



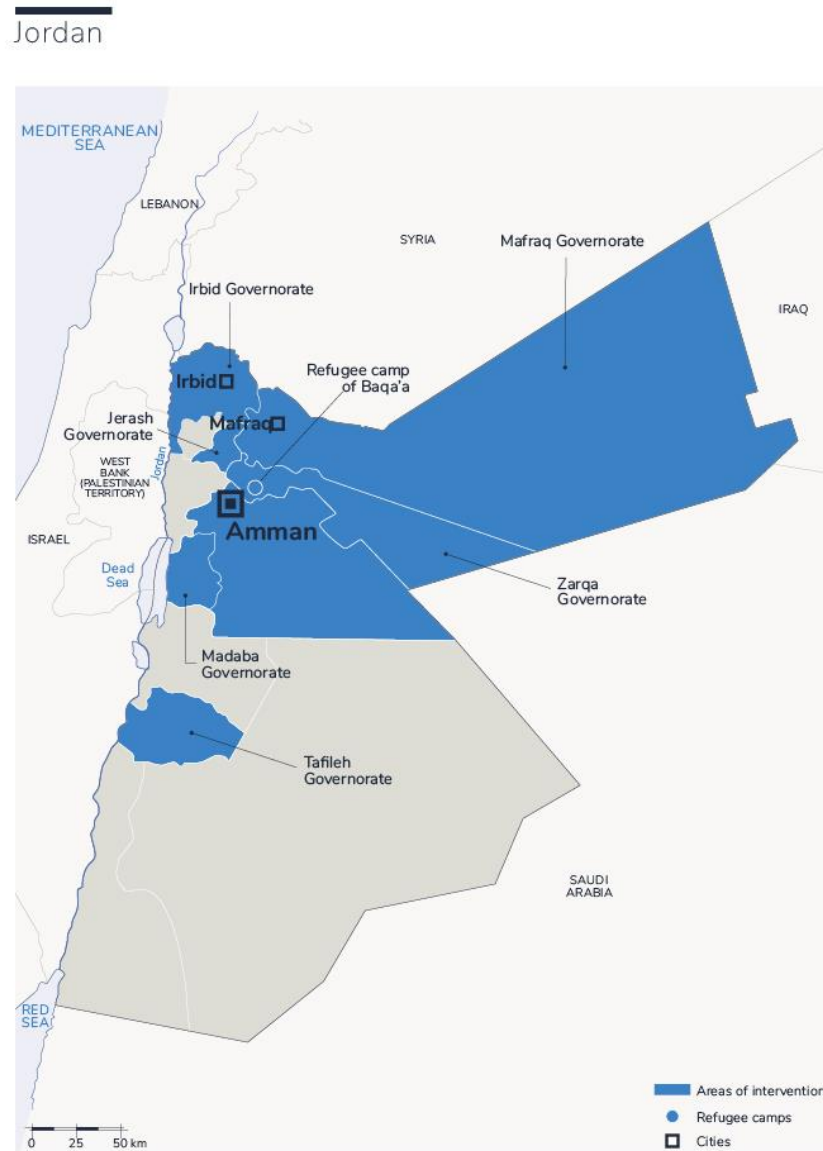
Country card  
Jordan 2024





# HI Team and intervention areas

HI has 56 staff members in Jordan





## General data of the country

### a. HI internal classifications of the country context

Level of violence	Operations Director Focus	Health Focus	Positioning Focus	Emergency Focus
	Yes: for comm & advocacy linked to Syrian crisis	No	No	No

### b. General data

DATA	Jordan	Neighbouring country (Egypt)	France
Population	<b>11.630.323</b>	109 546 720	68 521 974
IHDI	0.617	0.73	0.9
Gender-related Development Index	0.887	0.882	0.987
Maternal mortality	41	17	8
GINI Index	33.7	30.8	30.7
Population within UNHCR mandate	744387	403 000	458 919
INFORM index	4.2	4.9	2.4
Fragile State Index	75.7	81.6	28.8
Public social protection	26,6	11.2	32.6
Net official development assistance received (M USD)	3444,8	8 240	N/A

### c. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty / Status	Ratified 13/11/1998
Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status	Not signed
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities / status	Ratified 31/03/2008



#### d. Geopolitical analysis

Jordan is classified as a high-level country on the Human Development Index, ranking 99<sup>th</sup> out of 193 countries, and as an upper middle-income country by the World Bank. Nevertheless, huge socio-economic discrepancies and inequalities remain in terms of access to rights and services.

Jordan has welcomed refugees from Syria, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. Syrians are estimated to be around 1,000,000 in total in Jordan and refugees alone account for around 10% of Jordan's population. The increase in population has put pressure on local infrastructure, resources and services. Jordanians and refugees with disabilities are facing significant barriers in generating enough income for their livelihoods and in accessing education, health and other services.

