



*Yahya Alfayez happy with his new Miyahuna water meter after having to buy water tankers for 14 years.*

## **USAID WES quenches the thirst of Ain Rabat residents**

Residents of Ein Rabat have been without potable water since 2004, requiring them to purchase water tanks at high cost to meet their needs. Despite their repeated protests to the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) and Miyahuna requesting that water be delivered to their homes, local residents were assured year after year that the problem will be rectified shortly. Ein Rabat, a small suburb in northern Amman's Tabarbour district, was designated as a priority area by Miyahuna, who investigated the issue of water delivery in the area in response to locals' complaints. However, foreign funding was required to connect this area to the potable water system.

"I've been paying more than 100 JDs every month for water tankers since 2003." According to Yahya Alfayez, a resident of Ein Rabat who led the water complaints for his neighborhood. Residents of Ein Rabat have not only been without water for a long time, but they also had to deal with poor water quality and supply delays caused by private water tankers. "The water we bought was unclean; we couldn't drink or cook with it," said Khalil Shawabkeh, Ein Rabat Mukhtar. "We used to wait days for water tankers to carry water to our houses." Shawabkeh added.

Responding to this critical matter, USAID has included Ein Rabat in the Water Engineering Services Activity as part of its long-standing partnership with the Government of Jordan to improve water security in the Kingdom. The USAID WES Activity has already connected a total of 18 houses to Miyahuna water supply by laying over one thousand meters of water pipelines. Miyahuna has already connected a total of 12 homes to the newly built pipeline, serving a total of 122 people.

"After many years of waiting, our demands have finally been met, and I am very glad to be linked to the Miyahuna water supply system." Alfayez said excitedly.

Ein Rabat is part of a larger project that will extend and reinforce water distribution networks in 23 locations across Amman under Miyahuna's service area by about 45 kilometers. This project is expected to offer safe and reliable water services to over 18 thousand inhabitants, reduce water loss through the new reinforced network and thus provide financial and operational benefits to Miyahuna. Additionally, this will minimize the financial burden on homeowners of acquiring individual water tanks.