

# Jordan Program Summary

Jordan’s program is advancing reform in the areas of political rights, civil liberties, voice and accountability, and economic freedom. It is designed to broaden public participation in local political and electoral processes, increase government transparency and accountability and enhance the business climate through customs modernization.

## *Program Highlights*

- ★ Youth volunteerism programs and Local Development  
Voluntary Committees have been established in the nine pilot municipalities, providing expanded opportunities for youth engagement in local level governance and decision making. Implementation was also initiated to create a networking tool for female council members, (the Women’s Knowledge Network), and to conduct a study to analyze female candidates’ successes and failures in parliamentary and municipal elections.
- ★ Project support from the Threshold Program special incentive fund, established to help the nine pilot ministries implement priority service projects, began to see results this spring. For example, a Geographical Information System to help with urban planning was installed in Al Fuheis. New lighting systems to improve safety were installed in Greater Madaba and New Beren municipalities, and furniture and office equipment were delivered to the Greater Jerash municipal hall so that business can be conducted in a more efficient, transparent manner. Requests for proposals were issued for six extension and rehabilitation construction projects in other municipalities.
- ★ Pilot implementation of the single window system for border clearance continued at the Sahab Customs Center at King Abdullah Industrial Estates, including physical renovations to improve workflow between departments and other support for implementing single window procedures manually. Notably, the process for green lane transactions at Sahab was streamlined, reducing the transaction time from an average of 176 minutes in 2007 to approximately 5 minutes now.
- ★ Construction of a data center at the Jordan Customs headquarters and an offsite disaster recovery center were completed.

### Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

### Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$25 million

Agreement Signed.....October 17, 2006

### Country Information

Population.....5,411,151\*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$2,500\*

\*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005