Since the Gaza war began in October 2023, following Hamas' attacks on October 7, many Jordanians, particularly in Amman, show deep support for Palestinians (protests, calls to boycott, etc.). The funding crisis facing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) also has significant implications for Jordan, as the agency directly operates multiple refugee camps and provides services to over 1 million Palestinian refugees in the country.

The escalation of conflicts involving Iran, Hezbollah, and Israel, along with the outbreak of war in Lebanon in September 2024, has intensified fears of a regional conflict. Despite these rising tensions, Jordan's security situation has remained relatively stable.

The war in Gaza and Lebanon have severely impacted the Jordanian economy, in particular the tourism sector. Since the beginning of the year, there has been a more than 60% decline in the number of tourists compared to the previous year. It is a significant impact for a sector that had already suffered from the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Summary of HI presence in the country

HI is present in Jordan since 2002 and its activities started in 2006. HI started responding to the Syrian crisis in Jordan during the summer of 2012 and the focus was first on the provision of rehabilitation services. Starting in 2014, HI engaged in building the capacities of local actors and strengthening the Ministry of Health's system.

Today, HI Jordan works in the sectors of health (rehabilitation and early childhood development), economic inclusion, inclusive education, and the deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities, focusing strongly on system strengthening and engaging with the Jordanian civil society. HI collaborates closely with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of



Social Development, engaging at the policy, service provider, and community levels. Recently, HI has also begun partnering with the Ministry of Education.

HI supported the Ministry of Health in drafting the region's first Rehabilitation Strategy, which the Ministry endorsed in January 2021. HI co-facilitates the National Rehabilitation Platform, bringing together rehabilitation stakeholders, and participates in the Higher Committee for Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology. Additionally, HI assisted the Ministry of Social Development in developing referral pathways and an Early Intervention Protocol, both endorsed by the Ministry in April 2021. HI also developed a National Referral Pathway to strengthen service coordination among Ministries particularly for children with disabilities.

At the service provider level, HI builds the capacities of hospitals, primary healthcare centres, and community development centres. Support includes training healthcare staff, providing tools and equipment, and upgrading infrastructure to ensure accessible, high-quality services for persons with disabilities.

At the community level, HI operates through a network of 150 community-based rehabilitation volunteers. These volunteers identify vulnerable persons with disabilities, conduct assessments, refer individuals as needed, and provide home-based rehabilitation services. HI also supplies assistive devices, prosthetics and orthotics, and financial support to ensure that vulnerable persons with disabilities can access rehabilitation services and necessary assistive devices.

HI promotes economic inclusion by supporting persons with disabilities to access internships, vocational training, employment, and to establish home-based businesses. Working with both public and private sector partners, HI strives to create accessible internships and employment opportunities.

HI's inclusive education project targets kindergartens to provide Jordanian and Syrian refugee children with disabilities equitable access to mainstream education. This involves case management, teacher and staff training, financial assistance, and community awareness.

Finally, HI supports the Ministry of Social Development in implementing its De-Institutionalisation strategy, by piloting a project to deinstitutionalise persons with intellectual disabilities who are currently in residential care institutions, supporting their transition to living with families or in their communities.



## Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Project name and main sector(s) of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	PartnerS	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors funding it
<b>Rehabilitation and early child development services ; Inclusive Education</b>	Contribute to the development of more inclusive communities by providing crisis-affected Syrians and the most vulnerable Jordanians with access to high-quality and inclusive services, educational opportunities, and economic prospects.	<p>Objective 1: Enhance the capacity of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) volunteers to reinforce the participation and inclusion of vulnerable girls, boys, women, and men with disabilities in their communities to reach their full potential</p> <p>Objective 2: Comprehensive, inclusive, and high-quality rehabilitation and Early Child Development (ECD) services to vulnerable girls, boys, women and men with disabilities are improved and aligned with the national rehabilitation and ECD strategies, guidelines, and pathways</p> <p>Objective 3: The functional abilities and knowledge of vulnerable girls, boys, women, and men with and without disabilities and their caregivers are improved through increased access and provision of home and center-based rehabilitation/ECD services</p> <p>Objective 4: Beneficiaries of comprehensive rehabilitation services define and accomplish personalized pathways to improve their</p>	10,508	34,899	Ministry of Health,  Ministry of Social Development,  Ministry of Education,  Community Development Centres	Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Mafraq, Madaba, Karak and Tafelah	BPRM September 2023 – August 2025



