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USAID CITIES Joins Local Greater Ma'an Municipality Business to Improve Waste Management for over 2000 Citizens



H.E. Dr. Akram Krishan, the Mayor of the Greater Ma'an Municipality (on the left) and Mr. Mark Grubb, Chief of Party, USAID-CITIES (on the right) during the grant agreement signing ceremony.

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Like many Jordanian cities, the Greater Ma'an Municipality is challenged to meet the demands of its citizens in the area of solid-waste management and collection. Although the municipality has a sufficient number of solid-waste removal equipment, the number of solid waste containers is insufficient to handle the transfer of waste from the point of generation to a central collection or storage point.

On December 28th, the USAID Jordan Cities Implementing Transparent, Innovative, and Effective Solutions (USAID CITIES) project signed a grant agreement with the Mayor of the Greater Ma'an Municipality for support to the municipality's solid waste management system. The purpose of this grant is to address a shortage of solid waste containers by providing 80 solid-waste containers to be distributed throughout the municipality. This USAID contribution was the result of a local Ma'an business, Shams Ma'an Power Generation P.S.C., who requested that USAID CITIES join their efforts under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) program. The joint efforts provided 100 containers to the municipality as Shams Ma'an Power Generation P.S.C. funded an additional 20 solid-waste containers. The combined resources will improve waste management services to an estimated 500 homes with approximately 2000 residents of the Greater Ma'an Municipality.

During the signing of the agreement, Dr. Akram Krishan, Mayor of the Greater Ma'an municipality stressed the importance of this support: “We are thankful to the USAID's efforts in promoting harmony amongst nations. This continuous support is vital to the improvement of the service delivery, and it surely is poured in the right place.”

This agreement is the first in-kind agreement signed with a Jordanian municipality from the USAID CITIES project as well as the culmination of the project's first CSR efforts. Such joint CSR efforts extends the impact of USAID funding as well as serves an example for other private sector partnerships with the Municipalities.