

## MoE Allocates Needs Based Scholarships for Higher Diploma Program's 3rd Cohort

Renewing its support for the USAID Pre-Service Teacher Education in Jordan activity, the Ministry of Education (MoE) announced the allocation of 1,467 Scholarships for students interested in enrolling for the third Cohort 2023/2024 of activity's Pre-Service Teacher Education Higher Diploma Program. His Excellency, Prof. Dr. Azmi Mahafzah, the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research, announced this allocation on 29 March 2023 during the 10th Program Steering Committee's (PSC) proceedings.

This allocation is indicative of the high regard the MoE, and by extension the Government of Jordan, has for the Higher Diploma Program, which was stressed upon in H.E.'s opening remarks wherein he described the MoE's support to the



Minister of Education, HE. Prof. Dr. Azmi Mahafzah, 10th PSC Meeting ©USAID's Pre-Service Teacher Education in Jordan Activity

program as "One of the most important actions the ministry has been carrying out during the past decades in Jordan." This is due to the critical role the Pre-Service Higher Diploma Program plays in elevating the country's educational process through preparing a generation of highly qualified teachers capable of taking on tomorrow's challenges who will actively contribute to building a generation of enthusiastic learners, and successful leaders.

The allocated 1,467 Scholarships are distributed across the four specialties taught under the Higher Diploma program at its four partner universities: the University of Jordan, Hashemite University, Yarmouk University, and Mu'tah University.

Such robust forward planning and analysis of needs by the Ministry, in addition to the official allocation of funds, demonstrates how critically the MoE is using data to make informed decisions. Effective, sustainable practices are being developed by the Ministry and they represent great steps for preservice teacher education across Jordan. From a policy perspective, the importance being given the Diploma with a new Minister is post is also a strong endorsement of the Diploma and the activity's work.