



Project title: Protection of Wadi Arab Dam in Jordan through Cash-for-Work supporting vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees



Location: Wadi Arab Dam and the surrounding communities (Irbid, Umm Qays, Bani Kenanah, North Shuna and Al-Wastyah district), Irbid Governorate, Jordan.



Phase 1: 750 direct beneficiaries, and 3,375 indirect beneficiaries.
Phase 2: 240 direct beneficiaries, and 1,080 indirect beneficiaries.
Phase 3: 133 direct beneficiaries, and 598 indirect beneficiaries.
Phase 4: 186 direct beneficiaries, and 837 indirect beneficiaries.



Total budget: 4,725,549.05 EUR



WV Support Office: World Vision Germany.



Project Duration: October 1, 2018 until April 30, 2022.



Sectors Addressed: Livelihood and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH).



Partners:
Phase 1: Kufor-soom Agricultural cooperative, Irbid.
Phase 2-4: West Kufor-Asad Agricultural cooperative, Irbid.

BACKGROUND:

Jordan is the second most water scarce country in the world. Water Dams are an important water source for the country. With 16.8 and 7.8 million cubic meters as storage capacity of Wadi Arab dam and Kufranja dams respectively, both of them are considered an important source of water for the local communities and the agricultural activities in the surrounding areas.

Funded by BMZ and implemented by GIZ, in collaboration with World Vision International, the project implemented in both Wadi Arab and Kufranja dams, aims to reduce the amount of sediments intake into the dams, and to maintain the storage capacity by implementing different landslides prevention techniques (constructing different structures and planting trees). This will lead to reduced risks of the dams to be blocked by silt, and of flooding in the future.

In addition, the project aims to tackle the high unemployment ratio and the lack of income-generating opportunities for those vulnerable. As a result, the project was designed to promote livelihoods and to provide short term employment opportunities to the Syrian refugees and host communities in the target areas. The project also provides raising awareness sessions to the local communities on environmental related topics.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Reducing social tensions in Jordanian communities hosting Syrians by contributing to maintaining a stable level of water supply at Wadi Al-Arab dam through provision of livelihoods opportunities (cash for work).

Specific objective(s)/Outcome(s)



Promote livelihood opportunities to vulnerable Syrian Refugees and Jordanian host community members in the surrounding areas of Wadi Al-Arab Dam.



Protect Wadi Al-Arab Dam by maintaining the water storage capacity and strengthening the capacity of the Jordan Valley Authority and the workers.



Raise awareness of local communities in the target area about flood mitigation at agricultural lands, soil erosion, water conservation and keeping the environment clean.



Workers at Wadi Al Arab dam site, Jordan. The protection and livelihoods project provides cash-for-work opportunities for Syrians and members of the Jordanian host community. With the help of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) that is part of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ), the protection and livelihoods project offers financial stability to the beneficiaries.

PROJECT'S ACHIEVEMENTS UP TO DATE



Recruited more than **1,222** Syrian and Jordanian worker under the project activities. More than **277** of them are female workers who benefitted from the project in the first two phases of its implementation.



Conducted 35 awareness sessions to more than **800** community members. on water and environment related topics.



More than **850** workers received training on employability and soft-skills.



More than **850** workers received technical training on construction activities.



143 structures were constructed during the first 3 phases of the project around the dam area.



Planted more than **400 trees** around the dam to prevent landslides and increase the green cover in the area.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

The Kufranja and Wadi Al-Arab Dams projects are closely aligned with World Vision Syria Response's strategy for 2021-2023 under its Livelihoods strategic objective **‘Improve most vulnerable household economic resilience through income generation and cash assistance’** and **“Improving household self-reliance through short term work opportunities and skill-building programs”** by providing vulnerable host community and refugees with short-term employment (CFW) opportunities. These increase their participation in service provision and infrastructure, which, in return, strengthens households' resilience, enabling parents and caregivers to provide for and protect their children.

This project also supports the country in dealing with water scarcity by protecting the water dams and maintain its capacity, as well as, supporting the groundwater aquafer recharge.

“It is something I know how to do very well. It is also a great chance to meet new people and further develop my skills,”

says Rakan, Syrian female refugees from Jordan.



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