		<p>participation in the socio-economic life of their communities, thanks to enhanced CBR networks and empowered local CBR committees.</p> <p>Objective 5: Out-of-school children with disabilities have improved access to early learning by strengthening the connection between EI and inclusive education programs.</p>					
<b>Improve access to quality comprehensive rehabilitation services</b>	<p>Contribute in building more inclusive communities, allowing crisis-affected Syrians and most vulnerable Jordanians to reach their potential</p>	<p>I) consolidate and expanding the role of the established CBR network;            II) Consolidate and extend the capacity-strengthening component to the Ministry of Health hospitals;            III) Maintaining the provision of rehabilitation services to vulnerable Syrian refugees and Jordanians who struggle to afford and access quality health care;            IV) Support the integration of rehab services in 7 MoH PHCCs            V) Expanding the scope of the program to testing abilities, following HI' Standard Rehabilitation Pathway.</p>	3000		Ministry of Health	Whole of Jordan	FCDO (through DRC) January 2022 - February 2025
<b>Early Childhood Development project</b>	<p>Improve access to quality comprehensive ECD services for girls, boys, women, and men affected by the Syrian crisis</p>	<p>1) Enhance the capacity of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) volunteers to identify, refer, follow-up, and conduct home-based intervention programs, supporting vulnerable women, men, girls, and boys with disabilities to improve their functionality            2) Enhance the capacity and quality of primary and secondary healthcare providers to provide comprehensive, inclusive, and qualitative Early Detection Early Intervention</p>	770		Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development	Amman, Irbid, Zarqa, Mafraq	FCDO (through DRC) January 2022 - December 2024





<p><b>Early Childhood Development (ECD) project / First Step's Big Step 2: towards a national ECD model (FSBS-2)</b></p>	<p>Girls and boys under the age of six years, living in vulnerable or excluded groups in Jordan receive the care, support and services they need to survive, grow up healthy and develop to their full potential, free from gendered norms and attitudes that are discriminatory and limiting.</p>	<p>Enhance the capacity of the Conduct technical assessment for the staff to define a capacity development plan and monitor the progress.            Train the health staff in the 8 selected PHCs on ED topics and referral pathways.            Conduct follow up and coaching visits to the selected PHCs to provide the required technical support            Raise the awareness of the community to reinforce understanding of the early detection and early interventions for children.            Train caregivers Parents are trained on when to ask for medical advice for their child            Train the selected CBR volunteers.            Identify children at risk of developmental delay/disabilities (day 1 – 8 years) and refer them to ED and EI services.            Through the CBR volunteers, children and their families will be identified by doing home visits and their needs will be            Provide home-based Early interventions to children with disabilities or developmental delay.            Train the EI units' staff on the EI programs.            Conduct coaching visits to the CBR volunteers and MoSD staff in the established units.            Establish EI units in MoSD centres within the catchment areas</p>	<p>150 children</p>		<p>Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development  (This is a consortium project which is led by Plan International and HI is a co-applicant)</p>	<p>Ajloun, Balqaa, Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Ramtha and Mafraq</p>	<p>VLF - Van Leer Foundation – July 2023 – November 2024</p>
<p><b>Economic Inclusion</b></p>	<p>Community members including persons with disabilities and women improve their social participation through</p>	<p>Expected result 1: Young Community members are empowered to build their own vision to influence their socioeconomic situation            Expected result 2: 72 participants build assets towards the realization of the identified project</p>	<p>72</p>		<p>NA</p>	<p>Gaza/Jerash and Wehdat refugee camps, in Jerash and Amman</p>	<p>GIZ            Oct 2023 – Dec 2024 (14 months to be extended)</p>





	economic inclusion activities.	Expected result 3: An enabling and accessible ecosystem is created Expected result 4: GIZ partners are trained in Disability Inclusion				governorates, Jordan	
<b>Supporting the National Strategy for the De-institutionalization of Persons with Disabilities in Jordan (Main Sector: Social Protection (DI), ECD and CBR</b>	Contribute to the Jordanian National Deinstitutionalisation Strategy's vision that no children or adults with disabilities live in large scale residential institutions and that they are all enabled to live with families or independently and to participate fully in the life of the community	Supporting Ministry of Social Development on transferring one governmental institutional centre to be an inclusive day-care centre. Support in transferring adult women with intellectual disabilities from the centre to their families and community and empowered to become self-advocates. Support persons seeking deinstitutionalization services to receive the services who are registered on the waiting list. Building the capacity of residential centre staff on their role within the deinstitutionalization strategy and support beneficiaries. Support in building the capacity of families of persons with disabilities to host or rehost their family member with disabilities. Support or empower OPDs and CBOs on advocacy and awareness session. beneficiaries. Prevent future institutionalisation of children with disabilities by providing early childhood development services and homebased services. Enhance the employability or vocational hard skills of adults with disabilities within community through vocational training Ensure greater inclusion of adults with disabilities in their homes and/or communities in target areas	300 300 persons with disabilities 1500 community members 136 MoSD staff 400 attending the events and workshop.	15750 persons	Ministry of Social Development.  The Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. , Inclusion International,  Vocational Training Centres	Tafelah Center for Care and Rehabilitation in Tafelah.  Inclusive Day-care centre in Zarqa.  300 persons with disabilities and their families over all Jordan	EU July 2022 – Feb 2025 (to be extended for 8-10 months)





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