

Internship program opens doors for young professionals to excel

Abdullah Al-Najjar never thought that an internship would be a simple job. As a Social Media Intern at the Ministry of Local Administration (MOLA), Abdullah took part as a lead trainer in a series of workshops of the USAID CITIES Project's training program on short video production for representatives from MOLA, partner municipalities, and the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB). The training program not only empowered USAID CITIES partners to improve their visual content and storytelling on social media and other communication channels, but also supported Abdullah to fulfill his dream and pave his career path.



Abdullah Al Najjar, Social Media Intern during one of the short video production workshops.

“I was really honored to be a lead trainer in the short video production workshop targeting official organizations! I have always dreamed of becoming a trainer and worked hard to reach this goal. With USAID CITIES support I was given an exceptional opportunity to train approximately 50 participants through a series of workshops on the basics of video production, this has enriched my experience and encouraged me to kick start my career.” Added Abdullah.

Out of 8,000 young, unemployed graduates who applied to participate in the USAID CITIES six-month internship program, Abdullah and 18 other interns were selected to work in specialized positions at MOLA and CVDB, including: civil engineering; mechanical engineering; organizational development; information technology; finance; human resources; urban planning; social media; and communications. This internship program is envisioned to equip a new generation of "local administration practitioners" with the skills needed to lead Jordan's future development and local administration.