

EMPOWERS Country Partners [Jordan]

Ministry of Agriculture

The Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture is a major partner in the implementation of EMPOWERS in Jordan. The basic aspects of its role can be summed up as follows:

- Technical and administrative advice during the implementation of the project.
- Assistance in setting up a sustainable information system for an integrated management of water resources by the local community, which is an important requirement for providing the citizens with a long-term access to water.
- Manpower support from the Ministry's staff to serve in the Project and the Steering Committee.
- Firsthand participation in the implementation of the Project's activities in the Balqa Governorate through the Ministry's field directorates.

More information about the activities of the Ministry is available at: www.moa.gov.jo

The Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development

The Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development (ZENID) is working side by side with the Ministry of Agriculture and CARE Jordan in addition to the two regional partners, the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management (INWRDAM) and the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC).

ZENID has facilitated the earlier developed approaches of the project such as stakeholders analysis, water resources assessment, strategic planning and concerted action; it also participated in improving the skills of the EMPOWERS Jordan team especially that of facilitation. ZENID's assumption of such role stems from recognition of the vast experience it has gained in working with local communities and implementing empowerment and human development programmes throughout Jordan.

More information about the activities of the ZENID is available at: www.zenid.org.jo

EMPOWERS Stakeholders in Jordan

The EMPOWERS Project has given significant weight and time for getting the key stakeholders and their local offices involved in the project's implementation. Representation of key stakeholders is sought at national, governorate and village levels also including end-users. Each key stakeholder has assigned four members to work with the project at the national and governorate levels. The national stakeholders are:

- Ministry of Water and Irrigation.
- Ministry of Interior (through Balqa Governorate).
- Ministry of Planning.

EMPOWERS Country Partners [Palestine]

Palestinian Hydrology Group

The Palestinian Hydrology Group (PHG) is one of EMPOWERS key partners in West Bank. It seconded one of its staff members to work fulltime with EMPOWERS. PHG's main tasks within EMPOWERS are to:

1. Collect, verify, and analyze relevant primary and secondary data of the governorate and the selected communities from different sources.
2. Work with stakeholders and end-users in identifying water related problems.
3. Prepare with other partners and stakeholders the water resources assessment of Jenin governorate.
4. Prepare the needed maps on GIS layers.
5. Share in the scenario building processes of the governorate and the communities.
6. Assist in designing and supervising pilot projects.
7. Assist in testing, monitoring, and evaluating process during the several phases of the project.

More information about the activities of PHG is available at: <http://www.phg.org/>

EMPOWERS Stakeholders in Palestine

Representatives of national level stakeholders are well involved in the project; they participate in conducting meetings, collecting data and implementing several activities. These stakeholders are:

- Palestinian Water Authority.
- Ministry of Agriculture.
- Ministry of Local Governance.
- Ministry of Environmental Affairs.

Union of Agricultural Work Committees

The Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) is one of EMPOWERS key partners in Palestine. Its main responsibilities within EMPOWERS are to:

1. Work with counterparts from the Palestinian Water Authority, municipalities and local councils to complete a water audit of the Jenin Governorate.
2. Use results from the water audit for scenario building at various levels.
3. Work with CARE-WBG to pilot priority interventions identified by the process, such as water conservation in rural areas.
4. Use the results of the interventions to mount a public awareness campaign in the West Bank.

Information about the activities of UAWC is available at: <http://uawc.net/>