The United Nations (UN) and the Government of Jordan have agreed to a new partnership to support the Kingdom towards a more sustainable path to development, prosperity, peace, and security. This will be focused particularly on benefiting young people, women and the most vulnerable groups, such as the poor; the more than 1.4 million Syrians in the country; host communities; persons in remote areas of Jordan, including pockets of urban poverty; persons with disabilities; and migrant workers, among others. As a strategic planning framework for cooperation, the UNSDF provides a basis for increased collaboration, coherence and effectiveness of UN support in Jordan. Under the UNSDF, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) will “Deliver as One” and will undertake an overarching, integrated approach for the next five years intended to “leave no one behind.” In turn, the aim will be to help ensure that every person in Jordan enjoys inclusive, equitable and sustainable prosperity, with dignity, security and freedom from fear and violence.

The UNSDF complements Jordan Vision 2025, and is aligned with other key policies, including the Jordan Response Plan and Executive Development Programmes. It serves to reinforce the Government’s commitment to Agenda 2030 and the 17 related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to the human rights conventions, and other internationally agreed frameworks and treaties. Ensuring greater coherence and more effective ways of linking humanitarian and development action is central to the UNSDF and will serve to reinforce UN support for national priorities. Going
forward the UN will apply new ways of working and sharpen the humanitarian response to ensure it remains inclusive and cost effective whilst introducing innovative practices that offer more impactful programmes that support Jordan in transitioning towards longer-term development.

Under the UNSDF, the UN in Jordan commits to become a new-generation Country Team that will pursue three focused, closely interconnected common Outcomes in pursuit of Jordan’s development objectives.

**STRENGTHENED INSTITUTIONS**

The UN will support strengthening national capacities and systems to enhance the performance of public institutions and services to implement key strategies set out in Vision 2025. These will include: public sector effectiveness, efficiency, performance and resilience; transparency and accountability; decentralization; rule of law; the quality and universality of public services, including education, health, social protection, and technical and vocational education and training (TVET); food security, energy, water and the environment; and support to inclusive economic growth. The UN will also support the integration of the SDGs at all levels and adherence to universal human rights and development conventions/frameworks.
ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

The UN will support the creation of opportunities, platforms and spaces for engagement and participation of people, especially women and youth, in political, economic, social, and environmental spheres. The strategy will support and encourage people to participate in public consultations/activities that directly influence policy choices and decision making, including electoral exercises. Creating and extending opportunities for participation of vulnerable groups to acquire skills, decent jobs, livelihoods and productive economic activity will be pursued.

Among other overarching approaches to achieve these Outcomes, the UN will promote national leadership, ownership, transparency and accountability, as well as coordination for results, aligned with the principles of aid effectiveness.

In all, the UN will strongly act as a partner, not an implementer, mobilizing and sharing the most up-to-date knowledge, expertise and clean technologies among multiple stakeholders in Jordan. The UN will offer value-added interventions that generate and complement national knowledge – and deliver results.

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EMPOWERED PEOPLE

The UN will support Vision 2025 by enhancing individuals’ knowledge of rights, as well as their access to information, education, skills, capacities and services, which will empower them to change patterns of behaviour and lead directly to improvements in their circumstances and development. Deliberate focus will be given to women, youth and vulnerable groups, including refugees, consistent with the overarching aim of leaving no one behind.