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FACT SHEET

JORDAN HEALTH FINANCING & GOVERNANCE ACTIVITY

USAID investments in health have contributed to significant improvements in health outcomes in Jordan over the last 50 years.

However, the onset of the Syrian refugee crisis and Jordan's population growth are placing enormous pressures on Jordan's health system, driving up costs and threatening the fiscal sustainability of the health sector. The GOJ currently spends approximately 74% of its budget on costly curative services and only 16% on primary/preventive healthcare, while the high prevalence of non-communicable diseases in Jordan continues driving up healthcare costs.

Jordan needs to improve the fiscal and institutional stability of its health sector in order to sustain the health gains it has made to date, realize its decentralization objectives, and meet the needs of its growing population.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

USAID's five-year Jordan Health Finance and Governance activity (HFG) supports the Government of Jordan's efforts to strengthen the sustainability and resilience of the health sector, including achieving the goal of universal health coverage. It applies a health systems strengthening approach to address

structural and systems-related weaknesses within Jordan's health finance landscape, and address gaps and deficiencies within public sector health governance. HFG will achieve its objective by increasing the spending efficiency of public health resources and strengthening health sector governance to more effectively coordinate, plan, manage, and monitor the health system.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

FROM NOVEMBER 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2021 HFG WILL CONTRIBUTE TO:

- Advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
- Increasing the efficiency of public health sector resources, including cost containment, resources for preventive/primary healthcare, and hospital autonomy.
- Expanding more equitable and sustainable health insurance coverage.
- Strengthening the use of financial and performance data for budgeting, monitoring, and policy making.
- Developing public-private partnership mechanisms for UHC.
- Advancing decentralization through strengthening capacity and authority to govern the health sector at sub-national levels.
- Improving health sector leadership, coordination, and multi-sectoral engagement.
- Strengthening institutional capacities to improve strategic and operational planning, financial management, and monitoring and evaluation.
- Increasing the availability of transparent and high quality data to inform decision making.
- Increasing civil society engagement and feedback for improved health sector accountability.