OUR ACTION IN 2021 IN JORDAN

In Jordan, we, at ACTED, support Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians to co-create long-term solutions for sustainable development across the country.

From crisis to sustainability, ACTED strives to further Jordan’s social and economic development, while also integrating climate-smart techniques through community mobilisation and sustainable resource management.

ACTED is grateful for the continued support of our donors and partners in 2021.
OUR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

- 15 projects implemented
- 204,911 people supported
- 170 in-country staffs
- 8,160,329 EUR annual budget

- 87,077 individuals benefited from WASH activities
- 33 WASH facilities built or rehabilitated
- 30,952 people obtained cash support
- 797 households increased their income following our intervention
- 231 micro, small and medium enterprises supported

- 26,804 individuals obtained emergency food rations
- 84,703 crisis-affected individuals received assistance covering their basic needs
- 35,547 people benefited from campaigns promoting sustainable lifestyles

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SUPPORTING AGRO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

To strengthen Jordan's agricultural sector, 5,042 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians benefited from improved access to sustainable agricultural livelihoods opportunities in Irbid, Mafraq and Balqa Governorates.

ACTED conducted technical trainings to 897 beneficiaries to start and scale up their micro-businesses and strengthened the capacities of 9 rural agri-cooperatives through the development of business and marketing plans.

87% of microbusinesses supported remained operational 6 months after activities

99% of beneficiaries reported actual use of knowledge and skills acquired during the capacity building activities

89% of beneficiaries reported an increase in their income 6 months after our intervention

FOSTERING INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

One microbusiness has piloted a micro-garden using permaculture techniques. This holistic approach to agriculture increases productivity and improves soil health through environmentally-friendly practices and maximizing land space.

45 microbusinesses have established hydroponic systems that grow crops directly in nutrient-rich water, without using soil, in order to maximize productivity and quality.

ACTED assisted 6 microbusinesses, including 4 women-led, to launch azolla production, which offers an excellent cheap alternate feed supplement for livestock. Beneficiaries have reduced their monthly feeding costs by almost 80% to 90%.
To understand the market potential and investment opportunities for promoting circular approaches in Jordan, ACTED conducted a nation-wide circular economy assessment, published in October 2021.

Findings and key recommendations from the study will be integrated in ACTED’s ongoing and future projects to increase elements of circularity throughout all of our programming.

**REINFORCING WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

- **Awareness raising**
  - Dialogue forums to increase waste management knowledge among different population groups
  - Mobilisation sessions in schools and CBOs’ spaces

- **Community-led initiatives**
  - Producing fertilizer from organic waste
  - Setting up waste collection points
  - Upcycling waste into garden furniture

- **Infrastructures**
  - Expansion of the Sahab municipal waste sorting center to increase operational capacity and improve the environmental conditions of the Municipality’s 182,970 inhabitants
PROVIDING INCOME-GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES

Through cash-for-work schemes, ACTED provided short-term employment opportunities to 1,256 vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees in 2021. Moreover, the works carried out helped improve living conditions through the rehabilitation of greenspaces in East Amman, the production of reusable COVID-19 masks in Irbid and the construction of a stormwater drainage network in Za'atari refugee camp.

BRIDGING THE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS GAP

ACTED offered post-employment support to approximately 820 individuals following their cash-for-work rotation, in order to foster sustainable employment opportunities. Participants benefited from technical trainings, such as English classes and CV writing, as well as career counselling sessions, vocational trainings and small business grant awards.

Faten attended a 100-hour cosmetic vocational training and received a beauty toolkit. She has now increased her monthly income by 20%.

Suliman set up his own car upholstery business. Over the first 2 months, he earned 650 JOD (€921), with a consistent basis of 3 to 4 clients per week.

Thanks to the grant, Hana’a purchased the equipment she needed to launch her upcycling handicraft venture. She is earning an additional 100-200 JOD (€142-283) per month to diversify her family’s income.
FOCUS IN 2022

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE FARMERS

ACTED will support vulnerable farmers and landless labourers to strengthen their economic resilience through market-based and sustainable ecosystem management approaches. ACTED will leverage permaculture and facilitate livelihood diversification through food processing and artisan activities.

IMPROVING NUTRITION AT SCHOOL

ACTED is contributing to the improved nutritional status of approximately 30,000 children at school in Za’atari and Azraq refugee camps. ACTED is distributing date bars through incentive-based volunteers, while raising awareness about the importance of nutrition for students.

REINFORCING SOCIAL ENTREPRISES

ACTED, in partnership with Luminus ShamalStart, will provide tailored support to 10 social enterprises (SEs) that provide services or products to migrants, refugees and marginalized populations in Jordan. Through trainings and provision of sub-grants, the SEs are expected to strengthen their organizational capacity, business sustainability and service provision performance for improved social impact to marginalized populations.