Population: 9.8 million  
Human Development Index: 0.748 Rank: 80 (2015)  
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita: $3,924

TRANSPARENCY INDEX: Rank 57/176

**Step 1: Localization of SDGs and planning for national development**

The government of Jordan has stated that it would integrate all 17 SDGs, along with the respective 169 goals and 231 performance indicators, into its national vision (Jordan 2025: A National Vision and Strategy) according to the country’s priorities and capabilities.

**Step 2: Inclusive process in implementation**

According to the available information, the government’s approach to SDGs will revolve around four fundamental priorities: To develop an SGD-oriented ‘roadmap’ for the integration of the 2030 Developmental Agenda and its indicators into the several sectoral strategies, namely through consultations with civil society (priority 1); to increase the awareness of civil society in regards to SDGs (priority 2); to increase the capacity of CSOs, along with governmental bodies and staff, to implement and assess SDG-related programs and strategies (priority 3); and to develop a national monitoring system dedicated to overseeing the pursuit of SDG targets, based on the 2030 Agenda’s 231 indicators, in addition to the 500 country-specific indicators which have been developed in Jordan over the past years (priority 4).

**Step 3: Structural challenges identified by civil society in implementation of SDGs**

- Dependency on foreign grants and loans, which presently account for roughly one-third of public expenditures
- IMF ‘conditionality’s’, namely in the form of structural adjustment programs, which has hindered the freedom of policymakers to draft and implement legislation unimpeded.
- World Trade Organization’s (WTO) push for ever broader trade liberalization, placing greater stress on the importation of products in detriment of national production
- Allocation of larger sums to military and security spending, which, coupled with austerity, has contributed to a decrease in the quality and availability of such public services as healthcare, education, and social protection.

**Selected policy recommendations by Civil Society**

- Increasing Jordanian stakeholders’ awareness of the 2030 Agenda, including understanding of the nature of the SDGs and how organizations and individuals must adapt to address sustainable development.
- Assessing the participation of stakeholders at the national level.
- The private sector should be much more involved and play a crucial role in realizing the SDGs; in these terms, the OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises can provide a strong existing framework for corporate accountability supporting the aims of the SDGs.
- To promote and contribute to broad issues-based coalitions, and partnerships to connect expertise of CSOs and institutions to match the ambition of Agenda 2030.
- National governments and international partners should acknowledge and define the role of local governments and local stakeholders in setting, implementing and monitoring the Post-2015 Development Agenda to ensure further accountability and transparency.
- Strengthen the capacities of national, regional and international associations of local governments to participate in global dialogues, disseminate information and give policy advice and support.
- Promote transparency and wider access to data and information to local government authorities and communities through ICT, online social networks and community media.
- The Jordanian Government should eventually create a specialized unit in order to implement a specific strategy to achieve all the 17 SDGs.

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1. Graph 1, 2 and 3
2. Graph 4
3. Graph 5


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Overall international debt burden (% of GDP) 88
Government payments on foreign debt (% of revenue) 9
Government foreign debt (% of GDP) 24
Private foreign debt (% of GDP) 9
IMF and World Bank debt cancellation ($ billions)

Graph 6

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