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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN JORDAN, WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

As part of its Reform Agenda towards boosting economic growth and job creation, Jordan has adopted an ambitious public-private partnership (PPP) program, allowing for more private sector participation and engagement in key economic sectors.

The development of the PPP framework was part of the more comprehensive Public Investment Management - Public Private Partnership (PIM-PPP) governance framework, which includes the Public Investment Management (PIM) Unit, the Fiscal Commitment and Contingent Liabilities (FCCL) Unit, in addition to the PPP Unit.

Key milestones were the enactment of the <u>Public-Private Partnership Law No. 17 for the year 2020</u>, and associated bylaws and instructions which resulted in the establishment of the PPP Higher Committee (ministerial level), setting up the broad legal framework for executing PPP projects, establishment of the Project Development Account, the National Registry of Public Investment Projects and the Technical Committee of Fiscal Commitments (TCFC), among others to operationalize the PIM - PPP Governance Framework. Furthermore, a set of capacity building and training workshops were conducted on different aspects of the framework for all government agencies and more is in the pipeline to continue the implementation of the framework.

It is worth mentioning that the Reform Secretariat (RS) continues to play a key role in coordinating the implementation of this reform, as it played a crucial role in pushing forward this important reform. The RS was involved in the design of the framework, drafting of the law, supporting the establishment of the three units among other kinds of support through technical assistance, training, and acquiring equipment.

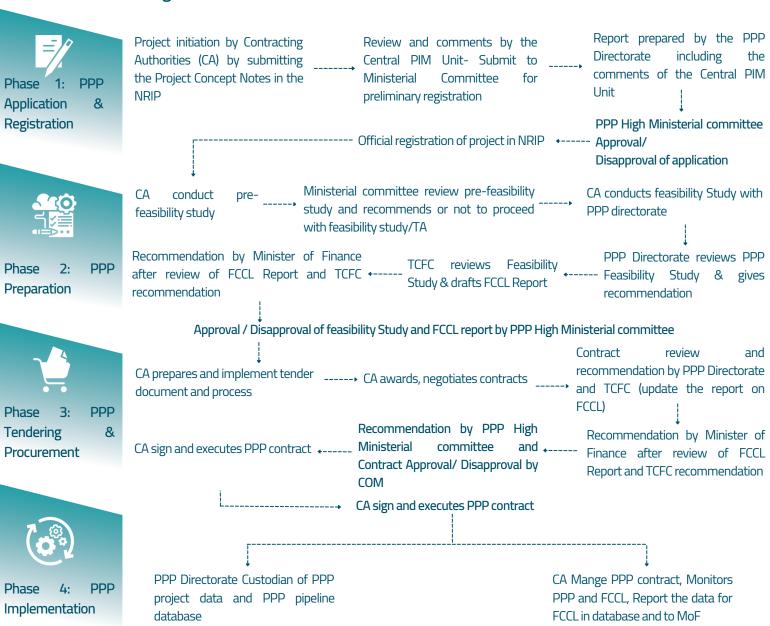
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FIRST LAUNCHED TENDER FOLLOWING THE 2019 PIM-PPP GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

During the last quarter of 2021, the Ministry of Education in partnership with the PPP Unit launched the first tender for private sector companies to design and build 15 new school buildings in the governorates of Amman, Zarqa and Madaba which is a Climate-Responsive PPP consistent with Jordan's National Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement of 2015. <u>To learn more about the Schools Project</u>.

The following chart illustrates the phases that the PPP Schools Project went through as the first PPP within the PIM-PPP governance framework:



The PPP is one of the ways of financing the services that the government can provide to citizens. The whole PIM-PPP governance framework ensures more quality services by using the framework's methodology.

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