

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jordan
Program Title:	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	278-010
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$42,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$42,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: Resources for USAID's Economic Opportunities Program are supporting the following objectives: 1) a more transparent, efficient, and responsive public sector; 2) more effective legal and regulatory reform; and 3) increased depth of private sector growth.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Expand and Improve Access To Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$5,000,000 ESF). USAID is providing broader Kingdom-wide access to Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services, including computer education in schools and communities, liberalization of the telecommunications sector, and electronic access to government services. This is allowing for easier access to government and private sector services through the Internet. USAID's work in tourism is incorporating rural infrastructure development. Principal Implementers: Chemonics and Nathan Associates.

Improve Economic Policy and the Business Environment (\$7,000,000 ESF). USAID is assisting the Government of Jordan (GOJ) with the adoption of a more liberal trade regime to improve implementation of a range of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. In Aqaba, USAID is supporting the integration of greater public sector transparency and the separation of investment responsibilities from regulatory functions. USAID is providing technical assistance (TA) to implement the restructuring of investment policy agencies, as well as investment promotion infrastructure. Principal Implementers: Chemonics and Nathan Associates.

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID is providing extensive TA to strengthen private investment in the tourism industry and is offering entrepreneurship and leadership development courses at Jordan's schools and universities. Principal Implementers: Chemonics, Save the Children (SCF), and Business Development Center (BDC).

Increase Trade and Investment (\$10,000,000 ESF). USAID is continuing to support better implementation of a robust intellectual property regime that meets global standards. USAID is also providing TA to implement the World Trade Organization's Government Procurement Agreement. Trade delegations from promising sectors will be sent to U.S. trade shows. USAID is supporting reform within the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The ICT sector is receiving more targeted assistance and training for its expansion. This should result in improved economic growth for the country, creating greater job opportunities for Jordanians. Principal Implementers: Chemonics, Nathan Associates, and the World Bank.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,000,000 ESF). Extensive training and more effective advocacy techniques are being provided to association executives in modern principles of management. USAID is also providing grants to various local non-governmental organizations to benefit disadvantaged populations. The end result will be a more empowered private sector better able to communicate effectively with government. Principal Implementers: Chemonics, Nathan Associates, SCF, Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), and BDC.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$12,000,000 ESF). USAID is working with the Central Bank

of Jordan to adopt more effective bank supervision and enhance anti-money laundering procedures. E-government activities are being expanded. USAID is strengthening the Border Management Task Force to improve border controls. A Trade and Investment Information System is being implemented for the collection and reporting of all data. Continued TA to the local government in the southern port city of Aqaba is ensuring the implementation of world-class governance standards within the Aqaba Special Economic Zone. USAID is supporting reform within the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Principal Implementers: Chemonics and Nathan Associates.

Strengthen the Financial Services Sector and Increase Access to Capital (\$4,000,000 ESF). USAID is supporting the GOJ anti-money laundering program. USAID is continuing support in the area of capital markets and access to financial services will enhance Jordan's ability to be a competitive player in this sector in the Middle East. Principal Implementer: Chemonics.

FY 2007 Program:

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide infrastructure access support throughout FY 2007. Principal Implementer: Chemonics.

Improve Economic Policy and the Business Environment (\$5,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support liberalization of Jordan's economy with targeted TA and training. Principal Implementer: Chemonics.

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$5,000,000 ESF). Support will continue to the GOJ, sector associations, and firms to increase Jordan's competitiveness. Principal Implementers: Chemonics and SCF.

Increase Trade and Investment (\$8,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to assist the GOJ and the private sector to increase their competitiveness in global trade and investment. Principal Implementer: World Bank.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,000,000 ESF). Activities to serve disadvantaged populations through training and TA will continue. Principal Implementer: Chemonics, SCF, RSCN, and BDC.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$15,000,000 ESF). USAID will work with the Central Bank of Jordan; the Ministries of Industry and Trade, Tourism and Antiquities, Finance, and ICT; and many other public sector organizations as opportunities for public sector reform are identified to improve better service delivery to citizens and customers. This will consist of TA, training, and commodities to help Jordan adjust to a more competitive global economic environment. Principal Implementers: Chemonics and Nathan Associates.

Strengthen the Financial Services Sector and Increase Access to Capital (\$3,000,000 ESF). Support will continue in the area of capital markets and access to financial services. Principal Implementer: Chemonics.

Performance and Results: USAID's programs have directly and indirectly contributed to Jordan's Gross Domestic Product growth of 7%, a 45% increase in domestic and foreign investment, and a more liberalized economic environment so that the private sector can become more competitive in the global marketplace. Exports grew 28% with an increased dollar value of exports going to the United States. Several government agencies have become more efficient providers of services to citizens, while business associations represent their members' interests more effectively with government. At end of the program, it is anticipated that Jordan's economy will be much more liberal and Jordan will be viewed as a premier location within the Middle East in which to invest and conduct business.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jordan

278-010 Economic Opportunities for Jordanians	ESF
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	37,550
Expenditures	14,027
Unliquidated	23,523
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	47,500
Expenditures	28,650
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	85,050
Expenditures	42,677
Unliquidated	42,373
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	42,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	42,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	42,000
Future Obligations	175,000
Est. Total Cost	344,050