## Youth volunteers raise community awareness to control stray dog populations

"I have witnessed a notable increase in stray and feral dog populations where I live in Al-Hallabat, which intimidated community members and particularly children. Eliminating those dogs was the only solution we knew then," said Laith Al Othman, a young volunteer from Al-Hallabat who works with the Pilot Project to Build the Capacity of Municipalities to Control Stray Dog Populations that is implemented by Princess Alia Foundation and funded by USAID.

Through the pilot project, Laith and 44 more volunteers were trained to act towards community awareness and play an active role in changing perceptions and behaviors towards stray dog populations. "After volunteering with the stray dogs control project, I learned that there are several humane ways to control the increasing number of dog populations."

USAID is working with Princess Alia Foundation in collaboration with Al-Khalidiyah, Al-Dhulail and Al-Hallabat municipalities to guide them through the Animal Birth Control (ABC) program approach for effectively and humanely controlling Jordan's stray dog populations.



Laith Al Othman, a young volunteer from Al-Hallabat.