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# EMPOWER-JORDAN

## Enabling and Mobilizing Civil Society Organisations in Jordan through Reinforced Institutional, Advocacy, and Technical Capacities to Enhance Coordination for Sustainable Development

In Jordan, the number of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) has increased vastly during the past years, which is presumed to be linked to the Syrian crisis response and is leading to a predominance of service-delivery CSOs driven by donors. Therefore, despite the increase in their numbers, this dynamic has driven CSOs further away from fulfilling their potential to engage in policy and development processes due to **limited local capacity, institutionalized policy consultation** and the absence of platforms enabling coordinated action at local and national levels. In order to address these challenges, it requires **enhancing legal frameworks for effectiveness and accountability**, empowering CSOs to advocate for citizens' interests with a **cohesive and influential voice** and enabling **more effective engagement with key stakeholders**.

Acted Jordan's project aims to contribute to **an inclusive, participatory, empowered, and independent civil society** in Jordan, as well as an inclusive and open dialogue with and between civils society organizations. Specifically, the action will support civil society organisations working on human rights, democratisation, good governance, environmental protection and climate change as well as economic cooperation, with a focus on inclusion, circular economy and migration. Acted will provide **tailored capacity-building training** to them and **enhance CSOs coordination mechanisms** for sustainability.

This will be achieved with Acted partner's expertise, **Information and Research Center under the umbrella of the King Hussein Foundation (IRC-KHF)**, a local NGO that leverages research and advocacy for positive social change and decision-making/policymaking in Jordan and the region.

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To empower CSOs in Jordan to **become active agents of human rights protection and sustainable development promotion** through developed capacities and institutionalised coordination and participation mechanisms.

### LOCATION

Jordan nation-wide

### DURATION

24 months  
2024-2026

### BENEFICIARIES

Approximately **342** female and male beneficiaries from local CSOs and CBOs:

- **6** members from IRC-KHF
- **21** CSOs and their managing board members (approximately 10 people per CSO)
- **42** CBOs and their members (approximately 3 people per CBO)

# MAIN ACTIVITIES

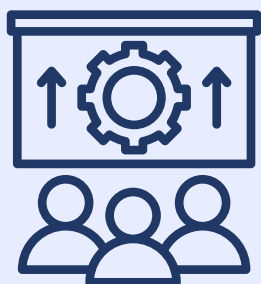
The action is implemented through three main objectives:

Develop a national framework to enhance CSOs collective action and technical capacity for inclusive human rights based sustainable development.



- **Identify CSOs capacity building needs** through comprehensive assessments that highlight wider trends in the opportunities and challenges they face at the national and grassroots levels.
- **Develop and disseminated tailored and comprehensive capacity building materials** informed by CSOs needs identified by research and assessments.

Strengthen CSOs' internal governance and performance capacity to enable them to scale-up collective action and advocacy for inclusive human rights-based sustainable development.



- **Strengthen the institutional capacities** of IRC-KHF as well as national and mid-level CSOs through tailored capacity-building training.
- **Build the technical capacity** of the 21 identified CSOs and **create partnerships** between them and 42 community-based organisations (CBO) to cascade the trainings.

Develop the practical and networking capacity of CSOs to monitor and support equitable progress towards Jordan's sustainable development agenda.



- **Foster collaboration and dialogue** between CSOs, union representatives, government partners and key private sector actors to advance reforms on specific policy issues through working groups.
- **Produce and disseminate policy papers** advocating for reform towards inclusive human rights based sustainable development.



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