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USAID CITIES Brings Regulations and Legislative Framework of Decentralization in One Place



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The New Law on Decentralization suggests an innovative approach on local governance for all governmental councils in Jordan. The Governorate, Executive, Municipal, and Local Councils, are the four main bodies through which the journey towards successful local governance and decentralization sets off. With their new responsibilities and roles, these councils require a roadmap to ensure a proper implementation of decentralization across all Jordanian cities.

Through its long-term partnership with the Ministry of Interior (MOI), the USAID Jordan Cities Implementing Transparent, Innovative, and Effective Solutions (USAID-CITIES) Project developed a holistic go-to booklet on the Legislative Framework governing the Decentralization Law. The Booklet builds the capacity, knowledge, and performance of the newly elected councils' members on the concepts and laws of decentralization.

Upon distribution of the first batch of the booklet, H.E. Governor Mohammad Al-Sarhan from the Local Development Unit at MOI, stressed on the crucial part that this document plays, saying “the Booklet on the Legislative Framework Governing Decentralization serves as a legislative and legal basis for all members of elected and decentralization councils.” Adding that “the members’ work on identifying the priorities of local communities is largely reliant on the members’ understanding of this booklet, which has been recently developed and published by USAID CITIES.”

On its role in sustainability, the booklet will help the government of Jordan build a solid ground for the new members that replace their old experienced peers. “The members of these councils are changing every four years, but the booklet will remain a reference for the new ones to take over,” says H.E. Mr. Al-Sarhan.

Complementary of this booklet, USAID CITIES is holding a series of training workshops on the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Governorates and Executive Councils. Both initiatives aim to support MOI and the government of Jordan to implement decentralization more effectively and efficiently.