



FACT SHEET

NATIONAL CONVEYANCE PROJECT PROCUREMENT SUPPORT

AQABA - AMMAN WATER DESALINATION AND CONVEYANCE PROJECT PROCUREMENT SUPPORT
CONTRACT

2022-2024 • \$13.1 million • Partners: CDM International Inc., Ministry of Water and Irrigation

BACKGROUND

Jordan is in a severe water crisis. The country's water supply only meets around two-thirds of the population's water demands and water security depends on groundwater, which is being used twice as quickly as it is replenished. The water shortage is a social and economic threat to the entire country and a national security priority for the Government of Jordan. While Jordan explores options for regional cooperation on water supply, these efforts compliment rather than substitute for the National Conveyance Project (also known as the Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project or AAWDCP) which will provide Jordan its own national capacity to provide water to approximately 40 percent of its people.

The National Conveyance Project is a highly complex system that when completed will include the fourth largest desalination plant in the world and be the largest infrastructure project ever in Jordan. USAID, through its Jordan Water Infrastructure project ending in 2022, has fully supported the Government of Jordan to plan and begin the procurement process for the project. This was a major undertaking that often involved surge teams of lawyers, contracting experts, engineers, and financial experts to work hand-in-hand with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation on an expedited timeline to prepare the required procurement documents. After a series of studies and innovative work on the

utilization of renewable energy in the system, the ministry issued a Request for Proposals in March 2022. With USAID support, the Ministry has responded to several rounds of Requests for Clarification.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Because this is such a complex project, the Government of Jordan will continue to need additional technical assistance. The tendering and negotiations phase is expected to take two years to complete, and it is essential that USAID Procurement Support for the National Conveyance Project collaborate with the ministry to ensure the success of this initiative. The USAID project will support planning and procurement related tasks, such as evaluating proposals from bidders, negotiating with the successful offeror, closing financial arrangements, and finalizing the project agreements.

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Desalination plant, energy supply, and conveyance system designs are evaluated for technical feasibility, efficiency, reliability, and cost.
- Construction, operation, and maintenance plans and schedules are evaluated for reasonability, efficiency, and management risk.
- Technical proposals are reviewed for compliance with contingent financing requirements.
- Draft project agreement is revised and finalized.
- Financial modeling of proposals is completed.
- Negotiations progress on schedule and financial closure is completed.

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