main overflows and water pipes made of cheap, flexible tubing that run above ground through city streets, where they are subject to considerable wear and tear.

Compact projects

The funding of MCC will be channeled through MCA-Jordan to finance 3 main projects:

1) Water Network Project is to restructure and rehabilitate water networks in Zarqa and Russeifa cities within Zarqa Governorate, improving the efficiency of network water delivery and the condition of home water systems.

2) Wastewater Network Project is to expand and rehabilitate the wastewater network to increase the amount of wastewater collected for treatment, increase households access to the network, and reduce sewage overflow.

3) As-Samra Expansion Project is to expand the existing wastewater treatment plant in order to increase the capacity to treat more water coming from Amman and Zarqa Governorates and increase the amount of treated wastewater as a substitute for freshwater for non-domestic use.

Beneficiaries

*The Water Network Project is to benefit a total of 1,600,000 individuals (the projected population for Zarqa Governorate) over twenty years.

*The Wastewater Network Project is to benefit a total of 100,000 people who will connect to new lateral sewer lines over the next twenty years.

*As-Samra Expansion Project: this project together with the Wastewater Network Project will benefit a total of 2,020,000 people in Amman and Zarqa Governorates.



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