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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

★ Jordan's MCC threshold program conducted seven regional meetings with 160 women council members from over 70 municipalities to gather their input about the design of the Women's Knowledge Network (WKN) which was launched in October 2008. The WKN enables these and other women to learn from one another's experiences.

★ A "Municipal Public-Private Partnership Toolkit" was developed and is being used by municipalities to develop part-nerships and cooperation between the private sector and local government.

★ Jordan's MCC threshold program's public outreach activities for the modernization of Customs have fostered better relations between customs officials and the business community. During the previous quarter, the program opened a new Customer Service Center at the Jordan Customs Headquarters which was staffed with 60 officers who use one standard automated process to assist patrons.

★ An automated customs clearance system, ASYCUDA World, was put into use for 10 of 14 customs centers and cargo vehicles. Improvements to the Customs Centers' telecommunications infrastructure were made in 18 locations around the country in order to facilitate the system's implementation.

★ After continuing to test the Single Window concept at the Sahab Custom Center and ASEZ Customs, the program is preparing to roll out similar procedures at the Zarqa Free Zone, Queen Alia International Airport and Jaber Customs Center.

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