

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jordan
Program Title:	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	278-010
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$37,550,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$40,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2004
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2009

Summary: This program will support the following objectives: more transparent, efficient, and responsive public sector, more effective legal and regulatory reform, and increased depth of private sector growth.

All Jordanians, including the poorest of the poor, will benefit from USAID's activities in the economic growth sector.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Jordan Achievement of Market-Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0) (\$18,500,000 ESF). The AMIR Program is an integrated set of activities dedicated to supporting private sector-led and broad-based growth through competitiveness, productive trade and investment, and employment generation. AMIR is client-centered and demand-driven, with a total commitment to results. The principal contractors are Chemonics International as a prime contractor with a group of sub-contractors and program partners.

Aqaba Technical Assistance Support Project (ATASP) (\$2,130,000 ESF). ATASP supports the creation and development of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone. The support is geared primarily toward the relevant new government authority, the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. ATASP is designed to create a modern, efficient, transparent model of good governance reflecting the new legal and economic environment. The principal contractor is IBM Services Group and the contract expires January 2004.

Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization (AZEM) (\$4,000,000 ESF). The new AZEM program will build on the success of the ATASP program in Aqaba over the next two years. The development of Aqaba continues to be seen as the model for nation-wide changes by the national government and as a key to the development of Jordan's international trade capacity. Thus, this new program will help ensure that the USAID investment and subsequent success in Aqaba will yield fruit nationwide. The principal contractor is to be determined.

World Bank grant (\$5,000,000 ESF). The aim of this grant is to implement the Economic Reform and Development Program. The program is executed by the Government of Jordan (GOJ) and funds consultants, goods, and operating expenditures supportive of the GOJ's privatization program.

Jordan-United States Business Partnership (JUSBP) (\$5,000,000 ESF). JUSBP concentrates directly on expanding Jordanian exports to the US via the Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The activity seeks export "success stories" to illustrate the tangible benefits of the FTA. The principal contractor is the International Executive Services Corps (IESC).

Other institutional and technical support activities (\$2,920,000 ESF). The major objective of these activities is to increase citizen participation and expand the benefits of economic growth among a wider range of Jordanians. These activities include the Jordan National Competitiveness Team, Emerging Markets Development Program, Economic Opportunities for Jordanians Youth Program, Royal Society for

the Conservation of Nature, an endowment for the American Center for Oriental Research, and the Jordan Poverty Alleviation Program. Principal contractors and grantees include the Ministry of Planning, Chemonics International, Save the Children, and Nathan Associates.

FY 2005 Program:

Activities described in FY2004 will be continued and/or expanded. The funding for these activities will be as follows:

- Jordan Achievement of Market-Friendly Initiatives and Results Program (AMIR 2.0) (\$17,000,000 ESF). Principal Contractor: Chemonics International as a prime contractor with a group of sub-contractors and program partners;
- Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization (AZEM) (\$6,000,000 ESF). Contractor: To be determined;
- World Bank grant (\$5,750,000 ESF). Principal contractor: The World Bank;
- Jordan-United States Business Partnership (\$3,500,000 ESF). Principal contractor: IESC;
- Institutional and Technical Support Activities (\$2,050,000 ESF). This effort encompasses the Jordan National Competitiveness Team, the Emerging Markets Development Program, Economic Opportunities for Jordanian Youth Program. Principal contractors and grantees: Ministry of Planning, Chemonics International, Save the Children, and Nathan Associates; and
- Competitiveness and Trade (\$5,700,000 ESF). Funds will be used to provide a comprehensive approach to private sector-led growth in Jordan. Principal contractor: TBD

Performance and Results: Anticipated results in the public sector include a more responsive and customer-oriented public sector, an updated commercial legal framework, stronger enforcement of commercial regulations, and increased advocacy ability of business associations and non-governmental organizations. In the area of more effective legal and regulatory reform, anticipated results include improved and sustained policy reform, increased financial modernization, more integrated framework promoting trade competitiveness, restructured foreign and domestic investment regulatory system. Finally, anticipated results in the private sector arena include enhanced capabilities of the Jordanian workforce, more competitive productive sectors, increased capacity of firms to capitalize from the trade agreements, modernized financial and capital markets, stronger entrepreneurial culture in Jordan, privatized state-owned enterprises, and greater rural participation in economic growth.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jordan

278-010 Economic Opportunities for Jordanians	ESF
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	37,550
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	37,550
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	40,000
Future Obligations	175,000
Est. Total Cost	252,550