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## Reforms Catalysts

### 61% THE COMPLETION RATE OF THE JORDAN'S UPDATED REFORM MATRIX

19 additional reforms achieved in the first half of 2023

During the first half of this year, the Government of Jordan (GoJ) has completed 19 additional reforms under the Updated Reform Matrix (2018 – 2024) under the "Strengthening Reform Management in Jordan Project" under the Jordan Inclusive Growth and Economic Opportunities Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF).

These newly achieved reforms have elevated the Reform Matrix's completion rate to 61%, with 25% of these reforms benefiting women. These efforts contribute to Jordan's continued progress towards inclusive growth and job creation.

Lately, the World Bank provided additional financing for the project, amounting to \$9.3 million; this brings the total project value to \$15.8 million. The objective of the Project is to strengthen coordination and delivery of policy reforms in Jordan with a focus on the updated Reform Matrix.

The additional financing included restructuring the project by expanding the scope of its activities and extending its closure to match the

schedule of the updated Reform Matrix, as the closing date became June 30, 2025, instead of December 31, 2023.

The Reform Secretariat (RS) continues to play its role in ensuring the successful execution of the Reform Matrix. The RS coordinates, facilitates, and provides crucial technical assistance to the ministries, departments and agencies implementing the reforms across the 12 pillars of the Reform Matrix through the Reform Support Fund. Furthermore, RS is responsible of the implementation of key World Bank-financed operations such as the Inclusive, Transparent and Climate Responsive Investments Program and the Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees program for Result.

Learn more about the reforms under the Updated Reform Matrix: [jo\\_updated\\_reform\\_matrix\\_final\\_eng\\_may2023-0.pdf \(mop.gov.jo\)](#)

Read the full article: [The World Bank: Jordan completed 19 additional reforms this year in a project that strengthens reform management | Business | Jordan pulse](#)

## Recent Advances in the Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program for Results

Since its inception in 2016, the Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program for Result has represented a collaborative effort between the GoJ and the World Bank to enhance economic opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees. The program has steadily advanced, achieving "significant progress" during the first six months of this year. This advancement is particularly evident in the expansion of digital finance accessibility, exemplified by the increased number of electronic wallets for both Jordanians and Syrian refugees which serves to enhance financial inclusivity within Jordan. Furthermore, the program has marked substantial achievements in the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures for three distinct categories of agricultural commodities. Simultaneously, efforts have been directed toward enhancing the predictability of business regulations, promoting a more conducive environment for economic growth.

In August, the World Bank transferred a new payment of \$15.5 million to this Program. The total program payments have reached an approximate total of \$400 million. The program ends at the end of this year 2023.

## Jordan Smart Grid Final Report Dissemination Workshop



Under the patronage of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, H.E. Dr. Saleh Al-Kharabsheh and in the presence of key sector stakeholders, the World Bank delivered the final

workshop for a study to advance the deployment of smart grid technology for Jordan's power grid.

The Study, funded by the Jordan Growth MDTF, provided comprehensive technical, financial and economic analysis of smart grid deployment in Jordan and recommended actions for implementation. This will contribute to the implementation of Jordan Energy Strategy and the Jordan Economic Modernization Vision.

## Sharing Lessons from the UK on Enhancing Digital Public Services



Source: World Bank

The Reform Secretariat (RS) has played a vital role in the operationalization of the National Registry of Government Services (NRGS) which anticipated to provide information on services standards and improvement plans to be rolled out under the aegis of the office of the prime ministry to ensure successful execution of the Reform Matrix.

For that reason, the RS has coordinated and facilitated a study tour Funded by Jordan Growth MDTF to Jordanian officials to draw insights from the Government of the United Kingdom, a global leader in reforming digitally empowering public service delivery for an exceptional user experience. The Jordanian delegation participated in this tour comprised of seven representatives from the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, and two representatives from the Prime Ministry. These two-government teams are now unified and eager to accelerate the work already underway and to see the concrete improvements it could bring about in people's lives.

Read the full Blog: [Jordan: Sharing lessons with the UK on improving digital public services \(worldbank.org\)](https://worldbank.org)



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