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POOLED FUND MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JORDAN'S NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON UNSCR 1325

From 2015-2017, UN Women provided the Government of Jordan with technical support for an inclusive, participatory process that culminated in the Jordanian National Action Plan (JONAP) for the implementation of UNSCR 1325. This important policy document was approved by Jordan's government in December 2017 and launched in March 2018.

What makes Jordan's NAP special?

In addition to its inclusive process and a first of its kind dedicated pillar on PVE and 1325, Jordan's government, with the technical support of UN Women, ensured a realistic costing of the NAP was undertaken as a first step towards sustainable financing.

Financing for NAPs on WPS is a major challenge globally

Despite global recognition of the importance of NAPs on WPS, there is a gap in terms of funding for such priorities, which the Global Study on 1325 characterizes as "astonishingly low."¹ The Global Study also states that the failure to allocate sufficient resources and funds has been the most serious and persistent obstacle to implementation of women, peace and security commitments and National Action Plans over the past 15 years.

What did Jordan do to address this gap?

UN Women supported the government to take the lessons on financing from the Global Study and held discussions with all key stakeholders to highlight how a pooled fund modality allows multiple donors to come together and leverage their individual contributions towards the holistic implementation of the JONAP's four priorities, while sharing political risks and operational costs and lowering reporting burdens on implementing partners.

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UN Women also demonstrated to partners that it is uniquely positioned to manage such a programme given its experience providing technical support to the government of Jordan on UNSCR 1325 and its experience of managing and implementing a pooled fund for its own humanitarian operations in Jordan since 2015.

The JONAP's strategic priorities are:

1. Achieve gender-responsiveness and meaningful participation of women in the security sector and in peace operations;
2. Achieve the meaningful participation of women in preventing radicalization and violent extremism, as well as in national and regional peacebuilding;
3. Ensure gender-sensitive humanitarian services that are safely accessible by Jordanians and refugees, in full alignment with the Jordan Response Plan for the Syria Crisis;
4. Foster a culture that recognizes the gender needs, the importance of gender equality and the role of women (including young women) in peace and security.

The UN Women Jordan Country Office manages the JONAP pooled fund, with a governance structure at political, management and technical levels. The donor consortium sits on a programme board² with national stakeholders and endorses annual workplans and financial allocations from the pooled fund. As of January 2019, UN Women has commitments from five donors – the United Kingdom (5.5 million USD), Canada (1,000,000 USD), Finland (1,000,000 USD), Spain (300,000 USD) and Norway (250,000 USD). UN Women Jordan CO understands this is the first NAP globally to have successfully established a pooled fund mechanism with financial commitments secured.

¹ Radhika Coomaraswamy (2015). *Preventing Conflict, Transforming Justice, Securing the Peace: A Global Study on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325*. p.72

² The Programme Board is composed of the donors, UN Women, representatives of Jordan's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Gender Equality, the JONAP coordination mechanism and civil society observers.